# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

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**BETWEEN** 

# **GRAHAM GOLDENBERG & ORS (according to the Schedule)**

**Appellants** 

and

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (ACN 009 413 852) as trustee for AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (ACN 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (ACN 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (ACN 007 457 141) & ORS (according to the Schedule)

Respondents

# AFFIDAVIT OF MARK ANTHONY KORDA (ALMONDS RIGHTS APPEAL PROCEEDING)

Date of document:

18 September 2012

Filed on behalf of:

Timbercorp Securities Ltd (in liquidation) (ACN 092 311 469), and

Almond Management Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (ACN 094 468 845)

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I, MARK ANTHONY KORDA of Level 24, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne in the State of Victoria, Chartered Accountant, MAKE OATH AND SAY that:

- 1 I am, with Leanne Kylie Chesser, the liquidator of:
  - (a) Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) (ACN 092 311 469) (TSL); and
  - (b) Almond Management Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (ACN 094 468 845) (Almond Management).

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- I am authorised by Ms Chesser to make this affidavit on her behalf. References in this affidavit to "we", "us", "our" or "ourselves" and "Liquidators" are references to Ms Chesser and me.
- 3 Except where I otherwise indicate, I make this affidavit from my own knowledge. Where I depose to matters from information and belief, I believe those matters to be true.

# Personal background and experience

I am a chartered accountant and a partner of the firm KordaMentha Pty Ltd (ACN 100 169 391) (KordaMentha). I am a Registered Liquidator and an Official Liquidator of the Court. I am a member of the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Before founding KordaMentha in 2002, I had a 24 year career with the firm Arthur Andersen, during which I held the positions of Director of Corporate Finance, Managing Partner Asia Pacific Corporate Recovery Services Practice and Managing Partner Australia Accounting and Audit Practice. I was also a Member of the Australian Executive Committee and Board of Partners. I have been practising in the area of corporate insolvency and financial reconstructions over 20 years.

# Voluntary Administration and Liquidation of TSL and the Timbercorp Group

- On 23 April 2009, we were appointed as voluntary administrators of TSL and Almond Management. Also on 23 April 2009, one or more of us, and three other KordaMentha partners, namely Mark Francis Xavier Mentha, Craig Peter Shepard and Clifford Stuart Rocke, were appointed as voluntary administrators of the other companies in the Timbercorp group (together the **Timbercorp Group**). All of the appointments made on 23 April 2009 by those companies were pursuant to section 436A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (Act).
- On 29 June 2009, at the second meeting of creditors of all of the Timbercorp Group and a separate meeting of the creditors of TSL, the creditors resolved to wind up the Timbercorp Group and TSL respectively. From 29 June 2009, we have been the liquidators of TSL and Almond Management.

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# **Timbercorp Almond Projects**

- TSL is the responsible entity (**RE**) of the four almond projects the subject of this proceeding (the **Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding**), which are registered managed investment schemes under Part 5C of the Act. Those registered projects are the:
  - (a) 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 099 611 935);
  - (b) 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 112 935 092);
  - (c) 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 118 387 974); and
  - (d) 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 122 511 040).
- In addition, there is one almond project managed by Almond Management, called the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) (2002 Private Almond Project No 1). The 2002 Private Almond Project No 1 was only offered to sophisticated or professional investors. As such, it was not required to be (and accordingly was not) registered under Part 5C of the Act.
- I refer to the five almond projects referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 above collectively as the "Almond Projects".
- The members of the Almond Projects are referred to in the governing documents as "Growers" and I adopt that terminology here. The purpose of the Almond Projects was the cultivation of almonds for commercial sale.

# Background to and issues in dispute in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding

11 I refer to the affidavit of Ross Whyte McClymont sworn on 15 August 2012 in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding (McClymont Affidavit). The background to the first instance proceeding the subject of the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding (the Almond Land Rights Proceeding), and the steps taken thus far in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, are set out in paragraphs 6 - 22 of the McClymont Affidavit. Particularly, at paragraph 11, Mr McClymont states that:

"On 15 December 2009, BOSI Security Services Limited (ACN 009 413 952) as trustee for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ACN 005 357 522) (ANZ) and Bos International (Australia) Limited (ACN 066 601 250) and Westpac

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Banking Corporation (ACN 007 457 141) (**BOSI**), as the plaintiff, initiated the Almond Land Rights Proceeding, seeking declarations as to its, the first defendant's (ANZ's) and the fifth to eighth defendants' rights, if any, to the relevant net sale proceeds held in an interest bearing trust account... (**Fund**), and how the Fund ought to be distributed."

- Similar apportionment proceedings were commenced in relation to the net sale proceeds relating to other Timbercorp Projects. Those proceedings are:
  - (a) the "Fenceport Rights Proceeding", being proceeding no S CI 2011 6777 in this Honourable Court, which relates to the 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 Timbercorp Olive Projects and 2000 Timbercorp Olive Private Offer Project;
  - (b) the "Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding", being proceeding no S Cl 2011 6604 in this Honourable Court, which relates to the 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Timbercorp Almond Projects and the 2002 Almond Private Offer Project;
  - (c) the "Solora Rights Proceeding", being proceeding no S CI 2011 6606 in this Honourable Court, which relates to the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project; and
  - (d) the "BB Olives Rights Proceeding", being proceeding no S CI 2010 1354 in this Honourable Court, which relates to the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Timbercorp Olive Projects,

(together with the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, the "Apportionment Proceedings").

# The Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise

- From approximately August 2011, I facilitated discussions between, on the one hand, members of the Timbercorp Growers Group, which has represented Growers in the Timbercorp projects throughout the administration and liquidation of TSL, and, on the other hand, the secured creditors claiming an interest in the Net Sale Proceeds, with a view to reaching a settlement of the Apportionment Proceedings.
- 14 Following settlement offers and negotiations, which continued throughout the first half of this year, each of the parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding and TSL entered into a Deed of Compromise of the Almond Land Rights Appeal

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Proceeding on 25 July 2012 (Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise). Now produced and shown to me and marked "MAK-1" is a true copy of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise.

- Although not a party to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, TSL is a party to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise.
- Pursuant to clause 4 of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, TSL will receive, hold and distribute the "Almond Settlement Amount" (as that term is defined in clause 1.1 of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise).
- Further, pursuant to clause 9 of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, at the request of the "Representative Growers" (being the first to fourth appellants to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding), TSL will perform certain administrative roles in connection with the Compromise and this Application, including:
  - (a) distributing the "First Notice to Participant Growers" and the "Second Notice to Participant Growers" to "Participant Growers" (as those terms are defined in the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise);
  - (b) establishing and operating a telephone hotline facility and email facility:
    - to receive and, in accordance with instructions provided by the Representative Growers, address comments and questions from Growers in relation to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise; and
    - (ii) receive any objections to the Compromise made by Growers;
  - (c) in respect of Growers who have raised comments, questions or made objections, recording with appropriate detail:
    - (i) the identity of those Growers;
    - (ii) the comments and questions raised by those Growers and the responses provided to those Growers; and
    - (iii) any objections made by those Growers and any response provided in relation to those objections;

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- (d) acting in accordance with a protocol agreed with the Representative Growers regarding:
  - (i) the comments and questions which:
    - (A) may be answered by TSL without further reference to the Representative Growers;
    - (B) will be required to be provided by TSL to the Representative
       Growers for the preparation of an appropriate response;
  - (ii) the objections:
    - (A) to which TSL may respond without further reference to the Representative Growers;
    - (B) which will be required to be provided by TSL to the Representative Growers for the preparation of an appropriate response; and
  - (iii) the confidentiality of communications between TSL, the Participant Growers and the Representative Growers in relation to comments, questions and any objections raised by any Participant Growers;
- (e) providing to the Representative Growers, on a timely basis, a record, with appropriate detail, of:
  - (i) all comments, questions and answers given by TSL in accordance with the protocol which do not require preparation of a response by the Representative Growers;
  - (ii) all comments and questions requiring preparation of a response from the Representative Growers;
  - (iii) any objections by the Participant Growers to which TSL has provided a response in accordance with the agreed protocol; and
  - (iv) any objections requiring the preparation of a response by the Representative Growers; and

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(f) providing on a timely basis to relevant Growers any responses to comments, questions or objections settled by the Representative Growers.

# First Notice to Participant Growers and associated correspondence

- Clause 6.1 of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise provides that, as soon as practicable after execution of the deed, the Representative Growers would draft and seek the other parties' comments on the terms of the First Notice to Participant Growers. Pursuant to clause 6.1(c), the First Notice to Participant Growers was to, amongst other things:
  - (a) provide information about the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding;
  - (b) explain that the interests of the Growers are represented in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding by the Representative Growers;
  - (c) refer to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise and its key features;
  - explain that the Representative Growers consider the compromise reached under the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise to be in the best interests of Growers; and
  - (e) explain the various roles being undertaken by TSL at the request of, and on the instruction of, the Representative Growers in connection with this Application and pursuant to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise.
- I am informed by Jane Sheridan of Arnold Bloch Leibler (**ABL**), our solicitors, that throughout early August 2012, she and the lawyers for the Representative Growers and the first respondent in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding settled the terms of:
  - (a) a First Notice to Participant Growers in accordance with clause 6.1(c) of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise;
  - (b) a set of frequently asked questions and answers in respect of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, as referred to in clause 6.1(c)(xvi) of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise (FAQs);

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- (c) a short letter to Growers notifying Growers of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise and the First Notice to Growers (referred to in more detail in paragraph 24 of this affidavit); and
- (d) an advertisement to be published in *The Australian* newspaper in respect of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, in accordance with clause 6.2(b)(iii) of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise (referred to in more detail in paragraph 26 of this affidavit).
- I am further informed by Ms Sheridan that, in accordance with our instructions, she prepared:
  - (a) a 'Direction to Pay' form, by which a Grower whose payment under the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise is subject to a competing claim can direct TSL to pay that Grower's payment under the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise to wholly or partly satisfy the competing claim; and
  - (b) a 'Bank Account Nomination Form', which a Grower can complete in order to direct TSL to make distributions under the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise to an account nominated by the Grower.
- I refer to the documents listed in paragraphs 19(a), 19(b), 19(c) and 20 collectively as the **Grower Information Documents**. Now produced and shown to me and marked "MAK-2" is a bundle of documents comprising true copies of the Grower Information Documents.

# **Upload of Grower Information Documents to Webpages**

- 22 I am informed by Ms Sheridan that on or about 13 August 2012:
  - (a) ABL established a page on its website dedicated to the Apportionment Proceedings, and that the hyperlink to that page is:
    - < http://www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm >

# (ABL Compromises Webpage);

(b) an electronic copy of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise was uploaded to the ABL Compromises Webpage; and

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- (c) electronic copies of the Grower Information Documents were uploaded to the ABL Compromises Webpage.
- I am informed by Antony Munro, a director of KordaMentha who has been assisting us in the liquidation of TSL and other Timbercorp companies and has been extensively involved in the Apportionment Proceedings, that on or about 13 August 2012:
  - (a) KordaMentha established a page on its website dedicated to the Apportionment Proceedings, and that the hyperlink to that page is:
    - < http://www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/australia/51/14 >

# (KordaMentha Compromises Webpage);

- (b) an electronic copy of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise was uploaded to the KordaMentha Compromises Webpage; and
- (c) electronic copies of the Grower Information Documents were uploaded to the KordaMentha Compromises Webpage.

# Informing Growers of the Grower Information Documents and the Hotline

- On 13 August 2012, we engaged a mailing house, Direct Mail Solutions, to send a short letter to Growers notifying them of:
  - (a) the compromise the subject of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise;
  - (b) where they could obtain the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise and the Grower Information Documents; and
  - (c) where inquiries about the compromise, the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise or the Grower Information Documents could be directed,

(**Short Letter to Growers**). Now produced and shown to me and marked "**MAK-3**" is a true copy of the Short Letter to Growers.

25 Pursuant to clause 6.2(b)(ii) of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, the Short Letter to Growers was sent both:

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- (a) by email, to the personal and business (where known) email address(es) of Growers that had most recently been communicated to TSL; and also
- (b) by post, to the last personal and business (where known) postal address(es) of Growers that had been communicated to TSL.
- I am informed by Ishbel Jorgensen of the Timbercorp Grower Management Team (to which I refer in more detail in paragraph 29, below) that:
  - (a) a total of 5,157 emails in respect of the Short Letter to Growers in relation to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise were sent to Growers, comprised of:
    - (i) 3,343 emails to Growers' business email addresses; and
    - (ii) 1,814 emails to Growers' personal email addresses;
  - (b) of the 5,157 emails sent, 601 "bounced back" (that is, did not send to the stipulated email address); and
  - (c) a total of 9,487 hard copies of the Short Letter to Growers in relation to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise were sent to Growers, and 418 of those letters were returned to us.
- On 10 August 2012 we instructed our staff to send a draft notice in relation to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise to *The Australian* newspaper. On or about 11 August 2012, *The Australian* provided a proof of the notice, which we instructed our staff to approve for publication. On 14 August 2012, the notice was published in *The Australian* newspaper. That notice was titled "Timbercorp Almond Projects" and:
  - specified the Timbercorp Almond Projects relevant to the Almond Land Rights
     Appeal Proceeding (being the five almond projects referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 above);
  - (b) stated that the parties had reached a compromise of the dispute the subject of the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding; and
  - (c) stated where the First Notice to Growers was available and to where Growers could direct any inquiries or comments.

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Now produced to me and marked "MAK-4" is a true copy of the notice published in *The Australian* newspaper on 14 August 2012 in relation to the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise.

# **Inquiry Hotline and Grower Email Facility**

- Since our appointment as administrators, we have caused TSL to maintain a telephone hotline facility and email facility through which Growers could ask questions and update personal information relating to their holdings as Growers. The telephone number for that hotline is (03) 8615-1200 (Hotline) and the email address is < <a href="mailto:investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au">investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au</a> > (Grower Email Facility).
- The Timbercorp Grower Management Team, under our ultimate supervision, manage the Hotline and Grower Email Facility. There are currently five members of the Timbercorp Grower Management Team and the team reports to Ishbel Jorgensen, General Manager Operations, Timbercorp Limited (in liquidation) (ACN 055 185 067). The Hotline and Grower Email Facility are monitored from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm each business day.
- As the members of the Timbercorp Grower Management Team were familiar with the Growers and the database maintained by Timbercorp in relation to Growers, we considered it appropriate that we use the Hotline and Grower Email Facility as the telephone hotline facility and email facility required under the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise.
- In August 2012, we agreed a protocol with the lawyers for the Representative Growers which sets out how the Timbercorp Grower Management Team should respond to comments, questions and objections made by Growers to the Hotline and Grower Email Facility (Agreed Protocol) and the form of a report that would be prepared by the Timbercorp Grower Management Team to record details of the comments, questions and objections and responses given to such communications (Communications Report). In accordance with clause 9(d) of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, the Agreed Protocol sets out:
  - (a) how calls and emails should be recorded;
  - (b) how comments and questions should be answered;
  - (c) how to respond to comments and objections; and

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(d) how to refer comments, questions and objections to Clarendon Lawyers, the solicitors for the Representative Growers.

