

# MIDWEST MARINE PTY LTD

(In Liquidation)
ACN 612 995 749
ATF THE MIDWEST MARINE TRUST
ABN 84 836 581 157

# Initial information for creditors

Section 70-30 Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 2016

3 November 2023

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- A Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities
- B Information Sheet Creditor Rights in Liquidations
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#### **Enclosures**

- (i) Notice of Proposal to Creditors Remuneration
- (ii) Notice of Proposal to Creditors Internal disbursements
- (iii) Notice of Proposal to Creditors Books and records
- (iv) Form 535 Formal Proof of Debt or Claim

#### 1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this document is to provide you with information about the liquidation of Midwest Marine Pty Ltd ("the company") and your rights as a creditor.

#### 2. Notification of appointment

- 2.1 I was appointed Liquidator of the company by a resolution of the company's members on 25 October 2023.
- A copy of my Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities ("DIRRI") is attached at Annexure A. The DIRRI assists you to understand any relevant relationships that I have, and any indemnities or upfront payments that have been provided to me. I have considered each relationship and it is my opinion that none of the relationships disclosed in the DIRRI results in a conflict of interest or duty, or affects my independence.

#### 3. What is a creditors' voluntary liquidation?

3.1 A creditors' voluntary liquidation, or CVL, is a liquidation initiated by the company because it is unable to pay all of its creditors in full. This means that the company is insolvent.

#### 4. What happens to your debt?

- 4.1 According to the company's records, you may be a creditor of the company.
- 4.2 All creditors of the company are now creditors in the liquidation. As a creditor, you have certain rights, although your debt will now be dealt with in the liquidation.
- 4.3 If you have leased property to the company, have a retention of title claim or hold a security interest in relation to the company, please immediately contact this office.

#### 5. Your rights as a creditor

- 5.1 Annexure B to this circular contains information about your rights as a creditor, including your right to:
  - Make reasonable requests for a meeting.
  - Make reasonable requests for information.
  - Give directions to me.
  - Appoint a reviewing liquidator.
  - Replace me as liquidator.

#### 5. Your rights as a creditor (cont.)

5.2 I draw your attention to your right to request a meeting in the first 20 business days of a creditors' voluntary liquidation. If I receive a request for a meeting from at least 5% of known creditors that are not a related entity of the company, I am required to hold a meeting, as long as the request is reasonable. Guidance on whether a request is reasonable or not is included in the information sheet at Annexure B.

#### 6. Summary of the company's affairs

6.1 I received a Report on Company Activities and Property ("ROCAP") from the director on 25 October 2023. A summary of the company's affairs compiled from the information in the ROCAP is attached at Annexure C.

#### 7. Listing of creditors

- 7.1 Attached at Annexure D is a list of creditors, including their addresses and the estimated amounts of their claims, as shown in the records of the company. Any creditors related to the company are identified.
- 7.2 Enclosed is a Proof of Debt or Claim form to enable you to lodge your claim in the liquidation.

#### 8. What happens next?

- 8.1 I will proceed with the liquidation, including:
  - (i) Recovering and selling any available property.
  - (ii) Investigating the company's affairs.
  - (iii) Reporting to the corporate regulator, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC").
- 8.2 If I receive a request for a meeting that complies with the guidelines set out in the information sheet at Annexure B, I will hold a meeting of creditors.
- 8.3 I will write to you within three months of my appointment advising whether a dividend is likely and updating you on the progress of my investigations.
- 8.4 I may write to you again after that with further information on the progress of the liquidation.

#### 9. Liquidator's remuneration and disbursements

- 9.1 Attached at Annexure E is my Initial Remuneration Notice. This document provides you with information about how I propose to be paid for undertaking the liquidation.
- 9.2 Attached at Annexure F is a detailed report on my remuneration, called a Remuneration Approval Report. I am unable to pay my remuneration without the approval of creditors or the Court.
- 9.3 Annexure F also provides details regarding my external and internal disbursements. I must account to creditors for all disbursements paid to me and ensure that these disbursements are appropriate, justified and reasonable. While I am not required to seek creditor approval for disbursements paid to third parties, I am required to seek creditor approval to pay my internal disbursements where there may be an element of profit or advantage.
- 9.4 In accordance with the Initial Remuneration Notice and Remuneration Approval Report, my estimated remuneration for the external administration is \$40,000.
- 9.5 I propose to have my remuneration and internal disbursements approved by a proposal without a meeting. Information about passing resolutions without a meeting and two Notices of Proposal to Creditors are enclosed. I request that you return to this office the completed Notices of Proposal to Creditors no later than 4:00pm on Monday, 27 November 2023.
- 9.6 Please note that it is in the best interests of the creditors of the estate to submit the Notices of Proposal. If my remuneration and disbursements are not approved, I will incur further remuneration in seeking the required approval, diminishing the funds available for a distribution to creditors
- 9.7 If you are yet to submit your claim in the liquidation, the Notice of Proposal to Creditors should be returned together with a Proof of Debt or Claim form and supporting documentation.

#### 10. Books and records

- 10.1 I propose to put a proposal to creditors for approval for the destruction of books and records of the company pursuant to Section 70-35(3)(b)(ii) of the Insolvency Practice Schedule (Corporations) 2001.
- 10.2 Destruction of books and records may occur on the completion of the liquidation and after receiving approval from ASIC. The destruction of books and records would not occur until I am satisfied there are no third parties who might be materially adversely affected by the destruction of the books and records.

