

## Forestlands (No. 17) Limited (In Liquidation) ('the Company')

Company No. 2399509

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### 1. Introduction

Neale Jackson and Grant Robert Graham ('Liquidators'), Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, were appointed Joint and Several Liquidators of the Company by order of the High Court, Nelson on 6 September 2018 pursuant to Section 241(2)(c) of the Companies Act 1993 ('the Act') on the application of the Financial Markets Authority ('FMA'). The Liquidators are also the liquidators of other related companies in the Forestlands group ('Forestlands Group').

We understand that prior to liquidation a solvency certificate was signed by the Company's director. We have not seen this but on the face of the draft financial statements the Company appears to be solvent.

This is the Liquidators' seventh report. It covers the period 6 March 2021 to 5 September 2021 ('the Period').

The Liquidators' other reports, and other information relevant to the liquidations of the Forestlands Group companies, can be found on the Calibre Partners website: <https://www.calibrepartners.co.nz/flx-creditor/forestlands-2-20/>.

### 2. Restrictions

This report has been prepared by us in accordance with and solely for the purposes of Section 255(2) of the Companies Act 1993.

In compiling this report, we have relied on the accuracy of all relevant information provided by the Company. We have not independently audited or verified that information and express no opinion on its accuracy, completeness, or reliability.

We do not accept any liability whatsoever from this report.

All information contained in this report is for the confidential use of the parties to which it is provided in accordance with Section 255(2) of the Companies Act 1993 and is not to be disseminated or passed to any other person without prior written authority or in accordance with law.

We reserve the right (but will be under no obligation) to review this report and if we consider it necessary to revise the report in light of any information existing at the date of this report which becomes known to us after that date.

All references to \$ are in NZD.

### 3. Background

This report should be read in conjunction with other Liquidators' reports which can be viewed on the New Zealand Companies Office website at <https://companies-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/>.

Background to the Liquidators' appointment and the actions taken since appointment are detailed in the Liquidators' previous reports.



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## 4. Shareholder confirmation process

The share registers provided to the Liquidators on our appointment were largely out of date and did not contain sufficient information for us to be able to pay a distribution to shareholders. In order to distribute funds to shareholders, we were required to establish an accurate register of the shares held and other details relevant to claims against the Company.

A summary of the actions undertaken to establish an accurate register are detailed in the Liquidators' previous reports.

As previously advised:

- The status of the shareholder confirmation process for this Company is as follows:

	% of shareholders	% of shares
Confirmation process completed	97%	98%
Missing information	3%	2%

- We no longer proactively locate or follow up incomplete shareholder information.
- We will continue to process shareholder information that is forwarded to us and make catch up payments for eligible shareholders.
- We believe that the above approach is in the best interests of the shareholder group as a whole and will ensure that we do not incur unnecessary costs.
- The confirmation process has been time consuming.

## 5. Distributions to shareholders

During the Period, the Liquidators did not declare or pay a further distribution to shareholders.

The total amount that has been distributed to date in the liquidation to shareholders is \$834 per share.

Details of previous distributions and the steps taken to facilitate these distributions to eligible shareholders are summarised in our previous Liquidators' reports.

We continue to pay catch-up distributions to shareholders as they complete the confirmation process.

Residual funds are held on trust pending the outcome of the shareholder confirmation process.

## 6. Asset realisations

As advised previously, we have been pursuing funds from Rowan Kearns and parties associated with him ('Associated Parties') in accordance with settlement agreement terms. The terms are confidential.

In the Period, the Liquidators have continued liaising with Mr Kearns to collect the amount owing.

Pending that realisation process, we withhold sums (that would have otherwise been available for distribution) to ensure that we are able to fund additional recovery actions to recover the Debt on behalf of shareholders. Accordingly, the cash balance shown in the attached receipts and payments account includes a provision for recovery actions.

We comment on the prospect of future distributions below.



