

**HIH Casualty and General Insurance Limited**  
**ACN 008 482 291**  
**(In Liquidation and subject to Schemes of Arrangement)**

Scheme Administrators' annual report to  
creditors

30 June 2010

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# 1 Introduction & background

## 1.1 Introduction

This is the fourth annual report to the Creditors of HIH Casualty & General Insurance Limited - in liquidation and subject to Schemes of Arrangement (“HIH C&G”).

The report has been prepared in accordance with clause 43.2 of the Scheme of Arrangement, which became operative in Australia on 30 May 2006. Under the terms of the clause: “Within three months after each anniversary of the date, being either 31 December or 30 June, at the discretion of the Scheme Administrators, after The Australian Scheme becomes effective, the Scheme Administrators shall report to the Scheme Creditors on the progress of The Australian Scheme, including details of remuneration paid to the Office Holders, since the date of the last such report”. Accordingly this report has been prepared for the period to 30 June 2010.

An annual report has also been prepared by the Scheme Administrators of the UK Scheme of Arrangement for HIH C&G. This will be published on the HIH website as a supplement to the Australian annual report for this company.

## 1.2 Background

HIH Insurance Limited and certain of its major subsidiaries were placed into Provisional Liquidation on 15 March 2001, and subsequently into liquidation on 27 August 2001. In total, eighty-two HIH Group companies in Australia have been placed into liquidation.

Summary details of the history of the group; its failure; and background information are available on the HIH website at [www.hih.com.au](http://www.hih.com.au). Extensive information on the failure of the group, including the final report of the HIH Royal Commission established by the Australian Federal Government, is available on the website [www.hihroyalcom.gov.au](http://www.hihroyalcom.gov.au)

Schemes of Arrangement for the eight licensed insurance companies in the HIH Group in Australia became effective on 30 May 2006, following approval by Creditors and the Court. Schemes of Arrangement for the UK branches of the four of these companies became effective in the UK on 13 June 2006. Each of the Schemes has a Record Date (the date at which liabilities are measured) of 27 August 2001. The earliest bar date permissible under the terms of the Schemes is 30 May 2011. At this stage the Scheme Administrators expect the actual bar dates to be 30 May 2013.

## 2 Principal developments to report during the period

The principal developments to report during the period were:

- + Agreement of Scheme Payment Percentages by the members of the Scheme Creditor Committee, which now total as follows:

	Creditors with insurance liabilities in Australia	Creditors with insurance liabilities not in Australia	Creditors with non insurance liabilities in Australia	All other creditors worldwide
HIH C&G	24.56%	19.96%	18.00%	13.00%

More detail on Scheme Payments and the estimated ultimate Scheme Payment Percentage is included in section 3 of this report.

- + A confidential settlement was reached in respect of the FAI Takeover litigation. HIH C&G was not a plaintiff to the litigation.
- + Considerable work was undertaken to substantiate \$172 million of a total debt owing of \$241 million from FAIG. As a result of validation of this balance, FAIG made a distribution to HIH C&G during the year of 40 cents in the dollar totalling \$68.9 million. A further final balance of the debt totalling \$56 million has now been agreed and it is anticipated that an equalizing distribution will be made by the end of October 2010.
- + Court approval has been obtained allowing the HIH Group to be treated as a consolidated group for tax purposes. This has allowed the winding up of a number of HIH Group subsidiaries and the payment of surplus capital to the parent companies within the Group. The treatment of the HIH Group as a consolidated group for tax purposes has allowed any taxable income earned by these companies after they entered liquidation to be offset against losses existing in other parts of the HIH Group.

To date the liquidations of 13 group subsidiary companies have been completed and a further 9 companies are close to completion. The flow of funds up to HIH C&G has been as follows:

- Receipt of \$18.8 million creditor distribution including statutory interest from Integrated Commercial Finance;
- Receipt of \$8.3 million surplus distribution from HIH (NSW);
- Receipt of \$500k creditor distribution including statutory interest from HIH (NSW);
- Receipt of \$48k creditor distribution including statutory interest from First Mentor Group;
- Receipt of \$62k creditor distribution including statutory interest from HIH Real Estate.

## 3 Current and projected Scheme Payment Percentages

### 3.1 The current Scheme Payment Percentage

The current Scheme Payment Percentages for HIH C&G are:

Creditors with insurance liabilities in Australia	24.56%
Creditors with insurance liabilities not in Australia	19.96%
Creditors with non insurance liabilities in Australia	18.00%
All other creditors worldwide	13.00%

To date, the Scheme Administrators have made distributions out of non-reinsurance assets in Australia, to creditors with liabilities in Australia, totalling 18%. They have also made distributions totalling 13% to all other creditors worldwide.