#### 10. Books and records (cont.)

10.3 I propose to have this resolution approved by a proposal without a meeting. Information about passing resolutions without a meeting and a Notice of Proposal to Creditors for this purpose is enclosed. I request that you return to this office the completed Notice of Proposal to Creditors (with your completed Proof of Debt or Claim form) no later than 4:00pm on Monday, 27 November 2023.

#### 11. More information

- 11.1 The Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association ("ARITA") provides information to assist creditors with understanding liquidations and insolvency.
- 11.2 Information is available from ARITA's website at arita.com.au/creditors.
- 11.3 ASIC also provides information sheets on a range of insolvency topics. These information sheets can be accessed on ASIC's website at asic.gov.au (search for "insolvency information sheets").

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact Melissa Ledger or Matthew Ryan of this office.

Yours faithfully

JENNIFER E. LOW Liquidator of Midwest Marine Pty Ltd

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#### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, RELEVANT RELATIONSHIPS AND INDEMNITIES

Practitioners appointed to an insolvent entity are required to make declarations as to:

- A. their independence generally;
- B. relationships, including
  - (i) the circumstances of the appointment;
  - (ii) any relationships with the company and others within the previous 24 months;
  - (iii) any prior professional services for the company within the previous 24 months
  - (iv) that there are no other relationships to declare; and
- C. any indemnities given, or upfront payments made, to the Practitioner.

This declaration is made on my own behalf and on behalf of my firm, Sheridans.

I am a Professional Member of ARITA - Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association. I acknowledge that I am bound by the ARITA Code of Professional Practice.

#### Independence

I have assessed my independence and I am not aware of any reasons that would prevent me from accepting this appointment.

There are no other known relevant relationships, including personal, business and professional relationships, that should be disclosed beyond those disclosed in this document, if any.

#### **Declaration of relationships**

#### A. Circumstances of appointment

This appointment was referred to me by Mr Robert Boni of Astrum Consultants. I believe that this referral does not result in a conflict of interest or duty because referrals from solicitors, business advisors and accountants are commonplace and do not impact on my independence in carrying out my duties as liquidator.

On 19 October 2023 and 20 October 2023, I had a telephone conversation with a shareholder and former director of the company, Mr Christopher Davidson. The telephone conversations were for the purpose of:

- obtaining sufficient information about the company to advise on the solvency of the company;
- discussing the formalities of placing the company into Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation; and

#### Declaration of relationships (cont.)

• Clarifying and explaining the various options available to the company and the nature and consequences of an insolvency appointment.

In my opinion, these discussions do not affect my independence for the following reasons:

- the Courts and ARITA's Code of Professional Practice specifically recognise the need for practitioners to provide advice on the insolvency process and the options available and do not consider that such advice results in a conflict or is an impediment to accepting the appointment;
- the nature of the advice provided to the company is such that it would not be subject to review and challenge during the course of the liquidation; and
- the pre-appointment advice will not influence my ability to be able to fully comply in an objective and impartial manner with the statutory and fiduciary obligations associated with the liquidation of the company.

I have provided prior to my appointment no other information or advice beyond that outlined in this DIRRI to the company or to its director or to any of its advisors.

#### B. Relevant relationships (excluding professional services to the company)

I and my firm, have, or have had within the preceding 24 months, no relationships with the company, an associate of the company, a former insolvency practitioner appointed to the company or any person or entity that has security over the whole or substantially the whole of the company's property.

#### C. Prior professional services to the company

I and my firm have provided no professional services to the company in the previous 24 months.

#### D. No other relevant relationships to disclose

There are no other known relevant relationships, including personal, business and professional relationships, from the previous 24 months with the company, an associate of the company, a former insolvency practitioner appointed to the company or any person or entity that has security over the whole or substantially the whole of the company's property that should be disclosed.

#### Indemnities and upfront payments

I have not been indemnified in relation to this administration, other than any indemnities that I may be entitled to under the law, and I have not received any upfront payments in respect of my remuneration or disbursements.

Dated: 3 November 2023

#### JENNIFER E. LOW

#### Note:

- If circumstances change, or new information is identified, I am required under the Corporations Act 2001 and the ARITA Code of Professional Practice to update this Declaration and provide a copy to creditors with my next communication as well as to table a copy of any replacement declaration at the next meeting of the company's creditors.
- Any relationships, indemnities or upfront payments disclosed in the DIRRI must not be such that the
  Practitioner is no longer independent. The purpose of the DIRRI is to disclose relationships that,
  while they do not result in the Practitioner's having a conflict of interest or duty, ensure that
  creditors are aware of those relationships and understand why the Practitioner nevertheless remains
  independent.



# Creditor Rights in Liquidations

As a creditor, you have rights to request meetings and information or take certain actions:



#### Right to request a meeting

In liquidations, no meetings of creditors are held automatically. However, creditors with claims of a certain value can request in writing that the liquidator hold a meeting of creditors.

A meeting may be requested in the first 20 business days in a creditors' voluntary liquidation by ≥ 5% of the value of the debts held by known creditors who are not a related entity of the company.

Otherwise, meetings can be requested at any other time or in a court liquidation by:

- > 10% but < 25% of the known value of creditors on the condition that those creditors provide security for the cost of holding the meeting
- ≥ 25% of the known value of creditors
- creditors by resolution, or
- a Committee of Inspection (this is a smaller group of creditors elected by, and to represent, all the creditors).

