# Receivers' Eighth Report on the State of Affairs of

Bridgecorp Limited (In Receivership and In Liquidation)

**B2B Brokers Limited (In Receivership)** 

BFSL 2007 Limited (In Receivership)

**BNL 2007 Limited (In Receivership)** 

Bridgecorp Capital Limited (In Receivership)

Monice Properties Limited (In Receivership)

For the six month period from 2 July 2010 to 1 January 2011

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Please find attached our eighth report in relation to the Companies pursuant to Section 24 of the Receiverships Act 1993. A copy of this report has been sent to the Trustee, Covenant Trustee Company Limited. Secured debenture investors in the Companies were provided with a separate update on 23 December 2010. A further update will be provided directly to investors once additional information is received regarding outstanding taxation issues.

Yours faithfully For the Companies

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C T McCloy Receiver

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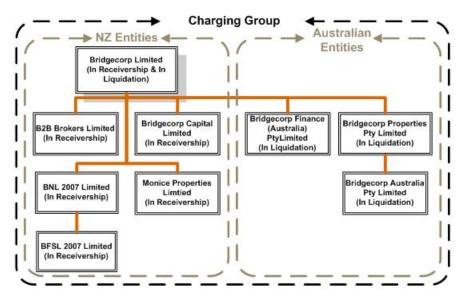
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# 1. Introduction

- Following a breach of Bridgecorp Limited's ("Bridgecorp")
   Trust Deed, the Directors of Bridgecorp completed an analysis of its financial standing. As a result, the Directors concluded that it was in the best interests of Debenture holders that a receiver be appointed to the Companies.
- Receivers were appointed to each of the Companies on the evening of Monday, 2 July 2007 by Covenant Trustee Company Limited ("the Trustee"). We were appointed under the terms of security agreements giving the secured party a security interest over all of the assets and undertakings of the Companies. The property in receivership comprises all of the assets, property and undertakings of the Companies, including:
  - Loans advanced to third parties, primarily secured by way of registered mortgages;
  - Accounts receivable and funds held;
  - Property assets;
  - Advances to related parties; and
  - Fixed assets and investments.
- Three Australian subsidiaries of Bridgecorp are also subject to the security under which receivers were appointed to the Companies, being Bridgecorp Finance (Australia) Pty Limited, Bridgecorp Australia Pty Limited and Bridgecorp Properties Pty Limited (all in Liquidation), as illustrated opposite.

• Together with the Companies, the three Australian subsidiaries form "the Charging Group" referred to in this report. Accordingly, the reported assets of the nine companies in the Charging Group have been included in this report.



 Please note that this report does not address companies outside the Charging Group, some of which are in receivership and/or liquidation.

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- At the commencement of the receiverships Colin McCloy and John Waller were appointed joint and several receivers to each of the Companies. Mr Waller has subsequently retired from his position at PricewaterhouseCoopers and has accordingly resigned as receiver of the Companies. Maurice Noone of PricewaterhouseCoopers was appointed as replacement receiver on 22 December 2008.
- Bridgecorp Limited was placed into liquidation by the High Court on 29 August 2008, at the application of the Inland Revenue Department. Kevin Newson and John Scutter, Chartered Accountants of Wellington were appointed liquidators. We will continue to communicate and work with the liquidators to assist with their process where appropriate.
- This report has been prepared by us in accordance with and for the purpose of Section 24 of the Receiverships Act 1993 ("the Act"). It is prepared for the sole purpose of reporting on the state of affairs with respect to the property in receivership and the conduct of the receivership for the six month period from 2 January 2010 to 1 July 2010.
- This report is subject to the restrictions set out at Appendix I. In particular, all information contained in this report is provided in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Act. Furthermore, in preparing this report we have relied upon and not independently verified or audited information or explanations provided to us.

