

# **Tranzhouse Contracting Limited (In Liquidation) ("the Company")**

**Liquidator's First Report to Creditors and Shareholders**

**12 December 2023**

## **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 5 December 2023 at 10:00 AM, pursuant to section 241(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.

## Liquidators Fees and Expenses

The following fees are in our consent to act:

Position	Hourly Rate
Liquidator	\$410
Consultant	\$300
Senior Manager	\$250
Manager	\$200
Administration Staff	\$180

*Note: these rates are GST exclusive. In addition Disbursements will be charged*

## Company Information

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

Date of Incorporation	22 February 2019
Company Registration Number	7281136
Company NZBN	9429047291485
Registered Office	Cleland Hancox, Level 3, 18 London Street, Hamilton 3204
Trading Address	56 Bolton Road, Morrisville
Type of Business	House removals transport
Date Trading Ceased	5 December 2023

## Shareholders

Name	Shareholding
Tony Gavin Hitchens, Kane Franklin, Ross Hitchens	98 / 1 / 1 shares respectively

## Directors

Name	Address
Tony Gavin Hitchens	c/- 853 Alexandra Road, RD 1, Waharoa 3474

## Commentary

The Company traded from 22 February 2019 in house removal transport services. 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 obtaining sufficient staffing, rising costs and general trading conditions.

To date, the Liquidator has interviewed the director and contacted his accountant for the delivery of the Company's books, records and 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:

- Vehicles
- Plant and equipment
- Houses
- Work in progress

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.

## 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 4 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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## 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:

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



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**Thomas Lee Rodewald**  
Liquidator  
(Registration Number: IP49)

Dated 12th December 2023

## Appendix One

### Statement of Company's Affairs

Tranzhouse Contracting Limited (In Liquidation)		
Statement of Affairs as at 5 December 2023		
	Note	Estimate at date of Appointment
<b>Assets</b>	1	
Cash		0
Plant and Equipment		15,000
Vehicles		230,000
Houses		39,500
Work in Progress (Gross)		99,000
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>383,500</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	2	
<b>Preferential and Secured Creditors</b>		
Preferential Creditors – Employees (Wages)	4	Unknown
Preferential Creditors – Employees (Holiday Pay)	4	Unknown
Preferential Creditors – Employees (Redundancy)	4	Unknown
Preferential Creditors – Inland Revenue (GST)	3	Unknown
Preferential Creditors – Inland Revenue (EMP)	3	Unknown
Secured Creditors – Bank of New Zealand GSA		43,020
Secured Creditors – Heartland Bank		53,000
Secured Creditors – Other		0
<b>Total Preferential and Secured Creditors</b>		<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Estimated Deficit before Unsecured Creditors</b>		<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Unsecured Creditors</b>		
Unsecured Creditors – Employees (Notice Period)	4	Unknown
Unsecured Creditors – Employees (Over Statutory Limit)		0
Unsecured Creditors – Director/s		Unknown
Unsecured Creditors – Inland Revenue (INC)	3	Unknown
Unsecured Creditors – Inland Revenue (Penalties/Interest)	3	Unknown
Unsecured Creditors – Trade Creditors		163,468
Related Party Loans		
<b>Total Unsecured Creditors</b>		<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Estimated Deficit (before costs of liquidation)</b>		<b>Unknown</b>

All figures are in NZD and include GST where applicable.

#### **Notes to Statement of Company's Affairs**

1. Assets are recorded at estimated realisable value except for work in progress, shown at gross..
2. Liabilities are recorded by ranking.
3. No confirmation yet received from the Inland Revenue Department
4. Company records including wage records were poor. Further research required to establish accurate amounts.

#### **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
Accident Compensation Corporation	PO Box 242		Wellington 6011
Auto Technics	PO Box 362		Morrinsville 3340
Bank of New Zealand Limited	Lending Services	Private Bag 92089	Auckland 1142
Bay Fluid Power	45 Hull Road		Mount Maunganui 3116
Carl Shroder	Address Unknown		
Cleland Hancox	Union Square, Level 4 Building	Anglesea Street	Hamilton Central 3204
Gary Andrews	Address Unknown		
Hautapu Pine	State Highway 1		Taihape 4795
Heartland Bank Limited	75 Riccarton Road	Riccarton	Christchurch 8011
Inland Revenue Department	PO Box 39010	Wellington Mail Centre	Lower Hutt 5045
Joanne Sullivan	56 Bolton Road	RD 1	Morrinsville 3371
Kaimai Piloting	Address Unknown		
Les McKenzie	Address Unknown		
Mac 1 Tyres	24 Thames Street		Morrinsville 3300
Matamata Hire Limited	33 Tainui Street		Matamata 3400
Morrinsville Auto Electrical	144 Thames Street		West Morrinsville
Oxford Finance Limited	PO Box 17373	Greenland	Auckland 1546
Pilotech	1152 State Highway 14	Maungatapere	Whangarei 0179
Ultimate Signs	19 Thames Street		Morrinsville 3340

## Appendix Three

### Notice to Creditors and Shareholders

Thomas Lee Rodewald, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner was appointed as Liquidator of the Company on 5 December 2023 at 10:00 AM pursuant to section 241(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, 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 12th December 2023



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**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: Tranzhouse Contracting Limited (In Liquidation) (7281136) (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 a potential purchaser of the business. I have had a pre-appointment meeting with the company director to discuss the liquidation process. This meeting does 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 been provided with no indemnities and/or upfront payments for remuneration.

Dated 6th December 2023



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**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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### Tranzhouse Contracting 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]:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>STATUS OF CLAIM:</b> 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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<b>WARNING:-</b>	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><b>RETENTION OF TITLE CLAIMANTS ONLY</b> 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 align="right">Yes/No \$.....</p> <p><b>PREFERENTIAL CLAIMANTS ONLY</b></p> <p>1. Are you claiming the full amount of your claim as preferential?</p> <p>2. If no, what part of the claim is preferential?</p> <p>3. Why do you believe you are a preferential creditor?</p> <p>(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                                       \$.....