If a request complies with these requirements and is 'reasonable', the liquidator must hold a meeting of creditors as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### Right to request information

Liquidators will communicate important information with creditors as required in a liquidation. In addition to the initial notice, you should receive, at a minimum, a report within the first three months on the likelihood of a dividend being paid.

Additionally, creditors have the right to request information at any time. A liquidator must provide a creditor with the requested information if their request is 'reasonable', the information is relevant to the liquidation, and the provision of the information would not cause the liquidator to breach their duties.

A liquidator must provide this information to a creditor within 5 business days of receiving the request, unless a longer period is agreed. If, due to the nature of the information requested, the liquidator requires more time to comply with the request, they can extend the period by notifying the creditor in writing.

Requests must be reasonable.

#### They are not reasonable if:

Both meetings and information:

- (a) complying with the request would prejudice the interests of one or more creditors or a third party
- (b) there is not sufficient available property to comply with the request
- (c) the request is vexatious

Meeting requests only:

 (d) a meeting of creditors dealing with the same matters has been held, or will be held within 15 business days

Information requests only:

- (e) the information requested would be privileged from production in legal proceedings
- disclosure would found an action for breach of confidence
- (g) the information has already been provided
- (h) the information is required to be provided under law within 20 business days of the request

If a request is not reasonable due to (b), (d), (g) or (h) above, the liquidator must comply with the request if the creditor meets the cost of complying with the request.

Otherwise, a liquidator must inform a creditor if their meeting or information request is not reasonable and the reason why.

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#### Right to give directions to liquidator

Creditors, by resolution, may give a liquidator directions in relation to a liquidation. A liquidator must have regard to these directions, but is not required to comply with the directions.

If a liquidator chooses not to comply with a direction given by a resolution of the creditors, they must document their reasons.

An individual creditor cannot provide a direction to a liquidator.

#### Right to appoint a reviewing liquidator

Creditors, by resolution, may appoint a reviewing liquidator to review a liquidator's remuneration or a cost or expense incurred in a liquidation. The review is limited to:

- remuneration approved within the six months prior to the appointment of the reviewing liquidator, and
- expenses incurred in the 12 months prior to the appointment of the reviewing liquidator.

The cost of the reviewing liquidator is paid from the assets of the liquidation, in priority to creditor claims.

An individual creditor can appoint a reviewing liquidator with the liquidator's consent, however the cost of this reviewing liquidator must be met personally by the creditor making the appointment.

## Right to replace liquidator

Creditors, by resolution, have the right to remove a liquidator and appoint another registered liquidator.

For this to happen, there are certain requirements that must be complied with:

#### Meeting request



#### Information and notice



#### Resolution at meeting

A meeting must be reasonably requested by the required number of creditors.

Creditors must inform the existing liquidator of the purpose of the request for the meeting. Creditors must determine who they wish to act as the new liquidator (this person must be a registered liquidator) and obtain:

- Consent to Act, and
- Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities (DIRRI).

The existing liquidator will send a notice of the meeting to all creditors with this information. If creditors pass a resolution to remove a liquidator, that person ceases to be liquidator once creditors pass a resolution to appoint another registered liquidator.

#### For more information, go to www.arita.com.au/creditors

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Australian Securities & Investments Commission

Form 509

Corporations Act 2001 497(1)(a)(i)

# Presentation of summary of affairs of a company

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1	Assets not specifically subject to security interest (a) interest in land (b) sundry debtors (c) cash on hand			\$		\$ 4,500	
	(d) cash at bank					1,200	
	(e) stock (f) work in progress					30,000	
	(g) plant and machinery (h) other assets					30,000	
	Sub-total					15,700	
2		\$10,000					
	Less amounts owing	314,900		(4,900)			
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3	Less amounts payable in advance of secured creditor(s) include entitlements	ding employee			·	10,000	
4	Less amounts owing and secured by debenture or circulating sinterests over assets	security			12		
5	Less preferential claims ranking behind secured creditors				3 <del> </del>		
6	Less balances owing to partly secured creditors						
	Total Claims (\$	)_					
	Security Held (\$	}			-		
7	Less creditors (Unsecured) Amount claimed					359,000	
8	Add contingent assets Estimated to produce					_	
9	Less contingent liabilities Estimated to rank						
	Estimated deficiency or					_	
	Estimated surplus				\$ (	298,200)	
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#### Signature

This form must be signed by a director, secretary or liquidator.

Name of person signing Deane Cleaver

Capacity

Director Signature

Date signed
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## Lodgement

Send completed and signed forms to: Australian Securities and Investments Commission, PO Box 4000, Gippsland Mail Centre VIC 3841.

