

Ross Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation) ("RAM")
Bevis Marks Corporation Limited (In Liquidation)
McIntosh Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)
Mercury Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)
Dagger Nominees Limited (In Liquidation)
Ross Investment Management Limited (In Liquidation)
Ross Unit Trusts Management Limited (In Liquidation)
United Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)
together "the Ross Group Companies"

### **Outcome of Seventh Liquidation Committee Meeting**

The seventh meeting of the Liquidation Committee ("the Committee") was held on 16 December 2014 at PwC's offices in Wellington. Five committee members attended in person, one attended by telephone and one apology was received. This document is the Committee's agreed communication to be sent to all creditors and investors following the meeting. It was agreed that future communications concerning the liquidation process will continue to be sent from the Liquidator on behalf of the Committee.

This report is subject to the restrictions set out at Appendix A.

### **Proprietary claims**

Only a small number of proprietary claims remain. The Committee considered the remaining claims and provided guidance to the liquidators on each claim. It is unlikely any further claims of significance will be considered by the Committee, with the Committee suggesting a release of only \$225 worth of shares at this time.

#### **Share Realisations**

A summary of share realisations is attached at Appendix B. The shares which remain to be realised are generally with overseas brokers who will not realise them without a local Court order or are shares for which there is no market. (ie. no other parties are interested in buying them). The Liquidators have successfully had the liquidation orders recognised in one overseas jurisdiction, however, further work is required to obtain new shares certificates and then sell the shares. This work is ongoing. The liquidators are balancing the cost associated with doing so against any likely return.

#### David & Jillian Ross settlement

As previously advised, a settlement was reached with David and Jillian Ross and sanctioned by the High Court.

The properties in Eastbourne and Riversdale were transferred to RAM, placed on the market and sold for \$828,000 and \$85,000 before costs respectively.

The Woburn Road property was sold for \$1,772,745. Mr Ross' share of the net balance was received, costs were met and the balance was paid to RAM. The receiverships of the Woburn Ross Trust and the Chapman Ross Trusts have now ended.



50% in value of the chattels from Woburn Road are being sold by auctioneers, Dunbar Sloane, with the proceeds being paid to RAM. These are being treated as reparations from David Ross. To date \$22,929.35 has been received. There are unlikely to be any further receipts.

#### David Ross' Legal Fees

David Ross' legal fees were not agreed. An amount of money was set aside from the proceeds of sale of Woburn Road to cover these fees. A fee assessor used by the Law Society was appointed to review the fees and provide a decision on whether they are reasonable in the circumstances. It was recently concluded by the assessor that those fees are within a range that could be considered reasonable, given the work completed.

Accordingly, David Ross' legal advisors made an application to the High Court to have the fees approved and the monies released. The release of the monies for the fees was approved by the High Court on 11 December 2014.

#### Clawback

The three test cases are all currently before the Courts, with proceedings having been filed in all three instances. Confidentiality orders are in place and accordingly it is not appropriate to provide any specific detail on these matters.

The first test case is to be heard on 23 March 2015. The other two are not likely to be heard until the second half of 2015.

The outcome of these test cases should provide much clearer guidance on the circumstances when a claim should be brought. Further claims will then be considered. The potential sum recoverable from such claims could be substantial.

### Wider Investigations

Other than to support particular claims noted above, such as clawback, wider investigation is largely complete. In the event particular facts are brought to the liquidators' attention which require further examination, the liquidators' will do so, but it is now unlikely that any further assets or avenues for recovery will be identified through investigation.

#### Financial position

A summary of the receipts and payments, together with costs incurred but not paid, was presented to the meeting and discussed. As at 30 November 2014, the Liquidators had net funds on hand of \$3,175,889.92. A breakdown of the individual balances held for each Ross Group company is detailed below:

|  | \$  | 3,175,889.92 |
|--|-----|--------------|
| United Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)     | _\$ | 17,421.03    |
| Ross Unit Trusts Management Limited (In Liquidation) | \$  | 6.03         |
| Ross Investment Management Limited (In Liquidation)  | \$  | 3.16         |
| Ross Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)       | \$  | 2,076,726.69 |
| Mercury Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)    | \$  | 170.71       |
| McIntosh Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)   | \$  | 14.15        |
| Dagger Nominees Limited (In Liquidation)             | \$  | 1,081,503.10 |
| Bevis Marks Corporation Limited (In Liquidation)     | \$  | 45.05        |



Detailed receipts and payments accounts to 30 November 2014 for each company are attached at Appendix C.

