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- •This document is the same sent to the QLTR in November 2008.
- •This document follows previous correspondence attempting to engage the QLTR in constructive discussion in 2008.
- •This document covers the original complaint and some background references and communications leading up to the complaint.
- •Documents were communicated by hardcopy and or CD to the DTI.
- •The original application is contained at www.app.qltr.benversus.com.
- •The full communication reference is at www.comms.qltr.benversus.com.



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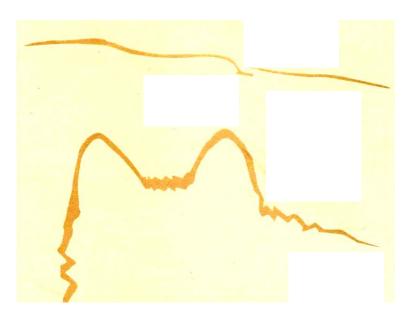
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Bono Vacantia: Albatross Wulf Products Limited (Former Scottish Company 154825)

Ms Isla Mcloed 0044 31 226 2626 Assistant to Solicitor to the QLTR Crown Office 25 Chambers Street Edinburgh EHI ILA **UK** **Notice to OLTR**

Your Ref BV/1219/07

19th November, 2008

Complaint Against QLTR Edinburgh For Malpractice and Writ for Damages

Dear Ms Mcloed,

Due to the effect of delays in processing and in the main the surprising, web unpublished and late notified £3,000 BV blanket limit administered by Edinburgh QLTR torpedoing the entire reason for grant application, as per many previous mails, here is the specific complaint against QLTR for malpractice for the reasons detailed herein this document (full 41 page document on CD), principally failing to remit a fair BV payout according to UK government guidelines.

A) Unpublished Payment Limit

The net published limit for BV in the UK is £50,000 on the UK govt website, yet the limit in Scotland (net unpublished) is £3,000, why? I am still waiting for a reasoned answer other than that "is our (net unpublished) policy in Scotland".

B) Unfair Prejudicial Payment Limit

The net published UK government assessment criteria is "a fair payout" yet Edinburgh QLTR automatically administrates a £3,000 limit which is prejudicial protocol and means in some cases a fair payout is not made, certainly not in this case.

C) Fair Payout Not Offered

QLTR Edinburgh were given plenty of time and information from which to make a fair payout in the case of involuntarily dissolved company Albatross Wulf Products Limited 154825, but have failed to do so, constituting malpractice and contradicting UK BV guidelines. This is the main complaint.

D) Excessive BV Payout Delays, Complications and Inefficiencies

EA comprehensive BV application was made in March, no payment has been made as yet in Nov 2008.

gTwo out of court settlement routes are offered, with legal representation is being sought:

SI) Full BV Grant and reparation damages payout according to the table supplied.

\$52) Full BV Grant and reparation damages (if any) according to an independent arbitrator. Either route is acceptable from my perspective and will lead to an immediate settlement.

There seems no other course of action available to me in order to recover the money saved through hourly paid work in Germany and needed to launch my carbon reducing technology, following on from my debt clearance to the Scottish Office and overpayment of VAT in 2000.

និYours sincerely,

Pen Collins.

§Former Principal Director. (printed and posted hardcopy pages 2-12, also 13,23)



Complaint: Ben Collins Versus QLTR Unit Edinburgh 19th November 2008

- 1) Scots law seems to have no satisfactory process for administering dissolved company funds outwith the QLTR mechanism or company restoration. Outwith restoration (which requires a serviced and stable office in Scotland, not a realistic option when living abroad), QLTR Edinburgh has fixed a maximum of £3,000 to any payouts, no matter what the circumstances, even though this limit is not documented in the web guideline information which contradicts that amount stating a "£50,000 maximum payout".
- 2) This means every BV case is prejudged outwith another guideline to make a "fair payout", as there must be cases where a fair payout needs to be more than £3,000. This means QLTR is contravening the government guidelines for their own scheme. By way of reference, in England and Wales the maximum payout is £50,000. This sixteen fold difference between UK countries should be justified in court. (February 2008 web published guidelines attached herein this document)
- 3) In my opinion there were acceptable reasons why the company was dissolved (third party criminal interference destroying accounts / working long hours abroad) and why the company cannot be restored (now non resident of the UK after staying abroad following leaving to pay off a grant and loan received from the Scottish Office). IMO there are also compelling background moral reasons why full BV reimbursement is due which has been discussed at length in previous communications.

Other Complaints

- 4) QLTR Edinburgh does not yet publish guidlines or information online. The information that is provided by the UK government website does not stipulate the information is for England and Wales only, merely that the BV process in administered in Scotland by QLTR Edinburgh, leaving the applicant lured into making a pointless and time consuming application (£3,000 can not recover the time lost to the application).
- 5) Discretional powers have been not been applied wisely, my application was comprehensive and meticulous according to published guidelines, payment could have been expedited much sooner. Instead these discretional powers have been abused to introduce a blanket payment ceiling of a paltry £3000.
- § 6) The guidelines recommend use of a solictior, but that suggestion is contradictory on consideration of the arbitary (Scotland only) £3,000 limit which would eliminate any financial yield and purpose to the application. In respect of the lack of availability of solicitor advice, the process is overly complicated, and discretion was not been applied when a bona fide and comprehensive grant application was made, albeit missing a couple of minor items from a 1% shareholder.
- ₹7) Communications regarding those missing items have been protracted and better administration Ecould have curtailed that process and delivered the missing items sooner, for example using standard forms, thereby expediting grant payment and closure of this issue for all concerned. Slow processing has not produced a payout after seven months. This must fall well below even pessimistic targets and ISO standards for the performance of public office. Letter copied to Email has only been used in the $\frac{8}{8}$ last two weeks, prior to that six weeks were wasted during letter transit delays.
- QLTR has backward processes and needs to start using letter copied by email and the internet and dealings with non expert member of the public struggling through this complex process. publication for communication, it is 2008 not 1988. These basic methods will improve the efficiency

Personal Statement of Intent

Something is badly wrong with a system that is financially penalising honest trading and debt repayment, but that is the situation I have faced this year.

No doubt Companies House in Edinburgh has to put up with numerous fraudsters exploiting legal loopholes in the company law system. That situation does not excuse a balancing of the rough with the smooth using honest companies liquidity as the ballast. If you take the time to read the background to this case you will see that I competely changed my lifestyle and country to clear the debt of the company and to save up extra funds as continguency. It is immoral for QLTR to have sequestrated those funds so carefully saved.

I was paying back the Scottish Office from a relocation grant and loan, something unlikely to have been encountered many times before by them. Yet the same organisation is now keeping the extra saved money that does not belong to them. The main reason this mess was created was to ensure the company traded onshore, which led to a disatisfied offshore trading third party destroying the accounts meaning the account submission deadline was missed and the company involuntarily dissolved.

QLTR unnecessarily witholding funds has led to the destruction of my credit rating in Sweden and the loss of my home, it also means I am unable to honour my debts leading to strained personal relationships, finally this delays the launch of important altruistic carbon reducing technology.

This action aims to recover those funds and seek reparation of damages in order to encourage QLTR to improve their processes in the future and make fair payouts as intended with the spirit of the bono vacatia process. Persuing this activity is tedious and unproductive in comparison to my "day to day" work, but somehow unavoidable. I cannot understand how a process has to be so complicated, seemingly deliberately so, which generates huge administration costs to be dumped on either or both the taxpayer or company members. QLTR Edinburgh needs to start making fair payouts and streamline its working procedures.

BV Reference Guide - No Mention of a £3,000 Ceiling - Just a Fair Payout

UK Government Website Sourced Information 1 of 5 February 2008 http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk/default.asp?pageid=1312 No Scottish Separate BV Guide Published.

Salient Pts Form BVC 3 The original document referenced was cut and pasted in to my original BV application.

February 2006 Edition Version 4 TREASURY SOLICITOR BONA VACANTIA DIVISION Guidelines about Discretionary Grants where the Dissolved Company cannot be restored:

- 4. Although bona vacantia assets belong to the Crown, the Crown can give part or all of them away by a grant from the Treasury Solicitor. This power is discretionary. No one has any right to a grant. However, the power must be exercised fairly and it is up to the Treasury Solicitor to decide whether to make a grant.
- 5. These Guidelines only deal with cases where it is not possible to restore the company. You can obtain guidance from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff CFI4 3U(www.companieshouse.gov.uk) on whether or not a company can be restored to the Register.
- 6. Our policy is to make such grants only where
 - it would alleviate hardship, (NEED THIS MONEY I EARNED)
 - it would otherwise be unreasonable or unconscionable for the Crown to keep the assets, or (IT WAS HARD WORK EARNING THIS)
 - there is a compelling public interest in making the grant. (ECO TECHNOLOGY FUNDING)
- 7. We will consider each case on its own merits and we will make only one grant in each case.
- 8. We will usually only consider applications for discretionary grants from the following people:
 - a former liquidator, to distribute as if s/he were still the liquidator of the company, or
 - former members, provided that the company was solvent when it was dissolved. (IT WAS)
- 9. In exceptional circumstances we may consider applications from other people.
- 10. We will usually only consider making grants out of money that we have received. Grants will not usually be made of other types of assets themselves, or from the proceeds of sale of other types of assets. Although we may consider applications for discretionary grants of assets other than money, it may not be practical to make such a grant if (for example) someone else has acquired some rights to the asset, or is in possession of the asset. (£20,740 RECEIVED)
- II. The factors that we may consider include:
 - •the size and nature of the bona vacantia asset
 - •whether any statutory or other remedies are or have been available to the applicant
 - •the extent to which the applicant has contributed to the asset becoming bona vacantia (RECORDS WERE TAMPERED WITH BY A THIRD PARTY, SEVERAL WITNESSES)
 - •the length and nature of the relationship between the applicant and the dissolved company (BC WHOLE TIME)
 - •any legal obligations that the company had towards the applicant before it was dissolved
 - •any hardship to the applicant caused by the asset becoming bona vacantia (BC OWED EXPENSES)
 - other grounds that would make it unreasonable or unconscionable for the Crown to keep the asset
 - •any public interest issues (FIVE YEARS ECO TECH WORK TO BE LAUNCHED)
 - •whether there would have been any tax payable, either by the applicant or the company, if the asset had been distributed or dealt with in the course of either trading by the company or in the course of a winding up of the company (THE SMALL TAX DUE WAS PAID BY BC IN 2004)
 - •any rights to the asset that someone else may have or may be acquiring; and
 - •who (if anyone) is in possession of the asset.