For more information

Web www.asic.gov.au Need help? www.asic.gov.au/question

Telephone 1300 300 630

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# LISTING OF CREDITORS

Name	Address	Amount \$
Secured creditors		
Suzuki Australia Pty Ltd	97 - 105 Cherry Lane, Laverton North VIC 3026	2,884.39
Wells Fargo International Finance (Australia) Pty Ltd	Level 2, Building 8, 572 Swan Street, Richmond VIC 3121	15,125.94
Total secured creditors		18,010.33
Priority creditors		
Australian Taxation Office	PO Box 9003, Penrith NSW 2740	10,000.00
Total priority creditors		10,000.00
Unsecured creditors		
Ace Trailers Australia Pty Ltd	2/2 Welsh Place, Landsdale WA 6065	172.00
Aus Holdco Pty Ltd	PO Box 7171, Hemmant QLD 4174	2,142.33
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd	Locked Bag 2600, Collins Street, West PO, Melbourne VIC 8007	59,737.03
Australian Taxation Office	PO Box 9003 Penrith NSW 2740	62,384.08
Chirstopher Davidson ①	Withheld	52,419.77
Deane Cleaver ①	Withheld	190,000.00
Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation	GPO Box K851, Perth WA 6842	811.89
Fortron Automotive Treatments Pty Ltd	10 Kenhelm Street, Balcatta WA 6021	235.62
GC Lawyers Pty Ltd	1/270 Foreshore Drive, Geraldton WA 6530	505.00
Geraldton Organised Primary Producers Co-Operative Ltd	PO Box 1199, Geraldton WA 6531	6,593.03
GPC Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	150 Flores Road, Geraldton WA 6530	1,983.66
JPW (Aust) Pty Ltd	64 Division Street, Welshpool WA 6106	1,314.51
Keemos Enterprises Pty Ltd	3 Crocker Street, Rockingham WA 6168	5,094.16
Logic IT Solutions Pty Ltd	1 Chapman Road, Geraldton WA 6530	64.95
Logiwest Pty Ltd	108 Anderson Street, Webberton WA 6530	144.85
Marine Power International LLC	41-71 Bessemer Drive, Dandenong South VIC 3175	16,290.99

Name	Address	Amount \$
Unsecured creditors (cont.)	Address	Ş
Midtown Pty Ltd	2 Stow Street, Webberton WA 6530	385.00
Murchison Boat Builders Pty Ltd	405 Marine Terrace, West End WA 6530	722.61
Sheetmetal Creations Pty Ltd	110 Anderson Street, Webberton WA 6530	2,049.30
SKM Langham Holdings Pty Ltd	1/126 Radium Street, Welshpool WA 6106	165.00
Sun City Batteries	296A Place Road, Wonthella WA 6530	250.25
Supagas Pty Ltd	6 Dampier Rd, Welshpool WA 6106	596.13
Total Uniforms	2B Jensen Street, Geraldton WA 6530	781.55
Transwest Tyre & Auto	13 Beaver Street, Webberton WA 6530	110.00
Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd	116 Kurnall Road, Welshpool WA 6106	254.37
Water Corporation	Locked Mail Bag 2, Osborne Park Delivery Centre, Osborne Park WA 6916	161.11
West Coast Spring Water Pty Ltd	Unit 1, 9 Boyd Street, Geraldton WA 6530	112.00
West Marine Group	21 Prindiville Drive, Wangara WA 6065	1,593.75
Westpac	275 Kent Street, Sydney NSW 2000	Unknown
Winc Australia Pty Ltd	42 Chapman Road, Geraldton WA 6530	46.50
Woodlake Holdings Pty Ltd	96 Flores Road, Webberton WA 6530	39.49
Wurth Australia Pty Ltd	Building 5, 43 - 63 Princes Highway, Dandenong South VIC 3175	1,427.51
Total unsecured creditors		408,588.44
Total creditors		436,598.77

# ① Related entity

#### MIDWEST MARINE PTY LTD ACN 612 995 749 (In Liquidation) ("the company")

#### ATF THE MIDWEST MARINE TRUST ABN 84 836 581 157

#### **INITIAL REMUNERATION NOTICE**

The purpose of this Initial Remuneration Notice is to provide you with information about how I propose my remuneration for undertaking the liquidation will be set.

#### 1. Remuneration methods

There are four basic methods that can be used to calculate the remuneration charged by an insolvency practitioner. They are:

- A. Time based / hourly rates: This is the most common method. The total fee charged is based on the hourly rate charged for each person who carried out the work multiplied by the number of hours spent by each person on each of the tasks performed.
- B. Fixed fee: The total fee charged is normally quoted at the commencement of the administration and is the total cost for the administration. Sometimes a practitioner will finalise an administration for a fixed fee.
- **C.** Percentage: The total fee charged is based on a percentage of a particular variable, such as the gross proceeds of asset realisations.
- **D.** Contingency: The practitioner's fee is structured to be contingent on the achievement of a particular outcome.

#### Method chosen

Given the nature of this administration I propose that my remuneration be calculated at an hourly rate for the time spent by each member of my staff. I believe this method to be appropriate because it accurately reflects the work required to administer this matter.

#### 3. Explanation of hourly rates

The rates for my remuneration calculation are set out in the table overleaf, together with a general guide showing the qualifications and experience of staff engaged in the administration and the role they take in the administration. The hourly rates charged encompass the total cost of providing professional services and should not be compared to an hourly wage.

#### 4. Estimated remuneration

I estimate that this administration will cost approximately \$40,000 to complete, subject to the variable of the investigation into the affairs of the company and the conduct of its officers, which may have a significant effect on this estimate. I am unable to determine the effect of this variable until I have commenced work on this aspect of the administration.

#### 5. **Disbursements**

Disbursements are divided into three types:

- **A.** Externally provided professional services these are recovered at cost. An example of an externally provided professional service disbursement is legal fees.
- **B.** Externally provided non-professional costs such as travel, accommodation and search fees these are recovered at cost.
- C. Internal disbursements such as photocopying, printing and postage. These disbursements, if charged to the administration, would generally be charged at cost, though some expenses such as telephone calls, photocopying and printing may be charged at a rate that recoups both variable and fixed costs. The recovery of these costs must be on a reasonable commercial basis.

