# Receivers' Report on the State of Affairs of

OPI Pacific Finance Limited (In Receivership and In Liquidation)

Company Number:

977908





### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

- This report has been prepared in accordance with and for the purpose of Section 24 of the Receiverships Act 1993, 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 15 March 2015 to 14 September 2015.
- All information contained in this report is provided in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Receiverships Act 1993.
- This report is subject to the restrictions set out at Appendix A. In particular, in preparing this report we have relied upon and not independently verified or audited information or explanations provided to us.

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## 1. Introduction

Colin McCloy and Maurice Noone were appointed receivers of OPI Pacific Finance Limited (In Receivership and In Liquidation) ("PAC" or the "Company") by Perpetual Trust Limited ("Perpetual") on 15 September 2009. The Company had been subject to a moratorium arrangement that was approved by creditors on 19 May 2008. The receivership ended that moratorium arrangement.

We were appointed under the terms of a security agreement giving the secured party a security interest over all of the assets and undertakings of PAC. The property in receivership comprises all of the assets, property and undertakings of PAC.

On 3 November 2011 Aaron Walsh and Andrew McKay of Corporate Finance Limited were appointed liquidators of PAC by the shareholders of PAC, OPI Pacific Limited (In Liquidation) ("OPL"). Justin Bosley replaced Aaron Walsh as liquidator on 6 July 2012. Andrew McKay is also the liquidator of OPL and other related New Zealand companies, along with his colleague John Cregten. Placing PAC into liquidation does not affect the operation of the receivership or the rights of secured debenture holders.

This report provides an update of the receivership, the potential of returns for PAC investors and the receivers' investigations into the financial affairs of PAC in the period prior to receivership.

# 2. Events following appointment

As you are aware following our appointment as receivers we attended the offices of PAC to secure the books and records and we determined the most appropriate method of realisation of the assets. Our actions have included:

- Securing key assets;
- Contacting all borrowers and guarantors regarding the recovery of loans;
- Developing asset realisation strategies where applicable;
- Investigating potential claims in respect of the loan book and insurance policies;
- Providing updates and communicating with investors and Perpetual;
- Investigating the affairs of PAC;
- Crystallising PAC's security in respect of its loan to OPI Pacific Investment Pty Limited ("PIC"); and
- Attending various meetings held by the liquidators of Octaviar Limited (Receivers and Managers appointed) (In Liquidation) ("Octaviar") and Octaviar Administration Pty Limited (In Liquidation) ("OCVA").

At the commencement of the receivership of PAC, Colin McCloy and Maurice Noone were appointed as joint and several receivers. However, Mr Noone subsequently resigned as receiver of PAC on 8 May 2014. John Fisk of PricewaterhouseCoopers was appointed receiver of PAC on 8 May 2014.

We have also written to investors on 26 November 2009, 4 May 2010, 23 July 2010, 22 December 2010, 8 June 2011, 18 February 2013, 17 December 2013 amd 23 December 2014.

# Particulars of assets and proposal for disposal of property in receivership

#### Loan assets

As discussed in our previous reports the recorded loan assets of PAC and PIC have been realised by the receivers. No further material loan related recoveries are expected.

### Unsecured claims against Octaviar and OCVA

Following the settlement of PAC's claim in OCVA distributions of 5.2 cents in the dollar (A\$3.4m) have been received, including A\$0.78m during the period covered by this report. Further recoveries are anticipated from PAC's claims in the liquidations of OCVA and Octaviar. However, the timing and extent of these is unkown at present as distributions are dependent on the outcome of recovery actions being taken by the liquidators.

We note that, in addition to the claims submitted by PAC, both Octaviar and OCVA have debts outstanding to other creditors, and the assets in these companies appear to be insufficient to meet all liabilities in full.

# 4. Particulars of debts and liabilities outstanding and requiring to be satisfied from the property in receivership

### Secured debenture holders

At the date of the receivership, PAC's records indicated it owed NZ\$198.4m to secured debenture holders and NZ\$57.5m to unsecured note holders, predominately located in New Zealand and Australia.

During the receivership up to the period covered by this report interim distributions totalling circa \$21m have been made to secured debenture investors. Based on the balances owed when PAC was placed in moratorium, these distributions equate to 8.04 cents in the dollar, and bring total distributions since the start of the moratorium to 30.23 cents in the dollar.

A further distribution of NZ\$3.1m (1.19 cents in the dollar) was made in October 2015, subsequent to the period covered by this report.

Due to the reliance on the outcome of the OCVA and Octaviar liquidations, it is not possible to estimate the final return to secured debenture holders from the receivership of PAC. We expect further recoveries from Octavier and OCVA, albeit we are unable to confirm the timing and extent of these at present.

### Preferential and other unsecured creditors

We are not aware of any preferential claims.

Given the estimated returns to secured investors, we have regretfully advised that there are unlikely to be any amounts available for payment to unsecured creditors.

# 5. Receipts and payments

The table below sets out the receipts and payments for the receivership of PAC to 14 September 2015.

OPI Pacific Finance Limited (In Receivership and In Liquidation)
Receipts and payments (including GST)
For the Pariod 15 September 2009 to 14 September 2015

For the Period 15 September 2009 to 14 September 2015	NZS
Receipts	
Pre-Receivership	2,522,167
Trust Account	1,768,654
GST refund	743,943
Recoveries	23,571,805
Reimbursement of costs	187,981
Interest received	228,273
Other	5,499,286
Total Receipts	34,522,109
Payments	
Legal fees	3,232,624
Trustee fees	520,470
Receivers fees and disbursements	2,718,181
Taxation Fees	1,666
Computershare registry fees	409,380
Other professional & consulting fees	427,608
Reef Cove Loan	600,098
Bank fees	5,601
Interest expense	49
Insurance	10,845
Resident withholding tax	13,940
Other expenses	2,649,007
Foreign currency movements	304,597
Total Payments	10,894,065
Net funds prior to distributions	23,628,045
Distributions to secured debenture holders	20,725,431
Net funds	2,902,614

## 6. Other matters

We carried out an initial investigation into the activities of PAC, its directors and third parties and reported our findings to the relevant Government Authorities.

We have also assisted the Financial Markets Authority ("FMA") with its investigation into the affairs of PAC and directors, and also provided assistance with other related cases that the FMA is investigating.

In November 2013 the FMA laid charges against four directors of PAC. Two of the directors entered guilty pleas in August 2015 for charges in relation to the issuance of a prospectus containing untrue statements. Both were sentence to community service and ordered to pay reparations to PAC of A\$100k each. The remaining two directors pleaded not guilty and were due to face a High Court trial in October 2015. However, prior to the commencent of the trial they changed their pleas to guilty and were also ordered to pay reparations to PAC of \$A100k each. These amounts were received subsequent to the period covered by this report.

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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 Company. 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 Company 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.