After my lengthy application was compiled and the accounts perfected I am suddenly informed of a £3,000 ceiling verbally in May, not listed anywhere on this guide taken from the govt website at the time of application. I have invested a large amount of time in this application and would not have bothered for a max payout of £3,000.

IMO there is not a proper framework in place for dealing with dissolved companies and the fact everything reverts to the crown and everything thereafter becomes discretionary is altogether rather convenient for the lawmakers and the treasury.

IMO the case qualifies and meets all the criteria according to the guidelines above for a full grant payout, £20,740 not £3,000 and that ceiling has been invented outwith these guidelines. My original BV application was comprehensive and could have been expedite by return. It is frustrating to encounter barriers to personal progress that consume so much time and energy.

Ceiling Outwith Bono Vacatia Guidelines

Late Introduced Payment Ceiling

I have not received fair treatment at QLTR regarding a QLTR self imposed payout of £3,000. This is the main complaint versus QLTR.

- •Bono Vacantia discusses a fair payout and not a prejudicial maximum ceiling of £3,000
- •When asked why this ceiling exists, I received the unsatisfactory answer "because that is our policy" (???) which certainly is not a reason. When I tabled that question in a letter, no reply was given.
- •This ceiling is not in the UK Government website provided guidelines.
- •QLTR cannot start inventing new guidleines, it has to change the guidelines first and communicate that to the public and potential applicants first.
- •There is no justification for this ceiling.

I have been pursuing repayment of £20,740 overpaid taxes and funds in 1999 from the Scottish Office which was applied for in mid March 2008. QLTR have deemed the maximum payout allowable is now £3,000. This £3000 ceiling was only revealed to me late on in the process (May), after I had spent three months compiling the necessary information. As a design consultant I can earn £1,500 per week, so it would have been an easy decision at the time to write of the AWP LTD recovery if that had been made clear at the start of my planning and application collation, not at the end.

The guideline information contained no such £3,000 ceiling reference.

There were no Scottish specific guidelines provided on line by the UK government website.

After I took the time and trouble to very carefully follow the government gudielines, then submit a comprehensive and clearly ordered BV grant application exactly tailored to those guidelines, I am very dissappointed to be in September without a payment. IMO if QLTR cannot expedite BV applications which adhere and fulfill all guidelines, then they will get very little done and are not providing VFM to the taxpayer.

Finally, this situation is almost inevitable, QLTR unit has been given extreme powers of discretion by Scots and or UK company law, and it is hardly surprising that they feel they can unilaterally introduce unjust payout celings, given the powers at their disposal. That does not of course make it legal according to common law or natural justice and should not be excused on that basis as the guidelines themselves state <u>a fair payout</u> should be made.

In short, the complications and excessive pedantry built into this process and the artificial payout ceiling are a cynical exploitation of the discretionary powers made available to the QLTR unit and thus not fair.

Main Issues Versus QLTR Edinburgh 1 of 2

Issue I: Late Introduced Payment Ceiling

Issue 2: Non Payment

Issue 3: Moral Obligation

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Issue 2: Non Payment

Though this application had been deemed successful in June 19th with the information supplied before June 30th, I am still waiting for a payment of £3,000 even though QLTR have verbally on several occassions claimed to make it a priority and in writing to make the payout. I have pointed out in several letters, emails and telephone calls that I desperately need this money to pay my rent and avoid eviction, but no such payment has been forthcoming. Public offices have a duty of care and duty of performance of reasonable standards. In my opinion QLTR has failed to meet these standards due to this sloth in timing. This delay will mean I lose the place I have lived for 8 years and a valuable first hand tennant contract. It seems QLTR unit has contempt for my personal circumstances.

Issue 3: Moral Obligation

The reason I left my lovely life and house in Galashiels Scotland was to pay off the debt to the Scottish Office, I also paid off the grant I received for moving too Scotland, because I had since moved away from Scotland in order to pay off the loan to Scotland (!).

I do not complain however about having to pay money back and did so as an alternative to the much easier option of winding up the company. Yet now it is the Scottish Office that is refusing to pay out on the extra money earned and saved fair and square and reserved in the dissolved company. The principle reasons my company was dissolved was due to criminal interference by Paul Weatherstone and blackmail, and destruction of my spreadsheet, and I have plenty of witnesses who will testify to that. They will also testify that the prime issue was my refusal to deal with offshore payments etc, i.e. keep things within the system. This QLTR process is a strange reward for that insistence. I now live abroad and simply is not possible to restart a Scottish company when you live in Sweden and your sister lives in France (other shareholder). I have no office available to me in Scotland. QLTR not paying out that money is against natural justice in my opinion.

<u>Issue 4 : Poor Dissolved Company Process Opportunities</u>

There is a basic shortfall here in process at QLTR that fails to provide a realistic option for distributing dissolved company funds when dissolution was for perfectly understandable reasons.

Im frustrated by a process that pretends it is doing me a favour by letting me have £3000.

Issue 5: Relative Finance Value

Sometimes money when needed is worth a lot more than its face value. Such a time like that is now for me.

Ive got a dying mother, problems with paying my rent (due to four months unpaid work preparing cases against six instututions in Sweden) and I am sitting on forty two new technologies that can eliminate carbon burning after five years of unpaid development work. That technology is probably worth a staggering amount of money, they are ready to rock, yet Im left financially marooned by this unjust QLTR BV process. At the end of the day I just want to fly home and stay with my mother for bit before she dies, and pay her the £2,000 she lent me in April, and thereby regain some respect from her. She has between 0-4 months left to live. No amount of financial compensation will recover that situation if she dies in her present state of mind. Hence I just want to be paid the money I overpaid in tax and saved up. I do not want to her to think of me as a finanically irresponsible loser who cannot pay his debts or breaks his word on pay back promises. My mother is severely degrading under terminal motor nuerone disease, I dont have any money to visit her. My Mum is going to her grave thinking all the career sacrifices she made bringing me up was a complete waste of time, her life basically. The last thing she has said to me in on every one of the previous four visits is "I hate you". Im really not in a position to contest her viewpoint without spouting pathetic and spurious sounding whiney excuses like the "the crown kept my £17,740 which i wasnt expecting etc" which she is unlikely to believe. The cashflow shortfall due to QLTR non payment is personally disastrous.

I do not want yet another court case and take the fight to the whole world, it is boring and very unproductive in terms of getting the Carbon Down project implemented worldwide. Some other consequences of not receiving this money:

I should be attending Paris motor show and the Göteborg Miljötek Show to launch my 5 years work, but instead Im facing another two years delay before can make this stuff public, I dont really know how to put a figure on the damages caused there so maybe that is better taken later. Im not able to meet my debt payments to my friends and family.

Invitation to QLTR to pay out before European Court Application

No doubt QLTR has Scots Law sown up to do whatever it likes regards QLTR protocol and processes and a I do not imagine a Scottish lawyer can do much, but the highest court of Scotland is in Brussels and I will take my fight there to seek more natural justice and punitive damages.

I will make every effort to cause as much rumpus as possibility and discomfort for your department and what i consider QLTR unjust protocol. By not paying this money QLTR are taking risk of heavy punitive damages in the Euro court to be paid by Scottish taxpayers, which is unnecessarily chancing a lot of school books and unbuilt playgrounds to protect individual egos in the unit.

Excessive Pedantry

Excessive Pedantry Introduction and Expidition of Processes

- Delay in expedition of this BV application has been blamed repeatedly on a "very busy workload".
- When anyone in any job applies excessive pedantry to their daily machinations, very little can be accomplished.
- Even though matters in law are likely to feature much more attention to detail, this detail has to be realistic in order to expedite processes and get the job done, the same daily dilemma is faced in all jobs and all professions. We cannot live in a perfect world in order to execute tasks and our jobs. This is especially true when dealing with the general public where proforma documents streamline processes, though why I should need to explain such basic performance improvements is perplexing.
- If customs officials check every suitcase, only one plane per day will leave the airport.

Examples of Excessive Pedantry at QLTR:

- Asking for information not required of a BV application according to the guidelines.
- Demanding the posting of passports, documents that should never realistically leave the person except during renewal.
- Rejecting information supply from a 1% shareholder, after a signature witness did not print their name in block capitals (even though printed legibly).
- Rejecting information supply from a 1% shareholder after they enclosed a telephone bill named according to their husband of the same address and not an electricity or gas bill.

