

# Thor Holdings Limited (In Liquidation)

Company Number: 23956

Liquidators' Final Report to Creditors and Shareholders



#### 1. Introduction

Iain Bruce Shephard and Jessica Jane Kellow, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, were appointed joint and several liquidators ("Liquidators") of Thor Holdings Limited ("the Company") by special resolution signed by the shareholder on 24 June 2020 in accordance with section 241(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1993 ("the Act").

In accordance with section 257 of the Act we are obliged to report to all creditors and shareholders that the liquidation has been completed. This report should be read in conjunction with our previous reports pursuant to section 255(2)(c) of the Act.

#### 2. Restrictions

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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 the light of any information existing at the date of this report which becomes known to us after that date.

## 3. Background

Thor Holdings Limited (In Liquidation) ("the Company") was incorporated in 1970 and appears to have been used by its director as a corporate vehicle for a number of different ventures over the past 50 years. Latterly, the Company owned eight sections in Ngauranga, Wellington.

The Company's director/shareholder advanced money to the Company, which was partially secured by way of registered mortgages over two of the sections.

The shareholder sought advice and resolved to place the Company into liquidation in order to sell the properties and repay the advances.

#### 4. Liquidators' Actions

As indicated in our previous report, the Company's sole asset was the eight sections of land located in Ngauranga, Wellington ("Land"). At the time of our appointment, the Land had a combined rateable value of \$2.84m. The Liquidators obtained a registered valuation of the Land and instructed an agent to sell the Land by tender. It appears that the rateable value of the land did not take into account the significant additional work (such as utilities and roading) required in order for the necessary Council consent to be provided.

The tenders closed on 24 September 2020 and the Liquidators received seven tenders — the highest tender (being \$750,000) was accepted and the transaction settled on 20 October 2020.

The Liquidators advertised their appointment in the relevant publications and made a call for creditor claims. The Liquidators also directly contacted all known creditors and answered any queries they may have had. The Liquidators subsequently reviewed all completed creditor claim forms received.



As indicated below, two sections of the Land were subject to a mortgage in favour of the Company's director. The Liquidators reviewed the underlying security documentation, and the mortgage was settled from the proceeds of the sale of the Land.

One of the Company's creditors (in his personal capacity and in his capacity as a director of a related entity) initially submitted a number of estimated claims in the liquidation and a claim to a share of the Company's residual equity. The Liquidators met with this creditor to understand the background to the estimated claims. The Liquidators reviewed the Company's financial records to ascertain the value of the creditor's claim against the Company and admitted the claims as indicated below.

The claim to a share of the Company's residual equity was rejected as there would be a shortfall to unsecured creditors and therefore no equity.

The Liquidators reviewed the actions of the director with consideration as to whether there were any potential breaches of appropriate sections of the Companies Act 1993. The Liquidators' investigations included examining the Company's financial statements and considering the Company's bank transactions. Nothing arose from these investigations that may be of benefit to creditors of the Company.

### 4.1 Schedule of Receipts and Payments

Attached as **Appendix 1** is a schedule of receipts and payments for the duration of the liquidation.

Attached as **Appendix 2** is a remuneration schedule, in accordance with the RITANZ Code of Conduct, covering the duration of the liquidation.

#### 4.2 Asset Realisations

#### Pre-Liquidation Bank Account

The Liquidators received \$72.40 from the Company's pre-liquidation bank account.

#### Land

The Liquidators received \$751,645.26 from the sale of the Land. This transaction was subject to legal fees, real estate agent costs, and unpaid council rates. Two of the eight sections comprising the Land were subject to a mortgage, which was repaid on settlement. Further details regarding the mortgage are indicated below.

### Inland Revenue - GST Refunds

The Liquidators have received \$14,647.07 in Inland Revenue GST refunds.

#### 4.3 Creditors Claims

## Secured Creditors

A mortgage in favour of Michael Beale was registered over two of the sections. At the date of settlement, the mortgagee was owed \$162,488.98 (being the principal sum advanced and the accrued interest). The mortgagee was repaid from the sale proceeds of the Land.

