

## 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" or "the Group Companies"

Liquidators' Sixteenth Six Monthly Report

For the Period 17 June 2020 to 16 December 2020

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Company numbers:455971 372992 455890 377152 431870 652854 652855 647452



#### Introduction

The Ross Group Companies were placed into liquidation on 17 December 2012 and John Howard Ross Fisk and David John Bridgman were appointed joint and several liquidators. The appointments are pursuant to sections 241(2)(a) and 241(2)(c) of the Companies Act 1993 ("the Act"). More specific details in relation to the appointments are contained in our previous reports to creditors. On 9 December 2020 David John Bridgman resigned as liquidator of the Ross Group Companies and was replaced by Marcus James McMillan.

This report covers the period 17 June 2020 to 16 December 2020.

Prior updates and reports are available on our website <u>https://www.pwc.co.nz/services/business-recovery/liquidations/ross-group.html</u>

#### Restrictions

This report has been prepared by us in accordance with and for the purpose of section 255 of the Act. It is prepared for the sole purpose of reporting on the state of affairs with respect to the Ross Group Companies in liquidation and the conduct of the liquidations.

This report is subject to the restrictions set out at Appendix A. In particular, all information contained in this report is provided in accordance with section 255 of the Act. Furthermore, in preparing this report we have relied upon and not independently verified or audited information or explanations provided to us.

#### Conduct of the liquidation in the Preceding 6 Months

We set out below a review of matters dealt with since our last report:-

#### **Unclaimed Distributions**

We confirm a further final dividend was paid to investors and unsecured creditors of 5.2 cents in the dollar on 4 November 2019 bringing total distributions to 19.5705 cents in the dollar. No further distributions are anticipated.

There remains approximately \$418,000 of unclaimed distributions from the first interim distribution and the final distribution, comprised of approximately 33 investors. Any investor who has not received their first interim or final distribution should contact us at <u>receiverships@nz.pwc.com</u> to arrange verification of their claim.

The liquidators are now able to pay any unclaimed distributions to the government unclaimed monies account, however, given the liquidations will remain ongoing pending resolution of the ANZ claim discussed below, the liquidators will retain the unclaimed distributions for the time being so that they can be returned to any claimants.

#### Shares held

There have been share realisations totalling \$59,191 within the period covered by this report. There are some further shares to be realised, although it remains uncertain whether they can be realised. We continue to examine options to progress share realisations in a cost effective manner to ensure all assets are appropriately dealt with. We would not anticipate sufficient further realisations to warrant the cost of a further distribution.



#### ANZ Claim

A class action is underway by a group of investors against the ANZ Bank on the basis they consider ANZ should have taken steps which would have potentially brought the Ponzi Scheme to an end sooner. We understand the opportunity to join the class action has now closed, however, any enquiries should be directed to <u>ram.admin@mc.co.nz</u>. We do not intend to report on the progress of that claim via these reports.

The liquidations of the Ross Group Companies will remain ongoing until such time as this claim has been resolved in case the parties require the assistance of the Liquidators.

#### Statement of Realisation and Distribution

Attached as Appendix B are Statements of Realisations and Distributions for the period of the liquidations.

Excluding the unclaimed distributions referred to above the Liquidators held funds on hand as at 16 December 2020 of \$199,856.79. This was held in the liquidations as follows:

| • | Ross Asset Management Limited (in Liquidation) | \$ 197,588.77 |
|---|--|---------------|
|---|--|---------------|

Bevis Marks Corporation Limited (in Liquidation)
\$ 2,268.02

#### Liquidators' Fees

Liquidators' fees paid to date for the entire liquidation cover the following areas;

- 50% investigation and litigation regarding clawback
- 30% reviewing investor and creditor claims and distribution model and paying distribution
- 20% all other matters dealt with during the course of the liquidation.

Note this list is not exhaustive and based on approximations, rounded to the nearest 5%, as time spent on some areas overlaps with other areas.

The legal fees which have been incurred in this liquidation reflect the complexity of the matters which have needed to be dealt with, particularly where those matters are without precedent so have required significant legal advice and legal proceedings

Please note section 284 of the Act below which states:

#### 284 Court supervision of liquidation

- (1) On the application of the liquidator, a liquidation committee, or, with the leave of the Court, a creditor, shareholder, other entitled person, or director of a company in liquidation, the Court may—
  - (e) In respect of any period, review or fix the remuneration of the liquidator at a level which is reasonable in the circumstances:

In any event the Liquidators have been ordered to report to the Court at the conclusion of the liquidation to have the fees which have been paid reviewed and approved by the Court.



#### Proposals for Completing the Liquidation

As directed by the Court the liquidators will remain in office for a further 12 months following payment of the final distribution to allow any investors who have not yet recovered their distribution to do so, following which any unclaimed distributions will be paid to the Unclaimed Monies account managed by Inland Revenue.