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- I am informed by Antony Munro that on 9 August 2012, he, Leanne Chesser, Ishbel Jorgensen, Jane Sheridan and Jing Chang of ABL and Celia Armstrong of Clarendon Lawyers met with the Timbercorp Grower Management Team and explained to them the general nature and background of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise, the Grower Information Documents, the Agreed Protocol and the Communications Report.
- The Hotline and Grower Email Facility commenced receiving comments, questions and objections from Growers in relation to the compromise the subject of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise on 14 August 2012 and continues to receive such communications.
- I am informed by Mr Munro that, in accordance with the Agreed Protocol, as a telephone call is received on the Hotline or an email is sent to the Grower Email Facility, the Timbercorp Grower Management Team document, in the Communications Report for that day, that telephone call or email and the response to that telephone call or email by the Timbercorp Grower Management Team. The Timbercorp Grower Management Team also indicate in the Communications Report whether the telephone call or email requires a response or further action on behalf of the Representative Growers (Escalated Queries and Comments).
- The completed Communications Report for each day is provided by Mr Munro to Clarendon Lawyers following the relevant day. Now produced and shown to me and marked "Confidential MAK-6" is a compact disc containing true copies of the Communications Reports for each day from 14 August 2012 to 17 September 2012. I ask for an order that exhibit Confidential MAK-6 be marked confidential and kept in a

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sealed envelope and not be available for inspection, subject to further order, as it contains personal private information of Growers that call the Hotline or send an email to the Grower Email Facility.

**SWORN** at Melbourne ) )

in the State of Victoria

by MARK ANTHONY KORDA

this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012

Before me:

**MEAGAN LOUISE GROSE** Amold Bloch Leibler Level 21, 333 Collins Street Melbourne 3000

An Australian Legal Practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Profession Act 2004

# **SCHEDULE OF PARTIES**

# **GRAHAM GOLDENBERG**

(in his capacity as representative of the Members in the 2002 Almond Project)

First Appellant

#### CHRISTOPHER MARK LITTLEY

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2005 Almond Project)

Second Appellant

#### **CONSTANTINE MOSHOPOULOS**

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2006 Almond Project)

Third Appellant

#### **DAVID BUTTERFIELD**

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2007 Almond Project and as representative of the Members in the 2002 Private offer Scheme)

Fourth Appellant

# **BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (ACN 009 413 852)**

as trustee for

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# AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED

(ACN 005 357 522)

Second Respondent

ALMOND LAND PTY LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 091 460 392)

Third Respondent

#### MARK ANTHONY KORDA

(in his capacity as liquidator of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation))

Fourth Respondent

# **LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER**

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#### CERTIFICATE IDENTIFYING EXHIBIT

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This is the exhibit marked "MAK- 1" now produced and shown to MARK ANTHONY KORDA at the time of swearing his affidavit on 18 September 2012.

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Exhibit "MAK- 1" **Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise**  " MAK-1"

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# Deed of Compromise for the Almonds Appeal Proceeding

BOSI Security Services Limited A.C.N. 009 413 852) as trustee for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (A.C.N. 005 357 522) and BOS International (Australia) Limited (A.C.N. 066 601 250) and Westpac Banking Corporation (A.C.N. 007 457 141)

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited A.C.N. 005 357 522

Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) A.C.N. 091 460 392

Mark Anthony Korda (in his capacities as liquidator of each of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation))

Leanne Kylle Chesser (In her capacities as liquidator of each of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation))

Graham Goldenberg (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2002 Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935)

Christopher Mark Littley (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2005 Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092)

Constantine Moshopoulos (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2006 Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974)

David Butterfield (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2007 Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040 and the 2002 Almond Project (Private Offer No 1))

Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) A.C.N. 092 311 469

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#### THIS DEED is made on 25 July 2012

#### BETWEEN:

- (1) BOSI Security Services Limited A.C.N. 009 413 852) as trustee for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (A.C.N. 005 357 522) and BOS International (Australia) Limited (A.C.N. 066 601 250) and Westpac Banking Corporation (A.C.N. 007 457 141) c/- Ashurst Australia, Level 26, 181 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("BOSI")
- (2) Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (A.C.N. 005 357 522) c/-Allens, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("ANZ")
- (3) Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (A.C.N. 091 460 392) c/- Arnold Bloch Leibler, Level 20, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Almond Land")
- (4) Mark Anthony Korda (in his capacities as liquidator of each of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation)) c/- Amold Bloch Leibler, Level 20, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Korda")
- (5) Leanne Kylie Chesser (in her capacities as liquidator of each of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation)) c/- Arnold Bloch Leibler, Level 20, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Chesser")
- (6) Graham Goldenberg (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2002 Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935) c/- Clarendon Lawyers, Level 17, Rialto North Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Goldenberg")
- (7) Christopher Mark Littley (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092) c/Clarendon Lawyers, Level 17, Rialto North Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Littley")
- (8) Constantine Moshopoulos (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974) c/Clarendon Lawyers, Level 17, Rialto North Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Moshopoulos")
- (9) David Butterfield (in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040 and the 2002 Almond Project (Private Offer No 1)) c/- Clarendon Lawyers, Level 17, Rialto North Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("Butterfield")
- (10) Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) (A.C.N. 092 311 469) c/- Arnold Bloch Leibler, Level 20, 333 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 ("TSL")

#### RECITALS

- (A) Timbercorp Limited (in liquidation) ("Timbercorp") and its subsidiary entities (together, the "Timbercorp Group") conducted various agribusiness projects involving, among other things, the management, cultivation, harvesting, processing and sale of almonds, olives and citrus, including the Almond Projects.
- (B) Each entity in the Timbercorp Group, including Almond Land, is currently in liquidation.
- (C) TSL is the responsible entity for the Almond Projects other than the Private Offer Project for which AMPL is the private manager.

- (D) The Participant Growers are investors in the Almond Projects which were conducted on the Almond Property.
- (E) BOSI and ANZ (collectively "Secured Lenders") provided financial accommodation to Timbercorp (in the case of BOSI) and to Almond Land (in the case of ANZ) and obtained securities including mortgages and charges over the assets of Almond Land used in the Almond Projects ("Almond Assets").
- (F) In the course of the liquidation of Almond Land, and pursuant to Court approval, the Almond Assets were sold ("Almond Sale"), and the Fund constituted.
- (G) A dispute exists between, on the one hand, the Secured Lenders and, on the other hand, the Participant Growers regarding the allocation amongst them of the Fund.
- (H) TFL claims that a number of the Participant Growers are TFL Debtors.
- (I) TSL claims that a number of the Participant Growers are Timbercorp Debtors.
- (J) On 15 December 2009, BOSI commenced Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. SCI 2009 10699 seeking, among other things, declarations as to its, and other relevant parties', rights, if any, to the Fund ("Almond Rights Proceeding").
- (K) By order made on 22 December 2009 in the Almond Rights Proceeding, pursuant to rule 16.01(2) of the Rules:
  - (1) Goldenberg was appointed as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project;
  - (2) Littley was appointed as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project;
  - (3) Moshopoulos was appointed as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project; and
  - (4) Butterfield was appointed as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project and the Private Offer Project

#### (collectively, the "Representative Growers").

- (L) On 15 June 2011, the Court gave judgment in the Almond Rights Proceeding in favour of the Secured Lenders ("Judgment") and, pursuant to the Judgment, the Fund was entirely disbursed to the Secured Lenders by 20 September 2011.
- (M) The Representative Growers have appealed the Judgment to the Court of Appeal in Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. APCI 2011 0103 ("Appeal Proceeding").
- (N) The Parties have agreed to compromise the Appeal Proceeding on the terms set out in this Deed.
- (O) The Representative Growers consider that it is for the benefit of the class of persons whom they respectively represent that the Appeal Proceeding be compromised on the terms set out in this Deed.
- (P) BOSI and ANZ each supports the Appeal Proceeding being compromised on the terms set out in this Deed and, together with the Representative Growers, will seek the Court's, alternatively the Court of Appeal's, approval of the Compromise.

#### THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1.1 Definitions

In this Deed:

"Almond Extinguishment Date" means 2 December 2009, being the date on which:

- the liquidators of TSL extinguished all of the rights of the Participant Growers in respect of the Almond Projects (other than the Private Offer Project) conducted on the Almond Property; and
- the liquidators of AMPL disclaimed all of the rights of the Participant Growers in respect of the Private Offer Project conducted on the Almond Property;

"Almond Projects" means the projects listed in Schedule 1;

"Almond Property" means the land the subject of the Almond Rights Proceeding which was owned by Almond Land and on which the Almond Projects were conducted;

"Almond Settlement Amount" means \$6,000,000;

"Almond Settlement Entitlement" means, in respect of a Participant Grower, its entitlement, from time to time, to the Almond Settlement Amount (together with any applicable interest on that amount from the date on which the payment provided by clause 4(a) is made by the Secured Lenders to TSL) on the basis of a rateable distribution of that amount between the Participant Growers in the Almond Projects in accordance with the number of Lots they held in those projects as at the Almond Extinguishment Date;

"AMPL" means Almond Management Pty Ltd;

"Approval Application" means the application or applications to the Court and/or the Court of Appeal for the orders referred to in clause 3.1(a);

"BB Olives Deed of Compromise" means the deed of compromise dated on or about the date of this Deed to give effect to the compromise of the BB Olives Rights Proceeding;

"BB Olives Rights Proceeding" means Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. SCI 2010 1354;

"Business Day" means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Victoria;

"Claim" includes any claim or liability of any kind (including one which is prospective or contingent and the amount of which is not ascertained) and costs (whether or not the subject of a court order);

"Compromise" means the compromise set out in clause 2;

"Costs" includes legal fees and disbursements;

"Court" means the Supreme Court of Victoria;

"Court of Appeal" means the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal;

"Deed" means this document, including any schedule or annexure to it;

"Fenceport Deed of Compromise" means the deed of compromise dated on or about the date of this Deed to give effect to the compromise of the Fenceport Rights Proceeding;

"Fenceport Rights Proceeding" means Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. SCI 2011 6777;

"First Notice to Participant Growers" has the meaning set out at clause 6.1(b);

"Fund" means the net sale proceeds of the Almond Sale (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all interest) held on trust by Almond Land, from time to time, pursuant to paragraph 7 of the Orders made by the Honourable Justice Robson on 9 October 2009 in Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No.9408 of 2009 and taking into account any other amount which may be deducted pursuant to any subsequent order of the Court;

"Liparoo & Yungera Deed of Compromise" means the deed of compromise dated on or about the date of this Deed to give effect to the compromise of the Liparoo & Yungera Rights Proceeding;

"Liparoo & Yungera Rights Proceeding" means Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No., SCI 2011 6604;

"Liquidators" means Korda and Chesser;

"Litigation Funding Agreement" means the Management and Funding Agreement for the funding of the Almonds Appeal S APCI 2011 0103 dated 22 October 2011 as amended by the undated Agreement to amend Funding Agreement executed on or about 18 December 2011 and the Deed of amendment and acknowledgement dated 24 July 2012;

"Litigation Funders" means the Managers as defined in the Litigation Funding Agreement;

"Litigation Funders' Fee" means the unpaid amount due to the Litigation Funders under the Litigation Funding Agreement;

"Lot" means an Almondlot as that term is defined in the constituent documents of each Almond Project;

"Other Apportionment Proceedings" means the BB Olives Rights Proceeding, the Solora Rights Proceeding, the Liparoo & Yungera Rights Proceeding and the Fenceport Rights Proceeding;

# "Participant Grower" means:

- (a) each "Grower" as that term is defined in the constituent documents of 2002 Almond Project and Private Offer Project; and
- (b) each "Participant Grower" as that term is defined in the constituent documents of 2005 Almond Project, 2006 Almond Project and 2007 Almond Project;

"Party" means a party to this Deed;

"Private Offer Project" means 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1);

#### "Representative Growers' Costs Correspondence" means:

- (a) the letter from Clarendon Lawyers (solicitors for the Representative Growers) to Arnold Bloch Leibler dated 18 January 2012, including the Framework as referred to and defined in that letter; and
- (b) the letter from Arnold Bloch Leibler to Clarendon Lawyers dated 3 February 2012;

"Rules" means the Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2005 (Vic);

"Second Notice to Participant Growers" has the meaning set out at clause 6.3(b);

"Schedule 2 Draft Orders" means the draft orders set out in schedule 2 to this Deed;

"Schedule 3 Draft Orders" means the draft orders set out in schedule 3 to this Deed;

"Solora Deed of Compromise" means the deed of compromise dated on or about the date of this Deed to give effect to the compromise of the Solora Rights Proceeding;

"Solora Rights Proceeding" means Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. SCI 2011 6606;

"TFL" means Timbercorp Finance Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) ACN 054 581 190;

"TFL Debtor" means a Participant Grower who entered into a loan agreement with TFL:

- (c) pursuant to which TFL agreed to lend a specified amount or amounts to that Participant Grower to be used by that Participant Grower to pay liability owed to TSL relating to that Participant Grower's investments in the Almond Projects; and
- (d) under which TFL claims that indebtedness to TFL remains outstanding;

"TFL Indebtedness" means, in respect of a TFL Debtor, its indebtedness to TFL from time to time according to the books and records of TFL;

"Timbercorp Debtor" means a Participant Grower who Timbercorp claims is indebted to TSL; and

"Timbercorp Indebtedness" means, in respect of a Timbercorp Debtor, its indebtedness, from time to time, to TSL according to the books and records of TSL.

# 1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Reference to:
  - (i) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular;
  - a Party includes the Party's successors, permitted substitutes and permitted assigns (and, where applicable, the Party's legal personal representatives);
     and
  - (iii) a thing includes the whole and each part of it separately.
- (b) "Including" and similar expressions are not words of limitation.
- (c) Headings and any table of contents or index are for convenience only and do not form part of this Deed or affect its interpretation.
- (d) A provision of this Deed must not be construed to the disadvantage of a Party merely because that Party was responsible for the preparation of the Deed or the inclusion of the provision in the Deed.

#### 1.3 Parties

(a) If a Party consists of more than 1 person, this Deed binds each of them separately and any 2 or more of them jointly.

- (b) An obligation in favour of more than 1 person is for the benefit of them separately and jointly.
- (c) A Party that is a trustee is bound both personally and in that Party's capacity as a trustee.
- (d) A Party holds the benefit of any release provided for in this Deed for themselves and, where applicable, for that Party's present and former, directors, officers, employees, contractors, agents and partners.

#### 2. **COMPROMISE**

Subject to the condition precedent set out in clause 3 being satisfied, the Parties agree to compromise the Appeal Proceeding by:

- (a) the making of the payments in accordance with clause 4; and
- (b) the giving of releases in accordance with clause 5.

#### 3. **CONDITION PRECEDENT**

#### 3.1 Court Orders

It is a condition precedent to the Compromise that, on or before 31 December 2012:

- (a) the Court, or alternatively the Court of Appeal,:
  - (i) pursuant to rule 16.01(4) of the Rules, approves the Compromise and orders that the Compromise shall be binding on the absent persons who are represented respectively by the Representative Growers, in the form of, or substantially to the effect of, paragraph 1 of the Schedule 2 Draft Orders; and
  - (ii) makes an order in the form of, or substantially to the effect of, paragraph 2 of the Schedule 2 Draft Orders;
- (b) the Court of Appeal makes orders in the form of, or substantially to the effect of, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule 3 Draft Orders;
- (c) the Court makes orders in the Solora Rights Proceeding in accordance with clause 3.1(a) of the Solora Deed of Compromise;
- (d) the Court makes orders in the Liparoo & Yungera Rights Proceeding in accordance with clause 3.1(a) of the Liparoo & Yungera Deed of Compromise;
- (e) the Court makes orders in the Fenceport Rights Proceeding in accordance with clause 3.1(a) of the Fenceport Deed of Compromise; and
- (f) the Court makes orders in the BB Olives Rights Proceeding in accordance with clause 3.1(a) of the BB Olives Deed of Compromise.