The increase in the bank balance in RAM and the decrease in the bank balances of the majority of other companies has occurred due to monies realised within those companies being distributed to the receivers of David Ross personally. Those monies have, in turn, been paid to RAM as reparations from David Ross.

At 30 November 2014 a further \$22,434 of time costs and a further \$1,927 of disbursements had been incurred by the Liquidators but not been paid. A further \$65,063 of legal costs had also been incurred but had not yet been paid.

#### **Distribution to Creditors and Investors**

It is still not possible to give an indication of the likely value of any distribution. The outcome of clawback claims may materially impact the available funds to distribute. The Committee determined that it will consider a distribution model once the result of all clawback claims has been established.

If you have any other queries, please submit your enquiry through the on-line form via PWC's website, through the dedicated phone line (04) 462 7040, by writing to our mailing address or to the email address above. The Liquidators will endeavour to respond to all enquiries as quickly as possible where appropriate. Please mark any queries for the Liquidation Committee so that these can be passed to them for consideration.

Dated 16 January 2015

John Fisk Liquidator



# Appendix A

#### Restrictions

The statements and opinions expressed herein have been made in good faith, and on the basis that all information relied upon 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 information provided to us, and have not conducted any form of audit in respect of the Group Companies. Accordingly, 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 as at the date of the report.

We reserve the right, but will be under no obligation, to review or amend our report, if any additional information, which was in existence on the date of this report was not brought to our attention, or subsequently comes to light.

We have relied on forecasts and assumptions prepared by the Group Companies about future events which, by their nature, are not able to be independently verified. Inevitably, some assumptions may not materialise and unanticipated events and circumstances are likely to occur. Therefore, actual results in the future will vary from the forecasts upon which we have relied. These variations may be material.

In addition the following should be noted:

- Certain numbers included in tables throughout this report have been rounded and therefore do not add exactly.
- Unless otherwise stated all amounts are stated in New Zealand dollar

#### Ross Group Companies (In Liquidation)

Share Realisation Summary at

30/11/2014

#### PORTFOLIO VALUATION

| Shares held by RAM Entities | Valuation of<br>Holdings (1) | Unlikely to be<br>realised (2) | Valuation of realisable holdings |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| NZ Holdings                 | \$1,320,362.09               | -\$3,490.35                    | \$1,316,871.74                   |
| Australian Holdings         | \$2,923,679.68               | -\$473,469.32                  | \$2,450,210.36                   |
| USA Holdings                | \$698,398.26                 | -\$50,352.54                   | \$648,045.72                     |
| Other Country Holdings      | \$1,026,608.49               | -\$1,401.50                    | \$1,025,206.99                   |
| Totals                      | \$5,969,048.52               | -\$528,713.71                  | \$5,440,334.81                   |

#### SHARE REALISATIONS

| Shares held by RAM Entities | Net Realisations to Date (4) | Yet to be Realised | Shares Subject to<br>Verified Proprietary<br>Claims (6) | Troprictary claims | Estimated Total<br>Realisations available<br>for Investors &<br>Creditors (8) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| NZ Holdings                 | \$1,184,238,50               |                    |   | -\$138.908.25      |   |
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| Australian Holdings         | \$1,690,223.12               |                    | , ,   |                    | 1 -1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1  |
| USA Holdings                | \$185,316.41                 | \$407,756.36       | \$0.00  | -\$158,945.90      | \$434,126.87  |
| Other Country Holdings      | \$425,008.64                 | \$558,819.69       | -\$253,742.81   | \$0.00             | \$730,085.52  |
|                             |                              |                    |   |                    |   |
| Totals                      | \$3,484,786.68               | \$1,311,152.65     | -\$345,871.75   | -\$439,213.94      | \$4,010,853.64  |