The Scheme Administrators have made distributions out of reinsurance assets in Australia, to creditors with insurance liabilities in Australia, totalling 8%. They have also made distributions out of reinsurance assets not in Australia to creditors with insurance liabilities not in Australia, totalling 8%. As any distribution to creditors with insurance liabilities from assets other than reinsurance recoveries, is made after taking account of any recoveries they may have received from reinsurance assets, the effective total Scheme Payment percentage to date for creditors with Australian insurance liabilities is therefore 24.56%. The effective total Scheme Payment percentage to date for creditors with insurance liabilities outside of Australia is 19.96%.

A Scheme Payment Percentage of 24.56% for those US domiciled creditors eligible to be paid from the US Trust Fund assets has also been paid.

### 3.2 Projected further Scheme payments

The Scheme Administrators hope to make a sixth interim Scheme Payment of 5 cents in the dollar to all creditors with liabilities in Australia by the end of October 2010. This Scheme Payment will be made from non reinsurance assets in Australia, and will bring the total Scheme distribution to creditors with insurance liabilities in Australia to 29.16% and to all creditors with non insurance liabilities in Australia to 23%. It is expected that the UK Scheme Administrators will also make a further interim scheme payment of 3 cents in the dollar at this stage to bring the total percentage paid to creditors with insurance liabilities outside of Australia to 22.72% and to creditors with non insurance liabilities outside of Australia to 16%.

### 3.3 Agreement of the current Scheme Payment Percentage

The Scheme Administrators review the Scheme Payment percentages on a regular basis, as major asset recoveries are made and claims estimates are updated. This review is undertaken in consultation with the Creditors' Committees. Factors taken into account when estimating these percentages include current cash held, expected future agreed claims levels and the remaining potential volatility of the account.

### 3.4 Scheme Payments for reinsurance creditors

As explained in previous annual reports, the Scheme Administrators remain willing to consider making Scheme Payments to reinsurance creditors with Acknowledged Creditor Claims before all potential set off has been finalised, provided the creditor is willing to give an undertaking to refund any amounts which subsequently prove to have been overpaid. Payment has been made to a number of such creditors over the last year and creditors interested in this should continue to contact the Scheme Administrators.

### 3.5 Estimated ultimate Scheme Payment Percentage

The Scheme Administrators' current best estimates of the ultimate Payment Percentage for HIH C&G is shown below. This estimate remains dependent on a wide range of factors including the volatility of claims; levels of set-off; levels of reinsurance recovery; the class of creditor claim. It is possible that the ultimate Payment Percentage could vary significantly either above or below that predicted.

<b>Scheme Company</b>	<b>Estimated Total Scheme Payment Percentage at Scheme date</b>	<b>Updated Total Scheme Payment Percentage at 30 June 10</b>
HIH C&G	15% to 25%	16% to 35%

Part of HIH C&G's realisable assets are future reinsurance recoveries, the size and recoverability of which are dependent upon a number of factors including:

- + future claims development;
- + contract commutations; and
- + the credit risk of certain reinsurers.

It should be noted that the lower range of estimated payment percentages has increased marginally since the last annual report to creditors, although the upper range has not moved.

The estimated range is a function of two factors:

1. The difficulty in estimating the total final asset recoveries, and the final level of agreed creditor claims, in light of the issues listed above. Estimation of the final level of reinsurance recoveries is particularly difficult; and
2. The fact that due to the application of Australian distribution priorities, certain creditor groups are likely to receive higher final Scheme Payment percentages than others.

The total estimated Scheme Payment range for creditors is now 16% to 35%, which may be further analysed as:

	<b>Range of estimated Scheme Payment percentage</b>
Creditors with insurance liabilities in Australia	30% - 35%
Creditors eligible to be paid from US Trust Funds	30% - 35%
Creditors with insurance liabilities outside of Australia	25% - 30%
Creditors with non insurance liabilities in Australia	25% - 30%
Creditors with non insurance liabilities outside of Australia	16% - 20%

## 4 Interaction between Australian and English Schemes

### 4.1 Claiming under the Australian and English Schemes

All creditors worldwide are entitled to claim in both the Australian and English Schemes for HIH C&G. The Australian and English Scheme Administrators co-operate fully. Creditors do not need to lodge separate claims in each jurisdiction. Creditors need to lodge claims in one location only, which is then effective under both Schemes.