#### 3.2 Procuring Court Orders

The parties will do all things reasonably necessary to procure the Court and/or the Court of Appeal to make orders in the terms referred to in clause 3.1.

# 4. PAYMENTS

(a) As soon as practicable after the condition precedent set out in clause 3.1 is satisfied:

- (i) BOSI will pay 63.65% of the Almond Settlement Amount (being \$3,819,000); and
- (ii) ANZ will pay 36.35% of the Almond Settlement Amount (being \$2,181,000),

to TSL by direct deposit into the following interest bearing bank account:

Account name:

Mark Korda and Leanne Chesser as Liquidators of Timbercorp Securities Limited (In Liquidation) TSL -

Almonds (AL)

Bank:

Macquarie

BSB:

183 334

Account number:

301881629

- (b) TSL will hold the Almond Settlement Amount on trust for the Participant Growers in the Almond Projects for distribution to, or on behalf of, those Participant Growers in accordance with their respective Almond Settlement Entitlements on the following basis.
  - (I) In respect of each Participant Grower who is not a TFL Debtor immediately prior to the time of distribution to each such Participant Grower in accordance with this clause, TSL will pay its Almond Settlement Entitlement as soon as practicable to or at the direction of that Participant Grower (in each case, into a bank account nominated by each such Participant Grower).
  - (ii) In respect of each Participant Grower who:
    - (A) is a TFL Debtor immediately prior to the time of distribution to each such Participant Grower in accordance with this clause; and
    - (B) directs and authorises TSL by notice in writing to pay its TFL Indebtedness to the extent possible out of its Almond Settlement Entitlement,

TSL will, as soon as practicable, pay to TFL that Participant Grower's TFL Indebtedness (to the extent possible) out of the Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement and remit the balance of that Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement (if any) to the Participant Grower.

- (iii) In respect of each Participant Grower who:
  - is a TFL Debtor immediately prior to the time of distribution to each such Participant Grower in accordance with this clause; and
  - (B) has an Almond Settlement Entitlement for a sum greater than its TFL Indebtedness and directs and authorises TSL by notice in writing to pay only part of its TFL Indebtedness out of its Almond Settlement Entitlement,

TSL will, as soon as practicable, pay to TFL that part of that Participant Grower's TFL Indebtedness out of the Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement and retain the balance of that Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement on trust pending agreement in writing between TFL and the relevant Participant Grower, or court order, as to the manner in which it is to be disbursed.

- (iv) In respect of each Participant Grower who:
  - (A) Is a TFL Debtor immediately prior to the time of distribution to each such Participant Grower in accordance with this clause; and
  - (B) does not give a direction or authorisation to TSL in relation to payment of its TFL Indebtedness,

TSL will continue to hold that Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement on trust pending agreement in writing between TFL and the relevant Participant Grower, or court order, as to the manner in which it is to be disbursed.

- (c) For the purposes of clause 4(b)(l):
  - (i) if a Participant Grower:
    - (A) is a Timbercorp Debtor and not a TFL Debtor; and
    - (B) so directs and authorises TSL by notice in writing prior to the date on which TSL would otherwise make a payment to the Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(i),

TSL will:

- (C) deduct from the payment due to that Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(i) such amount of that Participant Grower's Timbercorp Indebtedness as is specified in the notice and pay that deducted amount to TSL in full or part satisfaction (as the case may be) of that Participant Grower's Timbercorp Indebtedness; and
- (D) pay the balance (if any) of the payment due to the Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(i) out of the Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement to the Participant Grower's nominated bank account; and
- (ii) for the avoidance of doubt, upon TSL making all applicable payments in respect of a Participant Grower in accordance with clause 4(c), TSL will have discharged its obligations to that Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(i) and thereupon will be entitled to the benefit of the release in clause 5.2 from that Participant Grower.
- (d) For the purposes of clause 4(b)(ii):
  - (i) if a Participant Grower:
    - (A) is a Timbercorp Debtor and a TFL Debtor; and
    - (B) so directs and authorises TSL by notice in writing prior to the date on which TSL would otherwise make a payment to the Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(ii),

TSL will:

(C) deduct from the payment due to that Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(ii) such amount of that Participant Grower's Timbercorp Indebtedness as is specified in the notice and pay that deducted amount to TSL in full or part satisfaction (as the case may be) of that Participant Grower's Timbercorp Indebtedness; and

- (D) pay the balance (if any) of the payment due to the Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(ii) out of the Participant Grower's Almonds Settlement Entitlement to the Participant Grower's nominated bank account; and
- (ii) for the avoidance of doubt, upon TSL making all applicable payments in respect of a Participant Grower in accordance with clause 4(d), TSL will have discharged its obligations to that Participant Grower under clause 4(b)(ii) and thereupon will be entitled to the benefit of the release in clause 5.2 from that Participant Grower.
- (e) For the purposes of clauses 4(b)(iii) and (iv), If a Participant Grower is a Timbercorp Debtor and a TFL Debtor, the Participant Grower will not give any direction or authorisation to TSL to pay any part of that Participant Grower's Timbercorp Indebtedness out of its Almond Settlement Entitlement pending agreement in writing between TFL and the relevant Participant Grower, or relevant court order, as to the manner in which that entitlement is to be disbursed.
- (f) The giving of any authorisation or direction by a Participant Grower to TSL under clause 4(b):
  - does not constitute an admission of liability by the Participant Grower to TFL in respect of the Participant Grower's TFL Indebtedness; and
  - (ii) Is without prejudice to the Participant Grower's rights (if any) against TFL in relation to the Participant Grower's TFL Indebtedness.
- (g) Nothing In the receipt by TFL of any payment from TSL in accordance with clause 4(b) constitutes a walver of any rights which TFL may have against a Participant Grower in respect of that Participant Grower's remaining TFL Indebtedness. The benefit of this clause is held by TSL on trust for TFL.
- (h) TSL (in its personal capacity) will pay the Representative Growers' costs of and incidental to the Approval Application (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the application referred to in clause 7(b)(i)) in accordance with the terms agreed in the Representative Growers' Costs Correspondence. For the avoidance of doubt, payment of the Representative Growers' costs in accordance with this clause is not to be made out of the Fund or any of the funds received by TSL and held on trust for the Participant Growers in accordance with clauses 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d).

#### 5. RELEASE

# 5.1 Representative Growers and Secured Lenders

Upon satisfaction of the condition precedent in clause 3.1, and the making of the payments in clauses 4(a) and 4(b), the Representative Growers on behalf of the Participant Growers and the Secured Lenders release and discharge each other from all Claims in relation to:

- (a) their respective entitlements to the Fund; and
- (b) the allocation and disbursement of the Fund under the Compromise,

and this Deed may be pleaded by any Party as a full and complete defence to any such Claim.

#### 5.2 **TSL**

Upon:

- (a) the releases in clause 5.1 taking effect; and
- (b) the making of a payment or, as applicable, all payments to, or at the direction of, or on the authorisation of, a Participant Grower under clauses 4(b), 4(c) or 4(d) by which that Participant Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement is disbursed in full,

the Representative Grower for that Participant Grower releases TSL on behalf of that Participant Grower from all Claims in relation to:

- (a) that Participant Grower's entitlement to the Fund;
- (b) the allocation and disbursement of the Fund under the Compromise in respect of that Participant Grower; and
- (c) all of TSL's obligations to that Participant Grower under clauses 4(b), 4(c) or 4(d) (as the case may be),

and this Deed may be pleaded by TSL as a full and complete defence to any such Claim.

# 6. NOTICES TO PARTICIPANT GROWERS

#### 6.1 First Notice to Participant Growers

- (a) As soon as practicable after this Deed is executed, the Representative Growers will seek the other Parties' comments on the terms of a first notice to Participant Growers, and to this end:
  - (i) the Representative Growers will prepare and circulate among the Parties a draft of the first notice; and
  - (ii) the other Parties will, as soon as practicable thereafter, provide any comments to the Representative Growers on the draft of the first notice.
- (b) The Parties will thereafter confer in good faith in relation to any necessary further comments on the draft first notice and the Representative Growers will finalise the form of the first notice (the finalised form being the "First Notice to Participant Growers").
- (c) The First Notice to Participant Growers will, among other things:
  - provide information about the Almond Rights Proceeding (including the terms and effect of the Judgment) and the Appeal Proceeding;
  - (ii) explain that the interests of the Participant Growers are represented in the Appeal Proceeding by the Representative Growers;
  - (iii) refer to the Compromise reached between the Parties and explain the key features of this Deed including the various payments contemplated under the Deed;
  - (iv) explain that the Compromise is considered by the Representative Growers as being in the best interests of the Participant Growers;
  - (v) alert the Participant Growers to consider any potential tax consequences of the Compromise;

- (vi) explain that if the Court, or alternatively the Court of Appeal, approves the Compromise the Participant Growers will be bound by the Compromise in respect of their individual entitlements (if any) out of the Fund;
- (vii) explain the various roles being undertaken by TSL at the request of, and on the instruction of, the Representative Growers in connection with the Approval Application and under this Deed;
- (viii) explain when the Participant Growers may expect to receive a payment under the Compromise from TSL;
- explain the mechanism by which each Participant Grower is to provide their individual bank account details to TSL for the purposes of receipt of a payment under the Compromise;
- explain that some Participant Growers are TFL Debtors and Timbercorp Debtors and how the Compromise will apply to the Individual circumstances of the Participant Growers (having regard, amongst other things, to the offer of settlement made by TFL to TFL Debtors (amongst others) by letter dated 8 February 2012);
- (xi) explain how each Participant Grower can access private information in relation to their individual circumstances in respect of the Compromise including the number of Lots they held in the Almond Projects as at the Almond Extinguishment Date and, where applicable, their TFL Indebtedness and Timbercorp Indebtedness (as the case may be);
- (xii) explain, in respect of any payment due to the Participant Growers under the Compromise:
  - (A) the right of each Participant Grower to make a direction and authorisation to TSL in accordance with clauses 4(b), 4(c) and 4(d); and
  - (B) the consequences, where applicable, of making or not making such a direction or authorisation;
- (xiii) explain the consequences if the Court, or the Court of Appeal, does not approve the Compromise;
- (xiv) explain to the Participant Growers what their options are in connection with the Approval Application;
- (xv) inform the Participant Growers that, without prejudice to any other course they may be advised to take, they may:
  - (A) address any comments or questions in relation to the Compromise, the Approval Application, or their individual circumstances;
  - (B) raise any objection to the Compromise,

to the Representative Growers through TSL using either a specified telephone hotline facility or by a specified email address, and that a reply will be provided to their comments or questions and, as appropriate, their comments and objections will be noted for the purposes of the hearing of the Approval Application;

(xvi) refer the Participant Growers to a set of 'frequently asked questions' and related answers which they should review before considering whether it is necessary to ask any questions of the Representative Growers through TSL relating to the Compromise or in connection with the Approval Application; and

(xvii) inform the Participant Growers that a further notice will be provided to them as soon as practicable after it becomes known whether or not the condition precedent to the Compromise has been satisfied.

# (xviii) inform the Participant Growers:

- (A) that the Litigation Funders have notified the Representative Growers that they intend to bring a claim in the Approval Application for payment of the Litigation Funders' Fee out of the Almond Settlement Amount;
- (B) of the asserted basis of that claim;
- (C) of the amount of the Litigation Funders Fee claimed by the Litigation Funders; and
- (D) of the consequences for the Participant Growers if such fee is approved by the Court in whole or in part for payment out of the Almond Settlement Amount.

#### 6.2 Provision of the First Notice to Participant Growers

As soon as practicable after it has been finalised in accordance with clause 6.1(b), the Representative Growers will provide to TSL the First Notice to Participant Growers and, as soon as practicable thereafter:

- (a) the Representative Growers will cause the First Notice to Participant Growers to be uploaded to the pre-existing Timbercorp section of the Clarendon Lawyers website http://www.clarendonlawyers.com.au/timbercorp.php; and
- (b) TSL will (on instruction from, and on behalf of, the Representative Growers):
  - (i) cause the First Notice to Participant Growers to be uploaded to:
    - (A) a new section within the Timbercorp section of the KordaMentha website <a href="http://www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/australia/51">http://www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/australia/51</a> which will address the Compromise;
    - (B) the pre-existing "Timbercorp Almond Schemes" section of the KordaMentha website <a href="http://www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/australia/51/03">http://www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/australia/51/03</a>; and
    - (C) a new section within the Timbercorp section of the Arnold Bloch Leibler website <a href="http://www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/timbercorp.htm">http://www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/timbercorp.htm</a> which will address the Compromise;
  - (ii) send to the Participant Growers, by post and by email to their last known postal and email addresses most recently communicated to TSL and recorded in its books and records, a short letter bringing to their attention that the First Notice to Participant Growers has been uploaded to the websites referred to in clauses 6.2(a) and 6.2(b) and specifying the relevant links to those websites; and

(iii) cause to be published an advertisement on a business day in 'The Australian' newspaper containing Information similar to that to be set out in the letter referred to in clause 6.2(b)(ii).

#### 6.3 Second Notice to Participant Growers

- (a) As soon as practicable after it becomes known whether the condition precedent in clause 3 has been satisfied, the Representative Growers will seek the other Parties' comments on the terms of a second notice, and to this end:
  - the Representative Growers will prepare and circulate among the other Parties a draft of the second notice; and
  - (ii) the other Parties will, as soon as practicable thereafter, provide any comments to the Representative Growers on the draft of the second notice.
- (b) The Parties will confer in good faith in relation to any necessary further comments on the draft of the second notice and the Representative Growers will finalise the form of the second notice (the finalised form being the "Second Notice to Participant Growers").
- (c) The Second Notice to Participant Growers will, among other things:
  - explain whether the condition precedent to the Compromise set out in clause
     3 has been satisfied; and
  - (ii) If the condition precedent to the Compromise set out in clause 3:
    - (A) has been satisfied, confirm when the Participant Growers may expect to receive a payment under the Compromise; and
    - (B) has not been satisfied, confirm the consequences.

#### 6.4 Provision of the Second Notice to Participant Growers

As soon as practicable after it has been finalised in accordance with clause 6.3(b), the Representative Growers will provide to TSL the Second Notice to Participant Growers and, as soon as practicable thereafter:

- (a) the Representative Growers will cause the Second Notice to Participant Growers to be circulated in the same manner as is set out in respect of the First Notice to Participant Growers under clause 6.2(a); and
- (b) TSL will (on instruction from, and on behalf of, the Representative Growers) cause the Second Notice to Participant Growers to be circulated in the same manner as Is set out in respect of the First Notice to Participant Growers under clause 6.2(b).

