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17 June 2024

#### **INITIAL INFORMATION FOR CREDITORS AND SUPPLIERS**

HS Fresh Food Holding Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 673
HS Fresh Food Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 655
HS Fresh Farms Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 664
HS Salads Pty Ltd ACN 640 565 966
(ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

("THE COMPANIES")

The purpose of this document is to provide you with information about the voluntary administration of the Companies and your rights as a creditor.

#### APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATORS

We, Vaughan Strawbridge, Ben Campbell and Joanne Dunn, were appointed as Joint and Several Administrators of the Companies on 14 June 2024 by a resolution of the Companies' directors.

A copy of our Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities ("DIRRI") is **attached**. The DIRRI assists you to understand any relevant relationships that we have, and any indemnities or upfront payments that have been provided to us. We have considered each relationship and it is our opinion that none of the relationships disclosed in the DIRRI result in a conflict of interest or duty or affect our independence.

#### **VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION**

Voluntary administration is a process under the law which allows companies unable to pay their debts, or likely to become unable to pay their debts to appoint an independent, qualified person(s) (called a Voluntary Administrator(s)) to take control of the Companies and their operations. This process allows breathing space to work out the best outcome for all stakeholders and involves the Voluntary Administrators calling creditors' meetings over the following 20 business days at which creditors decide the future of the Companies. The creditors will determine if the Companies:

- a) Be returned to the directors;
- b) Be placed into liquidation; or
- c) Enter into a Deed of Company Arrangement.

FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Limited

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#### WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR DEBT?

All creditors of **each** of the Companies are now creditors in the Voluntary Administration. As a creditor, you have certain rights, although your debt will be dealt with in the Voluntary Administration. Further information regarding your rights as a creditor is **enclosed** with this circular.

It is important to note that a Voluntary Administration creates restrictions on creditors being able to enforce their rights. You generally cannot enforce your claim, recover your property, enforce your security, commence an action to place the company into liquidation or act on a personal guarantee. Please refer to *Important statements for all creditors and suppliers* **attached**.

If you have leased the Companies' property, have a retention of title claim or hold a Personal Property Security in relation to any of the Companies, please contact our staff as soon as possible. Further information is **enclosed** - please refer to *Requirements for parties with security interests and other claims* **attached**.

#### **OPERATIONS AND TRADING**

The Administrators have taken control of the operations of the Companies and requested the directors to prepare a report on the Companies' business, property, affairs and financial circumstances.

We are continuing to operate the business of the Companies on a "business as usual" basis while we explore options for a sale or recapitalisation of the business. Your continued cooperation and support are essential to a successful outcome, and we thank you in advance for your support.

If you are a supplier or employee, you will have received separate communication on how this appointment impacts your ongoing dealings with the Companies. Please refer to *Important* statements for all creditors and suppliers **attached**.

#### **MEETINGS OF CREDITORS**

As Voluntary Administrators, we are required to hold two meetings of creditors.

#### First meeting of creditors

When Companies enter into Voluntary Administration, the Administrators are required to convene a first meeting of creditors within eight (8) business days after the commencement of the Voluntary Administration.

The First Meeting of the Creditors will be held at 2:00PM (AEST) on Wednesday, 26 June 2024 via electronic facilities only (Microsoft Teams).

In this regard, please find **enclosed** the following documents:

- a) Notice of First Meeting of Creditors of the Company under Administration;
- b) Form Appointment of Proxy; and
- c) Formal Proof of Debt or Claim Form.

To attend the meeting you **must** first register via the below link:

#### Registration link: https://forms.office.com/r/KbWiFi7SSH

If you intend to appoint another person to act on your behalf at the meeting, or you are a corporate creditor, you are required to complete and return the **enclosed** proxy form appointing your representative to **HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com** no later than **4:00PM (AEST) on Tuesday, 25 June 2024** 

You can appoint anyone who is attending the meeting as your proxy and direct them how you wish your vote to be cast. If you choose to do this, they must cast your vote as directed.