I am not required to seek creditor approval for disbursements paid to third parties, but must account to creditors. However, I must be satisfied that these disbursements are appropriate, justified and reasonable. I am required to obtain creditors' consent for the payment of disbursements only where there may be a profit or advantage. Creditors will be asked to approve my disbursements where there is a profit or advantage before these disbursements are paid from the administration. Details of the basis of recovering disbursements in this administration are provided overleaf.

	Hourly rate (excl. GST)	
Staff Level	\$	Experience rate classification
Liquidator	540	Liquidator & Bankruptcy Trustee bringing her specialist skills to the administration or insolvency task.
Director	435	More than 10 years' insolvency experience, more than 4 years as a manager. Answerable to the appointee but otherwise responsible for all aspects of administration.
Senior Manager	385	More than 7 years' insolvency experience, more than 3 years as a manager, qualified accountant. Answerable to the appointee but otherwise responsible for most aspects of administration. Experienced and competent at all levels. Controls staff and their training.
Manager	310	6 - 7 years. Qualified accountant, with well-developed technical and commercial skills. Has significant conduct of most administrations. Answerable to the appointee but otherwise manages administrations on a day to day basis. Controls 2 - 4 staff.
Supervisor	270	4 - 6 years. CA Program complete. Has conduct of minor administrations and experience in controlling 1 - 3 staff. Assists planning and control of medium to larger jobs.
Senior 1	245	2 - 4 years. CA Program normally completed within this period. Assists planning and control of small to medium sized jobs as well as performing some of the more difficult work on larger jobs.
Senior 2	225	2 - 3 years. CA Program would normally be commenced. Required to control the fieldwork on small jobs and is responsible for helping to complete fieldwork on medium to large jobs.
Intermediate 1	185	1 - 2 years. Graduate required to assist in day-to-day field work under supervision of more senior staff.
Intermediate 2	175	0 - 1 year. Trainee / graduate required to assist in day-to-day field work under supervision of more senior staff.
Graduate	150	0 - 1 year. HSC, graduate or completing part-time degree. Required to assist in administration and day-to-day field work under supervision of more senior staff.
Secretary	140	Appropriate skills including word processing competency.

Disbursement	Rate (excl. GST)		
ASIC IF Levy	\$166 per year		
Faxes	Local:	\$2.50	
	Interstate:	\$4.00	
	International:	\$4.00	
Meeting room hire	\$170.00		
Postage	Local and interstate:	\$1.60	
	International:	cost	
	Other:	cost	
Printing and photocopying	20 cents/page		
RP Data	\$105 on appointment		
Searches	Cost		
Storage	Cost		
Telephone	National calls (inc. mo	bile): \$1.00	
	International:	cost	
Staff vehicle use	72 cents/per km		
Statutory advertising	Cost		

Dated: 3 November 2023

### MIDWEST MARINE PTY LTD ACN 612 995 749 (In Liquidation) ("the company")

# ATF THE MIDWEST MARINE TRUST ABN 84 836 581 157

#### REMUNERATION APPROVAL REPORT

This Remuneration Approval Report provides you with the information you need to be able to make an informed decision regarding the approval of my remuneration for undertaking the liquidation of the company. This report has the following information included:

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#### Part 1: Declaration

I, Jennifer E. Low, of Sheridans, have undertaken a proper assessment of this remuneration claim for my appointment as Liquidator of the company in accordance with the law and applicable professional standards. I am satisfied that the remuneration claimed is in respect of necessary work to be properly performed in the conduct of the liquidation.

#### Part 2: Executive summary

The total remuneration for this appointment is estimated to be \$40,000. Remuneration currently claimed is summarised below:

Period	Report reference	Amount (excl. GST) \$
Resolution 1: 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation*	Part 3	40,000.00
Resolution 2: All disbursements incurred during the liquidation	Part 4	2,500.00

<sup>\*</sup> Approval for future remuneration sought is based on an estimate of the work necessary to the completion of the administration. Should additional work be necessary beyond what is contemplated, further approval may be sought from creditors.

Please refer to report section references detailed in the above table for full details of the calculation of the remuneration approval sought.

#### Part 3: Remuneration

#### 5.1 Remuneration claim resolutions

I will be seeking approval of the following resolution to approve my remuneration for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation:

That the Liquidator's future remuneration calculated on the basis of time spent by the Liquidator and her staff, at the standard scale rates set by Sheridans for work of this nature, be approved for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation to a limit of \$40,000 plus GST, and that the Liquidator be authorised to draw her fees on a monthly basis, or as required, beyond which further approval will be required in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. The standard scale rates will be increased in accordance with the CPI at 1 August each year, rounded up to the nearest \$.

#### 5.2 *Details of remuneration*

The table below sets out the expected costs for the major tasks that are likely to be performed by the Liquidator and her staff. The table also sets out a detailed description of the tasks likely to be performed within each task area.