# 2. Events following appointment

- Upon appointment, we attended the Companies' premises to secure the assets and records, and determined the most appropriate method of asset realisation. Our actions to date have included:
  - Securing the key assets;
  - Providing regular communications with investors and the Trustee:
  - Undertaking investigations into the affairs of the Companies;
  - Reporting to and assisting Government Authorities with their investigations;
  - Formulating and undertaking asset realisation processes; and
  - Overseeing the Companies' operations to ensure efficient and effective management.
- Following our appointment we restructured the management of the Companies. At the date of the receiverships, Bridgecorp employed thirty-seven staff. Following an assessment of ongoing requirements, staffing was initially reduced to twenty-eight. At the date of this report no employees remain with the Companies.
- The majority of remaining material recoveries from Bridgecorp's assets are dependent upon a small number of high value loans over properties located overseas. Whilst we continue to pursue all options available, Bridgecorp is unable to assert control over the realisation of these assets due to prior ranking securities and, accordingly, it remains difficult to assess with any degree of certainty the ultimate recoveries to Bridgecorp.

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We advised investors in updates dated 22 July 2009, 22
 December 2009 and 23 December 2010 that the return to secured debenture investors is likely to be less than ten cents in the dollar. That position remains unchanged.

# 3. Particulars of assets and disposals of receivership property

# 3.1 Loan assets (including overseas)

The book value of loan assets at the date of receivership is represented by the following categories:

NZ\$ in 000s	Jun-07 Book Value (Management Unaudited)
New Zealand loans	254,199
Australian loans	32,868
Specific Australian and other offshore loans	50,478
Total Loan Assets (excluding Momi)	337,545
Advances in respect of Momi development in Fiji	106,639
Total Loan Assets	444,184

We provide further detail on each of the categories in the following paragraphs.

#### New Zealand loans – direct recoveries

- The majority of physical assets subject to security held by Bridgecorp in respect of New Zealand loans have now been realised. As previously advised, in most instances Bridgecorp was not the first ranking mortgagee or security holder in respect of assets over which loans were secured. Thirty-two loans, representing greater than 85% of the total value of New Zealand loans, had prior security interests at the date of receivership.
- From those thirty-two loans, we have been involved in, or are aware of, gross recoveries in excess of \$157m as at 1 January 2011. Only \$17.8m of this amount was received by Bridgecorp, the balance being paid to prior ranking security holders. The extent of prior ranking securities, and the longer time periods that are required to realise large complex properties, invariably reduces the funds available to Bridgecorp, due to ongoing interest and other charges incurred during the realisation process.
- In respect of the remaining loans not subject to prior ranking securities, \$7.3m had been recovered as at 1 January 2011, bringing the total Bridgecorp receipts from New Zealand loans to \$25.1m.
- Of the remaining loans, the majority have no specific secured assets and therefore recoveries are dependent upon the pursuit of guarantors, resolution of insurance/legal claims, or extended payment plans agreed to during or prior to receivership. In addition, a number of properties required construction to be completed or legal issues clarified before sales processes could be commenced.

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#### New Zealand loans - recoveries from insurance policies held

 Bridgecorp holds insurance policies on certain qualifying loans, covering a percentage of any unrecovered principal, up to a maximum for each loan of \$3.5m, with an overall maximum claimable within a twelve month period of \$20.0m. Nineteen of the New Zealand loans were subject to those insurance policies. We continue to correspond with the insurers regarding quantification and acceptance of claims, many of which are disputed.

#### **Australian loans**

- Seven loans, with a recorded book value of \$32.9m as at the
  date of receivership, were advanced by an Australian
  subsidiary of Bridgecorp, Bridgecorp Finance (Australia) Pty
  Limited (In Liquidation) ("BFAL"). The assets of BFAL are
  subject to security held by Covenant Trustee Company
  Limited, for the benefit of Bridgecorp's secured debenture
  investors.
- In June 2010 \$0.5m was received in respect of guarantees provided by Bridgecorp's parent company for shortfalls on those loans. A further \$1.2m was received in August 2010 as a result of recoveries made by the Australian liquidators.
- We continue to work with the liquidators
   (PricewaterhouseCoopers' Sydney office) to recover loans
   and other assets from which Bridgecorp secured debenture
   investors will benefit. However future returns from those
   loans are likely to be minimal.

