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Dear Sirs,

#### Western Pacific Insurance Limited (in Liquidation)

We refer to the above named matter and to the Order of the Court dated 14 June 2012 (the "Court Order").

The Court Order includes a requirement for the liquidators to provide bi-monthly reports to creditors and policyholders. These reports must include details of the work completed and costs and expenses incurred in relation to the realisation of the reinsurance proceeds.

Pursuant to the Court Order, below is a summary of costs incurred between 1 August 2015 and 30 September 2015. The below summary should be read in conjunction with the Liquidators' Six Monthly Report dated 16 October 2015, a copy of which is attached for your reference.

	\$
Loss adjustors and engineers	50,062
Claim office costs	20,197
Legal fees (non-earthquake)	8,107
Legal fees (reinsurance)	0.00
Liquidators fees (non-earthquake)	6,715
Liquidators fees (reinsurance)	45,847
Total	\$130,928

Copies of all reports in respect of this liquidation are available from our website: www.grantthornton.co.nz/Western-pacific-insurance/index.html.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Brodie Feaver on 04 498 9933 or brodie.feaver@gt.nz.com.

Yours sincerely

Richard Simpson Liquidator Western Pacific Insurance Limited (In Liquidation)



## Liquidators' Six Monthly Report on the State of Affairs of

Western Pacific Insurance Limited (In Liquidation)

16 October 2015

Company Number: 1222877

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### Introduction

David Ian Ruscoe and Simon John Thorn, of Grant Thornton New Zealand, were appointed jointly and severally as liquidators of Western Pacific Insurance Limited (in Liquidation) ("the Company") on 1 April 2011 at 4:00 pm by special resolution of the Shareholders.

Simon John Thorn vacated the position of liquidator on 26 June 2013 and was replaced by Richard Grant Simpson.

We set out below our report on the state of the affairs of the above named Company as required by section 255 of the Companies Act 1993.

### Restrictions

All information contained in this report is provided in accordance with Section 255 of the Companies Act 1993.

The statements and opinions expressed herein have been made in good faith, and on the basis that all information relied upon by us is true and accurate in all material respects, and not misleading by reason of omission or otherwise.

We have not independently verified the accuracy of the information provided to us, and have not conducted any form of audit in respect of the company. We express no opinion on the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us and upon which we have relied. Whilst all care and attention has been taken in compiling this report, we do not accept any liability whatsoever arising from this report.

The statements and opinions expressed in this report are based on information available and assumptions made as at the date of this report. It is possible that actual outcomes may be significantly different from those disclosed in this report.

We reserve the right, but will be under no obligation, to review or amend our report, as additional information becomes available.

In addition the following should be noted:

- Certain values included in tables in this report have been rounded and therefore may not add exactly.
- All amounts are stated in New Zealand dollars.

# Conduct of the liquidation in the preceding six months

#### **Statement of Realisation and Distribution**

Attached as an appendix is a statement of realisation and distribution showing the receipts and payments for the six month period ending 30 September 2015 along with a summary of cash movements since our appointment.

#### **Asset Realisation**

#### Reinsurance

To advance negotiations with the other reinsurers efficiently, we have instructed the loss adjusters to review the largest earthquake claims first. This does not mean that the largest claims will receive a settlement of their claim in advance of other Canterbury policy holders. Distributions to Canterbury policy holders will occur after all earthquake claims have been quantified and agreed.

We continue to work closely with the loss adjusters to progress the claims. We regularly meet with the loss adjusters and engineers as part of our ongoing procedures to monitor their progress.

In our last report, our estimate for the completion of the loss assessment was 30 September 2015. Although the majority of the substantial claims have been finalised within this time frame, there remain a number of claims that are still with the loss adjusters. Our current estimate for completion of loss assessment of the earthquake claims is by 30 October 2015.

	Sept 2010 Earthqua		Feb 2011 Earthqual	ke	Total cla	ims
Note	Number of claims	Value	Number of claims	Value	Number o claims	of Value
	No.	\$	No.	\$	No.	\$
1 Claims assessed and accepted	13	\$10.30m	9	\$13.48m	22	\$23.78m
2 Assessed claims	35	\$10.31m	34	\$11.94m	69	\$22.25m *
3 Claims partially assessed	7	\$1.33m *	4	\$5.89m *	11	\$7.22m *
4 Claims with loss adjustor	30 s	\$1.36m *	67	\$10.92m *	97	\$12.29m *
5 Closed	10	-	-	-	10	-
-	95	\$23.30m *	114	\$42.24m *	209	\$65.54m

This table provides a summary of the status of the claims as it currently stands:

\* Estimated values. We expect that the quantum of claims may increase as assessments are completed. Note:

1) Claims have been fully assessed and insured parties have formally accepted the quantified loss.

2) Claims have been fully assessed; however insured parties are yet to formally accept the quantified loss.

3) The material damage component of these claims has been quantified; the business interruption component is yet to be fully quantified by loss adjustors.

4) Claims are being quantified by loss adjustors.

5) Losses for these claims have been quantified as NIL prior to our appointment.

Since our last statutory report, we have submitted a further \$20.34 million in claims to the reinsurance brokers. These claims make up the largest claims under the reinsurance policies.

The following is an estimate of the reinsurance recovery as at 30 September 2015.