Creditors are required to lodge proofs of debt for voting purposes no later than **4:00PM (AEST) on Tuesday, 25 June 2024**, failing which they may be excluded from voting at the meeting.

A Proof of Debt or Claim Form is **attached** for this purpose. Proofs of Debt may be sent to FTI Consulting, **HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com**.

If you are a creditor of more than one of the Companies, you <u>must</u> complete a new proof of debt for the other company/s. Proofs of Debt may be sent to FTI Consulting via HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com.

General information regarding the conduct of meetings of creditors and the completion of proxy forms and proof of debt forms is **enclosed** and can also be found on our website at <a href="http://www.fticonsulting-asia.com">http://www.fticonsulting-asia.com</a>.

Statutory notices and advertisements about the Companies will be published on ASIC's Published Notices website at https://publishednotices.asic.gov.au/.

#### Second meeting of creditors

A second meeting of creditors will be held, at which creditors will vote on the future of each of the Companies. Details of that meeting and a Report to Creditors on the Companies' business, property, affairs and financial circumstances will be sent to you in due course.

#### **COSTS OF THE VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION PROCESS**

**Attached** to this circular is our Initial Remuneration Notice, which provides you with information about how we propose to be paid for undertaking the Voluntary Administration.

We will seek approval of our remuneration at the second meeting of creditors. We will provide you with further information regarding my remuneration before that meeting, detailing the tasks that we have attended to will be required to attend to, and the costs of those tasks.

If you have any information that you think may help with the Administration of the Companies, the going concern sale or help the Administrators with the investigations into the Companies' affairs, please contact us. Our details are **attached** – please refer to *Administrators' background and contact details*.

Yours faithfully

Vaughan Strawbridge

Administrator

Ben Campbell

Administrator

Joanne Dunn

Administrator

## NOTICES AND ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS CIRCULAR

The Administration will be conducted on the basis of the information contained in the following notices and attachments:

- Administrators' background and contact details
- Important statements for all creditors and suppliers
- Requirements for parties with security interests and other claims
- Administrators' trading procedures. This includes the specimen signatures of the Administrators and their authorised persons.
- Details and notices for the first meeting of creditors
  - Notice of First Meeting of Creditors of the Companies under Administration;
  - Form Appointment of Proxy;
  - Formal Proof of Debt or Claim Form (for voting purposes);
  - Guidance notes for completing proxy and proof of debt or claim forms.

### Independence and remuneration disclosures

- Initial advice to creditors basis of remuneration;
- FTI Consulting Standard Rate schedule; and
- The Administrators' Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities.

#### Information sheets about your rights and the voluntary administration process

- Information regarding your rights as a creditor;
- Information sheet called "Insolvency information for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders";
- Additional information sheets on the administration process can be obtained at www.asic.gov.au (search for "insolvency information sheets") or www.arita.com.au/creditors.

## **ADMINISTRATORS' BACKGROUND AND CONTACT DETAILS**

#### **ABOUT US**

We, Vaughan Strawbridge, Ben Campbell and Joanne Dunn, are Senior Managing Directors at FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd. We are Registered Liquidators and also Professional Members of the Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association ("ARITA").

FTI Consulting specialises in corporate finance and restructuring and is part of FTI Consulting, Inc. a global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organisations protect and enhance enterprise value. You can find out more at www.fticonsulting-asia.com.

#### **CREDITOR ENQUIRIES – FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS AND GENERAL MATTERS**

For queries about the forthcoming meeting or the administration generally, please contact this office by one of the following methods:

Telephone: (07) 3225 4900

Email: HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com

Post: GPO Box 3127, Brisbane QLD 4001

### IMPORTANT STATEMENTS FOR ALL CREDITORS AND SUPPLIERS

# NO ADOPTION OF ANY CONTRACTS OR ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANIES BY THE ADMINISTRATORS

The Administrators are not personally adopting, and will not adopt, any agreement or contract that you may have with the Companies. The Administrators will not be liable for any liability of the Companies under any agreement or contract with you.