#### Specific Australian, Fijian and other offshore loans and receivables

- As previously advised, loans of \$157.1m were made by Bridgecorp to parties associated with specific developments in Australia, Fiji and other offshore locations. The majority of those loans and receivables, totalling \$106.6m, were advanced by Bridgecorp in respect of the Momi development in Fiji.
- An unsuccessful auction process was undertaken in respect of the Momi Resort by the prior mortgagee in August 2009, with the highest bid materially less than the outstanding debt owed to the prior mortgagee. In June 2010 a decree was issued by the Government of Fiji vesting the land in the name of the first mortgagee and prohibiting any further legal action in respect of the transfer to the first mortgagee or related issues.
- We continue to investigate potential actions available to Bridgecorp. However, the potential outcome remains uncertain and it is likely that a complete loss will be suffered on this loan exposure. Political developments in Fiji continue to impact upon the ability to progress any recovery efforts.
- In respect of the balance of \$50.5m due in respect of Australian and other offshore loans, the majority of this amount relates to lending in respect of large hotel assets. Prior mortgagees have taken enforcement action in respect of these assets.

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 In respect of Bridgecorp's loan exposure to hotel assets in Australia, all of the hotel assets have now been sold and we are in discussions with the receivers/liquidators of the associated entities in respect of disbursement of the surplus proceeds to various creditors, including Bridgecorp. However, based upon the figures provided to us, a substantial shortfall on Bridgecorp's loan is anticipated.

# 3.2 Property assets

• This category comprised five properties held for resale, with a recorded book value of \$38.6m, subject to mortgages totalling \$28.3m at the date of receivership. All of the properties have been sold, realising \$20.7m, with repayment of the associated mortgages totalling \$17.4m.

# 3.3 Intergroup advances

 The breakdown of amounts owing to Bridgecorp as a result of intergroup advances is as follows:

NZ\$ in 000s	Jun-07 Book Value (Management Unaudited)
Parent company (Bridgecorp Holdings Limited)	20,173
Australian related entities	51,820
New Zealand related entities	15,553
Total Intergroup Advances	87,546

#### Parent company and Australian related entities

- In June 2010 \$0.7m was received in respect of intercompany debts owed by Bridgecorp's parent company. A further \$1.4m was received on behalf of the Trustee for security held over other Australian entitiles.
- We continue to work with the liquidators of the parent company, Bridgecorp Holdings Limited (In Liquidation) and other related entities. An additional distribution of approximately \$0.7m may be received from Bridgecorp's parent company within 3-6 months. It is unlikely further material recoveries will be made.

#### New Zealand related entities

- Most of the New Zealand related entities are without material assets. Two entities held tangible assets, one of which was the owner of a development completed during the receivership process, with the other previously owning the motor yacht Medici.
- All properties in the development have now been sold with an expected recovery for Bridgecorp of approximately \$1.1m following settlement of all matters. At the date of this report \$1.0m had been received.
- The motor yacht Medici has been sold by the liquidators of its owning entity and it is anticipated Bridgecorp will receive approximately \$0.25m after the payment of all associated costs.
- We continue to investigate potential recovery avenues from other New Zealand related entities. However material recoveries are unlikely.

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## 3.4 Other assets

 Other assets of Bridgecorp recorded as at the date of receivership were as follows:

NZ\$ in 000s	Jun-07 Book Value (Management Unaudited)
Trade receivables	4,451
Prepaid interest, commission and expenses	2,637
Accrued loan fees	1,625
Foreign exchange contracts	961
Taxation	11,909
Fixed assets	1,194
Investments	2,010
Other	2
Total Other Assets	24,789

#### Trade receivables

 As at 1 January 2011, \$4.0m had been received in respect of trade receivables. No further material recoveries are anticipated from this asset.

# Prepayments, accrued loan fees and foreign exchange contracts $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right$

 Analysis of these balances revealed them to consist primarily of standard accounting entries to spread up-front costs over the life of loans and/or investments. No recoveries are anticipated.

#### **Taxation**

 Bridgecorp's accounts show a tax asset of \$11.9m as at 30 June 2007.
 However, there is a corresponding taxation liability recorded in Bridgecorp accounts for \$11.1m and no recovery will be made from this asset.

#### Fixed assets and investments

- Fixed assets comprised primarily leasehold improvements, office fixtures, and fittings. No material recoveries are anticipated from these assets.
- Bridgecorp held a \$2.0m subordinated investment in a related entity. The value of this investment has since been reduced substantially as a result of losses suffered by the entity, which is now in receivership. No recovery will be made from this asset.