Task area	General description	Includes
Assets	Plant and equipment	Liaising with valuers and interested parties
\$10,000		Reviewing asset listings
	Assets subject to	All tasks associated with realising a charged asset
	specific charges	
	Debtors	Correspondence with debtors
		Reviewing and assessing debtors' ledgers
		Receipting payments from debtors
	Stock	Conducting stock takes
		Reviewing stock values
		Liaising with purchasers
	Other assets	Tasks associated with realising other assets
	Leasing	Reviewing leasing documents
		Liaising with owners/lessors
		Tasks associated with disclaiming leases
Creditors	Creditor enquiries,	Receive and respond to creditor enquiries
\$10,000	requests & directions	Maintaining creditor request log
		Review and prepare initial correspondence to creditors and
		their representatives
		Considering reasonableness of creditor requests
		Obtaining legal advice on requests  Documenting reasons for complying or not complying with
		requests or directions
		Compiling information requested by creditors
	Retention of title	Search of the PPSR register
	claims	Notify PMSI creditors identified from PPSR register
	Ctairis	Receive initial notification of creditor's intention to claim
		Provision of retention of title claim form to creditor
		Receive completed retention of title claim form
		Maintain retention of title file
		Meeting claimant on site to identify goods
		Adjudicate retention of title claim
		Forward correspondence to claimant notifying outcome of
		adjudication
		Preparation of payment vouchers to satisfy valid claim
		Preparation of correspondence to claimant to accompany
		payment of claim (if valid)
	Secured creditor	Notifying PPSR registered creditors of appointment
	reporting	Preparing reports to secured creditor
		Responding to secured creditor's queries
	Creditor reports	Preparing Statutory Report by Liquidator, investigation,
		meeting and general reports to creditors

Task area	General description	Includes
Creditors	Dealing with Proofs of	Receipting and filing POD when not related to a dividend
(cont.)	Debt	Corresponding with OSR and ATO regarding POD when not related to a dividend
	Meeting of Creditors (if applicable)	Preparation of meeting notices, proxies and advertisements Forward notice of meeting to all known creditors Preparation of meeting file, including agenda, certificate of postage, attendance register, list of creditors, reports to creditors, advertisement of meeting and draft minutes of
		meeting. Preparation and lodgement of minutes of meetings with ASIC Responding to stakeholder queries and questions immediately following meeting
	Proposals to creditors	Preparing proposal notices and voting forms Forward notice of proposal to all known creditors Reviewing votes and determining outcome of proposal Preparation and lodgement of proposal outcome with ASIC
	Processing receipts and payments	Entering receipts and payments into accounting system
Investigation \$10,000	Conducting investigation	Collection of company books and records Correspondence with ASIC to receive assistance in obtaining reconstruction of financial statements, company's books and records and Report as to Affairs Reviewing company's books and records Review and preparation of company nature and history Conducting and summarising statutory searches Preparation of comparative financial statements Preparation of deficiency statement Review of specific transactions and liaising with directors regarding certain transactions Liaising with directors regarding certain transactions Preparation of investigation file Lodgement of investigation with ASIC Preparation and lodgement of supplementary report if
	Examinations	required Preparing brief to solicitor
	(if applicable)	Liaising with solicitors regarding examinations Attendance at examination Reviewing examination transcripts Liaising with solicitors regarding outcome of examinations and further actions available
	Litigation/recoveries	Internal meetings to discuss status of litigation Preparing brief to solicitors Liaising with solicitors regarding recovery actions Attending to negotiations Attending to settlement matters
	ASIC reporting	Preparing statutory investigation reports Preparing affidavits seeking non-lodgement assistance Liaising with ASIC
Dividend \$5,000	Processing proofs of debt	Preparation of correspondence to potential creditors inviting lodgement of POD Receipt of POD Maintain POD register Adjudicating POD Request further information from claimants regarding POD Preparation of correspondence to claimant advising outcome of adjudication
	Dividend procedures (if applicable)	Preparation of correspondence to creditors advising of intention to declare dividend Advertisement of intention to declare dividend Preparation of dividend calculation Preparation of correspondence to creditors announcing declaration of dividend Advertise announcement of dividend Preparation of distribution Preparation of dividend file Preparation of payment vouchers to pay dividend Preparation of correspondence to creditors enclosing payment of dividend

Task area	General description	Includes		
Administration	Correspondence	General correspondence		
\$5,000	Document	First month, then six-monthly administration reviews		
	maintenance/file	Filing of documents		
	review/checklist	File reviews		
		Updating checklists		
	Insurance	Identification of potential issues requiring attention of		
		insurance specialists		
		Correspondence with insurer regarding initial and ongoing		
		insurance requirements		
		Reviewing insurance policies		
		Correspondence with previous brokers		
	Bank account	Preparing correspondence opening and closing accounts		
	administration	Requesting bank statements		
		Bank account reconciliations		
		Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers		
	ASIC Form 524 and	Preparing and lodging ASIC forms including 505, 524, 911 etc		
	other forms	Correspondence with ASIC regarding statutory forms		
	ATO and other	Notification of appointment		
	statutory reporting	Preparing BAS		
		Completing group certificates		
	Finalisation	Notifying ATO of finalisation		
		Cancelling ABN / GST / PAYG registration		
		Completing checklists		
		Finalising WIP		
	Planning / Review	Discussions regarding status of administration		
	Books and records /	Dealing with records in storage		
	storage	Sending job files to storage		

#### 5.3 Total remuneration reconciliation

At this point in time I estimate that the total remuneration for this liquidation will be \$40,000, being the current approval amount being sought. This is consistent with the estimate provided in the Initial Remuneration Notice dated 3 November 2023.

