

Manuka Honey NZ Limited (In Liquidation) ("the Company")

Liquidator's First Report to Creditors and Shareholders

5 October 2022

Disclaimer

This report is prepared in accordance with section 255 of the Companies Act 1993 and is intended only for the Company's creditors and shareholders for the purposes of reporting on the Company's statement of affairs and the conduct of the liquidation. This report is based upon information available to the Liquidator as at the date of the report. I take no responsibility for any misinformation contained in the report that has been obtained from the Company, its officers or any other persons. This report is not to be reproduced, circulated or used for any other purpose without the Liquidator prior consent and the Liquidator, their firm and its employees accept no responsibility or liability to any party for loss or damaged caused from any use of or reliance on this report.

Appointment

Thomas Lee Rodewald, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner was appointed as Liquidator of the above-named Company by special resolution of the shareholders on 28 September 2022 at 9:00 am, pursuant to section 214(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1993 (“the Act”).

The Liquidator has made the appropriate enquiries and is of the opinion that he is not barred from acting under section 280 of the Act. A notice is provided in **Appendix Three** regarding the licensing of insolvency practitioners.

The Liquidator has been appointed by the shareholders of the Company.

Company Information

The following information has been obtained from the Companies Office as at the time of the appointment:

Date of Incorporation	31 August 2015
Company Registration Number	5790287
Company NZBN	9429041952139
Registered Office	Arrow Accountants Limited, Richardson Street, Whakatane
Trading Address	Whakatane
Type of Business	Honey manufacturing - blended

Shareholders

Name	Shareholding
Manuka Bioactives Limited, Gang SHEN, Lhasa Huabo Health Developments Company Limited, Ming JIANG, Kenneth CLEMENTS	1,000,000

Directors

Name	Address
Jeremy GARDINER, Kai LU, Yang LU, Gang SHEN	New Zealand and China

Commentary

The Company traded from 31 August 2015 in honey manufacturing - blended. The Liquidator has been advised that the reason for the failure of the Company which led to the appointment of the Liquidator is due to lack of profitability.

To date, the Liquidator has sent notices to the Company’s officers and professional advisors pursuant to section 261 of the Act requesting the delivery of the Company’s books, records and legal files. The Liquidator has also frozen the Company’s bank account and has issued notices to the secured creditors asking for details of their debt and securities.

Statement of the Company’s Affairs

A statement of the Company’s estimated financial position as at the date of liquidation is provided in **Appendix One**. This statement has been prepared based on information obtained from the Company, its officers and creditors. The information has yet to be verified for validity and may be subject to change.

Proposals for Conducting the Liquidation

The Liquidator will take steps to realise the assets of the Company and continue their investigations into the affairs of the Company to determine if there are any insolvent transactions and/or breaches of any relevant legislation by the Company or its officers. It is too early to comment on any recoveries and the likelihood of a distribution at this stage. However, if it is determined that there are sufficient funds to make a distribution to creditors, the Liquidator will contact

the creditors if they have not already provided their claim forms along with any applicable documentation in line with AML/CFT laws. Any distributions will be made in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Act.

Assets

The Liquidator has been advised that the Company had the following assets as at the date of the liquidation:

- Plant & Machinery
- Stock on hand
- Minor book debts

It is too early to determine the realisable value of these assets and/or any potential claims available to the Liquidator. The Liquidator is also investigating whether there are any other assets and/or potential claims which may give rise to additional recoveries for the benefit of creditors. The location of the assets has yet to be confirmed as the landlord terminated the lease in August 2022.

Creditor Claims

In accordance with section 255(2)(c) of the Act, a schedule of all known creditors of the Company as at the date of this report is provided in **Appendix Two**.

Secured Creditor Claims

A search of the Personal Properties Securities Register disclosed 2 security interests registered against the Company.

The Liquidator has issued notices in accordance with section 305 to the secured creditors on the date of their appointment. Secured creditors have 20 working days after that date to elect which of the following they wish to exercise:

- a. Realise the property subject to their charge; or
- b. Value the property subject to their charge and claim in the liquidation as an unsecured creditor for the balance of their claim, if any; or
- c. Surrender the charge to the Liquidator for the general benefit of creditors and claim as an unsecured creditor for the whole debt.

If a secured creditor fails to notify the Liquidator of their election within 20 working days, their charge will be surrendered to the Liquidator for the general benefit of creditors and they may claim in the liquidation as an unsecured creditor for the whole debt.

If you hold a security interest over the Company's assets or has a retention of title over assets owned or controlled by the Company and you have not yet been contacted by the Liquidator in regard to your interest, please contact the Liquidator immediately.

Preferential Creditor Claims

The Liquidator is currently determining if there are any unpaid wages, holiday pay and/or redundancy pay to former employees and has yet to receive a claim from Inland Revenue.