Pedantry Summary

- IMO the original application was comprehensive, matched BV guidelines closely and should have been expedited by return.
- It is very boring and time/energy consuming to get into these battles because people dont know how to expedite their jobs.
- QLTR Edinburgh need to reread their own government guidelines on BV and make sure their own processes adhere to those guidelines.
- QLTR is public funded and has a duty to provide value for money for those public funds, excessive pedantry and slow processing goes against that duty and contributes to **operational paralysis**.
- A predjudice held by individuals working in the private sector, fair or otherwise, is that those working in public sector spend far to long obsessing over details and not expediting processes. In this case it is not prejudice but fact, this invitation is another opportunity for QLTR to expedite their processes, payout the sum owed and claimed.
- The process is complicated, when combined with the need to use a solicitor and the artificial ceiling of £3,000, this makes the process almost unworkable from a commercial recovery point of view, and thereby alleviate the Scottish Office of its responsibility to deliver *fair payment*.
- It would be impossible to involve the use of a solicitor when based in Sweden or France to guide you through an application and come out with any kind of gain with an artificial £3,000 ceiling, once the solicitors charges had been paid.
- This deliberate complication and inflexibility makes it impossible for those living abroad, to recover BV funds, this is particularly galling and ironic as I moved abroad in order to return funds to the Scottish office. AWP Ltd has honoured all its liabilities.
- Private enterprise should be supported where possible both in success and failure as it pays the bills for public institutions and social provision in an advanced society.

Table of Damages: Ben Collins Versus QLTR Unit Edinburgh 19th November 2008

| REF | REPARATION CHARGES BEGINNING POST 3.00PM 19TH SEPTEMBER 2008 | | | | | | | |
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| Ref 7 | # | ltem Notes | Cost Ur | Units | Total | | | |
| D | l | Bailiff Charges | 250 | 7 | £I | 750,00 | | |
| D 2 | 2 | Monetary Charges until funds stabilised / Unpaid debts etc | 400 | 5 | £2 | 000,00 | | |
| D : | 3 | Search for consultant contract - without strong hand for hours rate (I year) | 7 | 2000 | £14 | 000,00 | | |
| D 4 | 4 | Loss of First Hand Rental Contract in Unique Penthouse | 10000 | - 1 | £10 | 000,00 | | |
| D ! | 5 | Compensation for loss of home to Noel Sheehy | 4000 | - 1 | £4 | 000,00 | | |
| D (| 6 | Compensation for loss of home to Vladimir Grigoriev | 4000 | - 1 | £4 | 000,00 | | |
| D : | 7 | Compensation for loss of home to Ben Collins | 4000 | - 1 | £4 | 000,00 | | |
| D 8 | 8 | Stress compensation to Ben Collins 3 months | 1000 | - 1 | £I | 000,00 | | |
| D 9 | 9 | Documentation preparation charges plus 80% risk gearing | 4000 | 8 | £32 | 000,00 | | |
| D | 10 | Compensation for destruction of credit rating Ben Collins | 10000 | I | £10 | 000,00 | | |
| D | П | Compensation for increased mortgage charges Ben Collins | 20 | 2000 | £40 | 000,00 | | |
| D | 12 | Compensation for destroyed reputation and standing in social circle | 20000 | I | £20 | 000,00 | | |
| D | 13 | Compensation for strained relations with closest friends & GF | 2000 | I | £2 | 000,00 | | |
| D | 14 | Moving and Storage Cost Each | 1000 | I | £I | 000,00 | | |
| D | 15 | Increased rent for a worse place I year (each) | 2500 | 3 | £7 | 500,00 | | |
| D | 16 | Holiday time lost due to move (each) | 2000 | 3 | £6 | 000,00 | | |
| D | ۱7 | Time lost decorating and furnishing place (each) | 2000 | 3 | £6 | 000,00 | | |
| D | 18 | Administration of problems - masses of precious free time to be consumed. | 3000 | I | £3 | 000,00 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| D 2 | 22 | Compensation for 12 month Carbon Down Delay Ben Collins | X000 | 365 | | £X | | |
| D 2 | 23 | Compensation for failure to repay my Mother £2,000 before her death | X000 | - 1 | | £X | | |
| QΙ | E | End | | | £168 | 250,00 | | |

By way of alternative offered to QLTR, I would welcome the chance to make a real list of costs and provide them to an independent arbitrator for decision.

N.B. On September 9th a settelement offer was made to QLTR to make full payment without any reparation charges appliable – although the charges were supplied as "suspended action". This was not responded to. On the 9th, 12th and 19th offers were made to make a settlement without damages (9th/12th) or with limited damages (19th), which were not responded to. Actions have consequences, non payment by QLTR has had destablising consequences for me.

rections have consequences, non-payment by QETT has had destablishing consequences for

The legal point to answer in my none legal amateur estimation is thus:

Did QLTR make or have any intention to make a fair payout according to the spirit of Bono Vacatia?

In my opinion the answer to that question is a clear no and constitutes malpractice.

Cartoon Explanation

March 15th 2008....

Erm, Here is my BV claim. I followed exactly what to do on the UK Govt website.

I moved abroad to pay off the loan to the Scottish Office. I am still abroad so no office.

June 2nd 2008....

What!!! I spent 3 months preparing my application. It says £50k on the web.

But it doesnt mention the €50k is for England and Wales only, I've wasted months, why no website?

What is the reason for this policy of limiting payout sixteen times less?

Erm, but that £21k is what I saved up in case of unexpected bills and was my overpaid tax, after paying back my loan and grant from the Scottish Office

But that means if I had sneaked the money out before tidying accounts and overpaying tax I would have been 21k richer! 8 years ago!

But my data was criminally corrupted!

You are obligated by guidelines stipulating a fair payout!

But that means you have unjust prejudicial procedures! You're supposed to be the Dept of Justice!

Dec (?) 2008....



QLTR Edinb.

Ok!

Why not restart the company in Scotland?

Ok!

Och, by the way, the payout limit in Scotland is £3k

Nae, thats just England SW

Och, tae bad, that is our policy. We're thinking about a website.

The reason is, because that is our policy.

???

Scottísh Dept ofjustice then

Píty, max is £3k.

Och, that's right. Its still £3k max

QLTR Edinburgh 🦒

Och, tae bad, its stíll £3k max.

We dont consider cases in Scotland, thats only in England and Wales, here we set an blanket ceiling of £3k whatever the circumstances.

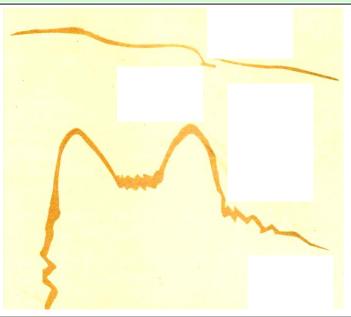
Look pal, we are the Procurator Fiscal and we do what we like, the limit is £3k, take it or leave it.

Here is £3k from your £21k...????..hoots, dont look so sad, show a bit of gratitude!

But erm.

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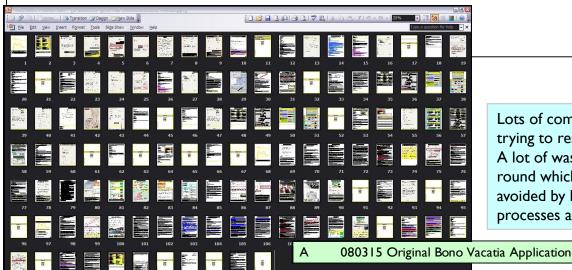
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Call timel 6 Mins

Lots of communications trying to resolve things. A lot of wasted time all round which could be avoided by better processes at QLTR.

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19 June Notification Received From the QLTR Unit



CROWN OFFICE AND PROCURATOR FISCAL SERVICE

QUEEN'S & LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER

Crown Office 25 Chambers Street Edinburgh EH1 1LA

Mr Ben Collins Signalgatan 4b 413 18 Goteborg

Telephone: 0844 5613803 Fax: 0844 5614276 Rutland DX: 540310 Edinburgh 38 Isla.McLeod@copfs.gsi.gov.uk http://www.copfs.gov.uk

On receipt of the above, a cheque for £3000 will be forwarded to you.

Date: 19/06/2008

Date: 19/06/2008

Dear Mr Collins

Albatross Wulf Products Limited (NOW DISSOLVED)

Thank you for your letter of 10 June. I have also received a letter from Rosalind Spencer.

Although your letters do not say so, I take it that neither you not your sister as the former company members intend to seek to have the company restored (what you say is that circumstances at present prevent you from doing so which is not the same thing).

In that case I require an undertaking from you and Miss Spencer separately that you will not apply to have the company restored. I also require each of you to sign an indemnity, copies enclosed. Both documents should be signed before a witness who should also sign the form and fill in their details in BLOCK CAPITALS.

As proof of your identity, I require photographic identification in the form of a current passport or UK photographic driving licence, or a certified copy thereof signed by a solicitor, accountant, doctor or bank manager, and a recent utility bill or bank statement (no more than three months old).

On receipt of the above, a cheque for £3000 will be forwarded to you.

Yours sincerely

Fola Mhead

Isla McLeod Solicitor to the QLTR

- •lts September 8th and this is the last communication from QLTR. Payment was promised June 19th but still no sign. Any communication I have made since has not been answered except telephone calls where statements of immediate action have later proven false.
- •IMO this is an unnecessary request anyhow, considering the massive background of information already supplied regarding the QLTR BV process, the affadavits, the contents of my previous letter and the fact the bank accounts were already emptied and sent to QLTR the previous month, i.e the application was at an advanced stage.
- •I find it hard to believe tales of "extreme work load" if the QLTR themselves are inventing unnecessary procedures etc such as this letter – it is little wonder then that they are busy!

