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INITIAL ADVICE TO CREDITORS – BASIS OF APPOINTEES’ REMUNERATION

Remuneration methods

There are four basic methods that can be used to calculate the remuneration charged by an insolvency practitioner. They are:

Time based / hourly rates

This is the most common method. The total fee charged is based on the hourly rate charged for each person who carried out the work multiplied by the number of hours spent by each person on each of the tasks performed.

Fixed fee

The total fee charged is normally quoted at the commencement of the administration and is the total cost for the administration. Sometimes a practitioner will finalise an administration for a fixed fee.

Percentage

The total fee charged is based on a percentage of a particular variable, such as the gross proceeds of assets realisations.

Contingency

The practitioner’s fee is structured to be contingent on a particular outcome being achieved.

Method proposed

We propose that our remuneration is calculated on a time basis. We believe this method is appropriate as it ensures that only the actual work performed is charged for. There are also various tasks required to be completed which do not involve the realisation of assets, such as reporting to ASIC, undertaking investigations, corresponding with creditors and answering their queries, and completing other statutory tasks required by law.

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Estimate of remuneration for the Administration

We estimate our remuneration for undertaking the administration will be approximately \$20,000 (exclusive of GST) for each of the Companies (i.e. \$160,000 total exclusive of GST), subject to the following variables which may have a significant effect on this estimate and that we are unable to determine until the administration has commenced:

- The full scope and extent of necessary work (from experience, unforeseen matters typically arise and may require us to perform additional work beyond that currently anticipated).
- The extent of business operations continuing after appointment.

Prior to my appointment, I provided an estimate of the cost of the administration to the Companies' advisor, Mendelawitz Morton.

I received an up-front payment of \$160,000 from Mendelawitz Morton, which was provided to Mendelawitz Morton by Anthony Short. These funds will contribute to the Liquidators' remuneration and costs of winding up the liquidations. This has been disclosed in my Declaration of Relevant Relationships and Indemnities.

Payment of the remuneration fees will be subject to creditors' approval, which will be requested in due course.

Approved remuneration may exceed the amount of the above up-front payment and can be paid from the assets of the liquidation (if any) after approval by creditors or the Court.

Explanation of hourly rates

The rates for our remuneration calculation are **attached** together with a general guide showing the qualifications and experience of staff that will be engaged in the administration and the role they take in the administration. The hourly rates charged encompass the total cost of providing professional services and should not be compared to an hourly wage.

Disbursements

Disbursements are divided into three types:

- Externally provided professional services - these are recovered at cost. An example of an externally provided professional service disbursement is legal fees.
- Externally provided non-professional costs such as travel, accommodation and search fees - these are recovered at cost.
- Internal disbursements such as photocopying, printing and postage. These disbursements, if charged to the administration, would generally be charged at cost; though some expenses such as telephone calls, photocopying and printing may be charged at a rate which recoups both variable and fixed costs.

I am not required to seek creditor approval for disbursements paid to third parties, but must account to creditors. However, I must be satisfied that these disbursements are appropriate, justified and reasonable.

I am required to obtain creditors' approval for the payment of internal disbursements which were not charged at cost (and which may therefore have a profit or advantage attached to them), prior to these disbursements being paid from the administration. These disbursements typically would include internal photocopying, printing, mail out and facsimile costs.

Details of the basis of recovering internal and external disbursements in this administration are provided in the table below. Full details of any actual costs incurred will be provided with future reporting.

FTI Disbursements Schedule

Disbursement type	Charge type	Charge rate (excl GST)
Advertising	External, non-professional	At cost
ASIC Industry Funding Model Levy – metric events	External, non-professional	At cost (at prescribed ASIC rates)
Couriers and deliveries	External, non-professional	At cost
Data Room Charges	External, professional	At cost
Facsimile	Internal (FTI)	Not charged
Legal Fees	External, professional	At cost
Mail out – using Eloqua system	Internal (FTI)	20 cents per email
Postage	External, non-professional	At cost
Photocopying – internal	Internal (FTI)	Not charged
Photocopying – outsourced	External, non-professional	At cost
Printing – internal	Internal (FTI)	Not charged
Printing – outsourced	External, non-professional	At cost
Records costs – storage, destruction, boxes	External, non-professional	At cost
Search fees	External, non-professional	At cost
Staff motor vehicle use - mileage	Cents per km	At prescribed ATO rates
Staff travel - accommodation, meals etc	External, non-professional	At cost
Stationery and other incidental disbursements	External, non-professional	At cost
Telephone	Internal (FTI)	Not charged
Valuation Fees	External, professional	At cost
Other externally provided professional services		At Cost
Other externally provided non-professional services		At Cost

FTI Consulting CF&R Standard Rates effective 1 July 2025 (excluding GST)

Typical classification	Standard Rates \$/hour	General guide to classifications
Senior Managing Director 2	980	Registered Liquidator and/or Trustee or corporate advisory professional, with extensive specialist skills, experience in all forms of insolvency engagements, turnaround scenarios or restructures over many years. A market leader with proven leadership experience in business or industry, bringing recognised specialist expertise and knowledge to the engagement.
Senior Managing Director 1	900	Registered Liquidator and/or Trustee or corporate advisory professional, with specialist skills and experience in all forms of insolvency engagements, turnaround scenarios and restructures. Proven leadership experience in business or industry, bringing specialist expertise and knowledge to the engagement.
Managing Director	840	Broad specialist skills brought to the engagement. Extensive experience in managing large, complex engagements at a senior level over many years. May also be a Registered Liquidator and/or Trustee or has extensive leadership/senior management experience in business or industry.
Senior Director	760	Strong technical and commercial skill with significant experience in managing all types of large, complex engagements. Alternatively, has significant senior management experience in business or industry, with specialist skills and/or qualifications.
Director	700	Significant experience across all types of engagements. Strong technical and commercial skills. Has primary conduct of small to medium engagements, managing a team of professionals. Alternatively, has senior management experience in business or industry, with specialist skills and/or qualifications.
Senior Consultant	620	Typically studying to become or qualified to be a professional member of the Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association. Well developed technical and commercial skills. Has experience in large and complex engagements and may have primary conduct of small engagements, supervising a small team of professionals.
Consultant	500	Typically qualified chartered accountant and member of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (or similar). Required to control the tasks on small engagements or responsible for select aspects on medium to large-sized engagements under supervision of senior staff.
Associate	420	Typically a degree qualified accountant, who assists with day-to-day tasks under the supervision of senior staff.
Treasury	360	Typically, qualified accountant and/or bookkeeper. Undertakes treasury activities and is skilled in bookkeeping and funds handling activities.
Junior Associate	300	Undergraduate in the latter stage of their university degree.
Administration 2	300	Well developed administrative skills with significant experience supporting professional staff, including superior knowledge of software packages, personal assistance work and/or office management.
Administration 1	250	Has appropriate skills and experience to support professional staff in an administrative capacity.

The FTI Consulting Standard Rates above apply to the Corporate Finance & Restructuring practice and are subject to periodical review.