Unsecured Creditor Claims

If you are an unsecured creditor and have not already done so, please complete and return the Unsecured Creditor's Claim Form (attached) by no later than 28 November 2022.

Legal Proceedings

The Liquidator is not aware of any current or pending proceedings that the Company is a party to as at the date of this report. Should the Liquidator become aware of any proceedings, details of these will be provided in future reports.

Meeting of Creditors

A notice of dispensing with the meeting of creditors is provided in **Appendix Three**.

Estimated Completion Date

It is not practicable to estimate the date of completion of the liquidation or if there will be any distribution at this stage. However, if you are a creditor or shareholder and wish to assist the Liquidator by providing funding for recovery action or by providing additional information that would assist the liquidation, please contact the Liquidator as soon as possible. The Liquidator request that the information be provided in writing along with copies of supporting documentation.

Statutory Reporting

Further reports will be issued every 6 months and a final report will be issued at the conclusion of the liquidation pursuant to section 257 of the Act.

Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities

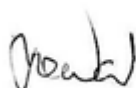
Pursuant to section 255A of the Act and the RITANZ Code of Professional Conduct, a declaration of independence, relevant relationships and indemnities is provided in **Appendix Four**.

Contact Information

If you require any further information or have information that can assist the Liquidator, please contact:

Contact	Thomas Lee Rodewald
Email	tomr@rodewaldconsulting.co.nz
Phone Number	021 227 7408
Postal Address	PO Box 15543, Tauranga 3144

Dated 5 October 2022



Thomas Lee Rodewald

Liquidator

(Registration Number: IP49)

Appendix One

Statement of Company's Affairs

Manuka Honey NZ Limited (In Liquidation)		
Statement of Affairs as at 28 September 2022		
	Note	Book Value
Assets	1	
Plant and Equipment		Not disclosed
Stock on Hand		Not disclosed
Debtors	2	Unknown
Total Assets		Unknown
Liabilities		
Preferential and Secured Creditors		
Preferential Creditors – Employees (Wages / holiday pay)		Unknown
Preferential Creditors – Inland Revenue (GST)		7,763
Preferential Creditors – Inland Revenue (EMP)		32,196
Secured Creditors – PMSI		Unknown
Total Preferential and Secured Creditors		Unknown
Estimated Deficit before Unsecured Creditors		Unknown
Unsecured Creditors		
Unsecured Creditors – Employees (Notice Period)		Unknown
Unsecured Creditors – Inland Revenue (Penalties/Interest)		3,421
Unsecured Creditors – Inland Revenue Small Business Loan		19,225
Unsecured Creditors – Trade Creditors		296,724
Related Party Loans		85,241
Total Unsecured Creditors		Unknown
Estimated Deficit (before costs of liquidation)		Unknown

All figures are in NZD and include GST where applicable.

Notes to Statement of Company's Affairs

1. The location and value of any plant / equipment / stock is yet to be determined.
2. The realizable value of any Debtors is yet to be established.

Disclaimer

This disclaimer should be read in conjunction with the disclaimer earlier in this report. The purpose of the report is to give creditors of the Company an indication of the financial position of the Company as at the date of appointment of the Liquidator in accordance with section 255 of the Companies Act 1993. A compilation is limited to the collection, classification and summarisation of the books and records of the company together with information supplied by the Directors. A compilation does not involve the verification of that information. Rodewald Consulting has not audited the information obtained and they do not accept any liability to any party relying on the information presented in the Statement of Affairs. Further, the Statement of affairs has been prepared for the purpose of the liquidation only, and I do not accept any responsibility on any ground whatsoever, including liability in negligence, to any other person.