The Australian and English Scheme Administrators, and the respective run-off managers, operate a unified principal to principal ledger system and a unified distribution payment system.

The entitlements of individual creditors under both Schemes are automatically calculated, and when a scheme payment is made, the creditor receives a statement showing how their liability has been classed, and from which classes of assets their distribution has been paid.

Both the Australian and English Schemes contain a “hotchpot” clause. The effect of the hotchpot clause is to prevent a creditor who has already been paid a distribution under one of the Schemes, from receiving further payments under the other scheme until such time as all other creditors with similarly ranked claims have received an equal proportionate distribution.

### 4.2 Distribution Priorities

The English Scheme is designed to complement the Australian Scheme. Following receipt of the House of Lords judgement the English Scheme has adopted all of the provisions of the Australian Scheme, including the Australian distribution priorities, which now apply to the English Assets.

## 5 Major Litigation

### 5.1 Background

Following the collapse of the HIH Group in 2001, the Australian Government established the HIH Royal Commission to inquire into the reasons for the failure of the Group. The Hon Justice Neville Owen was appointed as Royal Commissioner and began his enquiry in September 2001. He presented his findings on the outcome of the enquiry in April 2003.

Considerable work was undertaken by the Commissioner and his team in investigating the circumstances behind the HIH collapse. This provided an extremely useful background against which the Liquidators could assess which of those HIH Directors, auditors and former advisors may be liable under any successful recovery action.

Having reviewed the potential courses of action open to them, the Liquidators decided to focus on two major recovery actions:

- + The Trading Loss & Dividend claim which was settled in 2007; and
- + The FAI Takeover claim

### 5.2 FAI Takeover claim

This claim arises from the takeover by the HIH Group of the FAI Group in 1998/99. The defendants to the claim include General Cologne Re, Guy Carpenter, Arthur Andersen and Goldman Sachs, who the Liquidators allege should compensate HIH for losses suffered through the takeover of the FAI Group.

The Liquidators reached a confidential settlement with the defendants to this claim early in 2010. HIH C&G was not a plaintiff in the proceedings.

## **6 Financial position**

### **6.1 Estimated balance sheet at 30 June 2010**

Included as Appendix 3 to the Australian Explanatory Statement section of the Scheme of Arrangement documentation, which was sent to creditors prior to the creditors' meeting on 29 March 2006, were balance sheets for each of the Scheme companies at 25 September 2005. Included as Appendix 1 to this report is an updated balance sheet for HIH C&G, as at 30 June 2010.

### **6.2 Receipts and payments to 30 June 2010**

A summary of the Scheme Administrators receipts and payments from the commencement of the Scheme on 30 May 2006 to 30 June 2010 is set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

During this period \$1,996,707.50 has been approved by the HIH C&G Scheme Creditors' Committee, and paid to the Scheme Administrators in their role as Office Holders.

## 7 Closure

The Scheme for HIH C&G provides for an Estimation Date of seven years after the Australian Scheme became effective, which means that the Estimation Date is expected to be in June 2013. By that time the Scheme Administrators expect that the majority of the reinsurance asset will have been collected or commuted, and the remaining tail of insurance liabilities will be sufficiently small to justify closure of the insolvency on cost benefit grounds.

The Scheme provides that the Estimation Date may be moved two years either way from the expected seven years (to be as early as five years or as late as nine years after the Effective Date) by special resolution of creditors, on the recommendation of the Scheme Administrators and Creditors' Committees. Under the terms of the Scheme all creditors will be given notice of the actual Estimation Date between six and three months prior to the time.

Following the Estimation Date all remaining outstanding and IBNR creditor claims will be crystallised by estimation, to allow for the closure of the insolvency.

At the date of this report, the Scheme Administrators consider that June 2013 remains the most likely Estimation Date for the Scheme.

## 8 Responsibilities

### 8.1 Scheme Administrators

The Australian Scheme Administrators are Tony McGrath and Chris Honey, partners of McGrathNicol, based in Sydney. The English Scheme Administrators of HIH C&G are John Wardrop and Tom Riddell, partner and senior adviser respectively of KPMG LLP, based in London.

### 8.2 Run-off Managers

The day to day claims handling and reinsurance recovery activities of HIH C&G have been outsourced to specialist run-off organisations in Sydney and London, who work in close co-operation. The run-off managers for all business of the company, except business written with the UK branch, are Capita CMGL. The run-off managers for all business written by the UK branch of HIH C&G are Whittington Insurance Services Limited.