#### RECONCILIATION OF REALISATIONS RECEIVED

| Shares held by RAM Entities | Gross Realisations<br>to Date (9) | Share Realisations<br>Received to Date | Realisations Yet to<br>be Received from<br>Brokers (11) | Brokerage Fees Paid | Net Realisations to<br>Date (4) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| NZ Holdings                 | \$1,192,629.98                    | \$1,162,314.16                         | \$21,924.34   | -\$8,391.48         | \$1,184,238.50                  |
| Australian Holdings         | \$1,726,676.02                    | \$1,680,926.53                         | \$9,296.59  | -\$36,452.90        | \$1,690,223.12                  |
| USA Holdings                | \$195,238.76                      | \$185,316.42                           | -\$0.01   | -\$9,922.35         | \$185,316.41                    |
| Other Country Holdings      | \$430,868.30                      | \$425,008.65                           | -\$0.01   | -\$5,859.66         | \$425,008.64                    |
| Totals                      | \$3,545,413.06                    | \$3,453,565.76                         | \$31,220.92   | -\$60,626.39        | \$3,484,786.68                  |

#### SHARES HELD BY NON-RAM ENTITIES

| Shares held by non-RAM entities | Valuation of<br>Holdings (1) | Shares Subject to<br>Verified<br>Proprietary Claims | Shares Subject to<br>Unverified<br>Proprietary Claims |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Shares held by 3rd parties (13) | \$5,629,939.00               | -\$2,912,180.84                                     | -\$2,717,758.16                                       |

#### Notes

- (1) Estimated value of shares held at receivership. Valuations are primarily at 21 February 2013, however shares still held after 30 July 2013 have more recent valuations. Valuation is before deduction of any brokerage.
- (2) Estimated value of shares where it has been determined that it is unlikely they will be able to be realised. This includes deregistered shares and shares where the cost of realisation is likely to be greater than their value.
- (3) Estimated value of shares held removing those shares where it is currently unlikely that they will be realised.
- (4) Actual value of shares realised to date after brokerage.
- (5) Estimated value of shares which have not yet been realised. A provision has been made for brokerage fees of 0.1%. These shares have not been disposed of because they are subject to an unresolved proprietary claim or are difficult to realise.
- (6) Actual value of shares or the proceeds of sale of shares that have been released to third parties with the approval of the Court as they were able to demonstrate that they have a valid proprietary claim to those shares. Value is after deduction of any relevant brokerage.
- (7) Estimated value of shares subject to proprietary claims which have not yet been released. It is unlikely all shares will be determined as subject to valid proprietary claims.
- (8) Sum of shares realised to date, shares yet to be realised less provision for proprietary claims. Costs of realisations need to be met from these funds.
- (9) Gross proceeds ot sale of shares before deduction of brokerage.
- (10) Net Proceeds of sale of shares received by the Liquidators, after brokerage deducted.
- $(11) \hbox{ -Net Proceeds of sale of shares yet to be received by the Liquidators, after brokerage deducted}.$
- $\left(12\right)$  Brokerage Fees actually paid to brokers to realise the various shares realised to date.
- (13) Shares held in the names of parties other than an entity subject to liquidation or receivership orders. David Ross had authority in relation to these shares so they are covered by the freezing orders. These are unlikely to be available for investors.



**Receipts & Payments Summary** 

# Ross Group Companies (In Liquidation) Summary of Companies' bank account balances at 30 November 2014

| Bevis Marks Corporation Limited (In Liquidation)     | \$<br>45.05             |
|--|-------------------------|
| Dagger Nominees Limited (In Liquidation)             | \$<br>1,081,503.10      |
| McIntosh Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)   | \$<br>14.15             |
| Mercury Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)    | \$<br>170.71            |
| Ross Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)       | \$<br>2,076,726.69      |
| Ross Investment Management Limited (In Liquidation)  | \$<br>3.16              |
| Ross Unit Trusts Management Limited (In Liquidation) | \$<br>6.03              |
| United Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)     | \$<br>17,421.03         |
|  | \$<br>3,175,889.92      |
| Ross Unit Trusts Management Limited (In Liquidation) | \$<br>6.03<br>17,421.03 |

## **Bevis Marks Corporation Limited (In Liquidation)**

| Receipts   |           |
|--|-----------|
| Share sales 86,033.47                                | 7         |
| Dividends 6,386.66                                   | 5         |
| Transfer from Receivers' account 2,902.15            | 5         |
| Interest income 2,700.07                             | 7         |
| GST on receipts                                      | _         |
| Total receipts                                       | 98,022.35 |
| Payments   |           |
| Bank charges 90.78                                   | }         |
| Brokerage fees 2,696.17                              | 7         |
| Broker document charges 105.00                       | )         |
| Distribution to David Ross Receivership 82,322.57    | L         |
| Liquidators' fees 8,149.28                           | }         |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements 585.91 | L         |
| Receivers' fees 1,485.52                             | <u>!</u>  |
| Receivers' general expenses & disbursements 222.83   | }         |
| RWT 737.02   | <u>!</u>  |
| GST on payments1,582.28                              | 3         |
| Total payments                                       | 97,977.30 |
| Total cash on hand                                   | \$ 45.05  |