3rd September Notification Received From the QLTR Unit



CROWN OFFICE AND PROCURATOR FISCAL SERVICE

QUEEN'S & LORD TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER

Mr Ben Collins Signalgatan 4b 413 18 Goteborf Sweden Postmohed 4th Sept Received 9th Sept Crown Office 25 Chambers Street Edinburgh EH1 1LA

Telephone: 0844 5613804 Fax: 0844 5614276

Rutland DX: 540310 Edinburgh 38 Sarah-Jane.Large@copfs.gsi.gov.uk http://www.copfs.gov.uk

Your ref:

Our ref: BV/1219/07

Date: 03/09/2008

Dear Mr Collins

ALBATROSS WULF PRODUCTS LIMITED (NOW DISSOLVED)

Thank you for your letter of 27 August.

As per the Solicitor to the QLTR Isla McLeod's letter of 19 June, I require an undertaking from you and Miss Spencer separately that you will not apply to have the company restored. I also require each of you to sign an indemnity form. Copies of these indemnities were enclosed along with the letter of 19 June. An amended copy of the indemnity form was forwarded to Miss Spencer on the 29 July. Both documents should be signed before a witness who should also sign the form and fill in their details in BLOCK CAPITALS.

As proof of your identity, I require photographic identification in the form of a current passport or UK photographic driving licence, or a certified copy thereof signed by a solicitor, accountant, doctor or bank manager, and a recent utility bill or bank statement (no more than three months old).

On receipt of the above, a cheque for £3000 will be forwarded to you.

Yours faithfully

S. Large

Sarah-Jane Large, Assistant Administrator for OLTR

- This information was sent by return in June.
- Ms Macloed has already confirmed to me by telephone she has received this material in the conversation of July 21.
- No mention of this information being missing or awaited was mentioned in converstaions with Ms Mcloed since (four conversations).
- We have already provided signed and witnessed photos several times, hereafter a signature should be sufficient for any documentation addressed to us.
- We have already signed and witnessed forms in June, these amendments on your documents should be conducted by QLTR in house and not involve another such lengthy process.
- In my opinion this letter and information request is deliberately obstructive and a cynical attempt to justify delaying this process further and to justify previous delays at QLTR.
- My original BV application was comprehensive enough to be acted upon directly.

Final QLTR Email Letter F 12th September 2008

Dear Mr Collins

I am emailing this response to your email below for the sake of speed, since mail seems to take some time to reach you. I will also send you a hard copy.

The Companies Act 1985 provides that assets of dissolved companies vest in the Crown. That is the law. As a conterbalance, a company can be restored for 20 years after it has been struck off. If a company has been restored, the value of its assets will be returned to it by the Crown.

The Companies Act 1985 gives you the right to seek restoration until 2020.

The QLTR does, however, recognise that it can be costly to restore a company to the register and may, in circumstances where a company can be restored but the former members decide not to do so (for whatever reason), make a <u>discretionary</u> payment of £3000 from the former company's funds.

Before doing so, he requires-

- •An undertaking from each company member separately that he or she will not seek to restore the company. You have been asked to provide such an undertaking from you and Mrs Spencer separately. Neither you nor Mrs Spencer have provided it.
- •The former members to indemnify him against future claims should the company be restored. Such an indemnity requires to be in proper form in order to have legal effect. We have yours. **We are waiting for Mrs Spencer to return hers properly completed.**
- •In line with the Money Laundering Regulations, personal identification from you and your sister in the form of a recent utility bill and current passport or photographic UK Drivers licence or a certified copy of either of these documents. Mrs Spencer has not provided a satisfactory utility bill (the one she sent was in the name of M. Spencer Christopher) or any photographic identification in the form of a current passport or UK drivers license. To date, you have provided only an out of date passport, but not your current passport or a properly certified copy of it or any other photographic identification. You were advised by me in my letter of 19 June who could sign the certified copy.

You question the QLTR's right to impose requirements and make decisions. As an officer of the Scottish Government, the QLTR has the authority to make decisions and form policy relating to *bona vacantia* of Scottish companies.

You have provided copies of and referred to the Treasury Solicitor's guidelines on discretionary grants. The Treasury Solicitor's guidelines and practices in relation to *bona vacantia* do not extend to Scotland and are of no relevance. They are not the QLTR's guidelines, although the practices in each country are very similar. In addition, the guidelines you have copied relate to companies which cannot legally be restored. Your company can legally be restored.

Once you have complied with the requirements highlighted in bold above, you will receive a discretionary payment of £3000.

Isla McLeod

Solicitor to Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer

Tel: 08445613803 Fax: 08445614276

Finally a letter copied also to email, it is 2008 not 1998!Non use of emails contributes to lethargic processes. It seems now my communication has to become legally aggressive before this basic tool and courtesy is used to speed up communication loops and help us get the job done.

There are many technical points argued, but no mention of the invented limit of £3,000. Once a payout limit of £3,000 (unjustified and unregulated IMO) is set, that paralyses options for resolution, use of solicitors etc. All other issues then become secondary. Demanding people send their passports through posts or chasing down bank managers to sign photos in the hope they may eventually recover £3,000 is an example of sledgehammer legal protocol in order to receive a hazelnut. The response is shown overleaf.

Response to QLTR IM Email / Letter 12th September 1 of 3

Ben Collins 690309-5096, Signalgatan 4b, 41318 Göteborg, Sverige. 0046 31 422107 / 0046 708 453589 (*Until 16th September 2008*)

Isla Mcloed Treasury Solicitor QLTR Unit, Crown Office 25 Chambers Street Edinburgh EHT ILA UK

12th September 2008, 14.30pm GMT

Crown Offices fax unavailable from Sweden. Notice given electronically and notified to Sarah Large to pass to the Remembrancer for consideration.

Emailed to Isla McLoed and copied to Sarah Large, Sue Skelding, Louise Spencer 12th September, 2008

Response to QLTR IM Email / Letter 12th September

Dear Treasury Solicitor Mcloed,

Firstly thank you for the rapid response, clear and precise referenced comments and also use of email to transmit your letter.

My response;

"The QLTR does, however, recognise that it can be costly to restore a company to the register"

That is correct in my circumstances, when using Scottish solicitors remotely from Sweden, the cost and potential yield would quickly merge. In addition, when residing outside the UK it is not possible to administer a serviceable office making restoration impossible. It is not practically possible to legally restore a company as a UK non resident. Thereby leaving no alternative other than BV application which I made in good faith and making the guidelines mentioned relevant.

"and may, in circumstances where a company can be restored but the former members decide not to do so (for whatever reason), make a <u>discretionary</u> payment of £3000 from the former company's funds."

No mention of this limit can be found in UK government guidelines on the Bono Vacatia system, only that a "fair payment should be made at the discretion of the treasury solicitor" (paraphrased).

This limit was first communicated to me in QLTR's third letter to me in May 19th after committing to a lengthy BV application process. Once a limit of £3,000 is established it prohibits the use of solicitors or long document preparation. A BV application requires one or both of these items which develop costs of time for the applicant and the solicitor.

In fact with such a limit it makes the whole process uneconomical and therefore nonsensical. I reject the legitimacy of this limit as unfair, prejudicial and propose to challenge it in a court, preferably Brussels.

Response to QLTR IM Email / Letter 12th September 2 of 3

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An undertaking from each company member separately that he or she will not seek to restore the company. You have been asked to provide such an undertaking from you and Mrs Spencer separately. Neither you nor Mrs Spencer have provided it.

The former members to indemnify him against future claims should the company be restored. Such an indemnity requires to be in proper form in order to have legal effect. We have yours. **We are waiting for Mrs Spencer to return hers properly completed.**"

The central paragraph of the letter is a matter of legal pedantry and becomes uneconomical to pursue once the £3,000 limit is administered to the process. I also question the need for such statements as the entire nature of the former shareholders applying for Bono Vacantia demonstrates by default they do not want to restore the company and BV is offered exactly as an alternative to restoraton. I am/was the 99% shareholder and undertook the BV application which by default means restoration is not sought or can ever be sought. Nevertheless I provided an such an undertaking not to attempt company restoration in my letter of XXXXXXXXXX. As the 99% shareholder that decision is binding and I question the need to require such certification from a 1% shareholder.

"In line with the Money Laundering Regulations, personal identification from you and your sister in the form of a recent utility bill and current passport or photographic UK Drivers licence or a certified copy of either of these documents. Mrs Spencer has not provided a satisfactory utility bill (the one she sent was in the name of M. Spencer Christopher) or any photographic identification in the form of a current passport or UK drivers license. To date, you have provided only an out of date passport, but not your current passport or a properly certified copy of it or any other photographic identification. You were advised by me in my letter of 19 June who could sign the certified copy."

It is not realistic in a country (UK) with the highest levels of criminality in Europe, to be sending driving licences and passports through airmail post. Using couriers would add further costs into the process and this level of documentation is unrealistic for applications artificially limited to £3,000. I have never met my bank manager in Sweden or the other notorieties mentioned, and they certainly could not certify a photograph as my resemblance. These pedantries are not realistic for someone living abroad. The letter M. Spencer Christopher quoted is my sisters husbands name who lives at the same address, they have a legal marital and financial union, his name is on all the bills, this is hardly an unusual situation. They cannot be expected to transfer account registration of utilities to the name of the wife from the husband to satisfy a pedantic and avoidable legal formality. This is an example where you should be able to use and apply your discretion usefully in order to expedite processes in examples such as these and not resort to extreme legal pedantry, that is the whole purpose of empowering trusted officials with discretion so that things get done swiftly and efficiently so that natural financial justice is actioned.

