

LAMP INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
2019/COMP/008

LIQUIDATOR'S REPORT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019.

Introduction

On the 31st May 2019, an Order for the appointment of a liquidator was made by the Supreme Court and the Official Receiver was appointed as Liquidator of Lamp Insurance Company Limited (“the Company”) under S160 of the Insolvency Act 2011.

Share Capital Issued, Subscribed and Paid Up

The Company was incorporated on 9 October 2004. The authorised share capital is £40,000 divided into 40,000 ordinary shares of £1 each.

The number of shares in issue is 33,000 held by Lamp Group Limited, issued at a premium of £3,267,000.

Insurance Business of the Company

The business of the Company is that of an insurance company. It was licensed by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission on 31 March 2005 and was authorised to write Accident, Sickness, Fire & Natural Forces, Damage to Property, General Liability, Credit, Misc. Financial Loss, Legal Expense and Assistance. It issued policies of insurance on a freedom of services basis in the European Union and on a non-admitted basis in the countries of the Far East including China and Thailand. The principle lines of insurance business underwritten by the company were after the event (“ATE”) and health insurance.

Assets and Liabilities

Assets are principally premium debtors relating to the ATE book of business. A large proportion of these policies relate to clinical negligence claims written on a deferred premium basis with the premium payable only on the successful conclusion of the claim.

The causes of the Company's failure

Due to uncertainties over the collectability of the ATE premium debt, the Company had insufficient liquid assets to enable it to pay its debts as and when they fell due.

Actions of the liquidator following appointment.

1. Following my appointment, I appointed Grant Thornton Limited as Agent to assist with the administration of the liquidation and the realisation of assets. Quest Consulting (London) Limited have been retained to manage the claims and liaise with the FSCS for the compensation, payable to eligible UK policyholders. From the information currently available there is no prospect of a future dividend being payable to creditors other than insurance creditors.

2. Disclaimer of Policies

Section 209 of the Insolvency Act 2011 allows a liquidator to disclaim onerous property. Insurance policies issued by the Company allow liabilities to continue to accrue on the insolvent

There currently remain two blocks of business – a) GAP Warranty policies which has yet to be disclaimed due to lack of detailed information on policyholders and b) ATE policies which are discussed below in (3).

The disclaimers do not affect claims, which have arisen under a contract of insurance underwritten by the Company prior to the date of disclaimer. The disclaimer may also give rise to a claim for damages, which may be calculated as a return of premium claim.

3. Disposal of ATE policies – portfolio transfer

Approximately 22,000 ATE policies were included in the Lamp ATE book as at the date of liquidation. Some 2,000 policies were subject to a legal assignment which had been created initially in 2016 by the holding company of Lamp Insurance. The balance of 20,000 policies have been subject to review by my agents and as a result I consider that circa 11,600 may be transferred by way of portfolio transfer to another Gibraltar insurer. A further 3,400 are considered closed or failed and will be monitored over the next few years for attaching claims. The balance of 4,700 will be disclaimed.

Compensation claims on the disclaimed policies would be met by the FSCS subject to their eligibility requirements.

Receipts and payments account

Schedule 2 provides a copy of my receipts and payments account to 31 December 2019. The following points are of note:

1. Bank balances taken over – following closure of foreign currency accounts and accounts held for security an amount of £453,995 was received in the liquidation account.
2. ATE premium receipts continue to be received as policies reach conclusion as a result of successful litigation outcomes on behalf of the policyholders. Claims as a result of failed actions will be met by the FSCS dependant on their eligibility criteria. Premiums amounting to £266,148 have been received to 31 December 2019.
3. As non-ATE books of business were disclaimed agreement was reached with the relevant brokers and outstanding premiums were settled amounting to £171,923 as at 31 December 2019.
4. Claims management costs of £181,935 have been paid to 31 December 2019.

Future updates and information

A liquidation website was established at www.lampinsurance.com as a means of communicating effectively with policyholders and creditors.

Section 161 (1) of the Financial Services (Insurance Companies) (Solvency II Directive) Act requires liquidators, in an appropriate manner, to keep creditors regularly informed on the progress of the winding up. Section 176 (2) of the Insolvency Act, 2011 in relation to the general duties of a liquidator, allows a liquidator, subject to the Act and Rules, to use his or her own discretion in undertaking their duties. I would propose to report to creditors twice yearly after – 30 June and 31 December of each calendar year with receipts and payments accounts made up to those dates. The reports along with the receipts and payments accounts will be published on the liquidation website.

Creditors should contact me on email if they have any queries on this report or require any further information.



**Official Receiver
Liquidator**

4 March 2020

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SCHEDULE 1

In accordance with the powers provided by Section 209 of the Insolvency Act, 2011 the Liquidator has disclaimed:

Dec 4, 2019

All Law data Motor Warranty Miscellaneous Financial Loss policies with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 on 4 Dec 2019.

Oct 3, 2019

All Strategic GAP Warranty policies with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 on 3 Oct 2019.

Sept 25, 2019

All Excess Waiver and GAP Warranty policies with the broker Motor Products Online Limited with effect from 0:00 on 25 Sept 2019.

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Miscellaneous Financial Loss Policy 15HCM100200 with effect from 0:00 on 25 Sept 2019.

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Miscellaneous Financial Loss Policy 18PPS100200 with effect from 0:00 on 25 Sept 2019.

Sept 4, 2019

All H3 Private Medical Insurance policies with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 on 4 Sept 2019.

Aug 29, 2019

All GAP Warranty policies with the broker Warranty Direct with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 on 29 Aug 2019.

July 26, 2019

All marine warranty policies with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 on 26 July 2019.

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All dental implant after care policies with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 hours on 26 July 2019.

July 24, 2019

All home insurance policies placed by the broker Now4Cover with the Company as insurer with effect from 0:00 hours on 24 July 2019.

July 1, 2019

All and any health care contracts' outside of Gibraltar and the United Kingdom under which the Company is an insurer with effect from 0:00 hours on 1 July 2019 (specifically Medihelp International, Romania).

June 25, 2019

All and any health care contracts' outside of Gibraltar and the United Kingdom under which the Company is an insurer with effect from 0:00 hours on 25th June 2019.

June 14, 2019

All and any health care contracts issued in Gibraltar under which the Company is an insurer with effect from 0:00 hours on 14th June 2019.

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SCHEDULE 2

Liquidators Receipts and Payments Account for the Period 31 May 2019 to 31 December 2019

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Receipts	
Bank balances taken over from company	453,995.18
ATE premium receipts	266,148.47
ATE assigned premium receipts	11,406.08
Other Lines premium receipts	171,922.84
Claims floats transferred	2,424.46
Total Income	905,897.03
Payments	
Claims management costs - Quest Consulting (London) Ltd	181,934.94
Other claims costs: claims management	34,679.56
Costs of application	38,955.58
Other professional costs	2,250.00
Legal Fees	9,741.00
Advertising costs	2,304.00
IT services costs	7,196.01
Employee costs to incl cessation costs	34,179.15
Office closure costs UK & Gibraltar	3,991.79
Sundry costs	777.58
Bank Charges	245.03
Total expenses	316,254.64
BALANCE IN HAND	589,642.39
Represented by:	
NatWest – liquidator's account	589,642.39
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The Liquidator has incurred costs in respect of lawyers and other agents which have been paid from monies advanced by the Government of Gibraltar. These costs are not included in the receipts and payments account as at 31 December 2019 but will in future be repaid as expenses of the liquidation.