#### **Preferential Creditors**

No preferential claims have been filed in the liquidation. We understand that the Company has no outstanding taxation obligations.



#### **Unsecured Creditors**

The Liquidators have received five unsecured claims totalling \$2,298,770.22. Following our review of the claims filed two were rejected in full and another was partially rejected (as to quantum).

The Liquidators have admitted three unsecured creditor claims in the liquidation totalling \$1,053,021.02.

On 15 March 2021 the Liquidators made a distribution in respect of the admitted claims to unsecured creditors totalling \$474,264.50. This represents a distribution of 21 cents in the dollar.

On 11 August 2021 the Liquidators made a second distribution in respect of the admitted claims to unsecured creditors totalling \$5,691.17. This represents a distribution of 0.0054 cents in the dollar.

## 5. Liquidators' Statement

All known assets have been disclaimed, or realised, or distributed without realisation.

All proceeds of realisation have been distributed. Please find as **Appendix 1** a schedule of the Liquidators' Receipts and Payments during the course of the liquidation.

Attached as **Appendix 2** is a remuneration schedule, in accordance with the RITANZ Code of Conduct, covering the duration of the liquidation.

The Company is ready to be removed from the New Zealand Register of Companies.

### 6. Removal from New Zealand Register of Companies

As Liquidators, we are obliged to give public notice of the intention to have the Company removed from the Register of Companies. A copy of our notice is attached as **Appendix 3**.

The attention of all creditors and shareholders is drawn to section 321 of the Act which provides that, where public notice is given of an intention to remove a company from the Register, any person may send or deliver to the Registrar, not later than the date specified in the notice, an objection to the removal on any one or more of the following grounds:

- (a) That the company is still carrying on business or there is other reason for it to continue in existence; or
- (b) That the company is party to legal proceedings; or
- (c) That the company is in Receivership, or Liquidation, or both; or
- (d) That the person is a creditor, or a shareholder, or a person who has an undischarged claim against the company; or
- (e) That the person believes that there exists, and intends to pursue, a right of action on behalf of the company under Part IX of this Act; or
- (f) That for any other reason, it would not be just and equitable to remove the company from the New Zealand register.



Creditors and shareholders should be aware of section 321(2)(b)(ii) of the Act which provides that a claim by a shareholder or any other person against a company is not an "undischarged claim" if a receiver or Liquidator has notified the shareholder or that person that the company has no surplus assets.

## 7. Contact information

If you require any further information, please direct enquiries to:

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Dated this 29th day of October 2021

IAIN SHEPHARD

Liquidator



# **APPENDICES**

# Appendix 1 - Summary of Receipts & Payments

| Thor Holdings Limited (In Liquidation)            |         |
|---|---------|
| Summary of Receipts & Payments                    |         |
| 24 June 2020 - 2 November 2021                    | \$      |
| RECEIPTS  | ·       |
| Inland Revenue - GST Refunds                      | 15,990  |
| Inland Revenue - GST Refunds - Yet to be received | 375     |
| Interest  | 91      |
| Proceeds Pre-Liquidation Bank Accounts            | 72      |
| Sale of Assets                                    | 751,645 |
| Total Receipts                                    | 768,174 |
|   |         |
| PAYMENTS  |         |
| Legal Fees  | 8,085   |
| Liquidation Costs and Disbursements               | 75,484  |
| Rates   | 5,049   |
| Real Estate Commission                            | 32,885  |
| Repayment of Mortgage                             | 162,489 |
| Resident Withholding Tax                          | 20      |
| Unsecured Creditor Distribution                   | 479,956 |
| Valuers Costs                                     | 4,205   |
| Total Payments                                    | 768,174 |
|   |         |
| Cash on hand                                      | 0       |



