



# Western Pacific Insurance Limited (in Liquidation)

Report to Creditors dated 19 December 2013

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# Introduction

On 1 April 2011, the Shareholders by Special Resolution appointed David Ian Ruscoe and Simon John Thorn, of Grant Thornton New Zealand Limited, as Joint and Several Liquidators of Western Pacific Insurance Limited (“the Company”).

Simon Thorn vacated the position of Liquidator on 27 June 2013 and was replaced by Richard Grant Simpson.

## **Reporting**

In addition to our six monthly statutory reports we are also to provide bi-monthly reports to creditors and policyholders in accordance with the Order of the Court dated 14 June 2012. The Order of the Court requires the reports to contain details of the work completed, costs and expenses in relation to the realisation of reinsurance proceeds.

Copies of all reports in respect of this liquidation are available from our website:

<http://www.granthornton.co.nz/western-pacific-insurance/index.html>

## **Claims office**

The claims department can be contacted on (09) 365 1642 or [claims@westernpacins.com](mailto:claims@westernpacins.com).

Address: PO Box 31065, Lower Hutt Box Lobby, Lower Hutt, 5040.

# Canterbury Policy Holders

## Entitlement to Reinsurance Proceeds

As reported previously, we expect to receive an estimated \$33.9 million from the company's reinsurers in respect of claims made by policy holders for loss arising out of the two main earthquakes in Christchurch, New Zealand on 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011.

## Claims summary

The following is an update on the claims position along with an estimate of the reinsurance recovery at the time of writing this report.

	\$
Claims – Sept 2010 Earthquake	13,919,085
Claims – Feb 2011 Earthquake	34,408,143
<b>Estimated Total claims</b>	<b>48,327,228</b>
Reinsurance recovery estimate	33,913,777
Reinsurance premiums due	1,725,889
<b>Estimated claims shortfall</b>	<b>16,139,340</b>

We expect there will be a shortfall of funds available for claims and also expect that the quantum of claims may increase as assessment of same is completed.

## Conduct of Liquidation

We have been using the funds received in June from one of the Reinsurers to progress a number of earthquake claims. Loss adjusters are currently progressing some sixty claims with a total estimated value of approximately \$37 million and will continue to work through the remaining claims.

The progress of assessing claims is slower than we hoped due to the lack of available engineers. The demand for their skills in the Canterbury area has meant that they do not have the capacity to assess multiple claims at a time. We are in regular dialogue with them to ensure that any capacity is used to progress our claims.

To advance negotiations with the other reinsurers efficiently, we have instructed the loss adjusters to review the largest earthquake claims first.

During the previous two months we have undertaken the following:

- Submitted a further claim to the panel of reinsurers
- Reviewed claims received in respect of the Canterbury earthquakes and maintained claims estimates and kept the Reinsurers apprised of such amounts
- Preparing claim information in order to obtain further reinsurance proceeds
- Continued recovery efforts to realise the significant unremitted premiums held by brokers
- Continued to operate the claims department

### Costs

The following is a summary of costs incurred during the two months ended 30 November 2013.

	\$
Legal fees	11,886
Liquidators fees (reinsurance and earthquake claim matters)	23,097
Liquidators fees (other matters)	4,683
Claim department costs	20,492
Assessment costs	100,000
	<u>160,157</u>

# Other Matters

## Contact details

Please forward general enquiries to [westernpac@nz.gt.com](mailto:westernpac@nz.gt.com) and we will respond as soon as possible.

For any claims enquiries please call (09) 365 1642 or forward to [claims@westernpacins.com](mailto:claims@westernpacins.com).

## Further information

Further information including correspondence to date and documents relating to our application for Court directions are available on our website [www.grantthornton.co.nz](http://www.grantthornton.co.nz).

## Disclaimer

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The contents of this report are based on the information available to us at the date of this report. If we become aware of any additional information not known to us at the date of this report, we reserve the right, but shall not be obliged to, review or update this report.