#### 7. APPLICATION FOR COURT APPROVAL

- (a) Each of the Parties (as applicable) will use their best endeavours to do all things necessary, including steps contemplated by this Deed, to make the Approval Application and to enable the Court, or alternatively the Court of Appeal, to hear the Approval Application at the earliest opportunity convenient to the Court, or alternatively the Court of Appeal, Including, for the avoidance of doubt, seeking the orders set out in the Schedule 2 Draft Orders (or orders substantially to the same effect).
- (b) The Parties who are parties to the Appeal Proceeding agree that they will:

- (i) apply to the Court of Appeal to have the Appeal Proceeding referred to the judge (Approval Judge) hearing the applications for the orders set out in clauses 3.1(c) to (f) (inclusive) in the Other Apportionment Proceedings so that the Approval Application can be heard and determined together with those applications in the Other Apportionment Proceedings, and
- (ii) If the Court of Appeal declines to so refer the Appeal Proceeding, the Parties who are parties to the Appeal Proceeding will, subject to approval by the Court of Appeal, bring the Approval Application by way of an Originating Motion returnable before the Approval Judge, and
- (iii) if:
  - (A) the Court of Appeal declines to refer the Appeal Proceeding In accordance with clause 7(b)(i); and
  - (B) the Court of Appeal does not provide the approval referred to in clause 7(b)(ii),

the parties will seek to have the Approval Application determined by the Court of Appeal.

- (c) On the hearing of the Approval Application, subject to the Court, or alternatively the Court of Appeal, making the orders in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule 2 Draft Orders (or orders substantially to the same effect), the Parties will consent to the Court of Appeal making each of the orders set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule 3 Draft Orders (or orders substantially to the same effect).
- (d) Nothing in clause 7(c) will preclude the Representative Growers from informing the Court, or alternatively the Court of Appeal, of any matter which they, or any of them, consider appropriate to disclose to the Court or alternatively the Court of Appeal, in connection with the Approval Application in their role as representative parties.

# 8. FAILURE TO SATISFY CONDITION PRECEDENT

If the condition precedent in clause 3.1 is not satisfied by 31 December 2012 then this Deed ceases to have any effect. In that event:

- (a) no Party will have any right or entitlement as a result of or by reason of the Parties having entered into this Deed or having conditionally agreed to the Compromise;
   and
- (b) this Deed, any documents prepared or circulated pursuant to this Deed, and any other documents prepared or circulated in anticipation of, or for the purpose of, the Approval Application may not be referred to or tendered in evidence in the Liparoo & Yungera Rights Proceeding, the Solora Rights Proceeding, the BB Olives Rights Proceeding, the Fenceport Rights Proceeding, or the Appeal Proceeding.

#### 9. ROLE OF TSL

At the request of the Representative Growers, TSL will perform the following administrative roles in connection with the Compromise and the Approval Application:

- (a) to distribute the First Notice to Participant Growers in accordance with clause 6;
- (b) to establish and operate effectively an appropriate telephone hotline facility and email facility to:

- (i) receive and, in accordance with instructions from the Representative Growers, address comments and questions from the Participant Growers in connection with the Compromise and the Approval Application; and
- (ii) receive any objections to the Compromise made by the Participant Growers;
- (c) in respect of the Participant Growers who have raised comments, questions or made objections, to record with appropriate detail:
  - (i) the identity of those Participant Growers;
  - (ii) the comments and questions raised by those Participant Growers and the responses provided to those Participant Growers; and
  - (iii) any objections made by those Participant Growers and any response provided in relation to those objections;
- (d) to act in accordance with a protocol agreed with the Representative Growers regarding:
  - (i) the comments and questions which:
    - (A) may be answered by TSL without further reference to the Representative Growers;
    - (B) will be required to be provided by TSL to the Representative Growers for the preparation of an appropriate response;
  - (ii) the objections:
    - (A) to which TSL may respond without further reference to the Representative Growers;
    - (B) which will be required to be provided by TSL to the Representative Growers for the preparation of an appropriate response;
  - the confidentiality of communications between TSL, the Participant Growers and the Representative Growers in relation to comments, questions and any objections raised by any Participant Growers;
- (e) to provide to the Representative Growers, on a timely basis, a record, with appropriate detail, of:
  - all comments, questions and answers given by TSL in accordance with the protocol which do not require preparation of a response by the Representative Growers;
  - all comments and questions requiring preparation of a response from the Representative Growers;
  - (iii) any objections by the Participant Growers to which TSL has provided a response in accordance with the agreed protocol; and
  - (iv) any objections requiring the preparation of a response by the Representative Growers;
- (f) to provide on a timely basis to relevant Participant Growers any responses to comments, questions or objections settled by the Representative Growers;

- (g) to record, with appropriate detail, in an affidavit to be filed on behalf of the Representative Growers in connection with the Approval Application:
  - (i) the tasks which TSL has undertaken at the request and on the instruction of the Representative Growers;
  - the substance of all comments and questions raised to TSL by the Participant Growers and the responses provided by TSL to those Participant Growers; and
  - (iii) the nature of any objections made to TSL by Participant Growers and the responses provided by TSL to those Participant Growers;
- (h) to provide the Second Notice to Participant Growers in accordance with clause 6;
- (i) to make the payments referred to in clause 4(b);
- (j) to act in accordance with any direction or authorisation given by Participant Growers in accordance with clause 4(b);
- (k) to perform such other administrative roles as agreed with the Representative Growers or the other parties in connection with the Compromise and the Approval Application; and
- (I) to provide appropriately qualified personnel to undertake the foregoing.

#### 10. NO WAIVER

A failure to exercise or a delay in exercising any right, power or remedy under this Deed does not operate as a waiver. A single or partial exercise or waiver of the exercise of any right, power or remedy does not preclude any other or further exercise of that or any other right, power or remedy. A waiver is not valid or binding on the Party granting that waiver unless made in writing.

## 11. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS

This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts. Each counterpart is an original but the counterparts together are one and the same instrument.

#### 12. ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF DOCUMENT

If a party delivers an executed counterpart of this document or any other document executed in connection with it ("Relevant Document") by facsimile or other electronic means:

- (a) the delivery will be deemed to be an effective delivery of an originally executed counterpart; and
- (b) the party will still be obliged to deliver an originally executed counterpart, but the failure to do so will not affect the validity or effectiveness of the Relevant Document.

#### 13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Deed contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to its subject matter.

#### 14. FURTHER ASSURANCES

At the reasonable request of another Party, each Party will do anything reasonably necessary or desirable (including executing agreements and documents) to give full effect to this Deed and the transactions contemplated by it.

#### 15. STAMP DUTY

All stamp duty (including fines, penalties and interest) payable on or in connection with the declaration of trust provided in clause 4(b) is payable by TSL.

#### 16. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

All payments to be made under this Deed are inclusive of GST, if any.

#### 17. EXECUTION BY ATTORNEY OR AGENT

Any Party may execute this Deed by its attorney or agent. Each attorney or agent executing this Deed that, as at the date of executing this Deed, it has no notice of the revocation or suspension of its power of attorney or agency.

#### 18. GOVERNING LAW AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION

This Deed is governed by the law in force in Victoria. The Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria or any competent Federal court exercising jurisdiction in Victoria and waive any right to claim that those courts are an inconvenient forum.

# SCHEDULE 1

# **Almond Projects**

2002 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935

2005 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092

2006 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974

2007 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040

2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1)

#### **SCHEDULE 2**

#### **Minute of Consent Orders**

Form 60C

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

No S APCI 2011 0103

BETWEEN:

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG & ORS** 

(according to the Schedule of Parties)

Appellants

- and -

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (A.C.N. 009 413 852) as trustee for AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (A.C.N. 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (A.C.N. 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (A.C.N. 007 457 141) & ORS (according to the Schedule of Parties)

Respondents

# DRAFT MINUTE OF CONSENT ORDER

JUDGE:

**DATE MADE:** 

**ORIGINATING PROCESS:** 

**HOW OBTAINED:** 

ATTENDANCE:

**OTHER MATTERS:** 

By a deed of compromise, a copy of which is annexed to this Order (*Deed of Compromise*), the parties have agreed to compromise the proceeding (the *Compromise*) conditional upon, among other things, the Court making orders satisfying the condition precedent set out in clause 3 of the Deed of Compromise (including ordering that the Compromise shall be binding on the absent persons represented respectively by each of the Appellants pursuant to rule 16.01(4) of Chapter 1 of the *Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2005 (Vic)* (the **Rules**).

### THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

There be no order as to costs.

Solicitors for the second respondent

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1.	Pursuant to rule 16.01(4) of Chapter 1 of the Rules, the Court approves the Compromise
	and orders that it shall be binding on the absent persons who are represented respectively
	by each of the Appellants.

DATE:	2012	
Clarendon Lawyers Solicitors for the appellants		Ashurst Australia Solicitors for the first respondent
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#### **SCHEDULE OF PARTIES**

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Members in the 2002 Almond Project)

First Appellant

and

**CHRISTOPHER MARK LITTLEY** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2005 Almond Project)

Second Appellant

and

**CONSTANTINE MOSHOPOULOS** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2006 Almond Project)

Third Appellant

and

**DAVID BUTTERFIELD** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2007 Almond Project and as representative of the Members in the 2002 Private offer Scheme)

Fourth Appellant

and

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (ACN 009 413 852)

as trustee for

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED

(ACN 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (ACN 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (ACN 007 457 141)

First Respondent

and

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (ACN 005 357 522)

Second Respondent

and

ALMOND LAND PTY LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 091 460 392)

Third Respondent

and

**MARK ANTHONY KORDA** 

(in his capacity as liquidator of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation))

Fourth Respondent

and

LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER

(in her capacity as liquidator of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation))

Fifth Respondent

#### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **Minute of Consent Orders**

#### Form 60C

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

No S APCI 2011 0103

BETWEEN:

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG & ORS** 

(according to the Schedule of Parties)

**Appellants** 

- and -

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (A.C.N. 009 413 852) as trustee for AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (A.C.N. 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (A.C.N. 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (A.C.N. 007 457 141) & ORS (according to the Schedule of Parties)

Respondents

#### **DRAFT MINUTE OF CONSENT ORDER**

JUDGE:

DATE MADE:

ORIGINATING PROCESS:

HOW OBTAINED:

**ATTENDANCE:** 

OTHER MATTERS:

#### THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The proceeding is dismissed.
- 2. There be no order as to costs.

DATE:	2012		
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Clarendon Lawyers		Ashurst Australia	
Solicitors for the appellants		Solicitors for the first respondent	
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Solicitors for the second respondent

#### **SCHEDULE OF PARTIES**

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Members in the 2002 Almond Project)

First Appellant

and

**CHRISTOPHER MARK LITTLEY** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2005 Almond Project)  ${\bf P}$ 

Second Appellant

and

**CONSTANTINE MOSHOPOULOS** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2006 Almond Project)

Third Appellant

and

**DAVID BUTTERFIELD** 

(in his capacity as representative of the Participant Members in the 2007 Almond Project and as representative of the Members in the 2002 Private offer Scheme)

Fourth Appellant

and

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (ACN 009 413 852) as trustee for AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (ACN 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (ACN 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (ACN 007 457 141)

First Respondent

and

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (ACN 005 357 522)

Second Respondent

and

ALMOND LAND PTY LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 091 460 392)

Third Respondent

and

**MARK ANTHONY KORDA** 

(in his capacity as liquidator of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation))

Fourth Respondent

and

LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER

(in her capacity as liquidator of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation))

Fifth Respondent

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED for BOSI Security Services Limited (ACN 009 413 852) as trustee for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ACN 005 357 522) and BOS International (Australia) limited (ACN 066 601 250) and Westpac Banking

Limited (ACN 005 357 522) and BOS International (Australia) limited (ACN 066 601 250) and Westpac Banking Corporation (ACN 007 457 141) by its attorney in the presence of:	Signature of attorney
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SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited by its attorney in the presence of:	
,	Signature of attorney
Signature of witness	Print Name
Name of witness	
<b>EXECUTED</b> by <b>ALMOND LAND PTY LTD</b> (IN LIQUIDATION) by being signed sealed and delivered in its name and on its behalf by <b>LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER</b> in her capacity as liquidator in the presence of:	
	Leanne Kylle Chesser
Signature of witness	
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Name of witness	

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Corporation (ACN 007 457 141) by its attorney in the presence of:	
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Signature of witness	Print Name
Name of witness	
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EXECUTED by ALMOND LAND PTY LTD (IN LIQUIDATION) by being signed sealed and delivered in its name and on its behalf by LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER in her capacity as liquidator in the presence of:	
	Leanne Kylle Chesser
Signature of witness	
Name of witness	

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Corporation (ACN 007 457 141) by its attorney in the presence of:			
	Signature of attorney		
Signature of witness	Print Name		
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Signature of witness	Print Name		
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Signature of witness

**EXECUTED** by TIMBERCORP SECURITIES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION) by being signed sealed and delivered in its name and on its behalf by LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER in her capacity as liquidator in the presence of:

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by

dated 11 August 2011 in the presence of:

MARK ANTHONY KORDA in his capacities as liquidator of each of Almond

Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) under a power of attorney

Signature of witness

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SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by LEANNE KYLIE CHESSER in her capacities as liquidator of each of Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) in the presence of:

Signature of witness

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by CHRISTOPHER JAMES LOUIS **GARNAUT** as attorney for **GRAHAM** GOLDENBERG in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935 under a power of attorney dated 26 October 2011 in the presence of:

Christopher James Louis Garnaut

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SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by **CHRISTOPHER JAMES LOUIS GARNAUT** as attorney for CHRISTOPHER MARK LITTLEY in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092 under a power of attorney dated 15 November 2011 in the presence of:

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by CHRISTOPHER JAMES LOUIS GARNAUT as attorney for CONSTANTINE MOSHOPOULOS in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974 under a power of attorney dated 26 October 2011 in the presence of:

Christopher James Louis Garnaut

Signature of witness

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SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by CHRISTOPHER JAMES LOUIS GARNAUT as attorney for DAVID BUTTERFIELD in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040 under a power of attorney dated 26 October 2011 in the presence of:

Christopher James Loyis Garnaut

Signature of witness

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SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by CHRISTOPHER JAMES LOUIS
GARNAUT as attorney for DAVID
BUTTERFIELD in his capacity as representative of the Participant Growers in the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) under a power of attorney dated 10 May 2012 in the presence of:

Christopher James Loyls Ga

Signature of witness

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Name of witness

S APCI 2011 0103

**BETWEEN** 

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG & ORS (according to the Schedule)** 

**Appellants** 

and

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (ACN 009 413 852) as trustee for AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (ACN 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (ACN 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (ACN 007 457 141) & ORS (according to the Schedule)

Respondents

#### CERTIFICATE IDENTIFYING EXHIBIT

Date of document:

18 September 2012

Filed on behalf of:

Timbercorp Securities Ltd (in liquidation) (ACN 092 311 469), and

Almond Management Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (ACN 094 468 845)

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Ref: 01-1601361

(Jane Sheridan - jsheridan@abl.com.au)

This is the exhibit marked "MAK-2" now produced and shown to MARK ANTHONY KORDA at the time of swearing his affidavit on 18 September 2012.

MEAGAN LOUISE GROSE

Arnold Bloch Leibler Level 21, 333 Collins Street

Before me:

Level 21, 333 Collins Street Melbourne 3000

An Australian Legal Practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Profession Act 2004

**Exhibit "MAK-2"** 

The Grower Information Documents in respect of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise





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13 August 2012

# DEED OF COMPROMISE FOR THE ALMOND LAND RIGHTS APPEAL PROCEEDING ~ FIRST NOTICE TO GROWERS

This notice is for growers in one or more of the following Almond Projects:

2002 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) (together, the Almond Projects and each an Almond Project).