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# Particulars of debts and liabilities outstanding and requiring to be satisfied from the property in receivership

# 4.1 Secured Creditors

#### Direct borrowing against assets

Loans with a recorded balance of \$28.3m were secured directly against specific property and/or loan assets of the Companies, required to be repaid from the proceeds of those assets. As at 1 July 2010, approximately \$3.4m remained outstanding, secured against loan assets.

#### Secured debenture investors

• Secured debenture investors represent approximately 19,000 investments held by 14,367 secured debenture holders, totalling \$459m. The timing of distributions to secured debenture investors remains uncertain due to the nature of Bridgecorp's assets and outstanding taxation issues (discussed further under section 4.2). Future cash inflows are largely dependent upon the realisation of overseas loan assets and insurance/legal matters.

- As at 1 January 2011, funds on hand in the Bridgecorp receiverships totalled \$16.7m. By law these funds are subject to preferential claims which may be submitted by IRD for certain taxes, including GST. Once verified these claims must be paid in priority to distributions to secured debenture investors.
- An expected claim of \$3.9m has been received to date from IRD and we
  had hoped to be able to make an interim distribution to investors from
  the remaining funds. Unfortunately, as IRD has notified the receivers
  that a further claim may be forthcoming, no funds may be disbursed
  until such time as that claim is received and assessed for validity as a
  preferential claim.
- A separate update was provided to secured debenture investors on 23 December 2010. Until further details of IRD's position are received and analysed, we are unable to determine the entitlement to funds currently held in the receivership and therefore cannot provide details of the likelihood or timing of any interim dividend to investors. Once the details are received analysis will be undertaken to determine the next appropriate steps and an update will be provided directly to secured debenture investors.
- The receivers appreciate investors' ongoing patience regarding the logistical difficulties in maintaining communication with the large number of investors and other parties.

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## 4.2 Preferential creditors

#### **Employee entitlements**

Based on the information available from the Companies' records, employee preferential entitlements relating to salaries and wages, accrued holiday entitlements and redundancy entitlements as at the date of receivership were initially estimated to be approximately \$334k. Following further calculations and analysis \$251k of these entitlements had been distributed as at 1 July 2010. No further distributions are anticipated.

#### Inland Revenue Department ("IRD")

- In August 2010 we received an anticipated preferential claim from IRD totalling \$3.9m in relation to PAYE, Goods and Services Tax ("GST") and Resident Withholding Tax ("RWT") unpaid at the date of receivership.
- In addition, prior to the receivership of Bridgecorp, IRD had commenced an investigation into various property transactions involving Bridgecorp and other entities. Discussions have been held with IRD and correspondence exchanged regarding these investigations during the course of the receivership. In mid-2010 IRD advised that they intended to issue a Notice of Proposed Adjustment ("NOPA") to a related party relating to GST which may impact upon the preferential creditor position of Bridgecorp.

 Until such time as the NOPA is received and the quantum and basis of any claim is known we cannot estimate the likely impact for investors.
 We continue to follow up the matter with IRD and advise them of the urgency of the position.

# 4.3 Unsecured liabilities

 Given the estimated returns to secured investors, we have regretfully advised that there are unlikely to be any amounts available for payment to unsecured creditors.

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# 5. Receipts and payments

The table opposite sets out the receipts and payments for the Companies from 2 July 2010 to 1 January 2011. We note the following in respect of the payments summarised:

- As noted earlier in this report, thirty-two loan assets are subject to prior chargeholders' interests. Gross recoveries in excess of \$157m had been realised in respect of these assets as at 1 January 2011, of which only \$17.8m. was received by Bridgecorp.
- Direct loan/property expenditure includes, where required, payment for body corporate fees, local authority levies, insurance, marketing, maintenance, valuation, professional and completion costs in preparation for realisation.
   Recoveries from the assets for which these costs were incurred are yet to occur in a number of instances.
- Legal services to date include general receivership advice, loan specific legal requirements, litigation as required, property administration and transfer, and loan documentation. Other professional fees include advice obtained from specialist property, accounting and tax consultants.