## Appendix 2 - Remuneration Schedule

## Thor Holdings Limited (In Liquidation)

Remuneration Report - Period: 24 June 2020 - 2 November 2021

|                          |                  | Assets    |       | Company Records |       | Creditors |       | Day One/Initial Tasks |       | Debtors |       | Employees |       | Financial |       |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
|                          | Hourly Rate (\$) | Cost      | Hours | Cost            | Hours | Cost      | Hours | Cost                  | Hours | Cost    | Hours | Cost      | Hours | Cost      | Hours |
| Partners                 | 395 - 495        | 8,995.00  | 18.50 | -               | -     | 4,148.50  | 8.63  | 2,783.75              | 5.75  | -       | -     | -         | -     | 3,747.50  | 8.00  |
| Managers                 | 195 - 325        | 6,490.00  | 22.00 | 5,015.00        | 17.00 | 9,347.50  | 31.00 | 1,548.75              | 5.25  | -       | -     | -         | -     | 2,456.25  | 8.25  |
| Analysts                 | 110 - 295        | 76.25     | 0.50  | -               | -     | 177.50    | 1.50  | 183.75                | 0.75  | -       | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
| Finance / Administration | 195              | -         | -     | -               | -     | -         | -     | -                     | -     | -       | -     | -         | -     | 3,022.50  | 15.50 |
| Support Staff            | 100              | -         | -     | -               | -     | -         | -     | -                     | -     | -       | -     | -         | -     | -         | -     |
|                          |                  | 15,561.25 | 41.00 | 5,015.00        | 17.00 | 13,673.50 | 41.13 | 4,516.25              | 11.75 | -       | -     | -         | -     | 9,226.25  | 31.75 |

|                          |                  | Admin/General |       | Litigation |       | On-Going Trading |       | Planning/Review |       | Secured Creditors |       | Reporting |       | Total     |        |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------|------------|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|
|                          | Hourly Rate (\$) | Cost          | Hours | Cost       | Hours | Cost             | Hours | Cost            | Hours | Cost              | Hours | Cost      | Hours | Cost      | Hours  |
| Partners                 | 395 - 495        | 4,663.75      | 9.75  | -          | -     | -                | -     | 3,623.75        | 7.75  | -                 | -     | 358.75    | 0.75  | 28,321.00 | 59.13  |
| Managers                 | 195 - 325        | 516.25        | 1.75  | -          | -     | -                | -     | 2,102.50        | 7.00  | 295.00            | 1.00  | 1,815.00  | 6.00  | 29,586.25 | 99.25  |
| Analysts                 | 110 - 295        | -             | -     | -          | -     | -                | -     | 246.25          | 1.50  | -                 | -     | 360.00    | 3.00  | 1,043.75  | 7.25   |
| Finance / Administration | 195              | 3,607.50      | 18.50 | -          | -     | -                | -     | 48.75           | 0.25  | -                 | -     | -         | -     | 6,678.75  | 34.25  |
| Support Staff            | 100              | -             | -     | -          | -     | -                | -     | -               | -     | -                 | -     | -         | -     | -         | -      |
|                          |                  | 8,787.50      | 30.00 | -          | -     | -                | -     | 6,021.25        | 16.50 | 295.00            | 1.00  | 2,533.75  | 9.75  | 65,629.75 | 199.88 |

| Disbursements | Costs  |
|---------------|--------|
| Advertising   | 405.33 |
| Miscellaneous | 56.17  |
| Overheads     | -      |
| Travel Costs  | 213.34 |
| Total         | 674.84 |

**Note:** The hours and costs shown in the table above are the actual WIP totals to date. **All totals are exclusive of GST.** Payment of \$65,638.27 (excl. GST) has been received on account for both fees and disbursements.



## Appendix 3 - Notice of Intention to Remove

THOR HOLDINGS (IN LIQUIDATION)
Company Number: 23956
Trading As:
("the Company")

Notice of Intention to Remove Company from Register (Pursuant to Section 320 of the Companies Act 1993)

We, Iain Shephard and Jessica Kellow, joint and several Liquidators of the Company whose registered office is situated at:

BDO Wellington Level 1, Chartered Accountants House 50 Customhouse Quay Wellington 6011

Hereby give notice that pursuant to section 318(1)(e) of the Companies Act 1993, and having filed with the Registrar our final report on the liquidation, it is intended to remove the Company from the New Zealand register.

Any objection to the removal pursuant to section 321 of the Companies Act 1993 must be delivered to the Registrar no later than 5 January 2022.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2021.

IAIN SHEPHARD Liquidator