## Receivers' Report on the State of Affairs of

Bridgecorp Limited (In Receivership and In Liquidation) B2B Brokers Limited (In Receivership) BFSL 2007 Limited (In Receivership) BNL 2007 Limited (In Receivership) Bridgecorp Capital Limited (In Receivership) Monice Properties Limited (In Receivership) For the six month period from 2 January 2017 to 1 July 2017

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Please find attached our report in relation to the Companies pursuant to Section 24 of the Receiverships Act 1993 for the period from 2 January 2017 to 1 July 2017.

Yours faithfully For the Companies

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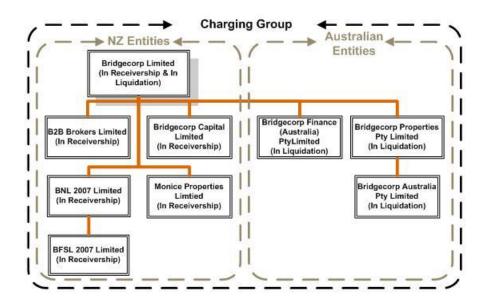
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## 1. Introduction

- Following a breach of Bridgecorp Limited's ("Bridgecorp") Trust Deed, the Directors of Bridgecorp completed an analysis of its financial standing. As a result, the Directors concluded that it was in the best interests of Debenture holders that a receiver be appointed to the Companies.
- Receivers were appointed to each of the Companies on the evening of Monday, 2 July 2007 by Covenant Trustee Company Limited ("the Trustee"). We were appointed under the terms of security agreements giving the secured party a security interest over all of the assets and undertakings of the Companies. The property in receivership comprises all of the assets, property and undertakings of the Companies, including:
  - Loans advanced to third parties, primarily secured by way of registered mortgages;
  - Accounts receivable and funds held;
  - Property assets;
  - Advances to related parties; and
  - Fixed assets and investments.
- Three Australian subsidiaries of Bridgecorp are also subject to the security under which receivers were appointed to the Companies, being Bridgecorp Finance (Australia) Pty Limited, Bridgecorp Australia Pty Limited and Bridgecorp Properties Pty Limited (all in Liquidation), as illustrated opposite.

• Together with the Companies, the three Australian subsidiaries form "the Charging Group" referred to in this report. Accordingly, the reported assets of the nine companies in the Charging Group have been included in this report.



• Please note that this report does not address companies outside the Charging Group, some of which are in receivership and/or liquidation.

- At the commencement of the receiverships Colin McCloy and John Waller were appointed joint and several receivers to each of the Companies. Mr Waller subsequently retired from his position at PricewaterhouseCoopers Maurice Noone of PricewaterhouseCoopers was appointed as replacement receiver on 22 December 2008. Mr Noone has now also retired from his position and John Fisk of Pricewaterhouse Coopers was appointed as replacement receiver on 29 September 2017.
- Bridgecorp Limited was placed into liquidation by the High Court on 29 August 2008, at the application of the Inland Revenue Department. Kevin Newson and John Scutter, Chartered Accountants of Wellington were appointed liquidators.
- Distributions to secured debenture holders totalling 13.98 cents in the dollar have been paid. No further distributions will be made.

- This report has been prepared by us in accordance with and for the purpose of Section 24 of the Receiverships Act 1993 ("the Act"). It is prepared for the sole purpose of reporting on the state of affairs with respect to the property in receivership and the conduct of the receivership for the six month period from 2 January 2017 to 1 July 2017.
- This report is subject to the restrictions set out at Appendix I. In particular, all information contained in this report is provided in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Act. Furthermore, in preparing this report we have relied upon and not independently verified or audited information or explanations provided to us.

# 2. Particulars of assets and disposals of receivership property

• The recorded assets of the Charging Group at the date of receivership and recoveries to date are summarised in the table below:

		Jun-07 Book Value	
		(Management	
NZ\$ in 000s	Note	Unaudited)	1-Jul-17
New Zealand loans		254,199	36,005
Australian loans		32,868	2,095
Specific Australian and other offshore loans		50,478	22,872
Advances in respect of Momi development in Fiji		106,639	-
Property assets		38,606	20,729
Total Loan & Property Assets	2.1	482,790	81,701
Parent company (Bridgecorp Holdings Limited)		20,173	2,012
Australian related entities		51,820	2,036
New Zealand related entities		15,553	1,579
Total Intergroup Advances	2.2	87,546	5,628
Trade receivables		4,451	4,004
Prepaid interest, commission and expenses		2,637	-
Accrued loan fees		1,625	-
Foreign exchange contracts		961	-
Taxation		11,909	-
Fixed assets		1,194	26
Investments		2,010	13
Other		160	-
Total Other Assets	2.3	24,947	4,043
Non-Asset Recoveries	2.4	-	25,882
Total		595,283	117,253