"You question the QLTR's right to impose requirements and make decisions. As an officer of the Scottish Government, the QLTR has the authority to make decisions and form policy relating to bona vacantia of Scottish companies." I do not question the right of QLTR to make decisions but I expect QLTR to make the right decisions and to uphold their responsibility to make fair and just BV grants. You and the department have failed in that responsibility by using a policy setting an automatic payment ceiling immediately prejudicing applications prior to their consideration. QLTR have also failed their remit by not even making the £3,000 payment. QLTR have also failed to fairly prenotify or publish that such a prejudicial £3,000 limit exists. In my mind the existence of that limit makes the entire process self defeating and further makes me question the operations of the QLTR unit and their ability to administrate this process, if they themselves are satisfied to apply, create or administer such a nonsensical and prejudicial limit.

Prejudice and fairness are incompatible bedfellows.

Any legal or administration department that embraces such practices must be questioned.

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Where are the Scottish QLTR guidelines published on line? They were not available online February 2008. This is 2008 not 1988, paperless information and publication has been here for ten years, yet there was no other alternative specialist Scottish information available from the UK Government website to that which they displayed, I downloaded and followed that material meticulously from here: http://www.bonavacantia.gov.uk/default.asp?pageid=1312. If there had been a choice of regulations between English/Welsh Law or Scots Law, naturally i would have selected Scots regulations. It does not stipulate on the regulations they are not viable for Scottish Law.

In addition, the guidelines you have copied relate to companies which cannot legally be restored. Your company can legally be restored."

My company cannot be legally restored because none of the shareholders are resident in the UK and the amount of money available in the company precludes use of third party directors to provide an office in Scotland. The other barrier to restoration is cost, which was already acknowledged in the first line of the letter for the reason the BV process exists as an alternative to restoration.

The Scottish Government can be expected to provide the public with realistic and fair processes. QLTR BV applications are neither, being overly complicated, overly legalised, and prejudicial in limiting payment maximums.

The QLTR solicitor can be expected to use their discretional powers wisely and fairly, you have done neither in this case and have failed to expedite processes in my opinion.

Hence the invitation for full payment in my other letter today and for limited and moderated reparation of damages, now that the offer for full payment without damages has lapsed by time and also been rejected by QLTR today.

While there is no personal malice from my side as your department is merely acting out protocol as it stands in your department, rest assured that as I am losing my home and all the other issues already discussed I will not now or ever be cowed by the size of institution, if their treatment of me is unfair. I expect your department to make a self analysis before court action and conclude that some of your protocol can be improved and is not administering natural justice correctly and to do something about it. This response presents an opportunity for QLTR.

This entire process is consuming vast amounts of time and energy and you are invited to consider this response carefully which will form the bedrock of the UK/European action against QLTR if settlement is not made on Monday/Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Collins (collinsben@hotmail.com)

A mosquito in the ear of an elephant can make it very uncomfortable.

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The emails on this and the next page were not answered. Hence the resort to telephone calls.

I Ith July, 2008 Status Update Enquiry

Dear Ms Mcleod,

Further to my letter of June 25th and the submission (hopefully received by now) from my sister Rosalind Louise Spencer, I would like to respectfully enquire on the progress, timing or next steps required for this BV application. Thank you for your continuing assistance in this matter. Please note this email has not been copied by hardcopy mail.

July 21st 2008 Call time 6 mins. 448445613803 08-07-21 17:28:13 5:58 9,13 IM "I will move this item to the top of my workload and deal with this next."

23rd July, 2008 Status Update Enquiry (by mail and email)

Dear Ms Mcleod,

Further to my letter of June 25th and email July 11th (both attached overleaf and awaiting answer) and our phone conversation of the 21st July, I would like to respectfully request some kind of written confirmation of the progress of this application and whether the £3,000 will be received or not, and with some kind of indication on timing.

Attached is my eviction notice.

As discussed previously, this matter is urgent for me personally and in 6 days I lose the right to my rental agreement, a place I have lived for 8 years. In addition 3 other people will lose their place of residency generating significant turmoil.

If I receive some kind of email confirmation regarding the BV application progress begun and sent in on March 15th 2008, then I may be able to stall this process a week or two.

I have contacted Customs and Excise directly again today regarding my overpaid VAT of £6268,71 (also attached for your reference). Thank you for your continuing assistance in this matter.

August 9th 2008 Call time 4 mins

IM "I have a very busy workload but I will deal with this as soon as possible."

Email & Posted: I Ith August, 2008 Urgent request for payment if possible Dear Ms Mcleod,

Further to my letters of June 25th and July 11th, and phone conversations of the 21st July and August 9th, I would like to reiterate the urgency of this payment to me personally and remind you that 3 people will lose their place of residency generating significant personal turmoil for me if this payment is not made immediately. Payment now would be a big help to me. This process was started on March 15th.

Email & Posted: **27th August, 2008** VAT Payment to the Crown £6268 in Respect of AWP Ltd August 22nd Dear Ms Mcleod,:

I have just spoken with VAT Enquiry Centre and they have confirmed they have reissued the VAT payable order for £6,268 to the crown in Edinburgh and your department on August 22nd, 2008, in respect of AWP Ltd.

This means the crown has received or has the following available on behalf of AWP Ltd:

- I was unable to contact you by phone today due to a blocked line facility.
- Please could you give notice as to when QLTR will make their payment to me.

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Friday **5th September 2008** 16:30 Call Time Estimate 4 mins (excluding 2 mins for main swithcboard transference, direct line problems)

BC "Hello it is Ben Collins calling from Sweden on the BV Matter, is there any news on payment as you know I am pretty desperate to receive it"

IM "Yes Mr Collins, I am aware of that, I will sort out payment this afterniooon."

BC "Could you also send an email when payment is confirmed so that I can give it to my flatmates who are pretty sceptical about this mystery money."

IM "Yes, I will do that this afternoon".

Email only: **5th September, 2008** Awaiting Payment and Email Dear Ms Mcleod,

I am disappointed you have not sent the mail this afternoon confirming payment has been made, as you stated you would this afternoon. My flatmates are pretty sceptical about my story about some mystery money from Scotland by now. I attach the notice received today after visitation in person by the property bailiffs.

The crown has received or has the following available on behalf of AWP Ltd: £20,740.10

This money was overpaid tax and money reserved for savings and any unexpected bills created during hourly paid work in Germany.

Monday 8th September 2008 14:10 Estimate 3 mins (excluding 2 mins for main swithcboard transference, direct line problems)

BC "Hello it is Ben Collins calling from Sweden on the BV Matter"

IM "Your phone calls are actually slowing me down Mr Collins"

BC "Erm, I find that hard to believe, I have called four times only in the last two months and losing my flat because you havent paid me"*

IM "I do have an extremely heavy workload and I will contact you when this matter is settled."

BC "When will that be"

IM "I cant say"

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| July 21st 2008 | 6mins BC called IM |
| August 9th 2008 | 3mins BC called IM |
| 5th September, 2008 | 4mins BC called IM |
| 8th September 2008 | 3mins BC called IM |
| Total Calls 2 months | 16 Mins |

Phoning was necessary as my letters were not answered and I was losing my home due to QLTR slow payment.

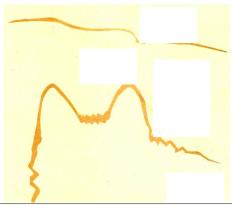
My Point of View (Sept 8th):

*I think Im entitled to call considering the previous conversation on Friday promised an email and a result and she failed to deliver AGAIN and I am facing immediate removal from the place I ve lived for eight years, also making my best friends homeless in the process.

Please do your job IM and if your workload is too much get help with delegation etc. Six months payout time is failing basic performance standards which we can assume a public office aspires to achieve. IMO the statement "Your phone calls are actually slowing me down Mr Collins" beggars belief, I6 mins phone calls in two months and im losing my house because she can't get her finger out. It is certainly not harassment in consideration of that background and IMO demonstrates a lack of consideration to public service. This phone call was the final straw for me hence this case.