#### Introduction

You may be aware there was a proceeding (the Almond Land Rights Proceeding described in sections 1 and 2 of this notice) issued in the Supreme Court of Victoria (**Supreme Court**) in 2009 concerning the net proceeds arising from the sale of the land on which the Almond Projects were conducted, and related assets. The purpose of the proceeding was to resolve the dispute as to how those net sale proceeds were to be apportioned between the secured creditors, growers and other interested parties claiming an interest in them.

A representative grower was appointed by the Supreme Court in respect of each of the Almond Projects to represent the interests of the growers in that Almond Project in the proceeding. Each such representative grower is acting on the advice of Clarendons Lawyers and counsel retained by Clarendons Lawyers on behalf of the representative growers.

In a judgment delivered on 15 June 2011 the Supreme Court determined that the secured creditors were entitled to the entire amount of the net sale proceeds and that the relevant growers were not entitled to any of those proceeds.

That judgment is now the subject of an appeal presently before the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal (Court of Appeal).

A deed of compromise has been executed by the parties to the proceeding (including the representative growers) as a proposed solution to this dispute subject to certain conditions, including Supreme Court or Court of Appeal approval. The purpose of this notice is to explain the compromise and to help you to understand the impact of the compromise on you should it be approved by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal.

If the compromise is approved by the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, and the other conditions are satisfied, you may receive a payment. However, if the compromise is not approved by either



Court, or the other conditions are not satisfied, any entitlement you may have to receive a payment will depend on the outcome of the appeal.

For the reasons set out in section 5 of this notice, each representative grower, on the advice of their legal advisers, considers that the compromise is in the best interests of the growers they represent.

#### Next steps

The Court of Appeal has been asked to refer the appeal proceeding to the Supreme Court and, if the referral is made, the Supreme Court will be asked to approve the compromise at a hearing currently anticipated to commence in October 2012 at the Supreme Court of Victoria, Melbourne. If the referral is not made, then the Court of Appeal will be asked to approve the compromise. The confirmed date of this hearing, whether in the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal, will be notified to growers online at each of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51 www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

as soon as it is known.

If the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, approves the compromise and the other conditions are satisfied, you will be bound by the compromise and you will lose any right to argue for an alternative outcome of the dispute. It is therefore important to read this notice carefully.

Answers to some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are available online and a telephone hotline facility and an email facility have been set up to assist growers who:

- · wish to comment on the compromise;
- have any questions or wish to obtain further information on the compromise; or
- · wish to object to the compromise.

Details of where you can access the FAQ, the telephone hotline facility and the email facility are set out in section 14 of this notice.

If you wish to object to the compromise, you should call the telephone hotline facility or email **as soon** as **possible before 14 September 2012**. Your objections will be passed on to the lawyers acting for the representative growers.

You are not required to attend or appear at the Court hearing (either in the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal) at which approval of the compromise will be sought. However, you may wish to attend or appear at that hearing, and/or seek independent legal advice and/or obtain representation at



that hearing (outside the existing representative grower arrangement established by the Supreme Court). If you do so, any legal or other costs of doing so will be at your own expense unless the Court orders otherwise.

The representative growers will keep you informed of future developments regarding the compromise and Court approval of that compromise (see section 6 of this notice).

#### Important Information for Growers

#### 1 Background to the dispute

Timbercorp Limited (in liquidation) (**Timbercorp**) and its subsidiary entities (together, the **Timbercorp Group**) conducted various agribusiness managed investment schemes across a number of properties involving, among other things, the management, cultivation, harvesting, processing and sale of almonds, olives and citrus. A member of the Timbercorp Group, Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) (**TSL**) was the responsible entity of the registered Timbercorp managed investment schemes.

The Timbercorp Group went into administration on 23 April 2009 and was placed into liquidation on 29 June 2009. Thereafter, the land on which the Timbercorp managed investment schemes were conducted, and related assets, were sold in a series of transactions each of which was approved by the Supreme Court.

In approving each of the sale transactions, the Supreme Court, in each case, ordered (among other things) that:

- (a) the net sale proceeds be placed into trust pending a proceeding to determine the rights of the land owners, the secured creditors, the investors in the Timbercorp managed investment schemes (Growers) and other interested parties to all, or any part, of those proceeds; and
- (b) neither the release of the secured creditors' securities upon completion of the sale contracts, nor the extinguishment of the Growers' rights, would prejudice those parties' respective rights to the assets sold insofar as they had such rights for the purpose of making a claim to all or any part of the net proceeds.

As a result, five separate proceedings were commenced to determine how the net sale proceeds the subject of each sale transaction were to be apportioned between the land owners, the secured creditors, Growers and other interested parties claiming an interest in those proceeds. These five proceedings, collectively referred to as the **Timbercorp Apportionment Proceedings**, are as follows:

 Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. S Cl 2009 10699 (Almond Land Rights Proceeding);



- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. S CI 2011 6604 (Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding);
- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. S CI 2011 6606 (Solora Rights Proceeding);
- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. S Cl 2010 1354 (BB Olives Rights Proceeding); and
- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No. S Cl 2011 6777 (Fenceport Rights Proceeding).

In each of the Timbercorp Apportionment Proceedings, one or more parties has been appointed by the Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 16.01(2) of the Supreme Court (General Civil Procedure) Rules 2005 (Vic) (**Rule 16**) as the representative of the Growers in the Timbercorp managed investment schemes the subject of that proceeding.

As each of the Timbercorp Apportionment Proceedings involves similar issues, it was considered appropriate for one such proceeding to be heard and determined first, with the intention that the result in that proceeding would then form the basis for determination of the other proceedings. This led to the hearing and determination of the Almond Land Rights Proceeding in early 2011. By her judgment in that proceeding, Justice Davies of the Supreme Court found that the Growers in the Almond Projects were not entitled to any part of the net sale proceeds and that the full amount of the net sale proceeds should be paid to the secured creditors of the land owner (Judgment). The Judgment has been appealed by the Representative Growers in Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal Proceeding No. APCI 2011 0103 (Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding). A hearing date for that appeal is yet to be fixed.

#### 2 Almond Land Rights Proceeding

On 15 December 2009, BOSI Security Services Limited as trustee for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ), BOS International (Australia) Limited and Westpac Banking Corporation (BOSI), commenced the Almond Land Rights Proceeding. BOSI was a secured lender with respect to the Almond Projects.

The Almond Land Rights Proceeding was the proceeding which specifically related to the Almond Projects. In the Almond Land Rights Proceeding, BOSI sought, among other things, declarations from the Supreme Court as to:

- its rights;
- · the rights of the Growers in the Almond Projects; and



the rights of other relevant parties,

if any, to the net sale proceeds from the sale of the land on which the Almond Projects were conducted together with the other assets used in the Almond Projects (**Almond Land Assets**). The gross sale proceeds from the sale of the Almond Land Assets were (approx) \$128 million. In accordance with orders of the Supreme Court, certain costs have been deducted from these proceeds, and interest accrued on them, with the balance of the proceeds from time to time being referred to in this document as the **Fund**.

On 22 December 2009, the Supreme Court made orders in the Almonds Land Rights Proceeding pursuant to Rule 16 that the Growers in each of the Almond Projects have their interests represented in that proceeding by particular Growers. The relevant Growers are:

- (a) Graham Goldenberg as representative of the Growers in the 2002 Timbercorp
   Almond Project;
- (b) Christopher Mark Littley as representative of the Growers in the 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project;
- (c) Constantine Moshopoulos as representative of the Growers in the 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project; and
- (d) David Butterfield as representative of the Growers in the 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project and the 2002 Almond Project (Private Offer No 1).

(collectively, the Representative Growers and each a Representative Grower).

The other parties to the Almond Land Rights Proceeding, and subsequently the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, are ANZ (which was separately a secured lender with respect to the Almond Projects), Almond Land Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (Almond Land) and its liquidators, Mark Korda and Leanne Chesser. Almond Land was the entity within the Timbercorp Group that owned the land on which the Almond Projects were conducted. The liquidators of Almond Land held the Fund on trust pending the Judgment in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding.

On 15 June 2011, her Honour Justice Davies delivered the Judgment in favour of BOSI and ANZ (**Secured Lenders**) as the secured creditors of Almond Land and, in accordance with the Judgment, the Fund was subsequently paid in full to the Secured Lenders.

The Representative Growers have appealed the Judgment to the Court of Appeal in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. A hearing date for the appeal has not yet been fixed.



The Secured Lenders, Almond Land and the Representative Growers have now reached a proposed resolution of the dispute between them as to their respective entitlements to the Fund and have, therefore, agreed to compromise the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. The compromise is subject to Court approval. The Representative Growers each believe (for the reasons set out in section 5 of this notice) that the compromise is in the best interests of the Growers in the Almond Projects they represent. However, under Rule 16, the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal must also approve the compromise before it is binding on all Growers.

#### 3 Details of the Compromise

On 25 July 2012, the parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding entered into a deed of compromise for the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding (**Compromise**). A copy of the deed of compromise may be viewed at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au
www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

The Compromise is conditional on the approval of the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, by 31 December 2012 or such later date as may be agreed between the parties. It is also conditional on the Supreme Court approving similar compromises reached in relation to all of the other Timbercorp Apportionment Proceedings (**Other Compromises**).

If the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, approves the Compromise and the Supreme Court approves the Other Compromises, all Growers will be bound by the Compromise in respect of their claims against the Fund. You will lose any right to argue for an alternative outcome of the dispute and any payment made to you will be in full and final settlement of your claim against the Fund.

Under the terms of the Compromise:

- (a) \$6,000,000 (approximately 5% of the gross sale proceeds of the Almond Land Assets) will be paid by the Secured Lenders to TSL (Almond Settlement Amount) as follows:
  - (i) BOSI will pay to TSL 63.65% of the Almond Settlement Amount (being \$3,819,000); and
  - (ii) ANZ will pay to TSL 36.35% of the Almond Settlement Amount (being \$2,181,000),

to be held on trust for Growers for distribution to, or on behalf of, Growers in accordance with their entitlements, as set out in section 8 of this notice.



- (b) The amount set aside for Growers will be divided between Growers on a pro-rated basis according to the number of almondlots held by each such Grower on 2 December 2009 (being the date on which Growers' rights in the Almond Projects were extinguished). The amount payable per almondlot located on the land formerly owned by Almond Land will be \$186.57. This amount will be in full and final settlement of the Growers' claim to any part of the Fund.
- (c) Each party to the Compromise will release all other parties from any further claim in relation to their entitlement to the Fund or the allocation and disbursement of the Fund. The Representative Growers provide and receive these releases on behalf of the Growers.
- (d) The Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding will be dismissed with no order as to costs.

The amount to which Growers in each Almond Project are entitled will differ depending on the percentage of the almondlots in that Almond Project that were located on land formerly owned by Almond Land. If the Almond Project was also conducted on Liparoo and Yungera land, the Growers' entitlement per lot under the Compromise will be reduced proportionately but those Growers will also have an entitlement under the compromise of the Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding. The FAQ (available from the websites set out in section 13) contains a table showing, for each Almond Project, the Growers' entitlements under each compromise.

In considering the Compromise, Growers should also be aware that the Representative Growers have entered into funding arrangements with litigation funders regarding the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. The litigation funders have notified the Representative Growers that they intend to bring a claim for payment out of the Almond Settlement Amount of amounts said to be owing to them under those arrangements (Litigation Funders' Claim). Further details about the Litigation Funders' Claim and its potential impact on the amount payable to Growers under the Compromise are set out in section 9 of this notice.

If the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, does not approve the Compromise and the Other Compromises:

- the Compromise ceases to have any effect;
- any documents prepared or circulated pursuant to the Compromise and/or for the
  purposes of the application to the Supreme Court, alternatively the Court of Appeal, for
  approval of the Compromise may not be referred to or tendered in evidence in the
  Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding; and
- the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding will continue and the Growers' entitlement (if any) to the Fund will be determined by the Court of Appeal.



The parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding are presently awaiting notification from the Court of Appeal of the date for the hearing of the appeal. It is unlikely that the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding would be heard and determined before mid-2013.

#### 4 Court approval

If the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, approves the Compromise of the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, it will be binding on all Growers in each of the Almond Projects, even though only the Representative Growers (but not all Growers) are parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. The Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, may approve the Compromise if it is satisfied that the Compromise is for the benefit of the Growers.

#### 5 Benefit of the Compromise to the Growers

The Representative Growers have appointed Clarendon Lawyers, and counsel retained on their behalf by Clarendon Lawyers, to act for them in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding and the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. The Representative Growers have obtained legal advice from Garry Bigmore QC and Sam Hopper of counsel and from their instructing solicitors, Clarendon Lawyers, with respect to the Compromise. In coming to their advice counsel have taken into account (among other things) the Judgment and the appeal of the Judgment. Having regard to this advice, the certainty of the payments to be made under the Compromise once approved by the Supreme Court and the cost and delay before the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding would be finally heard and determined by the Court of Appeal, the Representative Growers consider that the Compromise is for the benefit of the Growers in the Almond Projects.

The representative Growers hold this view irrespective of whether the Litigation Funders' Claim (see section 9 below) is successful in whole or in part.

### 6 Application to the Court for approval of the Compromise (Approval Application)

If the Court of Appeal refers the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding to the Supreme Court, the Secured Lenders, Almond Land and the Representative Growers will apply to the Supreme Court for approval of the Compromise. The parties anticipate that a directions hearing will be held in or shortly after the week beginning 27 August 2012 and that, at that directions hearing, the Supreme Court will make orders (among other things) confirming the date on which the Approval Application will be heard. Notice of the date of this hearing will be posted at each of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51 www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

shortly after the conclusion of the directions hearing.



It is proposed that the hearing of the applications for approval of the Other Compromises will be held concurrently with the hearing of the Approval Application. The current expectation is that the concurrent hearings will not be before October 2012 but will be at the earliest opportunity thereafter convenient to the Supreme Court.

If the Court of Appeal does not refer the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding to the Supreme Court for this purpose, the Court of Appeal itself will be asked to approve the Compromise. Should this occur, notice of the date of the hearing before the Court of Appeal will be posted at each of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au
www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

as soon as it is known.

# 7 Rights of Growers in connection with the Approval Application

Although the Representative Growers believe that the Compromise is for the benefit of Growers in the Almond Projects (as outlined in section 5 of this notice), some Growers may wish to comment on, raise questions in relation to, or object to the Compromise. Without prejudice to any other course Growers may be advised by their own advisers to take, Growers may:

- (a) address any comments on the Compromise, the Litigation Funders' Claim (see section 9 below) the Approval Application or their individual circumstances;
- (b) ask any questions or obtain further information on the Compromise, the Litigation Funders' Claim or the Approval Application; or
- (c) raise any objection to the Compromise or the Litigation Funders' Claim,

to the Representative Growers by calling the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au. The telephone hotline facility will be staffed by representatives of TSL (see section 12).

Before calling the telephone hotline facility or emailing, we suggest that you read and carefully consider this notice and the FAQ available at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51 www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm



for answers to your queries. If you do not find a suitable response and you call the hotline facility or email, you will receive a reply and your comments or objections will be noted and passed on to the Representative Growers for the purposes of the hearing of the Approval Application.

If you wish to object to the Compromise, you should notify the Representative Growers by calling the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or by emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au as soon as possible before 14 September 2012.

