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FIRMA GROUP LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

Liquidators' First Report

TO: The directors, shareholders and known creditors of the company

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1 INTRODUCTION AND APPOINTMENT

Firma Group Limited (In Liquidation) ("the company") was placed into liquidation by a special resolution of the shareholders of the company pursuant to Section 241(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1993 ("the Act") on 19 August 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Keaton Pronk Licence No: IP107 and Iain McLennan Licence No: IP82, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, of Auckland, were appointed as joint and several liquidators of the company.

2 RESTRICTIONS

In preparing this report and its appendices, we have relied upon information provided to us. We have not independently verified or audited that information. Whilst all care and attention has been taken in compiling this report, we do not accept any liability whatsoever to any party as a result of the circulation, publication, reproduction, or use of this report.

We reserve the right (but are under no obligation) to review and, if we consider necessary, amend this report to take into account any information existing at the date of this report that becomes known to us after this report is published.

3 INDEPENDENCE

A declaration of independence is attached at Appendix 2. We are not aware of any real or perceived conflicts of interest or risks to our independence.

4 ATTACHMENTS

The following documents are attached to this report:

- Appendix 1: Statement of Affairs
- Appendix 2: Declaration of independence, relationships, indemnities, and upfront payments
- Appendix 3: Schedule of creditors' names and addresses
- Appendix 4: Notice of liquidators' decision to dispense with meeting of creditors
- Appendix 5: Notice to creditors to prove debts or claims
- Appendix 6: Creditors claim form

5 COMPANY STRUCTURE AND BACKGROUND

Date of incorporation:	21 June 2016
Company number:	6010267
New Zealand Business Number:	9429042382232
Date ceased trading:	2020
Nature of business:	Group Parent Company // Quantity surveying service
Trading address:	Level 9, 2 Commerce Street, Auckland
Share capital:	100 Shares
Shareholders:	50 Shares Jointly held by: Samuel Kane Owens Kharmila Trustee Limited 50 Shares Jointly held by: Michael William Money Julia Dawn Money Claire Patricia Paterson
Directors:	Samuel Kane Owens and Michael William Money
Related companies:	FCL Limited (In Liquidation) previously Firma Construction Limited Eden Limited (In Receivership and In Liquidation)

Firma Group Limited (In Liquidation) operated as a Group Parent Company.

Firma Group Limited was placed into liquidation by shareholder resolution on 19 August 2022 following service of a winding up application by The Fletcher Construction Company Limited and Acciona Infrastructure New Zealand Limited together trading as Northern Express Group Contractor on 10 August 2022.

The Liquidators have met with the directors and were advised that the liquidation of the company was the result of a guarantee provided by the parent company over a contract involving a subsidiary to Northern Express Group Contractor and lengthy arbitration coming to an end in April 2022.

The directors have advised that the business ceased trading in 2020.

6 STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

A Statement of Affairs showing the company's estimated financial position as at the date of our appointment is provided at Appendix 1.

7 ASSETS AND PROPOSED ACTIONS IN THE LIQUIDATION

We will realise all available assets. The estimated dates for these actions are within the next two years.

We will complete a thorough review of the company's books, records and affairs to:

- ensure that all assets have been properly accounted for,
- determine if there are any other avenues of recovery for creditors,
- determine if the company's officers have properly carried out their duties and take appropriate steps where necessary.

If there are funds available for distribution to creditors, we will verify creditors' claims and make a distribution. We will then complete the liquidation and request that the Registrar of Companies remove the company from the register.

8 LIABILITIES AND CALL FOR CREDITOR CLAIMS

The liquidators have compiled a schedule of the company's creditors and their addresses as required by Section 255(2)(c) of the Act, which is at Appendix 3. The schedule has been compiled from company records and information provided to the liquidators at the time of preparing this report. The schedule may not list all of the company's creditors and all of the parties listed on the schedule may not be creditors of the company.

There are no known contingent creditors. There are no known current or pending proceedings to which the company is a party.

A notice to creditors to prove debts or claims is provided at Appendix 5 and an unsecured creditor's claim form is provided at Appendix 6. If you are an unsecured creditor and you wish to lodge a claim in the company's liquidation, please complete the unsecured creditor's claim form then return the completed form together with supporting documentation to our offices by 3 October 2022. Creditors that have not made a claim by this date may be excluded from any distribution made.

If you believe that you are a secured creditor, you should not complete the unsecured creditor's claim form. Please contact us and request that a secured creditor's claim form be sent to you.

8.1 Secured Creditors

As at the date of liquidation three secured parties had registered security interests against the company on the Personal Property Securities Register.