QLTR IM was given information regarding my rental eviction order on July 23rd. Still no action and its September 8th. When dealing with a back street trader, one might be entitled to be sceptical about ever receiving a payout, but when it is the Scottish Office promising to pay, you do expect a result. The full communication annex is contained on the CD annex

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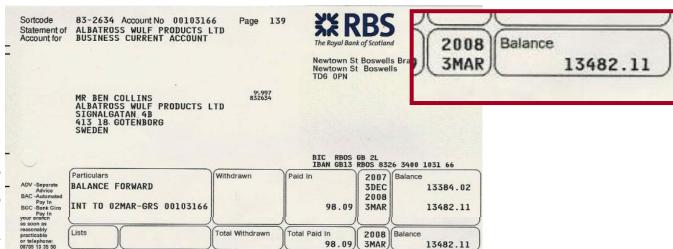
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BC and AWP Ltd Story So Far

| 1996 | Move to Scotland to try eco-tech project, get £5k moving grant & £10k loan, start Ltd Co. | , |
|--|---|----|
| 1998 | Project runs out of time at Centre for Sustainable Technology : Owe loan money. | |
| | Try to repay while based in Borders (Mainetti Ltd) but not well enough payed to dent debt | t. |
| | Jump to hourly paid design work In Germany : now owe loan and moving grant. | |
| | Pay off all debts to sister and Scottish Office. | |
| | Take on accounts processing for the guy who helped me get a job in JCI Germany. | |
| | But he demands to be paid offshore, I refuse. | |
| | He turns nasty, takes my pc and wipes accounts, also blackmail at my work place. | |
| | At this time flood AWP Ltd with extra money and overpay VAT. | |
| 2000 | Late submission of accounts to Edinburgh means company was dissolved. | |
| | Switch JCI consultant work to Squarise Design Limited and become director there. | |
| | Keep working abroad and switch to JCI Sweden. | |
| 2003 | Take two years out to continue eco work. Finish CLP engine, but no funding found. | |
| | Tidy up AWP ltd account but restoration impossible as now based abroad. | |
| 2004 <u>o</u> | Receive VAT overpayment payable order but cannot cash it. | |
| 2004 | Keep working abroad and shore up funds with a years work. | |
| 2005 2008 | Take three years out to continue eco projects, finish eco projects. | |
| ut may be o | Enter QLTR BV process (March 15th) to generate launch cash for eco projects | |
| Copyright Ben Collins 2008 – Confidential but may be copied for legal usage 8002 – 2005 – 2009 – 200 | Six month wait no pay out, downgraded to a max £3,000 from a £20,740 pot | |
| .008 – Con | No payout as Sept 8th, 2008, postpone eco tech launch. | |
| 2009 2009 | Go back to consult work to save up to launch finished eco projects | |
| 2010 | Launch eco projects (2010?) | |
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Funds Provided to Bono Vacatia



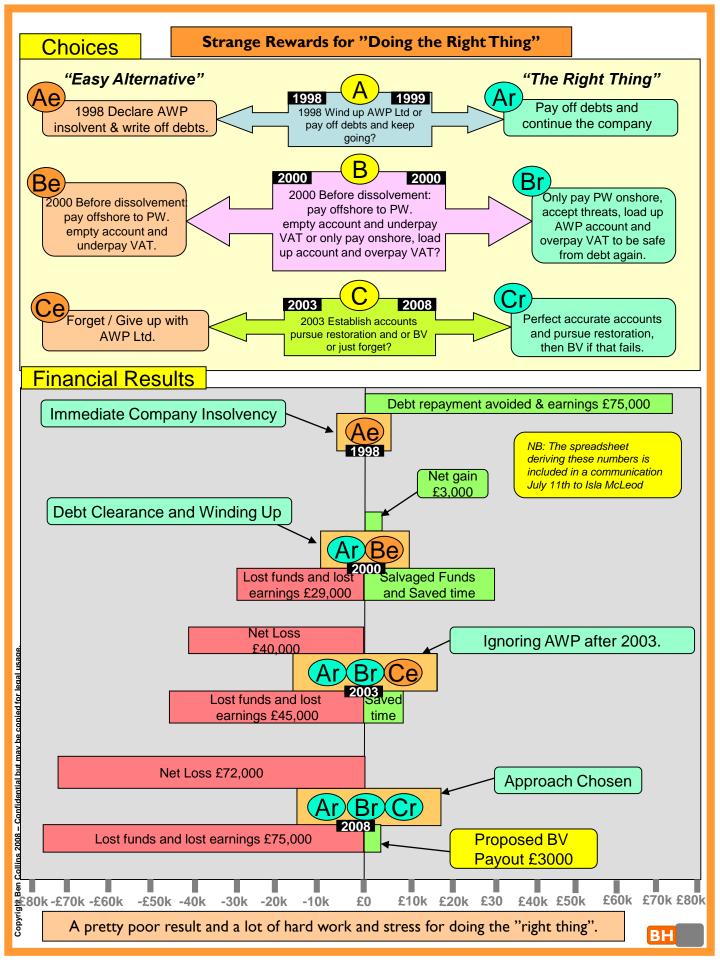


The reason this money was reserved in my account was in case i got any unexpected tax bills, likewise the overpayment in VAT was made to make sure I would not be behind. Now I seem to be getting punished for this policy, very strange and unfair in my opinion.

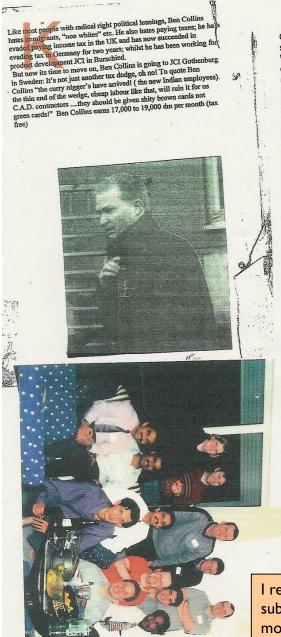
This Bono Vacatia process is clumsy. Restoration is not an option now I live abroad.

Scots company law should provide a better exit route for fairly attained dissolved company funds. It seems the law and or QLTR protocol means I will now lose 80% of this hard earned working capital. Very frustrating.

Right now this money is worth considerably more than its face value to me.



Criminal Intereference by Weatherstone to Laptop, Stalking and Blackmail Demand to Pay to Offshore Account



On the right is an example of some of the disgusting stuff ive had to put up with. After contacting frau Werth in the german police i was left to fend on my own, alone abroad. This information was distributed across the car park at my place of work. I was further hassled in Sweden and the UK. Basically the behaviour became pyschotic/obsessive and was typical "stalking". Its only when you have experienced such a sequence of events that you appreciate that

 a) the police can do almost nothing until "after" stuff happens.

b) European police are not motivated to interfere with foreign nationals.

Fortunately I am physically strong and morally determined not to be defeated or resort to criminality myself, so was able to stand down this person and two "henchmen" when i was physically confronted.

The principal reason i suffered this ignomony was because I refused to pay him money offshore or to a none VAT registered company, through money passed AWP Ltd., and forced him to VAT register his company.

Finally just to sadly defend myself, while i am not a big fan of the asylum programme in the UK, i definitely not a racist.

I have never ever used such terms mentioned in the document, and I also cooked my indian (and german / british) work colleagues a vegetarian welcome curry when they arrived in 1998 (see

Anybody who knows me will confirm i am fairly generous in spirit, honest and probably a bit naive. I certainly did not earn any money "tax free", and the accounts enclosed prove that I used all the money to pay off the credibtors of a limited company (which i could have wound up i really wanted to). However after having my computer corrupted by this person, i was unable to complete my accounts.

All the fines that I have paid for the late accounts, reward this person for his interference.

Further examples of this stalking are available upon request

I refused to pay Kotler Design offshore and then got subjected to many forms of pressure. In the end the money was paid onshore to Kotler Design Ltd to a registered VAT account and notification was made to the VAT office of the problems encountered.

Personally I am fed up of being bullied.

After refusing to pay offshore to Weatherstone I had to endure, blackmail, physical threats, car damage, computer theft and general harassment / stalking. (Several witnesses available).

After having gone through all that to make sure my company traded properly I am now getting bullied by QLTR saying that "its £3,000 take it or leave it!". This leaves a bitter aftertaste in the mouth and is the motivation for this action that I was not cowed before and I will not be this time either. I want to receive the money I saved up fair and square, not an unreasonable position to adopt.

2) Tables of "AWP Pots" and "Gripes"

| "AWP Pots" Analysed | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pots | | | | | | |
| Pot1 AWP RBS Sterling Account | £13 482,11 | | | | | |
| Pot2 AWP RBS Euro Account €1246,45 | £989,99 | | | | | |
| Pot3 AWP VAT Overpayment Refund | £6 268,00 | | | | | |
| Possible Results | | | | | | |
| BV Only | £3 000,00 | | | | | |
| BV plus VAT Refund | £9 268,00 | | | | | |
| Full AWP Ltd Refund but no VAT Refund | £14 472,10 | | | | | |
| Full AWP Ltd Refund | £20 740,10 | | | | | |
| Likely Result, 23rd July | | | | | | |
| BV Only | £3 000,00 | | | | | |

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| http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic | |
| 1 British Pound = 1.25905 Euro | 1,25905 |
| 1 Euro (EUR) = 0.79425 British Pound (GBP | |

Not being able to access this money is leading to many problems listed in this table.

Table of "Gripes"

Problems

- P1 The £3,000 ceiling in this case seems unfair from my perspective as the money has now been proven as clean and with no credibtors exactly as I intended when I loaded up the company with funds and overpaid my VAT.
- P2 Not receiving AWP money will lead to significant financial hardship for me personally.
- P3 Not receiving AWP money means I cannot meet my present financial obligations.
- P4 Not receiving AWP money means I will not be able to honour my current debts, which will lead to a severe level of personal and family related stress.
- P5 The long delay waiting for any money also makes eviction (after 8 years residence) extremely likely.
- P6 Without AWP money, the carbon down project, which can eliminate fossil carbon dependence, stalls.
- P7 I should be launching Carbon-Down at the Paris Motor Show and Gothenburgs ECO Technology Show, instead I will be contracting, storing my posessions and borrowing the sofa of a friend.

Personal Statements

- S1 I do not understand how this money is just "disappearing".
- S2 I cannot imagine oil rich Scotland (or the Queen and Lords) are in more need of these funds than I, particularly as *I personally earned and saved these funds through hourly paid work.*
- S3 I do not accept the justification for this ceiling, simply stating "we have a £3,000 ceiling" is not a justification for witholding the funds.
- S4 I think it is morally wrong to remove funds without due cause, especially when such removal will cause severe hardships and also delay some significant work needed ASAP to tackle the energy crisis.
- S5 In my opinion have made a clear and precise case for this BV money to paid out.
- S6 In the longer term I suppose my only avenue beyond this letter of appeal to remove this £3,000 ceiling is via the EU court of justice, but I do not imagine that is a quick or simple process and will only create more wasted time and effort on my part and for everyone else.
- S7 I am very disappointed with the result of this process.