At the hearing of the Approval Application, the Representative Growers will disclose to the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, all material facts relating to the Compromise, including all comments or objections they have received from Growers prior to the hearing of the Approval Application in relation to the Compromise, the Litigation Funders' Claim or the Approval Application. Any such comments or objections will be considered by the Court in the context of determining whether the Compromise is for the benefit of Growers.

You are not required, but are able, to attend or appear at the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal for the hearing of the Approval Application. Any Grower who objects to the Compromise and/ or the Litigation Funders' Claim may raise their objection at the Approval Application. Growers may choose to appear in person, or have their own lawyers represent them. If you wish to appear or have your own lawyers appear on your behalf, you should seek legal advice in relation to the steps that you will be required to take in order for this to happen.

Shortly after the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal delivers its decision in respect of the Approval Application the Representative Growers will publish a further notice setting out the consequences of the decision (**Second Notice**) and will notify you of the publication of the Second Notice by post or email.

#### 8 Distribution of the Almond Settlement Amount to Growers

If the Approval Application is successful (either before the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal) and the necessary Supreme Court approvals are obtained in relation to each of the Other Compromises, the terms of the Compromise require the Almond Settlement Amount to be paid to TSL on trust for the Growers for distribution to, or on behalf of, the Growers in accordance with their entitlements. As noted above, each Grower's entitlement will be calculated on a pro-rated basis based on the number of almondlots in the Almond Projects held by that Grower on 2 December 2009 (for each Grower, its **Almond Settlement** Entitlement). The Almond Settlement Entitlement for each Grower will be subject to the amount, if any, of the Litigation Funders' Claim approved by the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal for payment out of the Almond Settlement Amount (see section 9 below).

Growers who are recorded in the books and records of:



- (a) Timbercorp Finance Limited (in liquidation) (**TFL**) as owing amounts under an outstanding loan from TFL in connection with their investment in the Almond Projects (**TFL Indebtedness**); or
- (b) TSL as owing amounts to TSL (Timbercorp Indebtedness),

will be able (should they choose) to direct that their Almond Settlement Entitlements are paid, in whole or in part, to TFL or TSL to pay, to the extent possible, their TFL Indebtedness or Timbercorp Indebtedness (as applicable). The amount of your TFL Indebtedness may be affected by the offer of settlement made by TFL to relevant Growers by letter dated 8 February 2012.

A direction to pay form is available at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au
www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

If you are recorded as having any TFL Indebtedness or Timbercorp Indebtedness you can (if you choose) give your directions to TSL by completing and returning a direction to pay form. To arrange for a direction to pay form to be sent to you, call the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

A Grower who has both TFL Indebtedness and Timbercorp Indebtedness may not give any direction to TSL to pay all or part of their Timbercorp Indebtedness out of its Almond Settlement Entitlement before there is an agreement in writing between TFL and the Grower, or a court order, about the manner in which the entitlement is to be disbursed.

If you wish to confirm whether you have any, or the extent of your, TFL Indebtedness or Timbercorp Indebtedness, the number of almondlots you held in the Almond Projects on 2 December 2009 or any other private information which TSL holds in relation to your individual circumstances in respect of the Compromise, you should call the Timbercorp telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au..

To receive your Almond Settlement Entitlement (if payable to you having regard to your TFL Indebtedness and Timbercorp Indebtedness, if any), you must notify TSL of the bank account you nominate to receive payment. You can notify TSL of your bank account details by completing and returning the bank account nomination form available at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51 www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm



To arrange for a bank account nomination form to be sent to you, call the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

#### 9 Litigation Funders' Claim

To pursue the appeal of the Judgment, the Representative Growers entered into an agreement with MRB Equities Pty Ltd, Redvil Pty Ltd and Ferrari Investments Holdings Pty Ltd (Litigation Funders) to manage and fund the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding (Litigation Funding Agreement).

Under the Litigation Funding Agreement, in return for assuming the cost and risk associated with the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, the Litigation Funders are entitled, if and to the extent approved by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal, to be reimbursed the costs they have paid to fund the Appeal plus 25% of the amount payable to Growers (Litigation Funders' Fee) if an amount is payable to Growers because the Appeal is won or settled.

The Litigation Funders have notified the Representative Growers that they intend to bring a claim for payment of the Litigation Funders' Fee. The Litigation Funders have indicated that the amount of the Litigation Funders' Fee is currently approximately \$1.68 million. Once the Litigation Funders' Claim is brought by the Litigation Funders, details of the claim and copies of all relevant documents will be posted at each of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au
www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

The Representative Growers will not oppose the Litigation Funders' Claim, however individual Growers or other interested parties may seek to make submissions in relation to it. It is not presently known if the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal (as appropriate) will hear and determine the Litigation Funders' Claim at the time of considering the Approval Application or at a later time. If at a later time, the Court may well require the full amount of the Almond Settlement Amount, or that amount which corresponds with the amount of the Litigation Funders' Claim claimed by the Litigation Funders, to be held on trust by TSL pending that determination.

Should the Court approve any payment of the Litigation Funders' Claim to the Litigation Funders from the Almond Settlement Amount before any distribution to or on behalf of Growers (including in payment of any Grower's TFL Indebtedness or Timbercorp Indebtedness), the practical consequence is that this will reduce the amount available for Growers. The amount of the reduction will depend on whether the Court approves the full amount of the Litigation Funders' Claim claimed or only part of it and the priority afforded to any such approved amount.



By way of example only, if the Litigation Funders' Claim is \$1.68 million and the Court determines that the full amount of the Litigation Funders' Claim is payable from the Almond Settlement Amount before any distribution to or on behalf of Growers, the amount set aside for Growers will be reduced to \$134.33 per almondlot. If the Court determines that none of the Litigation Funders' Claim is payable from the Almond Settlement Amount before any distribution to or on behalf of Growers, the amount set aside for Growers will remain at \$186.57 per almondlot. The Court may determine that only part of the Litigation Funders' Claim is payable, which will mean that the amount set aside for Growers is reduced accordingly to an amount between \$134.33 and \$186.57 per almondlot.

#### 10 Timing of payments to Growers

If the Approval Application is successful and the necessary Supreme Court approvals are obtained in relation to each of the Other Compromises, the Second Notice will notify you of (among other things) the anticipated timing of payments to Growers. The timing of a Grower's payment of their Almond Settlement Entitlement will depend, in part, on their individual circumstances. It may also depend on the outcome of the Litigation Funders' Claim.

If a Grower does not have any TFL Indebtedness, TSL will pay the Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement to its nominated bank account (or, if directed by the Grower, to TSL in payment of any Timbercorp Indebtedness) as soon as practicable following approval of the Compromise by the Supreme Court, or the Court of Appeal, and the necessary approvals being obtained from the Supreme Court in respect of the Other Compromises.

If a Grower has any TFL Indebtedness and:

- (a) has directed TSL to pay its TFL Indebtedness, to the extent possible, out of its Almond Settlement Entitlement, TSL will, as soon as practicable, use the Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement to pay, to the extent possible, the TFL Indebtedness as soon as practicable and remit the balance of the Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement (if any) to the Grower into its nominated bank account (or, if directed by the Grower, to TSL in payment of any Timbercorp Indebtedness).
- (b) has directed TSL to use its Almond Settlement Entitlement to pay only part of the Grower's TFL Indebtedness, TSL will, as soon as practicable, pay to TFL that part of the Grower's TFL Indebtedness and retain the balance of the Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement (if any) on trust pending an agreement between TFL and the Grower or court order as to whom it should be paid.
- (c) has not directed TSL to pay any part of its Almond Settlement Entitlement to TFL,
  TSL will hold that Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement on trust pending
  agreement between TFL and the Grower or court order as to whom it should be paid.



Accordingly, there is an important difference between the treatment of a Grower's TFL Indebtedness and the treatment a Grower's Timbercorp Indebtedness. This is because, in relation to those Growers with a TFL Indebtedness, TFL asserts that it has a proprietary and/or secured claim over those Growers' Almond Settlement Entitlements, whereas the claim of TSL is merely contractual and unsecured. For this reason, if a Grower who has TFL Indebtedness chooses not to direct TSL to use its Almond Settlement Entitlement to pay its TFL Indebtedness, that Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlement will be held on trust pending agreement or Court order.

A Grower who has both TFL Indebtedness and Timbercorp Indebtedness may not give any direction to TSL to pay all or part of their Timbercorp Indebtedness out of its Almond Settlement Entitlement before there is an agreement in writing between TFL and the Grower, or a Court order, about the manner in which the entitlement is to be disbursed.

Importantly, if a Grower gives a direction to TSL to use its Almond Settlement Entitlement to pay TFL all or part of its TFL Indebtedness, that direction does not constitute an admission of liability by the Grower to TFL in respect of its TFL Indebtedness and is without prejudice to the Grower's rights (if any) in relation to its TFL Indebtedness. Similarly, nothing in the receipt by TFL of any such payment will constitute a waiver of any rights that TFL has in respect of a Grower's remaining TFL Indebtedness.

### 11 Tax consequences of the Compromise

The Compromise and payment of the Almond Settlement Entitlement may have tax consequences for each Grower. The consequences for each Grower will depend on the Grower's individual circumstances. You may wish to seek advice from your personal financial or taxation adviser about the potential tax consequences of receiving your Almond Settlement Entitlement and any choice you may make to give directions to pay your Almond Settlement Entitlement to TFL or TSL or both.

### 12 Role of TSL

At the request of the Representative Growers, TSL has agreed to perform various administrative roles in connection with the Compromise and the Approval Application. In addition to distributing this notice on behalf of the Representative Growers, TSL has established a telephone hotline facility and email facility so that Growers may address any comments or questions, or raise any objections, with the Representative Growers. TSL will provide the Representative Growers with details of the comments, questions and objections that are received through the telephone hotline or email facilities.

The Representative Growers have agreed a protocol with TSL as to the comments, questions or objections which TSL may answer or respond to without further reference to



Representative Growers and those which will be referred to the Representative Growers for the preparation of an appropriate response.

TSL will record in appropriate detail, in an affidavit to be filed with the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal on behalf of the Representative Growers in connection with the Approval Application, the tasks it has undertaken at the request and on the instruction of the Representative Growers, the substance of all comments and questions raised to it by the Growers and their responses to those Growers, and the nature of any objections made to it by Growers and the responses provided by it to those Growers.

TSL will also make the payments to or on behalf of Growers as required under the Compromise and hold amounts in trust pending their distribution to the relevant party. Under the terms of the Compromise, TSL will only be released by each Grower upon distribution in full of that Growers' Almond Settlement Entitlement to the Grower or at the direction of, or on the authorisation of, the Grower.

TSL has agreed to pay, from its own funds, the Representative Growers' costs relating to the Approval Application and certain other costs relating to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. These costs will not be deducted from the Fund, the Almond Settlement Amount or individual Grower's Almond Settlement Entitlements.

#### 13 Further information

The Representative Growers have prepared answers to what they believe will be frequently asked questions. These questions and answers are available online at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51 www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

or can be obtained by calling the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

### 14 Key contacts

Telephone Hotline Facility (03)8615 1200

Email address investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au

Frequently Asked Questions Available online at any of: and Notices to Growers <u>www.clarendonlawyers.com.au</u>

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# **Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### for Growers in the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) and the 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007 Timbercorp Almond Projects

#### 1 What Project am I in?

Call the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

#### 2 How many lots do I have?

Call the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

# 3 Do I owe money to Timbercorp Securities Limited (in liquidation) and how much?

Call the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

#### 4 Do I owe money to Timbercorp Finance Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and how much?

Call the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

#### 5 What's my entitlement under the Compromise?

Under the Compromise, an amount of \$186.57 per lot located on the land formerly owned by Almond Land will be set aside for Growers. The entitlement of Growers in each Almond Project will differ depending on the percentage of lots in that Almond Project that were located on the land formerly owned by Almond Land. Each Grower's entitlement will be determined on the basis of the lots held by them as at 2 December 2009. See FAQ 34 and 35 for more details and a table of Growers' entitlements for each Almond Project.

#### When am I going to receive my entitlement under the Compromise?

The Compromise (and the similar compromises in relation to other Timbercorp Projects) must be approved by the Supreme Court (or the Court of Appeal) before any payments are made. You will be notified if Court Approval is received and, if so, of the expected date of payment. The date of any Court Approval and payment will be after October 2012.

If you do not have any loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects, your entitlement will be paid as soon as possible after Court approval is received.

If you have loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects, you may direct that your entitlement is paid to Timbercorp Finance to reduce your loan balance. If your entitlement exceeds the amount you owe to Timbercorp Finance, you can direct that the excess be used to pay any amounts you owe to TSL or to pay other loans you have with Timbercorp Finance. Otherwise, the excess will be paid to you.

You will need to complete a new Direction to Pay Form specifically relating to the Compromise, even if you have previously provided a Timbercorp Finance or TSL direction to pay in relation to other distributions. You can obtain an Almond Direction to Pay Form at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au

www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51

www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

or by:

- calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or
- emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

If you do not execute an Almond Direction to Pay Form for loans you have owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation the Almond Projects, your entitlement will be held on trust, in an interest bearing account, pending a legal determination in relation to the competing claims of Growers and Timbercorp Finance to the entitlement.

If you do not have loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects, but you have amounts owing to TSL, and you do not execute an Almond Direction to Pay Form, you will still receive your entitlement.

#### 7 How am I going to receive my payment?

Payments to Growers (who do not have any loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects) will be made by direct deposit into the bank account nominated by the Grower. Payments will only be made by direct deposit and will not be made by cheque.

If you have not previously provided TSL with a completed direct credit authorisation, you will need to nominate a bank account to receive your payment. You can obtain a Bank Account Nomination Form at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au

www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51

www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

or by:

- calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or
- emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

If you have previously provided TSL with a completed direct credit authorisation nominating a bank account, any payment to you will be made by direct deposit to that bank account, unless you nominate a different bank account now.

If you have loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects and you have not executed an Almond Direction to Pay Form, your entitlement will be held in trust, in an interest bearing account, until there is a legal determination in relation to the competing claims of Growers and Timbercorp Finance to the entitlement.

If you have executed an Almond Direction to Pay Form and your entitlement exceeds the amount you owe to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects, unless you have directed that the excess be used to pay amounts owing by you to TSL or to pay other loans you have with Timbercorp Finance, the excess will be paid by direct deposit into the bank account nominated by you. You can obtain a Bank Account Nomination Form at any of:

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or by:

- calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or
- emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

# 8 I have previously completed a direct credit authorisation, do I need to nominate a another bank account?

If you have previously provided TSL with a completed direct credit authorisation nominating a bank account, any payment to you will be made by direct deposit to that bank account, unless you nominate a different bank account now.

# 9 Once I have nominated a bank account, will it be used for other payments to me (if any) in the future?

Yes, once you nominate a bank account, any future payment to be made to you by TSL will be made by direct deposit to that nominated bank account, unless you nominate a different bank account to TSL.

#### 10 Do I need to sign any documents in relation to the Compromise?

If the Compromise and the compromises in relation to other Timbercorp Projects are approved by the Supreme Court, they will be binding on each Grower, even though the Grower did not sign the deed of compromise.

You will need to nominate a bank account into which your entitlement will be paid. You can obtain a Bank Account Nomination Form at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au

www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51

www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

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- calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or
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If you have previously provided TSL with a completed direct credit authorisation nominating a bank account, any payment to you will be made by direct deposit to that bank account, unless you nominate a different bank account now.