# Bridgecorp Limited and subsidiaries (In Receivership) Receipts and Payments Summary

For the six month period from 2 July 2010 to 1 January 2011

	NZ\$ in 000s
Receipts	
Brought forward	57,225
Loan receipts - assets subject to prior chargeholders	9
Loan receipts - no prior charges	33
Proceeds of property sales	8
NZ Intercompany loans recovered	429
Australian Intercompany loans recovered	-
Funds received under guarantee from shareholder	-
Funds received on behalf of Trustee for Australian security	1,225
Accounts receivable collected	-
Rental received	-
Interest received	284
Other receipts	4
GST received	0
Total receipts	59,218
Payments	
Brought forward	41,817
Net repayment of secured debt	-
Payment of preferential entitlements	-
Direct loan/property expenditure	132
Advances to reduce prior charges	-
Loan advances/(repayments)	122
Net interest paid	-
Loan related fees	-
Marketing of assets	-
Insurance	-
Operational costs	57
Legal fees and associated costs	80
Other professional fees and associated costs	46
Receivers' fees	236
Disbursements	11
Resident withholding tax paid/(recovered)	-
GST paid (net of refunds)	46
Total payments	42,548
Net funds on hand	16,670

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# 6. Other matters

# 6.1 Investigations

- As noted in our prior reports, due to the nature of the investigations being undertaken and potential legal consequences, we are unable to provide specific details regarding unresolved individual issues or our findings to date because doing so could prejudice any proceedings which may be taken.
- Criminal proceedings brought against five Bridgecorp directors are ongoing, with a trial date in respect of charges brought by the Securities Commission set down for 4 July 2011. We understand the current charges in those proceedings carry a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment or fines of up to \$300,000.
- Criminal proceedings have also been brought against two Bridgecorp directors by the Serious Fraud Office. A trial date for these charges is yet to be set by the Court.
- We continue to actively pursue a number of potential actions against certain of Bridgecorp's directors and other parties in respect of their conduct prior to receivership, and we are working with legal counsel and various Government Authorities to co-ordinate action in this regard.

In 2010, following analysis undertaken by the receivers, an entity in which Bridgecorp is recorded as a shareholder was placed into voluntary liquidation by shareholder resolution. With Bridgecorp's support, the liquidators of this entity have issued proceedings against the Petricevic Family Trust to recover a recorded debt in excess of \$2m. Hearings on this matter are ongoing.

#### **Further reporting**

- Our next statutory report under Section 24 of the Receiverships Act 1993, covering the period from 2 January 2011 to 1 July 2011, will be issued in September 2011.
- As noted above, a further formal update to the secured debenture investors of the Companies will be issued once details of IRD's position have been received. Should investors or other stakeholders have any queries arising from this report, please contact us in writing via our website, facsimile, or private bag address, as follows:

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# Appendix A

# Restrictions

- All information contained in this report is provided in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Receiverships Act 1993.
- The statements and opinions expressed herein have been made in good faith, and on the basis that all information relied upon is true and accurate in all material respects, and not misleading by reason of omission or otherwise.
- We have not independently verified the accuracy of information provided to us, and have not conducted any form of audit in respect of the Companies or the Charging Group. Accordingly, we express no opinion on the reliability, accuracy, or completeness of the information provided to us and upon which we have relied. Whilst all care and attention has been taken in compiling this report, we do not accept any liability whatsoever arising from this report.
- The statements and opinions expressed in this report are based on information available as at the date of the report.

- We reserve the right, but will be under no obligation, to review or amend our report, if any additional information, which was in existence on the date of this report was not brought to our attention, or subsequently comes to light.
- We have relied on forecasts and assumptions prepared by the Companies about future events which, by their nature, are not able to be independently verified.
   Inevitably, some assumptions may not materialise and unanticipated events and circumstances are likely to occur. Therefore, actual results in the future will vary from the forecasts upon which we have relied. These variations may be material.
- In addition the following should be noted:
  - Certain numbers included in tables throughout this report have been rounded and therefore do not add exactly.
- Unless otherwise stated all amounts are stated in New Zealand dollars..