I have maintained active information exchange and made every effort to visually communicate the issues within this BV application clearly and succinctly to QLTR before litigation. No payment has been received I have reached the end of my tether financially and in patience. This table remains 100% relevant.

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Notice to Creditors

Ben Collins 0046 708 453589 collinsben@hotmail.com

To Ben Collins Creditors:

Boö Bolagen, Louise Spencer, Robert Skelding, Anne Webber, Electric and Hybrid, Matt Richardson (£350), Visa.

Notice to Creditors Emailed or Posted 12th September 2008

I may not be able to honour my debt for the forseeable future, i.e. at least six months.

I have not been able to extract funds and overpaid taxes (£20,740) from dissolved Company Albatross Wulf Products Limited 154825. Regrettably I cannot consider further efforts timewise on that matter. I will returned to design consulation work ASAP. I will attempt a court action against QLTR for non payment but I must be realistic in the chances of success and the time this will take. The background to that case is summarised overleaf.

In regard to the Carbon Down project and 42 innovations, though complete in promotional and design terms, I fear that work will stayed mired in patent definition issues for at least year, probably two as this work is complex and not easy to complete in parallel with full time consulting. Add in trying to have enjoyable free time, babies or house renovations and that goal looks very strained. Without correct patent definition the projects are worthless and considerable free time and energy is needed to launch any concept. So I do not see a commercial result from that either for a good while.

I will do my best to pay everyone back as soon as possible, the only bright spark is that consulting work is quite well paid and most of these repayments are tax deductable. It is a shame I am not sitting debt free and in a position to start unveiling projects, but that is the situation to deal with and life goes on. Your patience in this matter would be appreciated. Overleaf, you will see the previous time with debt was paid off 100% and that is what I intend to this time, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Ben Collins (collinsben@hotmail.com)

result had QLTR paid a fair BV grant.

| De | bt Analysis | s : Full Refund AW | P Ltd F | unds | | | |
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| Ref | Item of Debt | То | From | Description | £20k AWP Refund | | |
| 279754 | £20 740,10 | REFUND SCENARIO | | | RESULT | | |
| d1 | £4 300,00 | Louise Spencer (Sister) | | Subsistance Loan | CLEARED | | |
| d2 | £2 500,00 | Robert Skelding (Former I | Director) | Overpay ment | CLEARED | | |
| d3 | £2 000,00 | Anne Webber (Mother) | | Subsistance Loan | CLEARED | | |
| d4 | £1 800,00 | Electric and Hybrid | | Advert - Article | CLEARED | | |
| d5 | £6 800,00 | Ben Collins | | Unpaid Expenses | CLEARED | | |
| £17 400,00 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | £2 800,00 | Rent Payment (From my | expenses | repayment) | CLEARED | | |
| | £2 200,00 | Credit Card Payment (Fro | m my exp | enses repayment) | CLEARED | | |
| | £2 600,00 | Carbon Down Launch (Wi | th remainir | ng funds) | LAUNCHED | | |
| This table demonstrates the contrasting predicament of the letter (sent) and the | | | | | | | |

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Diagram of Debts and Events According to the Level of QLTR Payout

Debt Analysis: Full Refund AWP Ltd Funds

| Ref | Item of Debt | To Fr | rom | Description | £20k AWP Refund |
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| d2 | £2 500,00 | Robert Skelding (Former Dire | ctor) | Overpayment | CLEARED |
| d3 | £2 000,00 | Anne Webber (Mother) | | Subsistance Loan | CLEARED |
| d4 | £1 800,00 | Electric and Hybrid | | Advert - Article | CLEARED |
| d5 | £6 800,00 | Ben Collins | | Unpaid Expenses | CLEARED |
| | £17 400,00 | | | | |
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| | £2 200,00 | Credit Card Payment (From n | CLEARED | | |
| | £2 600,00 | Carbon Down Launch (With re | LAUNCHED | | |
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Debt Analysis: £3,000 BV and VAT £6,268 Refund AWP Ltd

| Ref | Item of Debt | То | From | Description | £9,3k AWP Refund |
|-----|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £9 268,00 | REFUND SCENARIO | | | RESULT |
| d1 | £4 300,00 | Louise Spencer (Sister) | | Subsistance Loan | UNCLEARED |
| d2 | £2 500,00 | Robert Skelding (Forme | r Director) | Overpayment | UNCLEARED |
| d3 | £2 000,00 | Anne Webber (Mother) | | Subsistance Loan | UNCLEARED |
| d4 | £1 800,00 | Electric and Hybrid | | Advert - Article | CLEARED |
| d5 | £6 800,00 | Ben Collins | | Unpaid Expenses | CLEARED |
| | £17 400,00 | | | | |
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| | £2 800,00 | Rent Payment (From my | y expenses | repayment) | CLEARED |
| | £2 200,00 | Credit Card Payment (F | rom my expe | enses repayment) | CLEARED |
| | £2 600,00 | Carbon Down Launch (V | Vith remainir | ng funds) | STALLED |
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Debt Analysis: BV £3,000 Only Refund AWP Ltd Funds

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| d2 | £2 500,00 | Robert Skelding (Former Director) | Overpayment | UNCLEARED | | |
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I am asking for is the return of my money I saved up and worked such long hours for, so that I can take my personal life and this eco-technology to the next level. From my perspective this system rewards skullduggery and dishonesty, whilst punishing honesty, tax paying and saving.

Date: Tue, Are you coming to see our dying Mum or have you not got the airfare?

Subject: tks for yr reply
To: collinsben@hotmail.com

OK buzz respect your point of view. Mustve been hard to write.

I'm more worried about certain phraseologies-

'once a person loses respect for the other then communication and relations become impossible' this is like the crap at Relate meetings, California English. It is all bollocks.

Anyhow it is up to you.

When I close my eyes I see Mum when she was 35 anyway NOT NOW!

Anyhow I am near enough a this stage for essential shopping etc. Louise is coming this weekend to discuss the long term. I hope it is fast, which people find sick, but they are wrong and I am right (where did I get that from). Anyhow it is alarmingly fast so far.

Maybe you could come when I am there as I am quite good at defusing her..... maybe she sees a mirror and is horiffied.....lol

Date: Sun, 31 Aug 2008 21:12:04 +0000 From: patrick.collins11@btinternet.com

Subject: Snus crisis

To: collinsben@hotmail.com

Good thing about the internet is you can worry about things that you didn't even know were happenning - can I just say how disgusted I am at the hounding of the Snus users in Aland and Swedish speaking Finland. What a joke. I am now a fanatical Aland independencer. Gangsters are taking over the Turku ferry with their Snus. I never fancied being a gangster but there could be an opening there.

Are you coming to see our dying Mum or have you not got the airfare? We will need all hands to the deck in the last stages. Deterioration since Easter is appalling. I drive up a lot often as I can. MND is different to asthma which is just a waste of time as it either kills you like my mate Jon's Dad or it doesn't and is just a pian in the arse. I spent my precious holiday watching the Olympics with Mum, we got on fine except for the first half an hour when she was tyring to make me do jobs

Re: MND

From: Patrick Collins (patrick.collins11@btinternet.com)

Sent: Monday, July 07, 2008 8:25:36 PM
To: Ben Collins (collinsben@hotmail.com)

Anyway Mum was pleased you had been emailing people, even if it turned out to be irrelevant. It is OK we had that meeting today. I am still a bit baffled if this is MND as Mu m immediately HID al the help info so the other people on the ward couldnt see it.

The short term prob is the accentuation of the problem caused by the back of the neck scrunching up and disorganising the signals. The bloke wants to operate. Tomorow we get to meet him.

---- Original Message ----

From: Ben Collins <collinsben@hotmail.com>

To: lou & chris spencer <spencer.christopher@wanadoo.fr>; Patrick Collins <patrick.collins11@btin Sent: Monday. 7 July. 2008 6:55:24 PM

Subject: MND

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Motor_neurone_disease

Prognosis

Most cases of MND progress quite quickly, with noticeable decline occurring over the course of months. Although symptoms may present in one region, they will typically spread. If restricted to one side of the body they are more likely to progress to the same region on the other side of the body before progressing to a new region. After several years, most patients require help to carry out activities of daily living such as self care, feeding, and transportation.

MND is typically fatal within 2-5 years. Around 50% die within 14 months of diagnosis. The remaining 50% will not necessarily die within the next 14 months as the distribution is significantly skewed. As a rough estimate, 1 in 5 patients survive for 5 years, and 1 in 10 patients survive 10 years. [citation needed] Professor Stephen Hawking is a well-known example of a person with MND, and has lived for more than 40 years with the disease.

Mortality normally results when control of the diaphragm is impaired and the ability to breathe is lost. One exception is PLS, which may last for upwards of 25 years. Given the typical age of onset, this effectively leaves most PLS patients with a normal life span. PLS can progress to ALS, decades later.

The decision making at QLTR effects peoples lives are massively, both positively or negatively. It is safe to say that for me right now, a pound today, is worth a hundred next year.

Absolutely Last Notice to Clear My Flat by 19th September-Where Myself and Best Friends Noel and Vladimir Have Lived For Years (8,6 and 4 Respectively).