If you have loans owing to Timbercorp Finance or amounts owing to TSL in relation to the Almond Projects, you may direct that your entitlement is used to reduce the amounts owing by you. You can obtain an Almond Direction to Pay Form at any of:

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You will need to complete a new Almond Direction to Pay Form specifically relating to the Compromise, even if you have previously provided a Timbercorp Finance or TSL direction to pay in relation to other distributions.

#### 11 What is the Direction to Pay Form and do I need to complete one?

A Direction to Pay Form is a Grower's direction to TSL to use the Grower's entitlement to reduce the Grower's loan balances owing to Timbercorp Finance or to reduce the amounts owing by the Grower to TSL.

You will need to complete a new Almond Direction to Pay Form specifically relating to the Compromise, even if you have previously executed a Timbercorp Finance or TSL direction to pay in relation to other distributions.

Growers who have loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects do not have to complete an Almond Direction to Pay Form but if they do not, their entitlement will be held on trust, in an interest bearing account, pending determination of the competing claims of the Grower and Timbercorp Finance.

Growers can execute an Almond Direction to Pay Form, but direct that only part of their entitlement be used to reduce their loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects. If any amount remains owing to Timbercorp Finance, the rest of the Grower's entitlement will be held on trust, in an interest bearing account, pending determination of the competing claims of the Grower and Timbercorp Finance.

If you do not have a loan owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects but have amounts owing to TSL, and you do not complete an Almond Direction to Pay Form, you will still receive your entitlement.

# 12 What happens if I don't want to use my entitlement to pay Timbercorp Finance / TSI ?

If you have loans owing to Timbercorp Finance in relation to the Almond Projects and you do not execute an Almond Direction to Pay Form, your entitlement will be held on trust, in an interest bearing account, pending a legal determination in relation to the competing claims of Growers and Timbercorp Finance to the entitlement.

If you have amounts owing to TSL but no loans owing to Timbercorp Finance and you do not execute an Almond Direction to Pay Form, your entitlement will be paid to you by direct deposit into your nominated bank account. If you have not previously provided TSL with a completed direct credit authorisation, you will need to nominate a bank account to receive your payment. You can obtain a Bank Account Nomination Form at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au

www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51

www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

or by:

- calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or
- emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

If you do not use your entitlement to pay Timbercorp Finance or TSL, you will remain liable to pay the amounts owing (plus applicable interest) to them.

#### 13 What happens if my entitlement does not pay Timbercorp Finance / TSL in full?

If you direct that your entitlement be used to pay Timbercorp Finance or TSL but your entitlement is not sufficient to pay the full amount you owe to Timbercorp Finance or TSL, you will remain liable to pay the balance owing (plus applicable interest) to them.

# 14 If I sign an Almond Direction to Pay Form, can I still dispute that Timbercorp Finance / TSL were entitled to be paid?

Yes, signing the Almond Direction to Pay Form and the use of your entitlement to pay Timbercorp Finance or TSL does not affect your right to dispute that Timbercorp Finance or TSL were entitled to be paid.

# 15 If I am a Grower in more than one Timbercorp Project and I want to use my entitlements from all of my Projects to pay Timbercorp Finance / TSL, do I need to sign a direction to pay form for each Project?

There is a separate direction to pay form for Timbercorp Olive Projects, Timbercorp Almond Projects and the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project.

If you are <u>only</u> a Grower in Olive Projects, you only need sign one Olive Direction to Pay Form, even if you are a Grower in several Olive Projects.

If you are <u>only</u> a Grower in Almond Projects, you only need sign one Almond Direction to Pay Form, even if you are a Grower in several Almond Projects.

If you are <u>only</u> a Grower in the 2005 Citrus Project, you only need sign one Citrus Direction to Pay Form.

If you are a Grower in Olive Projects and Almond Projects, you will have to sign an Olive Direction to Pay Form for the Olive Projects and a separate Almond Direction to Pay Form for the Almond Projects.

If you are a Grower in Olive Projects and the 2005 Citrus Project, you will have to sign an Olive Direction to Pay Form for the Olive Projects and a separate Citrus Direction to Pay Form for the 2005 Citrus Project.

If you are a Grower in Almond Projects and the 2005 Citrus Project, you will have to sign an Almond Direction to Pay Form for the Almond Projects and a separate Citrus Direction to Pay Form for the 2005 Citrus Project.

If you are a Grower in Olive Projects, Almond Projects and the 2005 Citrus Project, you will have to sign an Olive Direction to Pay Form for the Olive Projects and a separate Almond Direction to Pay Form for the Almond Projects and a separate Citrus Direction to Pay Form for the 2005 Citrus Project.

# What is the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding and how does it relate to me?

The Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding is a legal proceeding which is currently in the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal. It is an appeal of the judgment of Justice Davies of the Supreme Court of Victoria in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding.

The Almond Land Rights Proceeding was heard and determined in 2011. The purpose of the Almond Land Rights Proceeding was to determine who was entitled to the net proceeds of sale of the land and other assets which were used in the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) and the 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007 Timbercorp Almond Projects. The parties who were claiming an entitlement to the proceeds were:

- the secured creditors, BOSI Security Services Limited (as trustee for Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ), BOS International (Australia) Limited and Westpac Banking Corporation), and ANZ in its own right, which had (among other security) a mortgage over the land and a charge over the other assets;
- the Growers in the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) and the 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007 Timbercorp Almond Projects; and

The Supreme Court found that the secured creditors were entitled to all of the net proceeds of sale and the Growers were not entitled to any of the net proceeds. The Growers have appealed this decision, in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding.

If the Compromise is approved by the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal and the compromises in relation to the other Timbercorp Projects are also approved, the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding will not continue and the Growers will receive a payment from the secured lenders in accordance with the Compromise. Growers will lose the right to argue for a different share of the net sale proceeds.

### 17 Who are the Representative Growers and what is their role?

The Representative Growers are representing all Growers in the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. There is a Representative Grower for each of the relevant Timbercorp Almond Projects. If the Compromise is not approved and the Almond Land

Rights Appeal Proceeding continues, the Representative Growers and their lawyers will appear in Court and try to prove that the Growers are entitled to a share of the net sale proceeds. It is unlikely that the appeal will be heard and determined by the Court of Appeal before mid 2013. The names of the Representative Growers are set out in the First Notice to Growers.

#### 18 How were the Representative Growers chosen?

The Timbercorp Growers Group was asked to nominate Growers willing to act as Representative Growers. Some other Growers also wanted to be the Representative Growers. The Supreme Court of Victoria decided which of the Growers would be appointed as the Representative Growers. The names of the Representative Growers are set out in the First Notice to Growers.

#### 19 Which lawyers are acting for Growers?

Clarendon Lawyers and barristers appointed by them. TSL has agreed to pay, from its own funds, the fees and costs of Clarendon Lawyers and those barristers in relation to the application for approval of the Compromise. These fees and costs will not be deducted from the sale proceeds of amounts payable to Growers.

#### 20 Why have the Representative Growers agreed to the Compromise?

The Representative Growers have obtained legal advice in relation to the Compromise and have considered it and other matters such as the delays and uncertainty if it is necessary to proceed with a contested trial in the Court of Appeal to decide who is entitled to the net sale proceeds. The lawyers and barristers who gave the legal advice took into account (among other things) the decision in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding and the appeal of that decision. On the basis of the legal advice, the certainty of the payments to be made under the Compromise once approved by the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) and the cost and delay before the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding would be finally heard and determined by the Court of Appeal, the Representative Growers consider that the Compromise is for the benefit of the Growers in the Almond Projects.

#### 21 Can I have a copy of the advice given to the Responsible Growers?

A copy of the advice will be provided free of charge to any Grower who writes to Clarendon lawyers requesting a copy of the advice, or any lawyer for a Grower who writes to Clarendon Lawyers requesting the advice on behalf of any identified Grower, provided that the Grower or lawyer requesting the copy of the advice provides Clarendon Lawyers with a signed document acknowledging the common interest privilege and undertaking to treat the advice as strictly confidential. Written requests should be addressed to Clarendon Lawyers and emailed to investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

# What is the Compromise reached by the parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding?

If the Compromise is approved by the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) and the other compromises in relation to the other Timbercorp Projects are also approved, Growers will be entitled, in total, to \$6,000,000 which is approximately 5% of the gross sale proceeds. This equates to \$186.57 per lot located on the land formerly owned by Almond Land. The remaining proceeds will be retained by the secured creditors. All parties, including all Growers, will release all other parties from the claims they may otherwise have had in relation to the sale proceeds.

### 23 How was the figure of \$6,000,000 reached?

The amount was reached by agreement between the secured creditors, the land owner and the Representative Growers.

#### 24 Can I have a copy of the Compromise Deed?

The Compromise Deed is available online at any of:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au

www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51

www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

or by:

- calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or
- emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

#### 25 What conditions have to be satisfied in order for the Compromise to proceed?

The Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) must approve the Compromise and the similar compromises reached in relation to other Timbercorp Projects by 31 December 2012 or such later date as is agreed. The Supreme Court or Court of Appeal may approve the Compromise if it is satisfied that the Compromise is for the benefit of Growers.

#### 26 What are the other compromises that require approval?

Similar compromises have been reached in relation to the proceedings which were commenced to determine how the net proceeds from the sales of assets used in the other Timbercorp Almond Projects, the Timbercorp Olive Projects and the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project. These compromises are also subject to Court approval. The other proceedings are:

- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No S CI 2011 6604 (Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding) which relates to the 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 Timbercorp Almond Projects and the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1)
- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No S CI 2011 6606 (Solora Rights Proceeding) which relates to the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project
- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No S CI 2011 6777 (Fenceport Rights Proceeding) which relates to the 2000 Timbercorp Olive Project (Private Offer) and the 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 Timbercorp Olive Projects and
- Supreme Court of Victoria Proceeding No S CI 2010 1354 (BB Olives Rights Proceeding) which relates to the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Timbercorp Olive Projects

The 2002 and 2005 Timbercorp Almond Projects and 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) were conducted on more than one almond plantation, which were sold in different sale transactions. Those Projects are therefore involved in both the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding and the Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding.

# When will the Supreme Court of Victoria (or Court of Appeal) decide whether to approve the Compromise?

A date for the hearing has not yet been set. It will not be before October 2012. Once the date of the hearing has been determined, it will be posted on the following websites:

www.clarendonlawyers.com.au

www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51

www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm.

The Court may take some time after the hearing to decide whether to approve the Compromise and the similar compromises in relation to the other Timbercorp Projects.

# What happens if the Supreme Court of Victoria (or Court of Appeal) does not approve the Compromise?

If the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) does not approve the Compromise (or the other similar compromises), the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding will continue. The Court of Appeal will determine who is entitled to the net sale proceeds. It is unlikely that the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding would be heard and determined before mid 2013.

#### 29 Are there tax consequences for me as a result of the Compromise?

There may be tax consequences for you, depending on your individual circumstances. You should ask your own financial or tax adviser.

#### 30 Can I object to the Compromise?

Yes. You can object by email to investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au or by calling the hotline on (03) 8615 1200. If you object to the Compromise, you may raise your objection at the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) hearing of the application for approval of the Compromise. Growers may choose to appear in person or have their own lawyers represent them. You should seek your own legal advice if you wish to appear or have your lawyers appear on your behalf.

#### 31 What happens if a Grower objects to the Compromise?

All objections received from Growers before 14 September 2012 will be disclosed to the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) at the hearing of the application for approval of the Compromise. If your objection is received after that time but before the hearing of the application, the Representative Growers will use their best efforts to ensure that it is also disclosed to the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal). The Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) will consider the objections received from Growers and disclosed to it when determining whether the Compromise is for the benefit of Growers.

#### 32 Am I bound by the Compromise?

If the Compromise is approved by the Supreme Court (or Court of Appeal) and the other compromises are also approved, all Growers will be bound by the Compromise. Growers will lose the right to argue for a different share of the net sale proceeds.

# Who can I talk to about the Compromise if I have a comment, question or objection?

You can call the hotline on (03) 8615 1200. If the hotline staff cannot answer your question, they will refer it to Clarendon Lawyers, who are acting for the Representative Growers. Someone from Clarendon Lawyers will then respond to you.

# 34 How much are the Growers in the other schemes getting?

Timbercorp Olive Project	Fenceport Compromise entitlement per lot	BB Olives Compromise entitlement per lot	Total entitlement per lot
2000 Olive (Private Offer)	\$163.81	_	\$163.81
2001 Olive	\$163.81	-	\$163.81
2002 Olive	\$163.81	-	\$163.81
2003 Olive	\$163.81	-	\$163.81
2004 Olive	\$163.81	-	\$163.81
2006 Olive	-	\$92.43	\$92.43
2007 Olive	-	\$92.43	\$92.43
2008 Olive	-	\$92.43	\$92.43

Timbercorp Almond Project	Almond Land Compromise Grower entitlement per lot (subject to claim by the Litigation Funders)	Liparoo & Yungera Compromise Grower entitlement per lot	Tree purchase per lot	Total Grower entitlement per lot
2001 Almond	-	\$521.31	\$2000	\$2521.31
2002 Almond (Private Offer No 1)	\$53.46	\$371.93	-	\$425.39
2002 Almond	\$54.89	\$367.93	-	\$422.82
2003 Almond	-	\$521.31	-	\$521.31
2004 Almond	-	\$521.31	-	\$521.31
2005 Almond	\$121.24	\$182.54	-	\$303.78
2006 Almond	\$186.57	-	-	\$186.57
2007 Almond	\$186.57	-	-	\$186.57

Timbercorp Citrus Project	Solora Compromise entitlement per lot	Total entitlement per lot
2005 Citrus	\$316.80	\$316.80

Some land used in the 2002 and 2005 Timbercorp Almond Projects and the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No. 1) was sold in the Almond Land sale

transaction and the remainder in the Liparoo and Yungera sale transaction. Growers in those Projects therefore have an entitlement under both compromises. The amount set aside for Growers from each compromise is determined by the number of lots in that Project that were on the relevant land. These amounts are then allocated to Growers on the basis of the total number of lots in the Project. This results in the amount per lot being reduced in proportion to the percentage of lots in that Project that were located on the relevant land.

The Growers' Appeal of the decision in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding has been funded by Litigation Funders. Those Litigation Funders have indicated that they intend to seek a payment from the Growers' entitlement under the compromise of the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding. If they are successful in this claim (in whole or in part), the amounts that Growers in the 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project and the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No. 1) receive will be reduced accordingly.

If the Supreme Court is not prepared to hear and determine the Litigation Funders' claim until after the hearing of the application for approval of the compromise of the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, the Supreme Court may require that the Growers' entitlement under the compromise of the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding be held on trust, in an interest bearing account, until the Litigation Funders' claim is heard and determined. This will not affect the distribution of Growers' entitlements under any other compromise.

# Why are some Growers getting more than others?

Approximately 5% of the gross proceeds of each sale transaction are being set aside for Growers. The sale proceeds differed between the sale transactions depending on how much the relevant buyers were prepared to pay. This varied depending on the location and value of the land, the age of the trees and other factors.

The amount set aside for Growers from each sale transaction is then divided by the number of lots in the relevant Projects.