We will also take steps to ensure the ongoing storage and ultimate destruction of the physical records of the Ross Group Companies. There are significant records held and much of the funds currently held by the Liquidators will likely be required to meet the cost of ongoing storage and destruction. This can not occur until after the investor claim against ANZ has been resolved.

A further report will be issued in 6 months if the liquidations have not been completed before then.

#### **Contact Details**

If you have any other queries, please submit your enquiry through the on-line form via our website, by phone on (04) 462 7000, by writing to our mailing address or email receiverships@nz.pwc.com. We will endeavour to respond to all enquiries as quickly as possible.

Dated: 25 January 2021

John Howard Ross Fisk Liquidator



# Appendix A

#### 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 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 dollars.



# Appendix B

### Statement of Realisations and Distributions For the period 17 December 2012 to 16 December 2020

| Ross Asset Management 1 | Limited (In Li | quidation) |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Receipts                | \$             | \$         |

| Total Receipts   |               | 32,484,217.73 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| GST  | 196,879.16    |               |
| Transfer from Receivers  | 40,378.06     |               |
| Share Sales  | 2,621,074.76  |               |
| Security for Costs   | 22,509.12     |               |
| Sale of Riversdale Property                                    | 85,000.00     |               |
| Sale of Eastbourne Property                                    | 828,000.00    |               |
| Reparations from David Ross                                    | 1,133,750.59  |               |
| Rental Income  | 6,404.52      |               |
| Pooling of Assets from Dagger<br>Nominees Ltd (In Liquidation) | 1,147,876.21  |               |
| Other Income   | 621.60        |               |
| Management Fees  | 27,117.49     |               |
| Interest Income  | 566,238.27    |               |
| Funds on Hand  | 31,947.25     |               |
| Dividends  | 41,459.41     |               |
| Clawback Recovery  | 25,725,130.03 |               |
| Asset Sales  | 9,475.21      |               |
|  |               |               |

#### **Payments**

| 4,127.72      |
|---------------|
| 1,525.98      |
| 43,124.50     |
| 28,410.48     |
| 23,809,045.14 |
| 47,949.79     |
| 8,533.04      |
| 14,055.00     |
| 4,158.99      |
| 10,095.39     |
| 19,574.83     |
|               |



| Cash at Bank                            | _            | 197,588.77    |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Total Payments                          | _            | 32,286,628.96 |
| GST                                     | 1,082,252.99 |               |
| Wages                                   | 11,104.29    |               |
| Shares under Valid Proprietary<br>Claim | 479,326.57   |               |
| Withholding Tax                         | 158,301.74   |               |
| Receivers' Disbursements                | 12,098.48    |               |
| Receivers' Fees                         | 172,185.53   |               |
| Property Expenses & Other Costs         | 35,202.24    |               |
| Petitioning Creditor Costs              | 1,302.80     |               |
| PAYE                                    | 11,142.61    |               |
| Liquidators' Disbursements              | 174,985.29   |               |
| Liquidators' Fees                       | 2,315,377.78 |               |
| Liquidation Committee Expenses          | 4,708.74     |               |
| Legal Fees                              | 3,824,613.47 |               |
| IT Support                              | 9,469.53     |               |
| Insurance                               | 3,956.04     |               |



### Bevis Marks Corporation Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                 | \$         | \$         |
|--|------------|------------|
| Dividends                                | 12,214.31  |            |
| Interest                                 | 3,335.37   |            |
| Share Sales                              | 218,484.64 |            |
| Transfer from Receivers                  | 2,902.15   |            |
| ACC Refund                               | 208.19     |            |
| GST Payable                              | 0.00       |            |
| Total Receipts                           |            | 237,133.68 |
| Payments                                 |            |            |
| Bank Charges                             | 90.78      |            |
| Brokerage Fees                           | 3,285.36   |            |
| Distribution to David Ross'<br>Receivers | 217,208.44 |            |
| Document Charges                         | 105.00     |            |
| Liquidators' Fees                        | 8,874.74   |            |
| Liquidators' Disbursement                | 623.22     |            |
| Other Expenses                           | 529.97     |            |
| Receivers' Fees                          | 1,485.52   |            |
| Receivers' Disbursements                 | 222.83     |            |
| Withholding Tax                          | 754.08     |            |
| GST Receivable                           | 1,696.70   |            |
| Total Payments                           |            | 234,872.16 |
| Cash at Bank                             |            | 2,268.02   |



### McIntosh Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                 | \$               | \$        |
|--|------------------|-----------|
| Funds on Hand<br>Interest                | 495.60<br>924.70 |           |
| Share Sales                              | 28,236.14        |           |
|  |                  |           |
| GST Payable                              | 0.00             |           |
| Total Receipts                           |                  | 29,656.44 |
| Payments                                 |                  |           |
| Brokerage Fees                           | 444.01           |           |
| Distribution to David Ross'<br>Receivers | 22,926.88        |           |
| Liquidators' Fees                        | 4,919.35         |           |
| Liquidators' Disbursements               | 327.75           |           |
| Withholding Tax                          | 251.39           |           |
| GST Receivable                           | 787.06           |           |
| Total Payments                           | _                | 29,656.44 |
| Cash at Bank                             | _                | 0.00      |

