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Emergency services magazine publisher wound up in court

The Hannay Partnership Limited was wound up on 2 August 2019 by District Judge Matharu at the High Court in Manchester following an investigation by the Insolvency Service. The Official Receiver has been appointed as liquidator.

At the hearing to consider the petition to wind up the company, the court heard that the Hannay Partnership, incorporated in March 2013, claimed to publish three quarterly magazines in support of the emergency services, entitled "To the Rescue", "Survivor" and "On Call".

From February 2015, the company cold-called local companies, societies and schools to sell advertising space in its magazines generating, on average, around £7,500 per week. However, sales staff made a variety of false and misleading claims to prospective advertisers in order to secure their business.

These claims included staff pretending to be members of the emergency services, misrepresenting the print runs and circulations of the magazines, and claiming that the proceeds from the publications were used for the benefit of the emergency services.

Insolvency Service investigators were told that the company produced 6,000 magazines per year across all editions, which were then distributed to emergency service premises for free.

The investigation found, however, that the company printed 450 magazines in total in 2017, and only 200 during 2018. Investigators found no evidence that the magazines were distributed to emergency service personnel, or that any financial contribution had been made by the company to the services or associated charities.

Scott Crighton, Chief Investigator for the Insolvency Service, said:

The Hannay Partnership manipulated the national goodwill towards our emergency services, using deliberately misleading practices to secure revenue that was then not used for the advertised purposes.

We welcome the court's decision to wind up the Hannay Partnership in the public interest, stopping this unscrupulous behaviour in its tracks and ensuring that businesses and individuals that choose to contribute financially to our emergency services can do so in confidence that their donations will be passed on.

Members of the public who have been affected by the actions of the Hannay Partnership can contact the Official Receiver at piu.north@insolvency.gov.uk quoting CIB57536, with details of their case.

The Hannay Partnership Ltd (Company Number 08435649).

The petition was presented under s124A of the Insolvency Act 1986 on 3 May 2019 by the Insolvency Service on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The Official Receiver was appointed as provisional liquidator of the companies on 15 May 2019 by HHJ Hodge QC, a Judge of the High Courts of Justice Business and Property Courts in Manchester.

Company Investigations, part of the Insolvency Service, uses powers under the Companies Act 1985 to conduct confidential fact-finding investigations into the activities of live limited companies in the UK on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). [Further information about live company investigations is available here.](#)

[Further information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct, is available here.](#)

You can also follow the Insolvency Service on:

SBRI development contracts: apply for funding

Businesses can apply for development contracts in a range of sectors, to help public sector organisations and government departments use innovation to solve their problems.

Wave Energy Scotland – feasibility studies

Wave Energy Scotland is aiming to reduce the duration, cost and risk of offshore operations for early stage wave energy converters.

This competition focusses on the technology and operations used to make the connection between a wave energy device and its moorings and/or electrical system.

The competition is open for applications and closes at midday on 16 September 2019.

CivTech 4.0 challenges

CivTech, part of the Scottish Government's digital directorate, has launched a number of challenges offering SBRI funding. There are 11 challenges all running on separate deadlines.

UK Seafood Innovation Fund

The Seafood Innovation Fund is a 3-year, £10 million research and development (R&D) fund focusing on:

- delivering longer term, cutting-edge innovation across the seafood sector
- helping to take innovative ideas from early stage research to commercial viability

This competition aims to support the development and testing of innovative technologies across a range of sector areas including:

- primary producers
- onshore supply chains
- marine and diadromous fisheries
- marine and land-based aquaculture

There are 2 options for applicants:

- smaller feasibility studies designed to test new ideas (proof of concept) and can be up to a maximum £50,000 value and 3 months' duration
- larger full R&D projects for more developed ideas, up to a maximum value of £250,000 and 18 months' duration

The competition is open and the closing date is midday on 12 September.

2019 CRACK IT challenges

NC3Rs has announced 3 new challenges for 2019:

- Sharp and to the point – developing needles for high throughput and critical compound administration in mice
- CleanCut – animal free tumourigenicity assessment of genome edited human haematopoietic stem cells
- Transgene Track – development of a sensitive absolute quantification method for tracking AAV gene therapies and CAR-T cells in vivo

Point-of-care diagnostics at the frontline

The Defence and Security Accelerator is seeking proposals for innovative 'point of care' diagnostics technologies that provide earlier diagnosis, improved treatment and long-term health outcomes for individuals exposed to chemical and biological hazards.

The competition is open and closes on 26 September 2019 at midday.

Meeting British citizens across Croatia

The British Embassy in Zagreb held meetings across Croatia to update British citizens working and living in the country and answering their questions regarding Britain's departure from the European Union.

In our team's continuous effort to reach as many British expats in Croatia as possible, we will be announcing further outreach meetings here and via direct email and social media channels. Should you wish to receive such emails please subscribe by writing to ukcitizensincroatia@britishembassy.hr.

Previous British citizens outreach meetings

Thursday 28 February Zagreb

Thursday 7 March Rijeka

Thursday 14 March Split

Further British citizens outreach meetings

September – details will be provided

October

The meetings are free and once you've registered, you will receive a confirmation email that includes the precise location of the meeting. The meetings will start with a short introduction to update you on the progress made so far in the negotiations and will be followed by a Q&A session.

For questions concerning your rights as a British citizen in Croatia [contact us](#).

If you have any suggestions for other towns and places that could host our citizens outreach meetings, please email ukcitizensincroatia@britishembassy.hr.

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