In the months leading up to March 2019, the Companies were under pressure from key suppliers in Liberia to settle outstanding payments. A number of payment plans were entered into with suppliers, but the administration of the UK Group entities was causing additional concern amongst suppliers.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) filed winding up petitions against the Companies in respect of group VAT liabilities with a hearing due to take place on 22 May 2019.