In preparing this Remuneration Approval Report, I have made my best estimate of what I believe the liquidation will cost to complete. However, should the liquidation not proceed as expected, I will advise creditors and I may seek approval of further remuneration and provide details on why the remuneration has changed.

### 5.4 Likely impact on dividends

A Liquidator is entitled to receive remuneration for necessary work that has been properly performed in relation to the liquidation.

A Liquidator must distribute any property realised in accordance with the prescribed order and priorities set out by Section 556 of the Corporations Act 2001. Given that a Liquidator's remuneration is generally afforded priority ahead of any distribution to creditors, any such payment of remuneration approved by creditors will reduce the funds available for distribution to creditors.

The quantum (if any) of the dividend to creditors is ultimately impacted by the Liquidator's remuneration, the asset realisations achieved by the Liquidator and the value of creditor claims admitted to participate in the dividend.

#### Part 4: Disbursements

See my Initial Remuneration Notice (Annexure E) for details of the types of disbursements.

I have undertaken a proper assessment of disbursements claimed for the company, in accordance with the law and applicable professional standards. I will be seeking approval of the following resolution to approve my internal disbursements for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation:

That the Liquidator's internal disbursements, charged at the standard rates set by Sheridans, plus any applicable GST, for work of this nature, be approved for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation to a limit of \$2,500 plus GST, and that the Liquidator be authorised to draw her disbursements on a monthly basis, or as required. The standard rates will be calculated on a cost basis, or a reasonable estimate of cost, and may therefore be amended from time to time.

Part 5: Summary of receipts and payments

The following is a summary of receipts and payments in the liquidation to date:

	\$		
Receipts			
Stock on hand	13,945.00		
GST (net)	1,394.50		
	15,339.50		
Payments			
Bank charges	5.40		
	5.40		
Cash at bank	15,334.10		

#### Part 6: Queries

If you have any queries in relation to the information in this report, please contact Melissa Ledger or Matthew Ryan of this office.

General information is also available on the ARITA and ASIC websites (see section 11 of the attached initial information report).

#### Part 7: Approval of remuneration and internal disbursements

In summary, approval of the following proposals is being sought:

- 1) That the Liquidator's future remuneration calculated on the basis of time spent by the Liquidator and her staff, at the standard scale rates set by Sheridans for work of this nature, be approved for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation to a limit of \$40,000 plus GST, and that the Liquidator be authorised to draw her fees on a monthly basis, or as required, beyond which further approval will be required in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. The standard scale rates will be increased in accordance with the CPI at 1 August each year, rounded up to the nearest \$.
- 2) That the Liquidator's internal disbursements, charged at the standard rates set by Sheridans, plus any applicable GST, for work of this nature, be approved for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation to a limit of \$2,500 plus GST, and that the Liquidator be authorised to draw her disbursements on a monthly basis, or as required. The standard rates will be calculated on a cost basis, or a reasonable estimate of cost, and may therefore be amended from time to time.

#### Part 7: Approval of remuneration and internal disbursements (cont.)

Attached is two Notices of Proposal to Creditors for the above resolutions. I would be grateful if you would complete each form and return them both to this office by no later than 4:00pm on Monday, 27 November 2023.

Please note that it is in the best interests of the creditors of the estate to submit the Notices of Proposal. If my remuneration and disbursements are not approved, I will incur further remuneration in seeking the required approval, diminishing the funds available for a distribution to creditors.

If you require any assistance in completing the forms, please contact Melissa Ledger or Matthew Ryan of this office.

An information sheet concerning proposals without meetings can be found at the ARITA website, arita.com.au/creditors.

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# ATF THE MIDWEST MARINE TRUST ABN 84 836 581 157

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CREDITORS - REMUNERATION

#### Proposal for creditor approval

That the Liquidator's future remuneration calculated on the basis of time spent by the Liquidator and her staff, at the standard scale rates set by Sheridans for work of this nature, be approved for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation to a limit of \$40,000 plus GST, and that the Liquidator be authorised to draw her fees on a monthly basis, or as required, beyond which further approval will be required in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001. The standard scale rates will be increased in accordance with the CPI at 1 August each year, rounded up to the nearest \$.

#### Reasons for the proposal and likely impact on creditors if passed

Lapprove the proposal

The proposal is a request to creditors for approval of my prospective remuneration. If my remuneration is approved, I will draw these funds from current and future funds available. This will reduce the dividend payable (if any) to creditors of the company. Failure to approve remuneration via circular resolution means that I shall be required to call a meeting of creditors to seek approval of my remuneration. This action will result in additional fees and costs for which I shall seek approval.

#### Vote on proposal

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Creditors have the option of approving, not approving or objecting to the proposal being resolved without a meeting of creditors. Please select the appropriate Yes, No or Object box referred to below:

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			st be admitted by the Liquidator, for the purposes of select the option that applies:				
			oof of Debt and supporting documents and supporting documents with this form				
Credi	tor deta	ils					
Name	of credi	tor:	ACN/ABN:				
	I am not a related creditor of the company I am a related creditor of the company, relationship:						
Addre	ss:						
Name	of credi	tor/authorised person: _					
Signature: Date:							

Please complete this document and return with any supporting documents by no later than 27 November 2023 for your vote to be counted, by email to <a href="mailto:general@sheridansac.com.au">general@sheridansac.com.au</a> or by facsimile to (08) 9221 9340. Completed forms may also be sent by post to PO Box Z5209, Perth WA 6831, although you should ensure these are sent in time to arrive by the date the vote closes.