Unlike the other Timbercorp Projects, Growers in the 2001 Timbercorp Almond Project, owned the trees on their lot. The governing documents for the 2001 Timbercorp Almond Project provide that Growers are entitled to \$2,000 per lot for the trees on their lot when the trees were sold. Those Growers are therefore entitled to an additional \$2,000 per lot. The governing documents for the other Timbercorp Projects do not have the same provisions.

Some land used in the 2002 and 2005 Timbercorp Almond Projects and the 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No. 1) was sold in the Almond Land sale transaction and the remainder in the Liparoo and Yungera sale transaction. Growers in those Projects therefore have an entitlement under both compromises. The amount set aside for Growers from each compromise is determined by the number of lots in that Project that were on the relevant land. These amounts are then allocated to Growers on the basis of the total number of lots in the Project. This results in the amount per lot being reduced in proportion to the percentage of lots in that Project that were located on the relevant land.

# 36 Where can I get a copy of the governing documents for my Project?

The governing documents for the Almond Projects, such as the constitution, licence and joint venture agreement or lease and management agreement are available on line at www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromise.htm.

# 37 Why aren't Growers in the Table Grape or 2004 Citrus Projects getting anything?

A compromise agreement has not been reached between the Growers in these Projects and the other interested parties. The net sale proceeds are being held on trust until an agreement is reached or a Court decides who is entitled to the net sale proceeds.

# 38 What happened in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding?

The Almond Land Rights proceeding was heard by Justice Davies of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 2011. Her Honour determined that the Growers were not entitled to any of the net sale proceeds. Instead, the secured creditors were entitled to all of the net sale proceeds.

The Growers have appealed this decision but the appeal has not yet been heard.

# What is happening with the appeal of the decision in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding?

The parties have completed all the necessary preliminary steps required before the Court of Appeal will set a date for the hearing of the appeal, however the date for the hearing has not yet been set.

If the Compromises are not approved by the Supreme Court, the appeal will continue. It is not expected to be heard before mid 2013.

# Why are Litigation Funders claiming part of the amount that is being set aside for Growers under the Compromise?

In order to pursue the Appeal of the decision in the Almond Land Rights Proceeding, the Representative Growers entered into an arrangement with third parties, Litigation Funders, to fund the Appeal proceeding. Under the terms of the Litigation Funding Agreement, in return for the Litigation Funders accepting the risk associated with the Appeal proceeding, the Litigation Funders are entitled to be reimbursed for the amounts they have paid to fund the appeal proceeding and are also entitled to be paid up to 25% of any amount payable to Growers if the Appeal is successful or the Growers receive a payment to settle the Appeal. The Litigation Funders will only receive a payment if the Court approves the payment.

In accordance with the Litigation Funding Agreement, the Litigation Funders have indicated that they intend to seek a payment from the amount that Growers receive under the compromise of the Almond Land Rights Proceeding. The names of the Litigation Funders are set out in the First Notice to Growers.

#### 41 How much are the Litigation Funders claiming?

The Litigation Funders are seeking to be reimbursed for the amounts they have paid to fund the Appeal, currently estimated to be \$180,000 and are seeking to be paid an additional \$1,500,000 (being 25% of the amount being paid to Growers under the Compromise). These payments are subject to Court approval.



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13 August 2012

Dear Grower

2002 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935, 2005 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092, 2006 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974, 2007 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040, 2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1), (collectively, the Almond Projects)

You are receiving this letter in your capacity as a grower investor in one or more of the Almond Projects (**Grower**).

The Almond Projects are the subject of a dispute between Growers and other parties to Proceeding No APCI 2011 0103 in the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal (Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding) in relation to their respective entitlements to the net sale proceeds of the assets used in the Almond Projects. In that proceeding, the interests of all Growers are represented by representative Growers appointed by the Supreme Court of Victoria (Representative Growers). Clarendon Lawyers acts on behalf of the Representative Growers.

The parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding have now reached a compromise resolving the dispute between them (**Compromise**). Each Representative Grower, acting on our and our barristers' advice, considers that the Compromise is in the best interests of the Growers they represent. If approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria (or the Court of Appeal) and the compromises in respect of the other Timbercorp Almond Projects, the Timbercorp Olive Projects and the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project are also approved, the Compromise will bind all Growers and you will lose any right to seek a different outcome of the dispute.

We have prepared a notice to Growers explaining the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, the Compromise (including its effect on Growers' rights and entitlements) and the application to be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria (or the Court of Appeal) for approval of the Compromise (**First Notice to Growers**). The First Notice to Growers also provides details on how you can comment on or object to the Compromise or obtain further information.

It is important that you read the First Notice to Growers carefully as, if approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria (or the Court of Appeal), the Compromise will affect your rights and entitlements as a Grower.

You can view the First Notice to Growers on the following websites:

- www.clarendonlawyers.com.au
- www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
- www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

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If you would like the First Notice to Growers to be sent to you, call the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

Yours faithfully

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# **ALMOND DIRECTION TO PAY**

# TO: Timbercorp Securities Limited (In Liquidation) (ACN 092 311 469) (TSL)

I/We, follow	, am/are investor/s in the ing Timbercorp Almond project/s ( <i>tick all applicable boxes</i> ):
	2001 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 095 649 746)
	2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) (Unregistered)
	2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 099 611 935)
	2003 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 103 197 299)
	2004 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 108 336 670)
	2005 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 112 935 092)
	2006 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 118 387 974)
	2007 Timbercorp Almond Project (ARSN 122 511 040).

If you do not tick any boxes, this Direction to Pay will apply to all your investments in the Timbercorp Almond project/s.

This direction to pay is in respect of any of my/our entitlements under the Deed of Compromise dated 25 July 2012 between the parties to the Almond Land Rights Proceeding (Supreme Court Proceeding No. SCI 2009 10699) and/or the Deed of Compromise dated 25 July 2012 between the parties to the Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding (Supreme Court Proceeding No. SCI 2011 6604) (**Grower Payment**).

In giving this Direction to Pay, I/we do not admit liability to Timbercorp Finance Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) (ACN 054 581 190) (**Timbercorp Finance**) or TSL and my/our Direction to Pay is without prejudice to any rights I/we may have against Timbercorp Finance or TSL in respect of any amounts Timbercorp Finance or TSL claims are owing to it.

# **ALMOND DIRECTION TO PAY**

I/We h	ereby irrevoc	ably authorise and	direct TSL to (tick all applicable boxes):
	pay in whole o	or in part to the exte	(delete as applicable) of my/our Grower Payment to nt possible the amounts which Timbercorp Finance our investment in the Timbercorp Almond project/s;
	: If you tick this r Grower Paym	•	ecify an amount, this Direction to Pay will apply to all
	pay in whole o	or in part to the exte	(delete as applicable) of my/our Grower Payment to nt possible the amounts which TSL claims I/we ent in the Timbercorp Almond project/s;
	: If you tick this r Grower Paym		ecify an amount, this Direction to Pay will apply to all
			t be effective if you owe any amounts to Timbercorp Fimbercorp Finance be repaid first.
	pay in whole o	or in part to the exte	(delete as applicable) of my/our Grower Payment to nt possible the amounts which Timbercorp Finance other Timbercorp projects of which I/we am/are
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Please	send complet	ed form to:	
PO Bo Collins	rcorp Securities x 186 : Street West urne Vic 8007		Or fax to: 03 9670 4271 Or email to: investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au

# **TIMBERCORP**

# **Bank Account Nomination Form**

I/We hereby authorise Timbercorp Securities Ltd (In Liquidation) to pay any amounts due to me/us under the compromises of the Fenceport Rights Proceeding, Solora Rights Proceeding, BB Olives Rights Proceeding, Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding and Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding or any other distributions into my/our bank account as follows:

Name of financial institution:	<del>.</del>
Address of branch:	
Account Name:	
BSB (Branch no):	
Account no:	
Signature:	
Investment Name (please print):	
Date:	
Contact no:	
Please send completed form to:	

Timbercorp Securities Limited PO Box 186 Collins Street West

Melbourne Vic 8007

Or fax to: 03 9670 4271 Or email to: investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

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**BETWEEN** 

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG & ORS (according to the Schedule)** 

**Appellants** 

and

BOSI SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED (ACN 009 413 852) as trustee for AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED (ACN 005 357 522) and BOS INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED (ACN 066 601 250) and WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION (ACN 007 457 141) & ORS (according to the Schedule)

Respondents

## CERTIFICATE IDENTIFYING EXHIBIT

Date of document:

18 September 2012

Filed on behalf of:

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Almond Management Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (ACN 094 468 845)

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This is the exhibit marked "MAK-3" now produced and shown to MARK ANTHONY KORDA at the time of swearing his affidavit on 18 September 2012.

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Level 21, 333 Collins Street Melbourne 3000

An Australian Lagal Practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Profession Act 2004

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Exhibit "MAK-3"
Short Letter to Growers in respect of the Almond Land Rights Deed of Compromise

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You are receiving this letter in your capacity as a grower investor in one or more of the Almond Projects (Grower).

The Almond Projects are the subject of a dispute between Growers and other parties to Proceeding No APCI 2011 0103 in the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal (Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding) in relation to their respective entitlements to the net sale proceeds of the assets used in the Almond Projects. In that proceeding, the interests of all Growers are represented by representative Growers appointed by the Supreme Court of Victoria (Representative Growers). Clarendon Lawyers acts on behalf of the Representative Growers.

The parties to the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding have now reached a compromise resolving the dispute between them (**Compromise**). Each Representative Grower, acting on our and our barristers' advice, considers that the Compromise is in the best interests of the Growers they represent. If approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria (or the Court of Appeal) and the compromises in respect of the other Timbercorp Almond Projects, the Timbercorp Olive Projects and the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project are also approved, the Compromise will bind all Growers and you will lose any right to seek a different outcome of the dispute.

We have prepared a notice to Growers explaining the Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding, the Compromise (including its effect on Growers' rights and entitlements) and the application to be made to the Supreme Court of Victoria (or the Court of Appeal) for approval of the Compromise (**First Notice to Growers**). The First Notice to Growers also provides details on how you can comment on or object to the Compromise or obtain further information.

It is important that you read the First Notice to Growers carefully as, if approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria (or the Court of Appeal), the Compromise will affect your rights and entitlements as a Grower.

You can view the First Notice to Growers on the following websites:

- www.clarendonlawyers.com.au
- www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
- www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

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If you would like the First Notice to Growers to be sent to you, call the telephone hotline on (03) 8615 1200 or email investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au.

Yours faithfully

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**BETWEEN** 

**GRAHAM GOLDENBERG & ORS (according to the Schedule)** 

Appellants

and

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Respondents

#### CERTIFICATE IDENTIFYING EXHIBIT

Date of document:

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Exhibit "MAK-4" **Notice entitled "Timbercorp Almond Projects"** that was published in The Australian newspaper on 14 August 2012

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# **Public Notices**

# **Timbercorp Almond Projects**

NOTICE is given to grower investors in one or more of the following Almond Projects:

2002 Timbercorp Almond Project (Private Offer No 1) (Unregistered)
2002 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 099 611 935
2005 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 112 935 092
2006 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 118 387 974
2007 Timbercorp Almond Project ARSN 122 511 040

of a **COMPROMISE** of the dispute between grower investors and other parties to Proceeding No APCI 2011 0103 in the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal in relation to their respective entitlements to the net sale proceeds of the assets used in the Almond Projects.

If the compromise is approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria or the Court of Appeal and the compromises in respect of the other Timbercorp Almond Projects, the Timbercorp Olive Projects and the 2005 Timbercorp Citrus Project are also approved, all grower investors in the Almond Projects will be bound by the terms of the compromise and you will lose any right to seek a different outcome to the dispute.

A notice to grower investors explaining the dispute, the compromise and its effect on the rights and entitlements of grower investors is available on the following websites:

- www.clarendonlawyers.com.au www.kordamentha.com/creditor-information/Australia/51
- www.abl.com.au/timbercorp/compromises.htm

or by calling (03) 8615 1200 or by emailing investorqueries@timbercorp.com.au

It is important that you read the notice carefully as, if approved by the Supreme Court of Victoria or the Court of Appeal, the compromise will affect your rights and entitlements as a grower investor.

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**Exhibit "MAK-5"** 

Agreed Protocol and Communications
Spreadsheet

"MAK-5"

# **Timbercorp Horticultural Assets Settlement**

# **Protocols for Operators**

These protocols are to be followed upon receiving a question by telephone or email from growers in relation to the compromises reached in the Timbercorp Horticultural Asset Settlement proceedings listed below:

- S APCI 2011 0103 Almond Land Rights Appeal Proceeding;
- S Cl 2010 1354 Boundary Bend Rights Proceeding;
- S Cl 2011 6604 Liparoo and Yungera Rights Proceeding;
- S Cl 2011 6606 Solora Rights Proceeding; and
- S CI 2011 6777 Fenceport Rights Proceeding.

# 1. Recording calls and emails received

# (a) Calls

On receipt of a call an operator should record the time and date of the call in the spreadsheet.

The operator should request the following details from the caller to be recorded:

- (i) name; and
- (ii) scheme to which the caller is a member (the caller may not know).

The operator should then allow the caller to ask their question or make their objection to the relevant compromise.

#### If the caller:

- asks a question and the operator can answer the question (in accordance with section 2), the question and answer or information provided by the operator should be recorded in the spreadsheet;
- (ii) asks a question and the operator cannot answer the question in accordance with section 2, the general nature of the question should be recorded in the spreadsheet and marked for escalation to Clarendon Lawyers; or
- (iii) makes an objection, the general nature of the objection should be recorded in the spreadsheet and marked for escalation to Clarendon Lawyers.

# (b) Emails

On receipt of an email an operator should record the following information in the spreadsheet:

- (i) the time and date of the email;
- (ii) name of the person emailing;
- (iii) scheme to which the person is a member (this information may not be provided):
- (iv) any questions asked and the answers or information provided; and
- (v) any objection to the compromise.

# 2. Answering questions

#### (a) How to respond

Questions received by call are to be responded to immediately in the call.

Questions received by email are to be answered by return email as promptly as possible.

When answering questions the operator should refer to the frequently asked questions (FAQs) or information on the Timbercorp database.

If the person is not satisfied with the answer given by the operator or the operator is unable to answer the question based on the information in the FAQs or the Timbercorp database, the question is to be forwarded to Clarendon Lawyers.

The operator should tell the person calling or in return email that:

- (i) their question will be referred to Clarendon Lawyers for further consideration;
- (ii) the person should expect a direct response to their question by Clarendon Lawyers as promptly as possible.

# (b) Information to be provided

Operators should not go beyond the scope of the FAQs or the Timbercorp database information when answering questions.

If an operator is unsure of the answer to a question or if the scope of the question goes beyond the information to be provided to growers by operators, the question is to be forwarded to Clarendon Lawyers for further consideration.

# 3. Responding to objections

Operators should respond to callers and emails with the following information:

- (a) the objection has been recorded; and
- (b) Clarendon Lawyers will be notified of the grower's objection.

# 4. Referring questions to Clarendon Lawyers

The spreadsheets recording all calls and emails received from growers will be forwarded to Clarendon Lawyers on a daily basis.

The spreadsheets will contain the text of all emails received and the responses to those emails.

Operators must clearly mark on the spreadsheets the questions that are being referred to Clarendon Lawyers for further consideration and answer.

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Exhibit "Confidential MAK-6" Communications Spreadsheets for each day from 14 August 2012 to 17 September 2012