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## 7. Action taken by the Financial Markets Authority ('FMA')

Since appointment, we have worked closely with the FMA and provided information as and when requested to assist with its investigations.

We understand that the FMA continues to progress its action against Mr Kearns, however a trial date is yet to be set.

We are unable to provide any further information to shareholders regarding any further actions the FMA may take at this time.

Should the FMA provide us with additional information and confirm that we can disclose it to shareholders then this will be included in future reports. Otherwise, shareholders should monitor the FMA website for further updates in respect of FMA actions.

## 8. Future distributions

The ability of the Liquidators to distribute a further material distribution to shareholders is reliant on:

1. Realising the remaining assets or taking the required actions discussed above; and/or
2. The current financial position of the Company.

Please note that any future distributions will only be completed if there are sufficient funds, and it is cost effective to do so.

## 9. Creditor claims

All known unsecured creditor claims have been reviewed, admitted, and paid by the Liquidators. Further information is available in the Liquidators' previous reports.

## 10. Statement of receipts and payments

A statement of receipts and payments for the Period is attached to this report. As per above, the remaining cash balance includes a provision to fund any additional recovery actions (if required) plus meet the ongoing costs of the liquidation.

## 11. Summary and estimated date of completion of liquidation

The Liquidators are unable to confirm an estimated date when the liquidation will be completed. As detailed above there are several milestones to be achieved before the Liquidators will be in a position to retire.

Should you have any queries regarding the liquidation of the Company, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Zwaans of this office.

Yours faithfully



Neale Jackson  
Joint Liquidator



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## Statement of receipts and payments

Forestlands (No. 17) Limited (In Liquidation)

Statement of Liquidators' receipts and payments from 6 March 2021 to 5 September 2021

	\$
<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>111,339</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Sundry refunds	150
Income tax refund	927
Interest received	20
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,097</b>
<b>Payments</b>	
Bank charges	45
Legal costs	1,113
Liquidators' remuneration	3,750
Storage	29
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,937</b>
<b>Net cashflow</b>	<b>(3,840)</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>107,499</b>

Comprises of:

<b>Bank balance</b>	<b>107,091</b>
GST	408
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>107,499</b>



## Liquidators' remuneration report

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Time based charging report

For the period 6 March 2021 to 5 September 2021

Time costs by position and work type

	Hourly rate	General Admin		Shareholders		Creditors		Investigations		Reports		FMA/SFO		Tax/IRD related		Total	
		Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge	Hours	Charge
Partner	\$ 550	0.6	307	0.0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	312
Executive Director, Director, Associate																	
Director	\$ 485	0.3	164	0.1	66	-	-	-	-	0.1	45	-	-	0.02	7.4	0.6	283
Manager	\$ 385	2.7	1,056	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.73	1,056
Executive Analyst	\$ 315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Analyst	\$ 190	7.4	1,415	0.4	69	-	-	-	-	0.1	15	-	-	-	-	7.9	1,498
Support staff	\$ 90	2.4	214	4.3	387	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.7	602
<b>Total</b>		<b>13.5</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>3,750</b>

Disbursements: Disclosed in the Statement of receipts and payments account	Cost
Legal costs	1,113
Bank charges	43
Printing, postage and IT services	-
Record storage	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186</b>

Detail of work completed	
<b>General Administration</b>	General case administration including strategy meetings, attending to shareholder queries, distributions to shareholders and processing of day to day receipts and payments.
<b>Shareholders</b>	Matters related to the shareholder confirmation process.
<b>Creditors</b>	Dealings with unsecured creditors including adjudication and settlement of unsecured claims.
<b>Investigation</b>	Investigation into the conduct of Mr Kearns and Associated Parties and finalising the settlement agreement.
<b>Reports</b>	Compiling statutory reports to creditors and any other reporting requirements.
<b>Tax/IRD related</b>	Income Tax and GST related matters including liaison with advisors and the IRD.