

# Western Pacific Insurance Limited (in Liquidation)

Report to Creditors dated 31 August 2017



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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 26 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.grantthornton.co.nz/western-pacific-insurance/index.html>

## Claims office

The claims office is now closed. Please contact Dave Conway on (04) 495 1708 or [dave.conway@nz.gt.com](mailto:dave.conway@nz.gt.com) or David Ruscoe on [David.Ruscoe@nz.gt.com](mailto:David.Ruscoe@nz.gt.com) for any queries.

Address: C/- Grant Thornton, PO Box 10712, Wellington 6143.

# Canterbury Policy Holders

## Claims assessment

As detailed previously, below is a summary of the status of the accepted claims.

Type of claim	September 2010 Earthquake		February 2011 Earthquake		Total both events	
	No. of claims	Value (\$) (excl. GST)	No. of claims	Value (\$) (excl. GST)	No. of claims	Value (\$) (excl. GST)
Accepted/ closed claims	98	23,243,792	117	41,965,796	215	65,209,588

## Reinsurance

We advise we have received all reinsurance monies available.

## Distribution

We have made distributions of reinsurance funds on hand on 23 February 2017, 29 June 2017 and will make a third distribution shortly.

The following table provides details of the first and second distribution.

Earthquake	Sep-10		Feb-11	
	Value (\$) (incl. GST)	% of tot. loss	Value (\$) (incl. GST)	% of tot. loss
Distribution 23.02.2017 (amount incl. GST)	9,171,742	35%	9,529,612	20%
Second distribution (amount incl. GST)	8,385,593	32%	6,704,450	14%

On the basis of the reinsurance monies received and the costs estimated to be incurred, we estimate CPH will further receive the following percentages of their losses, following receipt of GST refunds relating to the distributions.

Earthquake	Sep-10	Feb-11
	%	%
Further percentage estimated you will receive	Up to 7%	Up to 4%

The level of pay-out for each earthquake is different because of the different level of re-insurance held by Western Pacific and because of the higher value of claims for the February earthquake.

## Secured Creditors

The following is a summary of the assessed claims in the liquidation in relation to the CPH, before the initial distribution made in February.

	Claims value (\$) (excl. GST)	GST (\$)	Claim value (\$) (incl. GST)
September 2010 earthquake	22,786,937	3,418,041	26,204,978
February 2011 earthquake	41,642,548	6,246,382	47,888,930
<b>Total estimated claims</b>	<b>\$64,429,485</b>	<b>\$9,664,423</b>	<b>\$74,093,908</b>

Please note that the estimated claims detailed above differ from the previous page due to the ability to include certain costs some \$780,000 of the loss assessments in the claim to reinsurers

## Unsecured Creditors

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

	\$
Policy holders (Non CPH)	6,719,992
Trade Creditors	884,732
IRD	125,898
Employees	67,956
Broker commissions	1,000
<b>Total estimated unsecured claims</b>	<b>7,799,578</b>

We note that the shortfall from claims by the CPH will be classified as unsecured creditors. We estimated this additional amount to be in the range of \$35m to \$37m

There will be a distribution of funds held by the Public Trust, these funds total \$500,000 and are held as a deposit as is required by the Insurance Companies' Deposits Act 1953. Distribution of these funds are limited to policy holders only, this will include the extent of the shortfall of CPH reinsurance funds. It is expected that distribution of Public Trust funds will amount to less than a 1% recovery.

Following the above payments we expect there to be a small distribution to all unsecured creditors of less than one cent in the dollar. As mentioned above, CPH are entitled to claim as unsecured creditors to the extent of their shortfall from the reinsurance funds.

## Costs incurred

The following is a summary of costs incurred during the two months ended 31 August 2017

	\$
Bank Fees	17
Computer Costs and Photocopier	1,646
Liquidators fees (non-earthquake)	14,167
Liquidators fees (reinsurance)	72,275
Storage Costs	177
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,282</b>

# 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 Dave Conway on (04) 495 1708 or [dave.conway@nz.gt.com](mailto:dave.conway@nz.gt.com) for any queries.

## 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

The statements and opinions expressed in this report have been made in good faith, and on the basis that all information that we have relied upon is true and accurate in all material respects. In preparing this report we have relied upon, and have not necessarily independently verified, the information and explanations provided to us and we express no opinion as to the accuracy or completeness of that information, other than to note that our investigations are ongoing.

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.

## Concluding the Liquidation

We estimate that the liquidation will be completed early 2018.

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 [westernpac@nz.gt.com](mailto:westernpac@nz.gt.com) or refer to the Grant Thornton website.

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