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#### ATF THE MIDWEST MARINE TRUST ABN 84 836 581 157

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CREDITORS - INTERNAL DISBURSEMENTS

#### Proposal for creditor approval

That the Liquidator's internal disbursements, charged at the standard rates set by Sheridans, plus any applicable GST, for work of this nature, be approved for the period 25 October 2023 to the conclusion of the liquidation to a limit of \$2,500 plus GST, and that the Liquidator be authorised to draw her disbursements on a monthly basis, or as required. The standard rates will be calculated on a cost basis, or a reasonable estimate of cost, and may therefore be amended from time to time.

#### Reasons for the proposal and likely impact on creditors if passed

The proposal is a request to creditors for approval of my prospective internal disbursements. If the payment of my disbursements is approved, I will pay the disbursements from current and future funds available. This will reduce the dividend payable (if any) to creditors of the company. Failure to approve disbursements via circular resolution means that I shall be required to call a meeting of creditors to seek approval of my disbursements. This action will result in additional fees and costs for which I shall seek approval.

Creditors have the option of approving, not approving or objecting to the proposal being resolved without a meeting of creditors. Please select the appropriate Yes, No or Object box

#### Vote on proposal

referred to below: Yes I approve the proposal I do not approve the proposal No I object to the proposal being resolved without a meeting of creditors Object Your claim against the company must be admitted by the Liquidator, for the purposes of voting, for your vote to count. Please select the option that applies: I have previously submitted a Proof of Debt and supporting documents I have enclosed a Proof of Debt and supporting documents with this form **Creditor details** Name of creditor: \_\_\_\_\_\_ ACN/ABN: \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a related creditor of the company П I am a related creditor of the company, relationship: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: Name of creditor/authorised person: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this document and return with any supporting documents by no later than 27 November 2023 for your vote to be counted, by email to <a href="mailto:general@sheridansac.com.au">general@sheridansac.com.au</a> or by facsimile to (08) 9221 9340. Completed forms may also be sent by post to PO Box Z5209, Perth WA 6831, although you should ensure these are sent in time to arrive by the date the vote closes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO CREDITORS - BOOKS AND RECORDS

#### Proposal for creditor approval

To authorise the Liquidator to destroy, at her discretion, the books and records of the company within a period of five years after dissolution of the company, subject to obtaining prior approval from the Australian Securities & Investments Commission.

#### Reasons for the proposal and likely impact on creditors if passed

The proposal is to request creditors' approval for the destruction of books and records of the company pursuant to Section 70-35(3)(b)(ii) of the Insolvency Practice Schedule (Corporations) 2001. Destruction of books and records may occur on the completion of the liquidation and after receiving approval from ASIC. The destruction of books and records would not occur until the Liquidator is satisfied there are no third parties who might be materially adversely affected by the destruction of the books and records.

#### Vote on proposal

Creditors have the option of approving, not approving or objecting to the proposal being resolved without a meeting of creditors. Please select the appropriate Yes, No or Object box referred to below: Yes I approve the proposal Nο I do not approve the proposal П I object to the proposal being resolved without a meeting of creditors Object Your claim against the company must be admitted by the Liquidator, for the purposes of voting, for your vote to count. Please select the option that applies: I have previously submitted a Proof of Debt and supporting documents I have enclosed a Proof of Debt and supporting documents with this form **Creditor details** \_\_\_\_\_ ACN/ABN: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of creditor: \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a related creditor of the company I am a related creditor of the company, relationship: Name of creditor/authorised person:

Please complete this document and return with any supporting documents by no later than 27 November 2023 for your vote to be counted, by email to <a href="mailto:general@sheridansac.com.au">general@sheridansac.com.au</a> or by facsimile to (08) 9221 9340. Completed forms may also be sent by post to PO Box Z5209, Perth WA 6831, although you should ensure these are sent in time to arrive by the date the vote closes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM

This is to state that the company was on 25 October 2023 and still is justly and truly										
indebted to for:										
	\$		and cent							
Date	_	sideration e debt arose	Amount \$	Remarks (include details of voucher substantiating payment)						
Date	(HOW CIT	e debt alose	, ,	substantiating payment)						
To my knowledge or belief the creditor has not, nor has any person by the creditor's order, had or received any satisfaction or security for the sum or any part of it except for the following: (insert particulars of all securities held. If the securities are on the property of the company, assess the value of those securities. If any bills or other negotiable securities are held, show them in a schedule in the following form).										
Date		Drawer	Acceptor	Am	ount \$	Due date				
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I am employed by the creditor and authorised in writing by the creditor to make this statement. I know that the debt was incurred for the consideration stated and that the debt, to the best of my knowledge and belief, remains unpaid and unsatisfied. ①										
I am the creditor's agent authorised in writing to make this statement in writing. I know that the debt was incurred for the consideration stated and that the debt, to the best of my knowledge and belief, remains unpaid and unsatisfied. ①										
<ul> <li>Delete both if this proof is made by the creditor personally. Otherwise, strike out or leave, as appropriate.</li> </ul>										
Please ensure this proof is signed for completion, before lodgement.										
Date:										
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Name:										
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$\hfill\Box$ I nominate to receive electronic notification of notices or documents in accordance with Section 600G of the Corporations Act 2001 at the following email address:										