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Basil Read Limited (in business rescue)

Registration number 1962/002313/06

("The Company")

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Report to the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission

and to all Affected Persons

In Terms of Section 132 (3) (a) of the Companies Act 71 of 2008

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Joint Business Rescue Practitioners ("BRPs")



1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Company was placed under the supervision of the BRPs in business rescue proceedings on 15 June 2018, and the Business Rescue Plan (“the Plan”) proposed by the BRPs was approved by 99% of all creditors and 98% of independent creditors on 27 September 2018.
- 1.2. The business rescue proceedings of the Company have not been concluded within three months of the date of commencement thereof, and therefore as required, this report, being the **Ninth Update Report**, is being tabled in terms of Section 132 (3) (a) of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (“the Act”).
- 1.3. Reference is made in this report to the Plan, it is therefore important that this report be read in conjunction with the Plan and the previous update reports.
- 1.4. Please refer to www.matusonassociates.co.za/basilread/ for further information on the business rescue proceedings of the Company.

2. Current Status

2.1. Construction Contracts (“Contracts”)

2.1.1. The status of the Contracts is as follows:

Status	# of Contracts	Contract
Completed	11	1. Melrose Arch 2. Cape Town Schools 3. Bruma Lake 4. Protea Hotel 5. US Embassy 6. Coega Basin 7. Nokuthula School 8. Julius Sebolai School 9. Medupi Clarifiers 10. Medupi Coal Stock Yard 11. Medupi Buildings
Ceded	4	1. Polokwane Road 2. Musina Road 3. Vereeniging Ring Road 4. Medupi Ash Dumps
Cancelled by Employers	5	1. Kazerne 2. St Helena Airport 3. N3 Road 4. Ashton Montague Road 5. Kusile Civil Works
Cancelled by Basil Read	2	1. Port Shepstone Magistrate Court 2. Durban Buildings (PRASA)
Contracts still to be Completed	2	1. Rosetta 2. Zuikerbosch
Action Pending	1	1. Mthatha Road

The table above demonstrates the progress that has been made in the completion and ceding of Contracts in order to reduce the exposure of the Company to its Employers. As part of the Plan, the Company intended to complete all the Contracts that were either funded by PCF or were self-funding. The Company has managed to achieve this goal in respect of most of the Contracts. The benefit of this is that all subcontractors and suppliers to these contracts have been able to continue trading with the Company, post business rescue. Consequently, potential liabilities of performance guarantees being called has been reduced significantly.

2.2. Performance Guarantees

2.2.1. The BRPs are pleased to report that the aggregate contingent liability of **R1.1 billion** at the date of business rescue has been reduced by **R567 million** to **R575 million** as at 30 September 2019.

2.2.2. The reduction in the performance guarantee exposure has been achieved by way of the following:

- 2.2.2.1.** completion of Contracts;
- 2.2.2.2.** termination of onerous Contracts;
- 2.2.2.3.** de-scoping of works that are deemed to be onerous;
- 2.2.2.4.** cession of loss-making contracts.

2.2.3. Of the seven (7) Contracts that have been cancelled, either by Employers or the Company, performance guarantees have been called in only two instances, i.e. the St. Helena Airport project and N3TC road project.

2.3. Contract Claims

2.3.1. The processes and procedures for resolving contract claims continues to be time consuming, tedious and costly. The Company has however managed significant success in the resolution of many such claims.

2.3.2. The notable successes have been, amongst others, against TCTA and Transnet. In these two instances the DAB ruled in the favour of the Company for a significant number of claims and reversal of negative certificates.

2.3.3. The Company and BRPs continue to pursue the other outstanding claim. The aggregate sum of these claims is substantial and the degree of success in their recovery will impact materially on the end result of the business rescue process.

2.4. Realisation of Non-Core Assets

2.4.1. Basil Read Campus (“Head Office & Workshops”)

2.4.1.1. Further to the sale of the Head Office in June 2019, an agreement has been signed for a lease and sale option for the remaining properties in the former Basil Read Campus

2.4.2. Klipriver Business Park and Rolling Hills Lifestyle Estate

2.4.2.1. The BRPs continue to pursue expressions of interest from a number of parties. Should any affected person know of or be interested in any of the properties for sale, please contact the business rescue team at basilread@matusonassociates.co.za. Since the Eighth Update Report, no affected person has introduced the BRPs to any persons who may have any interest in the properties.

2.5. Retained Businesses (Mining and Developments)

2.5.1. One of the prime objectives of the approved Plan was the optimisation, safeguarding and preservation of the retained businesses. These businesses continue to perform and are self-sustaining.

2.5.2. Various options are currently being pursued with a view to achieving optimal value for the benefit of all affected persons.

2.5.3. Sale of the Mining Business

An independent sales advisor has been appointed to run a sales process and to adjudicate on any potential offers received. This process is in progress and while some offers have been received, it has been considered prudent to continue pursuing further potential offers.

2.6. Proceeds from Realisations

Proceeds from the realisation of the above non-core assets will be distributed in terms of the payment waterfall, as contained in the Plan, in the following order:

2.6.1. Business Rescue Costs.

2.6.2. Pre-Commencement Secured Creditors.

2.6.3. PCF Employees.

2.6.4. Secured PCF Creditors.

2.6.5. Unsecured PCF Creditors.

2.6.6. Pre-Commencement Employees.

2.6.7. Pre-Commencement Concurrent Creditors.

3. Unforeseen Setbacks

- 3.1. Attention is drawn to previous update reports for further detail on the unforeseen setbacks
- 3.2. All the unanticipated setbacks will adversely affect the quantum of any business rescue dividend that may ultimately be paid to concurrent creditors. However, the extent of the reduction of any business rescue dividend cannot be calculated at this stage, until all realisations have occurred.

4. Proof of Claims

- 4.1. Having initially set 20 November 2018 as the deadline for submission of claims the BRPs have agreed to further extend this date to 31 October 2019.
- 4.2. There remains a large number of pre-commencement creditors who have yet to submit their claims, and who are encouraged to do so.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. Owing to the negative impact of the unforeseen setbacks, as set out in the previous update reports, the dividend to concurrent creditors, as anticipated in the Plan, is likely to be significantly reduced. Any dividend that may accrue, will largely depend on the value of asset realisations, contract claims in particular.
 - 5.2. Notwithstanding the abovementioned uncertainties, it is anticipated that:
 - 5.2.1. all PCF and other post-commencement obligations will be settled in full;
 - 5.2.2. in excess of 2,600 employees will receive their full retrenchment packages; and
 - 5.2.3. the risk of further guarantees being called, although not eliminated, has been reduced.
 - 5.3. It remains the opinion of the BRPs that a full implementation of the Plan will achieve a better result than a liquidation.
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