Eden Nominees Limited as Trustee of the Eden Investment Trust	Investment Securities
FCL Limited (In Liquidation)	All PAAP
North Harbour Ford & Mazda	Discharged Post Liquidation

Personal Property Securities Act / Reservation of Title

If you have not registered a financing statement on the PPSR and you believe you have:

- a Purchase Money Security Interest entitling them to any goods in the possession or control of the company and/or proceeds from the realisation of those goods; and/or
- a Reservation of Title over goods;

you should contact us immediately.

8.2 Preferential Creditors

At this time we are unaware of any preferential claims.

8.3 Unsecured Creditors

From our review of the company's accounting records and other information we estimate that the amount due to unsecured creditors is approximately \$1,300,000. We estimate that unsecured creditors may receive 1% or less in the dollar.

9 CREDITORS' MEETING / LIQUIDATION COMMITTEE

A notice of the Liquidators' decision to dispense with the meeting of creditors is provided at Appendix 4.

Any creditor or shareholder may at any time in the course of the liquidation request that the liquidators call a meeting pursuant to Section 314 of the Companies Act 1993, for the purpose of appointing a liquidation committee. Any request for a meeting must be submitted to the liquidators in writing.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are aware of any information that would assist the Liquidators, please set the details out in writing, attach any supporting evidence, and send it to us. Please note that it can be difficult for liquidators to act in reliance on information that is not provided in writing.

If any creditor wishes to receive the six monthly reports by email as and when they are published, please ensure that an email address is provided on your creditors' claim form.

This report and all subsequent reports will be available on the Liquidators' website at <http://www.mvp.co.nz>

11 ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION

We estimate the liquidation will be completed in the next two years.

12 CONTACT DETAILS

Enquiries should be directed to Keaton Pronk on DDI +64 (9) 969 1518 or by email to kpronk@mvp.co.nz

The Liquidators can be contacted at:

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Keaton Pronk
LIQUIDATOR (Licence No: IP107)

Dated this 25th day of August 2022

Appendix 2

Appendix 1		 McDonald Vague	
FIRMA GROUP LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)			
Statement of Affairs			
Statement of Affairs for the above named company as at 19 August 2022 (being the date of liquidation) showing assets at estimated realisable values and liabilities expected to rank.			
ASSETS		<i>Book Value</i>	<i>Estimated to Realise</i>
Shareholders Current Accounts		15,075	15,075
Total		15,075	15,075
LESS GENERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT HOLDER/S			
FCL Limited (In Liquidation) - first ranking General Security Agreement holder			TBC
LESS UNSECURED CREDITORS			
Trade creditors			1,300,000
Notes:			
1. There is no unpaid capital liable to be called up.			
2. The above estimates are subject to the costs of the liquidation.			
Disclaimer of Liability:			
The information contained in the Statement of Affairs has been supplied by the company. We have not verified the information supplied. The Statement of Affairs has been prepared for the purpose of the liquidation and we do not accept any responsibility on any grounds whatsoever, including liability in negligence, to any party.			

FIRMA GROUP LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

Declaration of Independence / Relationships / Indemnities and Upfront Payments

A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

- (i) The appointed and McDonald Vague Limited have undertaken a proper assessment of the risks of independence prior to accepting appointment in accordance with the code of conduct and applicable professional standards and have concluded that they have no prior business or professional relationship with the insolvent that is a real or a potential risk and that they are independent.

B DECLARATION OF RELATIONSHIPS

- (ii) The appointed and McDonald Vague Limited have no prior business or professional or personal relationship with known associates of the insolvent or with the major secured creditors that are a real or potential risk.
- (iii) The appointed disclose there are no other relevant relationships to declare.
- (iv) The appointed and McDonald Vague Limited have not provided any prior professional services to the insolvent or known associates of the insolvent in the prior two years.

C DECLARATION OF INDEMNITIES AND UPFRONT PAYMENTS

- (v) There is no indemnity nor upfront payment.



Keaton Pronk
LIQUIDATOR

Dated this 25th day of August 2022

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Schedule of Creditors' Names and Addresses

Pursuant to Section 255(2)(c) of the Companies Act 1993

Creditor Name	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Postcode
The Fletcher Construction Company Limited and Acciona Infrastructure New Zealand Limited together trading as Northern Express Group Contractor Accident Compensation Corporation BDO Auckland	PO Box 3248 BDO Centre L4	Wellington 6140 Building A/4 Graham Street	Auckland 1010	

Notice of Liquidators' Decision to Dispense with Meeting of Creditors

After having regard to the assets and liabilities of Firma Group Limited (In Liquidation) and the likely result of the liquidation, the liquidators propose to dispense with a meeting of creditors pursuant to Section 245 of the Companies Act 1993.

The liquidators do not, however, wish to preclude creditors from expressing their views. Please contact Keaton Pronk of this office on DDI +64 (9) 969 1518 if you have any specific enquiries.

If you wish to request that a creditor's meeting be called, notice in writing is required within 10 working days of receiving this notice. Your notice you must also state the reason you require a meeting so that an agenda can be prepared and circulated to creditors and creditors can be given the opportunity to vote on any proposed resolutions by voting letter.