## 2.1 Loan and property assets

#### New Zealand loans

- The physical assets subject to security held by Bridgecorp in respect of New Zealand loans have now been realised. In most instances Bridgecorp was not the first ranking mortgagee or security holder in respect of assets over which loans were secured. Thirty-two loans, representing greater than 85% of the total value of New Zealand loans, had prior security interests at the date of receivership.
- From those thirty-two loans, we have been involved in, or are aware of, gross recoveries of c.\$164m had been achieved as at 1 July 2017. Only \$22.1m of this amount was received by Bridgecorp, the balance being paid to prior ranking security holders. The extent of prior ranking securities and longer time periods required to realise large complex properties have invariably reduced the funds available to Bridgecorp, due to ongoing interest and other charges incurred. In respect of the remaining loans not subject to prior ranking securities, \$8.9m had been recovered as at 1 July 2017. No further recoveries are expected.
- Bridgecorp also held insurance policies on nineteen loans. Legal proceedings were brought against the insurers and other parties regarding quantification and acceptance of claims, which were disputed. Negotiated settlements were reached with all remaining parties, resulting in a recovery of \$5.0m, bringing the total Bridgecorp receipts from New Zealand loans to \$36.0m as at 1 July 2017. No further recoveries are expected.

#### Australian loans

- Seven loans, with a recorded book value of \$32.87m as at the date of receivership, were advanced by an Australian subsidiary of Bridgecorp, Bridgecorp Finance (Australia) Pty Limited (In Liquidation) ("BFAL").
- The assets of BFAL were subject to security held by Covenant Trustee Company Limited, for the benefit of Bridgecorp's secured debenture investors. \$2.1m has been recovered in respect of these loans. No further recoveries are expected.

#### Specific Australian and other offshore loans

- In respect of the \$50.48m due in respect of Australian and other offshore loans, the majority of this amount relates to lending in respect of large hotel assets. Prior mortgagees undertook enforcement action with the surplus proceeds transferred to the liquidators of the borrower entities.
- The liquidators of the Australian borrowers have finalised the administrations. Net of costs, Bridgecorp received \$22.9m. No further recoveries are anticipated.

#### Advances in respect of Momi development in Fiji

• As previously reported, an unsuccessful auction process was undertaken in respect of the Momi Resort by the prior mortgagee in August 2009, and in June 2010 a decree was issued by the Government of Fiji vesting the land in the name of the first mortgagee and prohibiting any further legal action in respect of the transfer to the first mortgagee or related issues. Political developments in Fiji have materially impacted upon the ability to progress any recovery efforts and a complete loss was suffered on this loan exposure.

#### **Property Assets**

• As previously reported this category comprised five properties held for resale, with a recorded book value of \$38.61m, subject to mortgages totalling \$28.3m at the date of receivership. All of the properties have been sold, realising \$20.7m, with repayment of the associated mortgages totalling \$17.4m. No further recoveries are anticipated.

## 2.2 Intergroup advances

#### Parent company and Australian related entities

• \$4.0m has been recovered in respect of Bridgecorp's parent company and Australian related entities. No further recoveries are expected.

#### New Zealand related entities

- As previously reported most of the New Zealand related entities were without material assets. Two entities held tangible assets, one of which was the owner of a development completed during the receivership process, with the other previously owning the motor yacht Medici.
- To date \$1.6m has been recovered from New Zealand related entities. No further recoveries are expected.

#### *2.3 Other assets*

• To date, \$4.0m has been recovered from Bridgecorp's other recoreded assets, primarily from a trade receivable. No further recoveries are anticipated from these assets.

#### 2.4 Non-asset recoveries

• To date, \$25.9m has been recovered from non-asset sale activities including, but not limited to: the settlement with Bridgecorp's Directors and their insurers; interest received on funds held; GST recovered on expenses; and rental income received on various assets prior to sale. 3. Particulars of debts and liabilities outstanding and requiring to be satisfied from the property in receivership

## 3.1 Secured Creditors

#### Direct borrowing against assets

• Loans with a recorded balance of \$28.3m were secured directly against specific property and/or loan assets of the Companies. All such assets have been realised and the proceeds applied in repayment of the secured amounts.