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### Mercury Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Cash at Bank                             |           | 0.00      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Total Payments                           |           | 81,143.74 |
| GST Receivable                           | 958.52    |           |
| Withholding Tax                          | 368.16    |           |
| Other Expenses                           | 273.12    |           |
| Liquidators' Disbursements               | 388.68    |           |
| Liquidators' Fees                        | 6,001.42  |           |
| Distribution to David Ross'<br>Receivers | 71,645.48 |           |
| Brokerage Fees                           | 1,478.36  |           |
| Bank Charges                             | 30.00     |           |
| Payments                                 |           |           |
| Total Receipts                           |           | 81,143.74 |
| GST Payable                              | 0.00      |           |
| Share Sales                              | 76,868.40 |           |
| Interest                                 | 1,494.13  |           |
| Funds on Hand                            | 1,574.15  |           |
| Dividends                                | 1,207.06  |           |
| Receipts                                 | \$        | \$        |



## Dagger Nominees Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                    | \$           | \$           |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Dividends                                   | 78,505.72    |              |
| Funds on Hand                               | 7,355.59     |              |
| Interest                                    | 113,972.65   |              |
| Management Fees                             | 186.43       |              |
| Share Sales                                 | 1,171,373.20 |              |
| Transfer from Receivers                     | 4,922.65     |              |
| GST Payable                                 | 5,684.09     |              |
| Total Receipts                              |              | 1,382,000.33 |
| Payments                                    |              |              |
| Bank Charges                                | 776.96       |              |
| Brokerage Fees                              | 14,310.37    |              |
| Document Charges                            | 2,248.64     |              |
| Liquidators' Fees                           | 18,919.69    |              |
| Liquidators' Disbursements                  | 3,951.47     |              |
| Pooling to Ross Asset<br>Management Limited | 1,147,876.21 |              |
| Proprietary Claims                          | 157,766.79   |              |
| Withholding Tax                             | 32,451.56    |              |
| GST Receivable                              | 3,698.64     |              |
| Total Payments                              |              | 1,382,000.33 |
| Cash at Bank                                |              | 0.00         |



### United Asset Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                 | \$         | \$         |
|--|------------|------------|
| Funds on Hand                            | 17,574.66  |            |
| Interest                                 | 4,371.84   |            |
| Share Sales                              | 132,725.13 |            |
| Transfer from Receivers                  | 881.45     |            |
| GST Payable                              | 0.00       |            |
| Total Receipts                           |            | 155,553.08 |
| Payments                                 |            |            |
| Bank Charges                             | 34.20      |            |
| Brokerage Fees                           | 2,629.81   |            |
| Distribution to David Ross'<br>Receivers | 114,025.19 |            |
| Document Charges                         | 54.00      |            |
| Liquidators' Fees                        | 8,133.55   |            |
| Liquidators' Disbursements               | 569.71     |            |
| Withholding Tax                          | 1,185.43   |            |
| Unsecured Creditor Distribution          | 27,615.70  |            |
| GST Receivable                           | 1,305.49   |            |
| Total Payments                           |            | 155,553.08 |
| Cash at Bank                             | _          | 0.00       |



## Ross Investment Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                 | \$       | \$       |
|--|----------|----------|
| Interest                                 | 188.15   |          |
| Share Sales                              | 7,923.35 |          |
| GST Payable                              | 0.00     |          |
| Total Receipts                           |          | 8,111.50 |
| Payments                                 |          |          |
| Brokerage Fees                           | 115.71   |          |
| Distribution to David Ross'<br>Receivers | 4,980.14 |          |
| Liquidators' Fees                        | 2,369.35 |          |
| Liquidators' Disbursements               | 207.45   |          |
| Withholding Tax                          | 52.33    |          |
| GST Receivable                           | 386.52   |          |
| Total Payments                           |          | 8,111.50 |
| Cash at Bank                             |          | 0.00     |



### Ross Unit Trusts Management Limited (In Liquidation)

| Receipts                                 | \$       | \$       |
|--|----------|----------|
| Interest                                 | 206.73   |          |
| Share Sales                              | 8,308.30 |          |
| GST Payable                              | 0.00     |          |
| Total Receipts                           | -        | 8,515.03 |
| Payments                                 |          |          |
| Bank Charges                             | 34.00    |          |
| Brokerage Fees                           | 255.09   |          |
| Distribution to David Ross'<br>Receivers | 6,180.91 |          |
| Liquidators' Fees                        | 1,624.84 |          |
| Liquidators' Disbursements               | 166.50   |          |
| Withholding Tax                          | 57.53    |          |
| GST Receivable                           | 196.16   |          |
| Total Payments                           | -        | 8,515.03 |
| Cash at Bank                             | -        | 0.00     |