Keaton Pronk
LIQUIDATOR

Dated this 25th day of August 2022

Appendix 5

IN THE MATTER of The Companies Act 1993

and

IN THE MATTER of Firma Group Limited (In Liquidation)

Notice to Creditors to Prove Debts or Claims

Notice is given that the liquidator of Firma Group Limited (In Liquidation) ("the company"), fix 3 October 2022, as the day on or before which the company's creditors are to make their claims and establish any priority their claims may have under Section 312 of the Companies Act 1993. Creditors not having made a claim by this date may be excluded from any distribution made.



Keaton Pronk
LIQUIDATOR

Dated this 25th day of August 2022

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DATE OF LIQUIDATION: 19 August 2022



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Unsecured Creditor's Claim

(Also for use by Preferential Creditors)

SECTION 304(1) COMPANIES ACT 1993
(For help see www.mvp.co.nz or email claims@mvp.co.nz)

NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF CREDITOR IN FULL

Telephone Numbers: ()
()

E-Mail

My Reference is:
(if applicable)

* Any personal information collected is for the purpose of administering the liquidation in accordance with the Companies Act 1993.

The information will be used and retained by the liquidators and McDonald Vague and will be released to other parties only with your authorisation or in compliance with the Privacy Act 1993.

Under Section 304(1) of the Companies Act 1993 any claim by an unsecured creditor against a company in liquidation must be in this prescribed form and must -
(a) Contain full particulars of the claim; and
(b) Identify any documents that evidence or substantiate the claim.

You may have access to and request correction of any personal information.

(*Not applicable, if creditor is not an individual within the meaning of the Privacy Act 1993.)

NAME OF COMPANY IN LIQUIDATION:

(IN LIQUIDATION)

I _____
(If claim is made on behalf of creditor, specify relationship to creditor and authority)
claim that the company was at the date it was put into liquidation indebted to the abovenamed creditor for the sum of (Amount in words):

STATUS OF CLAIM:

1. I am an unsecured creditor for
(Also applicable to secured creditors who hereby surrender their security)

\$

2. I am a preferential creditor for
(Refer details on reverse)

\$

3. I am an unsecured creditor for
(State currency if other than \$NZ)

Other
Currency

NZ \$

4. I have claimed retention/reservation of title rights pursuant to rights held by me

Note: If you are a secured creditor contact this office and a Secured Creditors Claim Form will be sent to you.

Tick if Applicable
(Refer details on reverse)

Full particulars of the claim are set out, and any supporting documents that substantiate the claim, are identified on the reverse of this form.

(The liquidator may require the production of a document under Section 304(2) of the Companies Act 1993. You are **not required to attach any supporting documents** at this stage, but you may attach them now, if you think it would expedite the processing of the claim.)

SIGNED:

Date: / /

WARNING

It is an offence under Section 304(6) of the Companies Act 1993 to -

Make or authorise the making of, a claim that is false or misleading in a material particular knowing it to be false or misleading; or
Omit, or authorise the omission from a claim of any matter knowing that the omission makes the claim false or misleading in a material particular.

Received
(Date Stamp)

RESERVED FOR OFFICE USE:

Claim admitted/rejected
for voting purposes:
(Delete one)

Signed:

Date: / /

CLAIM REJECTED
FOR PAYMENT:

\$

\$

Preferential Claim for:

Ordinary Claim for:

or
CLAIM ADMITTED
FOR PAYMENT:

\$

\$

Preferential Claim for:

Ordinary Claim for:

Signed
Liquidator:

Date: / /

Note: If the decision to admit or reject a claim is amended, regulation 8 of the Companies Act 1993 Liquidation Regulations 1994 requires that it be recorded in writing.



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If the creditor owes money to the company, please give full details

Date	Details of Claim and Identification of Documents that Evidence or Substantiate the Claim	Amount \$

CLAIMS AGAINST INVENTORY (Romalpa Claims)(Consignment Goods) (Retention of Title) etc.
Please provide details of the basis of the retention of title claim filed by you and/or details of entry on the Personal Property Securities Register.

PREFERENTIAL CLAIMANTS ONLY

Guideline

The Seventh Schedule of the Companies Act 1993 sets out those claims which are regarded as preferential and shows their extent and order of priority. For example, wages and salary of any employee in respect of services rendered to the company during the four months preceding the commencement of liquidation are preferential AND the total sum to which priority is to be given in the case of any one employee for wages, holiday pay, deductions, redundancy and child support must not exceed \$25,480 or such greater amount as is prescribed at the commencement of the liquidation.

1. Why do you believe you are a preferential creditor?
(eg employee, GST, etc) _____

2. Details of your claim: _____

If applicable please record here your GST Registration number: _____
and total GST included in your tax invoice: \$ _____