

1 August 2007

**FIRST REPORT OF THE LIQUIDATORS
TO CREDITORS AND MEMBERS OF
LAIDLAW PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED (In Liquidation)**

INTRODUCTION

We advise that Laidlaw Printing Company limited (In Liquidation) ("the company") was placed into liquidation on 27 July 2007 at 9:30 am by a special resolution of shareholders pursuant to Section 241(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1993 ("the Act"). Kevin David Pitfield and Gareth Russel Hoole were appointed joint and several liquidators of the company at that time.

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

BACKGROUND AND STATEMENT OF POSITION

Director and Shareholders

On the date of the appointment of the liquidators the records of the company reflected the following:

Shareholders: Margaret Isabel Laidlaw, Murray James Laidlaw, Margaret Isabel Laidlaw Family Trust and Murray James Laidlaw Family Trust

Directors: Elizabeth Ann Cooper, Geoffrey Colin Laidlaw, Margaret Isobel Laidlaw and Murray James Laidlaw

History

The company was incorporated as Laidlaw Printing Company Limited on 2 July 1996.

The principal business of the company was that of commercial printer.

The liquidators understand that the company experienced cash flow difficulties for some months prior to the appointment of the liquidators. These cash flow difficulties were compounded by consolidation within the printing market, strong competition and the loss of certain key accounts together with the illness of the principal director. The cash flow constraints prevented the company from meeting its debts as they fell due.

Actions Taken To Date

The liquidators and their representatives attended the premises of the company at 694 Great South Road, Penrose on the morning of the appointment. The premises were secured and rights of entry were restricted.

The liquidators have established that the company has assets in the form of motor vehicles, accounts receivable, a customer database, inventory and work in progress. It is possible that the company may also hold some amount of plant and equipment, although this requires further investigation by the liquidators.

Two of the motor vehicles are subject to operating leases and the liquidators are assessing whether there is any equity in those vehicles. If not, the liquidators plan to disclaim these items to avoid further costs to the company and its creditors.

Statement of Position

Attached by way of Appendix 1 is the Statement of Position of the company as at 27 July 2007, as advised by the management of the company. The information contained in the attached statement of position was provided by the management of the company and, as yet, has not been investigated by the liquidators. It is possible that subsequent investigation could result in a revision of the information thus presented.

Securities and Charges

A search of the Personal Property Securities Register has revealed registered security interests, including a holder of a General Security Agreement and certain purchase money security interests.

Apart from creditors designated as preferential in terms of the Seventh Schedule of the Companies Act 1993 and the secured creditors referred to above, all other creditors of the company will rank as unsecured.

PROPOSALS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE LIQUIDATION

Investigations into the existence and whereabouts of any assets not identified at the date of this report will be undertaken.

The liquidators will seek to maximise value to the creditors through the sale of the business as a going concern, failing which the assets will be realised to their best potential.

The company has a number of debtor balances which require collection. The liquidators will pursue outstanding debtors using all available legal remedies.

The liquidators will review disbursements made by the company in the period beginning on 27 July 2005 through to their appointment for purposes of determining whether any such transactions can be considered voidable within the ambit of Section 292 of the Companies Act 1993.

From the records made available to the liquidators, at the time of appointment the company was prima facie insolvent. At this time the liquidators have not been able to determine how long the company traded under insolvent circumstances, if at all. However, they will conduct the appropriate investigation in this regard and report their findings to the Registrar of Companies as considered necessary. The liquidators will pursue appropriate action against the directors to the extent considered economically beneficial if evidence exists to support such action.

CREDITORS' MEETING

The liquidators advise that a meeting of creditors will be held at Level 11, Tower Centre, 45 Queen Street, Auckland on 16 August 2007 at 11.00am.

UNSECURED CREDITORS CLAIM FORM

An unsecured creditor's claim form is enclosed for your convenience. We request that this be completed and returned to our office together with supporting documentation to register your claim in this liquidation by 30th August 2007.

If you believe that you hold security for your claim please advise the liquidators, in writing, providing supporting documentation and all other details of the nature of the security that you believe that you hold.

ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION OF LIQUIDATION

Subject to any matters arising from the investigation of the company's affairs and the timeframe associated with the collection of receivables, the liquidators tentatively estimate that this liquidation will be completed within the next six months.

Please note that any further reports prepared by the liquidators will not be mailed to the creditors and members of the company, but will be available on the New Zealand Companies Office and Staples Rodway websites.

Should you have any queries regarding the liquidation of the company, please do not hesitate to contact the liquidators at their office on telephone 309 0463 during business hours.



Kevin David Pitfield
JOINT LIQUIDATOR



Gareth Russel Hoole
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

APPENDIX 1

**LIDLAW PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED (In Liquidation)
 STATEMENT OF POSITION AS AT 27 July 2007**

Assets

Fixed Assets (book value)	44,441	<i>Note 2</i>
Accounts Receivable (book value)	80,068	<i>Notes 1 & 2</i>
Inventory (book value)	65,224	<i>Note 2</i>
Work in Progress	85,776	<i>Note 2</i>
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	275,509	

Liabilities

Bank overdraft and term loans – Secured	309,981	
Preferential Creditors	64,356	
Unsecured Creditors	149,627	<i>Note 3</i>
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	523,964	

DEFICIT: LIABILITIES OVER ASSETS	<hr/>	
	<u><u>\$ (248,455)</u></u>	

Notes:

1. The liquidators will pursue all debtors to the fullest extent provided by the law
2. The liquidators are not able to disclose estimated realisable value of fixed assets, accounts receivable, inventory and work in progress at the time of preparing this report.
3. This figure represents trade creditors only.