## Dagger Nominees Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                      |              |    |              |
|---|--------------|----|--------------|
| Share sales                                   | 1,139,796.99 |    |              |
| Dividends                                     | 34,298.00    |    |              |
| Transfer from Receivers' account              | 4,922.65     |    |              |
| Interest income                               | 27,751.75    |    |              |
| Funds on Hand                                 | 7,355.59     |    |              |
| Investor Management Fees                      | 186.43       |    |              |
| GST on receipts                               | 27.96        | _  |              |
| Total receipts                                |              |    | 1,214,339.37 |
| Payments                                      |              |    |              |
| Bank charges                                  | 493.53       |    |              |
| Brokerage Fees                                | 13,954.06    |    |              |
| Broker document charges                       | 2,248.64     |    |              |
| Liquidators' fees                             | 16,072.09    |    |              |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements | 3,332.53     |    |              |
| Proprietary Claims                            | 85,863.46    |    |              |
| RWT   | 7,735.52     |    |              |
| GST on payments                               | 3,136.44     |    |              |
| Total payments                                |              |    | 132,836.27   |
| Total cash on hand                            |              | \$ | 1,081,503.10 |

# McIntosh Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                      |           |             |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| Share sales                                   | 28,236.14 |             |
| Dividends                                     | 495.60    |             |
| Interest income                               | 924.28    |             |
| GST on receipts                               |           |             |
| Total receipts                                |           | 29,656.02   |
| Payments                                      |           |             |
| Brokerage Fees                                | 444.01    |             |
| Distribution to David Ross Receivership       | 22,912.44 |             |
| Liquidators' fees                             | 4,919.35  |             |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements | 327.75    |             |
| RWT   | 251.26    |             |
| GST on payments                               | 787.06    |             |
| Total payments                                |           | 29,641.87   |
| Total cash on hand                            | _         | \$<br>14.15 |

# Mercury Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                      |           |              |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| Share sales                                   | 40,832.35 |              |
| Dividends                                     | 148.67    |              |
| Interest income                               | 1,344.27  |              |
| Funds on Hand                                 | 1,574.15  |              |
| GST on receipts                               | -         |              |
| Total receipts                                |           | 43,899.44    |
|   |           |              |
| Payments                                      |           |              |
| Brokerage Fees                                | 1,316.20  |              |
| Distribution to David Ross Receivership       | 35,728.37 |              |
| Liquidators' fees                             | 5,164.38  |              |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements | 329.40    |              |
| RWT   | 366.31    |              |
| GST on payments                               | 824.07    |              |
| Total payments                                |           | 43,728.73    |
|   |           |              |
| Total cash on hand                            |           | \$<br>170.71 |