#### Secured debenture investors

- Secured debenture investors represent approximately 19,000 investments held by 14,367 secured debenture holders, totalling \$459m. Interim distributions of 3.5c in the dollar, 4.5c in the dollar and 4.0c in the dollar were made in August 2011, August 2012 and April 2014 respectively. A final distribution of 1.98c in the dollar was made in December 2016, bringing total distributions for the receivership to 13.98c in the dollar (\$63.9m).
- A separate update was provided to secured debenture investors with their final distribution in December 2016. .

• The receivers appreciate investors' ongoing patience regarding the logistical difficulties in maintaining communication with the large number of investors and other parties.

## 3.2 Preferential creditors

#### Employee entitlements

• Based on the information available from the Companies' records, employee preferential entitlements as at the date of receivership were initially estimated to be approximately \$334k. Following further calculations and analysis \$251k of these entitlements were paid.

#### Inland Revenue Department ("IRD")

• Following resolution of outstanding pre-receivership taxation matters with IRD, an initial claim of \$3.9m was reduced to \$3.6m and has been paid in full.

## 3.3 Unsecured liabilities

Given the significant shortfall to secured investors, we have regretfully advised that there are no amounts available for payment to unsecured creditors.

## 4. Receipts and payments

The table opposite sets out the receipts and payments for the Companies from 2 July 2007 to 1 July 2017.

#### Bridgecorp Limited and subsidiaries (In Receivership) Receipts and Payments Summary For the full receivership period from 2 July 2007 to 1 July 2017

NZ\$ in 000s Receipts Loan receipts - assets subject to prior chargeholders 23,136 Loan receipts - no prior charges 8,869 Proceeds of property sales 20,729 NZ Intercompany loans recovered 1,580 Australian Intercompany loans recovered 919 Funds received under guarantee from shareholder 668 Funds received on behalf of Trustee for Australian security 27,427 Accounts receivable collected 4,004 Litigation settlements received 23,720 Realisation of Investment 13 Rental received 928 Interest received 2,726 Other receipts 1.392 GST received 1,142 Total receipts 117,253 Payments Net repayment of secured debt 17.383 2,264 Distribution of settlement entitlements to other Group entities Payment of preferential entitlements 3,851 Direct loan/property expenditure 7,039 Loan advances/(repayments) 433 Net interest paid 1,570 Loan related fees 152 127 Marketing of assets Insurance 76 Operational costs 4,578 Legal fees and associated costs 6,907 Other professional fees and associated costs 1,520 Receivers' fees 5,103 Disbursements 270 GST paid (net of refunds) 1,997 Total payments 53,272 63,981 Net funds prior to distributions Distributions to Secured Debenture Holders 63,877 Net funds held 104

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## 5. Other matters

## 5.1 Investigations

- Criminal proceedings brought against five Bridgecorp directors by the Financial Markets Authority ("FMA") are now complete. Bruce Davidson entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to nine months home detention, 200 hours of community work, and payment of \$500,000 reparation. Gary Urwin entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to two years imprisonment. Rodney Petricevic and Robert Roest were found guilty at trial and were sentenced to six and a half years imprisonment. Peter Steigrad was found guilty at trial and was sentenced to nine months home detention, 200 hours of community work, and payment of \$350,000 reparation.
- Criminal proceedings brought against two Bridgecorp directors by the Serious Fraud Office are also complete. Messrs Petricevic and Roest entered guilty pleas and their existing prison sentences were extended by six months and three months respectively.
- We reached an \$18.9m settlement with the directors and their liability insurers regarding the breaches of their directors' duties under the Companies Act 1993. The FMA consented to the settlement and accordingly withdrew its civil proceedings against the directors. Settlements were also reached with third parties in respect of insurance policies held on certain loans and \$5m has been recovered.

• All outstanding matters relating to the bankruptcy of two Bridgecorp directors, including taxation issues, have been resolved with funds received and included in the final distribution to secured debenture investors.

## 5.2 Communication

- The receivers are in the process of cmpleting all administrative and taxation matters and have continued to seek to contact those with unclaimed distributions to arrange payment where possible prior to finalising the receivership. These amounts are being held in a specific account separate from receivership funds (currently c. \$0.9m).
- We will sortly conclude the receivership. At that time, any remaining unclaimed monies will be distributed to Inland Revenue and the Trustee in accordance with the requirements of the Trust Deed and the Unclaimed Monies Act 1971.
- Should investors or other stakeholders have any queries arising from this report, please contact us in writing via our website, facsimile, or private bag address, as follows:

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# Appendix A

## **Restrictions**

- All information contained in this report is provided in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Receiverships 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 Companies or the Charging Group. 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 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.