Appendix Two

Schedule of Company Creditors

Name	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3
ACC	recoveries@acc.co.nz		
Analytica Laboratories	10 Bisley Road		Hamilton 3214
Arrow Accountants Limited	PO Box 304		Whakatane 3158
Assure Quality	level 1, 7a Pacific Rise	Mt Wellington	Auckland 1060
Auckland Chamber of Commerce	PO Box 47		Auckland 1140
Bank of New Zealand	PO Box 5218	Wellesley Street	Auckland 1141
Bay Direct Distributors	10B Hynds Road	Greerton	Tauranga 3112
Cee Martin Business Services	721 High Street	Boulcott	Lower Hutt 5010
Coastal Wood Limited	3 Captains Cove	Coastlands	Whakatane 3120
Computech Alarms & Security	12 Paora Street		Kawerau 3127
Eastern Bay Auto	205 Commerce Street		Whakatane
Flatline Computers	42a Valley Road		Whakatane
Gang Shen	Rm 22, Floor 27, Unit 1, Bldg 2	Wenmiao Apartment, 99 Wenmiao West St	Qingyang, Chengdu
Genesis Energy	Private Bag 3131		Hamilton 3214
GS1 New Zealand	PO Box 11-110		Wellington 6142
Hunter Filling Systems	PO Box 10037	Te Rapa	Hamilton
Kai Lu	Lushan Villa No 39, Shoreacres	No 18 Sec 2 Luxehill Blvd	Tanfu New Area, Chengdu
Ken Clements	443 State Highway 33	Paengaroa	Te Puke 3189
Label & Litho Limited	PO Box 38-412	WMC	Lower Hutt 5045
Mainfreight Limited	77A Mill Road	Coastlands	Whakatane 3191
Mandy Kinghazel			
Manuka Performance	84 Thornton Road		Whakatane 3120
Mathis Electrical Limited	111b Thornton Road	Awakeri	Whakatane 3194
Michael Clay			
Michael Turnbull			
Ministry for Primary Industries	PO Box 2526		Wellington 6140
Mr Jeremy Gardiner	10 Claire Road	Silverdate	Silverdale 0932
New Zealand Manuka Group	525b State Highway 30	Awakeri	Whakatane 3191
NZ Manufacturing	25 Montgomery Road		Tauranga 3110
NZ Safety Blackwoods	87-91 Kerrs Road	Wiri	Manukau City
Precia Molen NZ	1/21 McKee Street	Pukete	Hamilton 3200
Shaw Farms Property	Glenn@extremeboats.co.nz		
Simplex Electrical	5 Fraser Street		Whakatane 3120
Spark New Zealand Trading Limited	PO Box 1473		Christchurch 8140
Taane Hale			
The Stainless Factory	19/25 Montgomery Road	Judea	Tauranga 3110
United Rentals New Zealand	PO Box 22662	Otahuhu	Auckland 1640
VIP Plastic Packaging	100 Harris Road	East Tamaki	Auckland
Whakatane Pallets (2018) Limited	386 Wainui Road		Ohope 3198
Yang Lu	1804, Building 17	188 Middle Sec, Feucheng Ave	Sichuan Chengdu

Appendix Three

Notice to Creditors and Shareholders

Thomas Lee Rodewald, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner was appointed as Liquidator of the Company on 28 September 2022 at 9:00 AM pursuant to section 214(2)(a) of the Companies Act 1993 (“the Act”).

Notice of Liquidator to Dispense with Meeting of Creditors Pursuant to section 245 of the Act

The Liquidator proposes to dispense with the meeting of creditors pursuant to section 245 of the Act. This decision has been made on the basis that it would add unnecessary costs to the liquidation, and they are unaware of any other issues that require consideration by the creditors.

Therefore, no meeting of creditors will be called unless the Liquidator receive notice in writing from a creditor within 10 working days of their receipt of this notice.

Meetings of Creditors or Shareholders Pursuant to section 314 of the Act

Section 314 of the Act permits any creditor or shareholder of the Company to request the Liquidator, in writing (at any time during the course of the liquidation), to call a meeting of creditors or shareholders for the purpose of:

- Voting on a proposal that a liquidation committee be appointed to act with the Liquidator; and
- To choose the members of the committee.

Should any creditor wish to give notice they require a meeting of creditors to be called they are requested to provide the following information in their notice:

- The nature of the business they require to be transacted at any such meeting; and
- The text of any motion they require to be put to any such meeting.

Please note that the Liquidator may decline a request for a creditors meeting pursuant to section 314(2) of the Act on the grounds that:

- a) the request is frivolous or vexatious; or
- b) the request was not made in good faith; or
- c) except where a creditor or shareholder agrees to meet the costs, the costs of calling a meeting would be out of all proportion to the value of the company’s assets”.

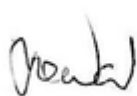
Notice to Creditors to Claim Pursuant to Liquidation Regulation 12 of the Act

Notice is hereby given that the Liquidator fixes 28 November 2022, as they day on or before which the creditors of the Company are to make their claims and to establish any priority their claims may have, under section 312 of the Act, or to be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before the debts are claimed or, as they case may be, from objecting to the distribution.

Notice to Creditors and Shareholders Pursuant to section 255 (2)(c)(ii)(d) of the Act

Notice is hereby given that as of 1 September 2020, Insolvency Practitioners are required to be licensed; and that more information about regulation of insolvency practitioners is available from the Registrar of companies.