## Ross Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                       |                  |    |              |
|--|------------------|----|--------------|
| Share sales                                    | 2,105,800.87     |    |              |
| Dividends                                      | 16,063.97        |    |              |
| Funds on Hand                                  | 31,947.25        |    |              |
| Transfer from Receivers' account               | 40,378.06        |    |              |
| Interest income                                | 25,935.94        |    |              |
| Investor management fees                       | 26,376.27        |    |              |
| RAM office furniture sales                     | 9,475.21         |    |              |
| Sale of Tama Road                              | 85,000.00        |    |              |
| Sale of Marine Drive                           | 828,000.00       |    |              |
| Rental Income                                  | 6,404.52         |    |              |
| Reparations from David Ross Receivership       | 872,960.95       |    |              |
| GST on receipts                                | 47,856.52        |    |              |
| Total Receipts                                 |                  | _  | 4,096,199.56 |
| Payments                                       |                  |    |              |
| Advertising                                    | 4,127.72         |    |              |
| Bank charges                                   | 604.37           |    |              |
| Brokerage Fees                                 | 39,452.28        |    |              |
| Broker document charges                        | 1,587.26         |    |              |
| Commission                                     | 26,850.48        |    |              |
| Council Rates                                  | 1,466.25         |    |              |
| Document storage                               | 13,514.49        |    |              |
| Duress Payments                                | 10,095.39        |    |              |
| Electricity                                    | 1,191.56         |    |              |
| Employee Preferential Claim                    | 19,574.83        |    |              |
| Freight  | 1,815.00         |    |              |
| Insurance                                      | 3,956.04         |    |              |
| IT Support                                     | 7,147.21         |    |              |
| Landlord make good costs                       | 505.65           |    |              |
| Legal Fees                                     | 554,824.95       |    |              |
| Liquidation Committee expenses                 | 191.70           |    |              |
| Liquidators' fees                              | 543,496.11       |    |              |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements  | 42,826.34        |    |              |
| Mail Collection                                | 320.00           |    |              |
| PAYE   | -                |    |              |
|  | 11,142.61        |    |              |
| Property Management Costs Property Maintenance | 530.41<br>923.95 |    |              |
| Petitioning creditor costs                     | 1,302.80         |    |              |
| •  |                  |    |              |
| Proprietary claims                             | 292,307.50       |    |              |
| Receivers' Fees                                | 172,185.53       |    |              |
| Receivers' general expenses & disbursements    | 12,098.48        |    |              |
| Office Rental                                  | 25,146.87        |    |              |
| RWT  | 6,481.14         |    |              |
| Security                                       | 313.61           |    |              |
| Telephone                                      | 770.13           |    |              |
| Wages  | 11,104.29        |    |              |
| GST on payments                                | 211,617.92       | -  | 0.040 455 05 |
| Total payments                                 |                  |    | 2,019,472.87 |
| Total cash on hand                             |                  | \$ | 2,076,726.69 |

## Ross Investment Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                      |          |            |
|---|----------|------------|
| Share sales                                   | 7,923.35 |            |
| Interest income                               | 188.05   |            |
| GST on receipts                               | -        |            |
| Total receipts                                |          | 8,111.40   |
| Payments                                      |          |            |
| Brokerage Fees                                | 115.71   |            |
| Distribution to David Ross Receivership       | 4,976.91 |            |
| Liquidators' Fees                             | 2,369.35 |            |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements | 207.45   |            |
| RWT   | 52.30    |            |
| GST on payments                               | 386.52   |            |
| Total payments                                |          | 8,108.24   |
| Total cash on hand                            |          | \$<br>3.16 |

# Ross Unit Trusts Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                      |          |    |          |
|---|----------|----|----------|
| Share sales                                   | 8,308.30 |    |          |
| Interest income                               | 206.56   |    |          |
| GST on receipts                               | _        |    |          |
| Total receipts                                |          | •  | 8,514.86 |
| Payments                                      |          |    |          |
| Bank Charges                                  | 34.00    |    |          |
| Brokerage Fees                                | 255.09   |    |          |
| Distribution to David Ross Receivership       | 6,174.75 |    |          |
| Liquidators' Fees                             | 1,624.84 |    |          |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements | 166.50   |    |          |
| RWT   | 57.49    |    |          |
| GST on payments                               | 196.16   |    |          |
| Total payments                                |          |    | 8,508.83 |
| Total cash on hand                            |          | \$ | 6.03     |

# United Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                      |            |              |
|---|------------|--------------|
| Share sales                                   | 132,725.13 |              |
| Transfer from Receivers' account              | 881.45     |              |
| Funds on Hand                                 | 17,574.66  |              |
| Interest income                               | 4,111.00   |              |
| GST on receipts                               | _          | _            |
| Total receipts                                |            | 155,292.24   |
| Payments                                      |            |              |
| Bank charges                                  | 34.20      |              |
| Brokerage fees                                | 2,629.81   |              |
| Broker Document Charges                       | 54.00      |              |
| Distribution to David Ross Receivership       | 96,584.77  |              |
| Distribution to Unsecured Creditors           | 27,615.70  |              |
| Liquidators fees                              | 7,992.51   |              |
| Liquidators' general expenses & disbursements | 564.31     |              |
| RWT   | 1,112.39   |              |
| GST on payments                               | 1,283.52   | -            |
| Total payments                                |            | 137,871.21   |
| Total cash on hand                            |            | \$ 17,421.03 |