	\$	\$
Total reinsurance proceeds available - estimated33	,913,777	
Less outstanding reinsurance premiums - estimated (1,	725,890)	
Total net reinsurance recoveries - estimated		32,187,887
Less:		
Total received by liquidators as at 30 September 2015 (net of outstanding	g	(3,859,063)
premiums)	_	
Total reinsurance recoveries yet to be received - estimated		
(subject to costs)	_	\$28,328,824

As at 30 September 2015 we have received \$3.859 million from the reinsurers after allowing for premiums paid and deducted by the reinsurers. We note that in October 2015 we received a further \$504,687 from the reinsurers. We continue to liaise with various reinsurers in regards to the assessed claims and expected recoveries.

#### **Debtor recoveries**

During the last six months we have continued with our legal proceedings to collect the Company's debtors, relating to unremitted premiums held by various brokers. During the last six months, \$74,603 was recovered from the brokers. Claims have been served on the relevant brokers and we are continuing with the court process in the coming months. Any funds realised from this process will be for the benefit of preferential and unsecured creditors, including any shortfall from earthquake claims.

#### **Secured Creditors**

Following the Judgement of Simon France J on 9 December 2011, we received the Order of the Court dated 14 June 2012 ("Court Order"). The Court Order confirms the reinsurance monies payable to the Company and/or the liquidators are charged to the Canterbury Policy Holders.

The ruling and subsequent order from the High Court means that Canterbury Policyholders, being those policyholders with claims in respect of the Canterbury earthquakes on 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011, have a charge over the reinsurance recoverable in respect of such events.

There are no other secured claims, with the exception of the specific securities held in respect of office equipment which we are continuing to use in the claims office. The debt owing to the General Security Agreement holder was satisfied by the time of our appointment.

The estimated claims in relation to the Canterbury Policy Holders are \$65.54 million as set out on the previous page.

#### **Preferential Creditors**

Inland Revenue has a preferential claim of \$87,559 and amounts owing to employees at our appointment were \$117,932.

We expect that preferential creditors will receive a distribution in the next 12 months. Any such distribution will be dependent on recovery of outstanding debtors.

#### **Unsecured Creditors**

The following is a summary of the Company's estimated total unsecured claims at the date of this report:

\$	5
Estimated insurance claims (non-earthquake)	15,380,276
Trade creditors	1,154,394
Unexpired premiums	740,794
Broker commissions	10,967
Total estimated unsecured claims	17,286,431

It is noted the estimated insurance claims include all claims other than those in respect of the Canterbury Earthquakes on 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011 which we have noted above.

## Proposals for completing the liquidation

We expect that the loss assessment work will be completed on all notified earthquake claims by the end of October 2015. Recovering proceeds from reinsurance in respect of such claims is on-going and we expect this to be completed in 2016.

#### **Canterbury Policy Holders**

We have previously requested that policyholders provide any and all information they may hold to substantiate the insurance claims made in respect of the Canterbury earthquakes on 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011.

If further information has become available in relation to the earthquake claims, please contact the claims office on 09 365 1642 or <u>claims@westernpacins.com</u>.

#### **Claims Assessment**

As outlined above, loss adjustment is now progressing on all claims notified.

#### Likelihood of Dividend to Unsecured Creditors

It is not possible at this stage to determine whether any dividend will be available for ordinary unsecured creditors, however based on the information available, it appears unlikely. The recovery of unremitted premiums from brokers and/or any other source identified by the liquidators will determine what funds are available for distribution to creditors.

#### **Concluding the Liquidation**

We estimate that the liquidation will be completed in 2016. This is dependent on the loss assessment and reinsurance recovery work being completed in line with current expectations.

The liquidators will provide further updates to creditors when sufficient information becomes available. Should you have any queries in relation to any matter raised in this report please contact us on <u>westernpac@nz.gt.com</u> or refer to the Grant Thornton website.

**Dated:** 16 October 2015

Richard Simpson Liquidator

# Appendix – Statement of realisation & distribution

	For the 6month period ending 30 September 2015 \$	For the combined period from 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2015 \$
Opening funds on hand	449,205	246,918
Receipts (excluding GST where applicable)		
Interest received	8,830	112,536
Collection of debtors	74,603	432,363
Insuranœ premiums reœived post appointment	-	10,877
Reinsurance proceeds (net of premiums due)	1,572,770	3,859,063
Sale of assets (net of expenses)	-	26,286
Proceeds from daims settled	-	24,398
Liquidator's funding for reinsuranœ premiums	-	346,403
Sundry receipts	810	6,560
GST on receipts	121	5,197
GST refund received	39,568	399,579
Total receipts	1,696,702	5,223,262
Payments (excluding GST where applicable)		
Claims office costs:	62,827	871,852
Claim assessment payments:	116,119	404,629
Repayment of Liquidator's funding for reinsurance premiums:	-	346,403
Other costs incurred:		-
Reinsurance premiums paid directly	-	430,173
Bank fees	110	1,254
Consultant fees	-	41,761
Professional Services Other	-	11,197
Public Trust Fees	-	3,469
Debt collection costs	-	2,924
Liquidator's insuranœ	-	24,665
Legal fees - Canterbury Policy Holders	-	103,236
Legal and advisory fees	244,021	620,975
Liquidators fees	702,314	1,335,513
Distribution to seared areditor	-	4,739
Refund of premiums received post liquidation	-	3,453
GST on payments	162,044	405,466
Total Payments	1,287,435	4,611,707
Net receipts/payments for the period	409,267	611,555
Closing funds on hand	858,472	858,472
Represented by:*		
Funds charged to Canterbury Policy Holders		478,749
Funds charged to other creditors		372,298
Funds received post appointment to be refunded		7,424
Total funds on hand		858,472
* split is an approximation based on information durrently available		

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