Dated 5 October 2022



Thomas Lee Rodewald
Liquidator
(Registration Number: IP49)

Appendix Four

Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities

Pursuant to section 255A of the Companies Act 1993 ("the Act")

Company: Manuka Honey NZ Limited (In Liquidation) (5790287) (the "Company")

I, Thomas Lee Rodewald, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner declare:

Declaration of Independence

I have undertaken a proper assessment of the risks to my independence prior to accepting the appointment as Liquidator of the Company in accordance with the Act, RITANZ Code of Conduct and applicable professional standards. This assessment identified no real or perceived conflicts to my independence. I am not otherwise aware of any impediments to us being appointed as Liquidator. I have undertaken a proper assessment of the risks to my independence prior to accepting the appointment as Liquidator of the Company in accordance with the Act, RITANZ Code of Conduct and applicable professional standards. This assessment identified real or perceived conflicts to my independence and I have taken such action as is necessary to preserve my independence. I am not otherwise aware of any impediments to us being appointed as Liquidator.

Declaration of Relationships

Circumstances of Appointment

This appointment was referred by one of the Company's directors based on an internet search. I have had a pre-appointment phone calls and emails to discuss the liquidation process. These do not result in a conflict of interest or impediment to be appointed as Liquidator.

Relevant Relationships

Other than disclosed herein, none of the Liquidator, nor members of their firms, have had within the preceding 24 months, any relationships with the Company.

Prior Professional Services

The Liquidator, nor members of the firm, has within the preceding 24 months, provided any professional services to the Company.

Other Relevant Relationships to Disclose

I have no other relevant relationships, including personal, business and professional relationships, over the previous 24 months with the Company, an associate of the Company (excluding relatives, except where the relative has a business relationship with the Company), or any person or entity that has a charge over the whole or substantially whole of the Company's property that should be disclosed.

Declaration of Indemnities and Up-front Payments

I have not been provided with any indemnities or upfront payments for remuneration.

Dated 5 October 2022



Thomas Lee Rodewald

Liquidator

Note:

1. If circumstances change, or new information is identified, the Practitioners must update this DIRRI and provide a copy to creditors with my next communication as I'll as table a copy of any replacement declaration at the next meeting of the Company's creditors.
2. Any relationships, indemnities or up-front payments disclosed in the DIRRI must not be such that the Practitioner is no longer independent. The purpose of components Declaration of Relationships and Declaration of Indemnities and Up-front Payments of the DIRRI is to disclose relationships that, while they do not result in the Practitioner having a conflict of interest or duty, ensure that creditors are aware of those relationships and understand why the Practitioner nevertheless remains dependent.

CREDITORS CLAIM FORM

(Also for use by *Preferential Creditors*)
Section 304 (1) Companies Act 1993

Name and postal address of creditor in full Telephone number: My reference is: (if applicable) E-mail address: <input type="checkbox"/> I consent to receiving future information about the company by email	*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 Rodewald Consulting Limited and will be released to other parties only with your authorization 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.)
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Manuka Honey NZ Limited (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 above named creditor for the sum of [amount in words and figures]:

\$ _____

STATUS OF CLAIM: 1. I am an unsecured creditor 2. I am surrendering the security I hold and I am claiming as an unsecured creditor 3. I am making a preferential claim (refer details of reverse) 4. I am claiming reservation of title rights pursuant to rights held by me (Refer details on reverse)	TICK <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Full particulars of the claim are set out, and any supporting documents that substantiate the claim are identified on the reverse of the form. *(Please include copies of all unpaid invoices)*

Signed: _____	Date: _____
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WARNING:-	It is an offence under section 304(6) of the Companies Act 1993 to:- Make, or authorize the making of, a claim that is false or misleading in a material particular knowing it to be false or misleading; or Omit, or authorize the omission, from a claim of any matter knowing that the omission makes the claim false or misleading in a material particular.
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Received (Date Stamp)	Reserved for Office Use: Claim admitted for voting purposes: Signed: Date: Claim rejected for voting purposes: Signed: Date: Claim rejected for payment: Signed: Date: Preferential claim for: Ordinary Claim for: Deferred Claim for: \$ \$ \$ Signed Liquidator: Dated:
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.	

Please return this form to:
Rodewald Consulting Ltd, PO Box 15543, Tauranga 3144
carolc@rodewaldconsulting.co.nz

PARTICULARS OF CLAIM

Date	Details of claim and Identification of Documents that Evidence or Substantiate the Claim (i.e., unpaid invoices)	Amount \$
	<p style="text-align: center;">RETENTION OF TITLE CLAIMANTS ONLY Please provide details of the basis of your retention of title claim and furnish a copy of the documentation showing that such reservation of title clause is a condition of contract.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Yes/No \$.....</p> <p>PREFERENTIAL CLAIMANTS ONLY</p> <p>1. Are you claiming the full amount of your claim as preferential? 2. If no, what part of the claim is preferential? 3. Why do you believe you are a preferential creditor? (E.g. employee, GST etc)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>4. Details of your claim</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	

If applicable, please record your GST registration number: - -

Total GST included in your claim \$.....