### 8.3 Creditors' Committee

The interests of creditors in the Australian Scheme are represented by a Creditors' Committee. The Committee sanctions significant transactions (such as commutations), is involved in the setting of the Scheme Payment Percentage, and approves the Scheme Administrators' fees. It is reported to, and meets on a quarterly basis. The current constitution of the Committee is as follows:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Represented by</b>
ACT Insurance Authority	Mr John Fletcher
ACT Workers Compensation Supplementation Fund	Mr John Fletcher
Department of Treasury & Finance Victoria	Mr Peter Coatman
Law Cover Pty Limited	Mr David Martin
Queensland Motor Accident Insurance Commission	Mr Ashur Merza
HCSL – Australian Government Treasury	Mr Trevor King
Australasian Medical Insurance Limited	Mr Scott Pearson
WA Workers Compensation & Rehabilitation Commission	Mr Harry Neesham
HIH Holdings (Asia) Limited	Mr Jan Blauuw
Hong Kong Solicitors Indemnity Fund	Mr David Cowling
Motor Traders Association of NSW	Mr James McCall
Building Insurers Guarantee Corporation NSW	Mr Michael Hanna
Manly Council	Ms Mary Rawlings

Subsequent to 30 June 2010 the Department of Treasury & Finance Victoria has elected not to continue as a member of the Creditors' Committee and its representative Peter Coatman has resigned. The Scheme Administrators would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Coatman for his counsel and support during his time as a committee member.

## 9 Contact Details

Contact details for the Australian Scheme Administrators, the English Scheme Administrators, and the Australian and English Run-Off Managers are set out on the HIH website, [www.hih.com.au](http://www.hih.com.au).

### 9.1 Creditor Enquiries in Australia

Scheme Creditors with claims adjustment queries (excluding those in relation to branch business) should call Capita CMGL on +61 (0) 2 9650 5777. Written claims adjustment queries should be directed in the first instance to Capita CMGL at the following address: Capita CMGL Level 2, 117 Clarence Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Fax +61 (0) 2 9650 5710.

Scheme Creditors with enquiries in relation to the Scheme or Scheme Payments should call the HIH Help Desk on +61 (0) 2 9650 5777. Written scheme queries should be directed to the Scheme Administrators at the following address: McGrathNicol, GPO Box 9986, Sydney, NSW, 2001 or to the HIH Help Desk at [enquires@hih.com.au](mailto:enquires@hih.com.au).

Yours faithfully

*For HIH Casualty & General Insurance Limited – in liquidation and subject to Schemes of Arrangement*



Tony McGrath  
*Scheme Administrator*



Chris Honey  
*Scheme Administrator*

## Appendix 1

Updated balance sheet for HIH C&G as at 30 June 2010

**HIH Casualty & General Insurance Limited - (In Liquidation and subject to Schemes of Arrangement)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2010**  
**All values in AUD**