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The QLTR Application was received 18th March 2008. I was still waiting on Friday Evening 5th September for any kind of payment despite statements that i would be payed in most communications from QLTR. QLTR have known about this eviction order for two months but Im still waiting for their payment, I am curious to know which other work was more urgent than this? What contempt do they have for people and personal circumstances? While I appreciate this is a moderately complicated legal process, my original application in March 15th was comprehensive, so much so that only a single issue was raised from it. There is no excuse for a six month delay in payment, even if it is only £3,000 from a potential pot of £20,740. Public offices should perform to a reasonable timing standard, six months must be well below that standard and caused me sleepless nights for three months regarding the loss of my flat which may or may not happen in the next few days. This situation that would have been avoided with faster QLTR turnaround. Doesn't this department have performance standards? What happened to ISO 2000 etc?

Dream Penthouse First Hand Contract and Home Lost

- Non payment by QLTR has resulted in the cancellation of my first hand rental contract for arguably the best penthouse in Gothenburg, overlooking the river, ocean, rocks, parks and western city.
- First hand contracts for any flat in Gothenburg are extremely difficult to attain.
- First hand contracts for penthouses like these are quite literally, unobtainable.
- Wherever I eventually move to next I will inveitably be paying out more money for a much lower grade of residence.
- Even if payment is received today it is unknown if the contract can be recovered as my credit rating has been destroyed and my contract cancelled.
- Without a credit rating it is unlikely I will be able to secure a first hand contract again.
- Any 100% mortgage house purchase I attempt will now incur a savage interest rate after this credit debacle. This kind of cost does not go away and will hang around for 20 years.
- This is also the home to two other people, now homeless, side victims in this charade.
- My personal standing amongst my peers and circle of associates is now rock bottom.
- I have lost track of the number of people I have heard tell me that "I was the last guy etc".
- I am unlikely to ever share a flat with such stand up people as Vladimir and Noel, who have both remained cordial and supportive during this very stressful time.
- I have no regrets for my actions, while working unpaid I have created a I stroke engine for ultra efficient fuel energy extraction combined with ultra high yield wind turbines which can manufacture methanol fuel from buffered hydrogen. One day hopefully this work can be published and promoted. Unfortunately a *Scottish Office* department has failed to deliver on their basic function and this has led to a catastrophic and unexpected shortfall in funding.
- Roughly €100 euros each pw inc bills for a penthouse, unbelievable value!
- A sad end of a very happy eight years in my home.







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Three People made Homeless Due to Slow Processing at QLTR A Mermaid, a Pirate and a Surfer



(This is a taxi not the back of a police van!)

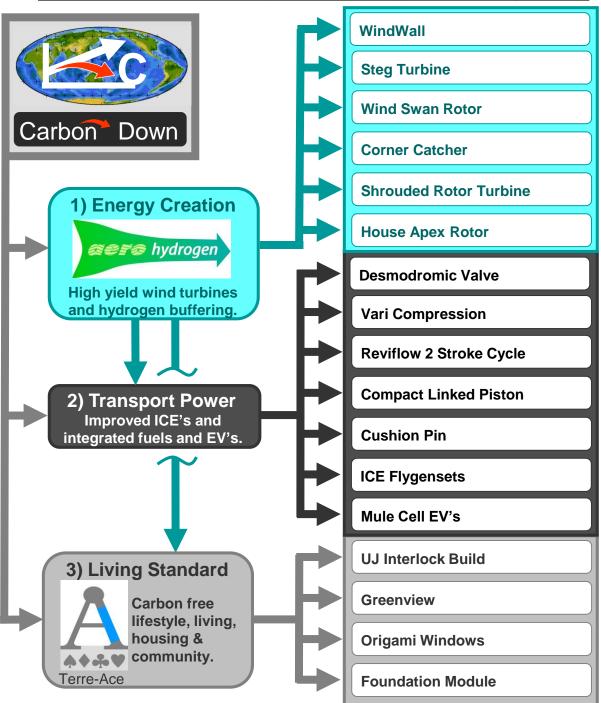
QLTR were informed July 23rd in writing that I needed this money which I had been waiting for since mid March otherwise I faced eviction (including attaching the legal notice). This information still didnt hurry them along and here we are September 8th and I have to leave my home of eight years because other people cannot get on with their job.

In addition I have to eject my best friends that I have lived with for 4 and 6 years and we all have to suffer the ignomony of asking our entire circle of friends for sofa's etc. Meanwhile I regale some unlikely sounding story about not getting money from Scotland despite promises.

The money QLTR are offering was only £3,000 from a pot of £20,740, but even this would have resolved all the issues. I am also coping with several other stacking issues such as illegal sequestration of assets by the Swedish tax office. Unfortunately these government agencies expect little powerless people like me on low income for charitable purposes to roll over and hand over cash whilst they perform their backward sums on two fore fingers and a thumb. No doubt I will get a tax return in December like in the previous years, but that is no help today.

Diagram of Carbon-Down Project and Interrelated Resolutions to Eliminate Fossil Fuel Burning: Better For Economies, People and Earth

Carbon-Down "Paper Concept" Family Tree



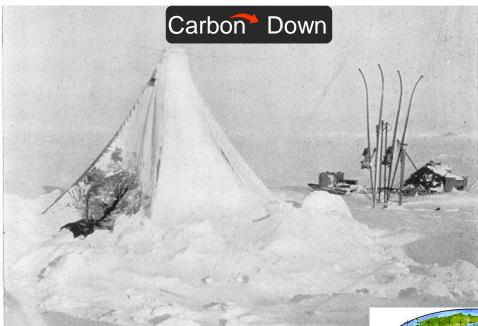
A long list of derived unproven paper concepts.

Publication and consultation with industry will see individual ideas selected or rejected on merit. Each paper concept focuses on improving performance and reducing costs. This project has been self funded and ongoing for eighteen years, with five years unpaid work in the last eight, with the other three years working to pay bills in between.

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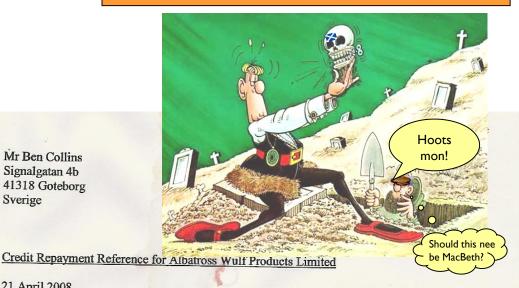
Not Much Fun living like this for Long Periods





- Carbon-Down project, how long will it stall?
- With BV AWP Ltd funds it can be launched.
- 5 years unpaid Eco-tech development is ready to rock.
- 42 Stalled Technologies to eliminate carbon burning.

Something Is Rotten in the State of Scotland



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Mr Ben Collins

21 April 2008

Dear Mr Collins,

Further to your recent correspondence, I write to advise that our Legal Department has confirmed that Albatross Wulf Products Limited did repay the grant and loan made to them by Scottish Enterprise Borders. The final payment was received on 21st May 1999.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Tisker

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Scottish Enterprise Borders

David Gass Chief Executive

Im frustrated by a process that all time pretends it is doing me a favour by "letting me have £3,000". I now live abroad and simply is not possible to restart a Scottish company when you live in Sweden and your sister lives in France (other shareholder). I have no office available to me in Scotland and my accounts were corrupted illegally in 1999 by a person wanting me to trade offshore.

The reason I left my lovely life and house in 1997 Galashiels Scotland was to pay off the debt to the Scottish Office, I also paid off the grant I received for moving too Scotland, because I had since moved away from Scotland in order to pay off the loan received from Scottish Office (!). I do not complain however about having to pay money back and did so as an alternative to winding up the company. Yet now it is the Scottish Office that is refusing to pay out on the extra money earned and saved fair and square and reserved in the dissolved company. DUH!

That is not fair, and it does not take Solomon to appreciate that.

Solicitor Sought for Court Action Versus QLTR Unit

Ben Collins 690309-5096, Signalgatan 4b, 41318 Göteborg, Sverige. 0046 708 453589

Solicitor

19th November, 2008

European Court Action Ben Collins Versus QLTR

Dear Solicitor,

I have been pursuing repayment of £20,740 in reserved funds and overpaid taxes from my company involuntarily dissolved in 1999 from the QLTR Scottish Office which was applied for in mid March 2008. Though this application has been deemed successful in June, I am still waiting for a payment even though they have stated on several occassions to make it a priority. In addition they have deemed the maximum payout allowable is now £3,000 outwith guidelines, which is a strange reward for carefully building up my savings and overpaying taxes with hourly paid work at that time.

There have been some pretty severe personal consequences of this delay and non payment which I would also like recognised and compensated. This is not a back street business, when a government department states it will deliver money, they should do just that. When a government department sets out its terms of business in guidelines and those guidelines are meticulously followed by an applicant, that department should deliver.

Not paying out that BV money and introducing an artificial payment ceiling is against both natural justice and their terms of business (guidelines). You are invited you to consider this document and assess the case for reparative damages against QLTR for non payment and or slow payment, as well as recovering the BV payment due. I think I have suffered either poor service or even malpractice at the hand of the Scottish Office QLTR unit, plus they have declined several settlement opportunities.

All background correspondences and contacts have been collated into a fully referenced document for your analysis contained on CD.

Maybe this case is a little to ambitious (!), taking on the Law Department of the Scottish Government, but in my opinion there is a case to be answered, if you share that opinion please get in touch. In the longer term I expect this case may get a result in the European court.

The legal point to answer in my none legal amateur estimation is thus:

Did QLTR make or have any intention to make a fair payout according to the spirit of Bono Vacatia? In my opinion the answer to that question is a clear no and constitutes malpractice.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Collins (collinsben@hotmail.com)

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