	RATA as at 30 June 2010 \$'000	RATA as at 30 June 2009 \$'000
<b>Assets not specifically charged</b>		
Cash at bank and on hand	294,537	256,031
<b>Receivables</b>		
Amounts due from reinsurers, other insurers and statutory bodies	0	6,655
Amounts owing by related bodies corporate (Interco rec)	133,330	171,605
GST Recoverable	1,080	1,310
	<u>134,410</u>	<u>179,570</u>
<b>Investments</b>		
Short term deposits (inc. PEE funds)	21,468	55,377
Less: Allianz Recovery Held in Trust for Other HIH Companies	0	(42,113)
Managed Investments	358,152	325,782
ADD back: Dividends Paid	433,750	300,669
Shares in controlled entities (Surplus assets)	52,080	27,097
	<u>865,450</u>	<u>666,811</u>
<b>Reinsurance recoveries receivable</b>	45,789	37,023
Hannover Commutation @ 75%	9,631	9,276
	<u>55,420</u>	<u>46,299</u>
<b>Other</b>	1,000	1,000
<b>Sub - Total assets not specifically charged</b>	<u>1,350,817</u>	<u>1,149,712</u>
<b>Provisions</b>	0	0
<b>Total assets not specifically charged</b>	<u>1,350,817</u>	<u>1,149,712</u>
<b>Assets subject to specific charges</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
LOC related deposits	4,492	7,693
Statutory Reinsurance Cut-Through	2,879	0
<b>Total assets subject to specific charges</b>	<u>7,371</u>	<u>7,693</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>1,358,188</u>	<u>1,157,405</u>
<b>Amounts payable in advance of secured creditors</b>		
Provision for redundancy, employee entitlements and employee claims	(1,932)	(1,868)
<b>Total amounts payable in advance of secured creditors</b>	<u>(1,932)</u>	<u>(1,868)</u>
<b>Liabilities secured by specific charge over assets</b>		
Statutory Reinsurance Cut-Through	(2,879)	0
Amounts payable in relation to letters of credit	(4,492)	(7,693)
<b>Total liabilities secured by specific charge over assets</b>	<u>(7,371)</u>	<u>(7,693)</u>
<b>Unsecured creditors</b>		
<b>Accounts payable</b>		
Trade Creditors (A/P and Special Principals)	(80,321)	(76,442)
Sundry creditors - ARS	(27,074)	(20,101)
	<u>(107,395)</u>	<u>(96,543)</u>
<b>ACCs</b>	(1,710,231)	(1,864,108)
<b>Outstanding claims (Reserves)</b>	(459,346)	(500,615)
<b>IBNR Claims</b>	(326,022)	(338,604)
<b>Outstanding claims</b>	<u>(2,495,599)</u>	<u>(2,703,327)</u>
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Other creditors and accruals (MAIC & Eurobonds)	(652,350)	(653,529)
Amounts owing to related bodies corporate (Interco liabilities)	(502,062)	(508,957)
	<u>(1,154,411)</u>	<u>(1,162,487)</u>
<b>Total unsecured creditors</b>	<u>(3,757,405)</u>	<u>(3,962,357)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>(3,766,708)</u>	<u>(3,971,917)</u>
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<u>(2,408,520)</u>	<u>(2,814,513)</u>

## Appendix 2

Summary of the Scheme Administrators' receipts and payments from 30 May 2006  
to 30 June 2010

**HIH Casualty & General Insurance Limited (In Liquidation and subject to Schemes of Arrangement)**  
**Receipts and Payments Account 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010**

<b>Balance at 1 July 2009</b>		<b>484,948,522.21</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Intercompany Reimbursement of Expenses	82,735,560.00	
Dividends Received from Scheme Companies	68,964,904.00	
Distributions from solvent subsidiaries	27,279,639.37	
Allianz Finance Recovery	25,000,000.00	
Unrealised Gain on Investment Portfolio	24,132,607.58	
Reinsurance recoveries	22,455,620.58	
Dividend Payment Funding from UK	20,109,757.28	
Recovery of US Trust Funds	7,004,644.06	
Interest on cash and deposits	4,894,369.66	
Transfer from HIH Insurance re Bank Guarantee	4,425,000.00	
GST Refund from ATO	3,538,533.38	
Central expense reimbursement received from other HIH Companies	3,263,835.13	
Dividends received from Non-Scheme Companies	1,183,476.24	
Claims recoveries (includes reallocations to other entities)	615,252.46	
Provision of IT Services to AAA,QBE,NRMA,WGB	21,502.90	
Other receipts (amounts <\$1m)	6,760.99	
GST collected on all receipts	2,351.90	
Debtors	1,432.56	
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>295,635,248.09</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Scheme Payments to Creditors	(137,991,536.39)	
Allianz Finance Recovery transferred to FAIG	(42,328,188.20)	
Allianz Finance Recovery transferred to CIC	(24,529,812.57)	
Winton Take-Out transferred to HIH (NSW)	(8,976,625.56)	
Unrealised Exchange rate movements on foreign cash accounts	(7,384,314.99)	
Outsourced Claims Management Fees	(5,766,575.31)	
Professional Fees	(4,343,368.03)	
IT Outsource costs	(2,362,713.09)	
Scheme Administrator Fees	(1,996,707.50)	
Salaries / Annual Leave / LSL	(1,829,958.13)	
GST on payments	(1,807,607.82)	
Rent and Outgoings	(1,698,992.13)	
Transfer pre Liquidation GST Refund	(1,423,531.00)	
Contractors & Temporary Staff	(886,675.60)	
Claims run-off expenses	(836,533.38)	
Computer/Systems Costs	(425,435.59)	
Liquidators Fees	(353,418.00)	
Other Staff Costs	(164,562.04)	
Superannuation contributions	(164,519.90)	
Transfer LOC Recoveries	(144,400.47)	
Other Sundry Payments	(137,815.90)	
Communication costs	(102,957.22)	
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<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(245,656,248.82)</b>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2010</b>		<b>534,927,521.48</b>