Any payments made by the Administrators for any goods or services does not constitute, nor in any way imply, adoption of any contract or an assumption of any liability of the Companies by the Administrators.

#### **EXISTING DEBTS AND CLAIMS CANNOT BE PAID BY ADMINISTRATORS**

The Administrators cannot pay any creditor's debts or claims that arise from circumstances or arrangements that were in place with the Companies before the Administrators' appointment. Payment of these amounts will depend on the outcome of the Administration.

#### NO SET-OFF AGAINST PRE-APPOINTMENT DEBTS OR CLAIMS

Any amounts due from you to the Companies must not under any circumstances be set-off against amounts due from the Companies to you.

# PROTECTION OF PROPERTY OF THE COMPANIES AND GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON THIRD PARTY RIGHTS DURING THE ADMINISTRATION

Without leave of the Court, or the Administrators' written consent:

- A proceeding in a court against the Companies or in relation to any of its property cannot be begun or proceeded with;
- Except for perishable property owners, lessors and creditors with security interests in the Companies' property, cannot enforce their security interest, sell any such property they hold, and are not entitled to take possession or otherwise recover such property; and
- No enforcement process in relation to property of the Companies can be begun or proceeded with.

See sections 440B to 440F of the Corporations Act 2001 for further details.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTIES WITH SECURITY INTERESTS AND OTHER CLAIMS PARTIES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO CONTACT US

Please contact this office on (07) 3225 4900 or HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com as soon as possible if you:

- Have supplied any goods or collateral to the Companies and you have registered a security interest in such property on the Personal Property Security Register ("PPSR");
- Are otherwise claiming security or proprietary rights in any asset or property owned by or in possession of the Companies;
- Lease or hire goods or property to the Companies;
- Are claiming a lien over property of the Companies; and/or
- Have commenced legal proceedings against the Companies/

We will be writing to all parties who have registered a security interest on the PPSR.

#### PARTIES WITH PMSI, RETENTION OF TITLE AND CONSIGNMENT CLAIMS OVER PROPERTY

Parties with these claims are requested as soon as possible to:

- 1. Give us details of the items supplied to the Companies (including any features by which that property is able to be identified, for example serial number/s) and which remain unpaid for; and
- 2. Provide details of your registration on the PPSR with all relevant supporting documents.

### **GENERAL STATEMENT**

The Administrators will consider the information and details provided to them in support of any claims. Where a claim is valid and not disputed, the Administrators will comply with their obligations at law. This should not be interpreted as, in any way, limiting or restricting the rights of the Administrators or the Companies, whose rights are expressly reserved.

Please note the Administrators may require payment of their reasonable expenses and remuneration incurred in the identification, preservation and distribution of property to secured parties, purchasers and/or other persons that the property belongs to. This also includes circumstances where property (such as inventory, for example) is made available for collection.

Affected parties should seek their own advice as applicable and as they deem appropriate.

### ADMINISTRATORS' TRADING PROCEDURES

#### PURCHASE ORDER TO BE ISSUED TO SUPPLIERS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

The Companies will raise a purchase order for goods and services that are required during the period of the Administration. Goods supplied or services rendered to the Companies after our appointment will be paid in accordance with these procedures provided that:

- 1. A purchase order has been issued for the applicable good or service;
- 2. The purchase order has been signed by the Administrators or our authorised signatories. The specimen signatures of our authorised representatives for this purpose are included with this circular; and
- 3. The Administrators' liability does not exceed the amount specified on the purchase order.

#### NEW ACCOUNTS AND OTHER ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED

Suppliers must comply with the following procedures:

- 1. Close any existing accounts against the Companies. These accounts will be for goods supplied and services rendered up to and including the date of appointment;
- Open a new account for each of relevant Companies with the words "Administrators
   Appointed" added after each Company's name. This new account is to be used for goods
   supplied and services rendered to the respective Companies during the period of the
   Administration;
- 3. Update contact details for the Companies within your systems to also include the Administrators' contact details; and
- 4. Please ensure your invoices include the Administrators' purchase order number. This will likely be a new number sequence to help demarcate pre and post-appointment orders.

#### PAYMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY FOR GOODS OR SERVICES

Validly authorised liabilities created after our appointment in accordance with these procedures will be paid in accordance with your/the Companies' usual terms unless we determine otherwise.

All payments made by the Companies or Administrators must be applied against liabilities incurred by the Administrators. These payments cannot be set-off against any other claims against or liabilities incurred by the Companies.

If you have current orders or bookings with the Companies (including goods in transit or pending delivery), you will need a new purchase order to be issued in accordance with these procedures (and before any goods or services are provided) before the Administrators will accept liability.

It is your responsibility to contact us if you require clarification about any of these arrangements.

# ADMINISTRATORS' TRADING PROCEDURES – AUTHORISED PERSONS

The following persons are authorised to sign purchase orders for the Company/s:

Name	Signature	Order Limit (\$)
Vaughan Strawbridge	# 4	Unlimited
Joanne Dunn	Jelen	Unlimited
Ben Campbell	3 Cul	Unlimited
Neil Dempster	A STATE OF THE STA	\$50,000
Marial Kwan		\$50,000
Julian Gowdie	flyndi	\$25,000

### DETAILS AND NOTICES FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS

#### NOTICE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF COMPANIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION

The agenda for the meeting is set out in the notice.

Although there is no physical place where creditors are able to attend the meeting, I am required under law to nominate a notional place for the meeting for administrative purposes such as establishing the time of the meeting. The notional place for this meeting is set out in the *Notice of First Meeting of Creditors*. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND AT THIS LOCATION.

Attendance at this meeting is not compulsory.

Video conferencing, including telephone facilities are available for those creditors wishing to attend by telephone.

Should you wish to attend the virtual meeting and you would like to vote, you must register and complete the relevant forms and provide them by **4:00PM (AEST) on Tuesday, 25 June 2024** to **HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com** 

If you wish to attend by telephone, please contact HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com no later than 4:00PM (AEST) on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 so arrangements can be made for your attendance.

#### **MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

If you wish to attend the first meeting of creditors, you <u>must</u> register via the below link by **4:00PM** (AEST) on Tuesday, 25 June 2024

Registration link: https://forms.office.com/r/KbWiFi7SSH

If you do not register for the meeting, you may be considered an observer and you will not be able to vote.

### **FORM - APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

This form should be completed if:

- 1. You intend to appoint another person to act on your behalf at the meeting; or
- 2. You are a corporate creditor and wish to appoint yourself to represent the company at the meeting.

Please note that if you are a creditor of more than one Company, you must complete a new Appointment of Proxy for the other Company/s.

### FORMAL PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM FORM

This form allows you to tell us what you are owed by the Companies. You must send us a completed form if you wish to vote at the meeting.

Please note that if you are a creditor of more than one Company, you must complete a separate Proof of Debt for each company you are a creditor of.

Return to email: HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com

#### NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS OF COMPANIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION

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(ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

("THE COMPANIES")

On 14 June 2024 the Companies, under Section 436A, appointed Vaughan Strawbridge of Level 22, 1 Macquarie Place, Sydney NSW 2000, Ben Campbell and I, Joanne Dunn of FTI Consulting, Level 20, 345 Queen Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000, as Joint and Several Administrators of the Companies.

 Notice is now given that the first meeting of creditors of the Companies will be held concurrently at 2:00PM (AEST) on Wednesday 26 June 2024 via electronic facilities (Microsoft Teams).

The meeting is being held virtually and all creditors wanting to attend the meeting are required to attend via **Microsoft Teams.** Although there is no physical place where creditors are able to attend the meeting, I am required under law to nominate a notional place for the meeting for administrative purposes such as establishing the time of the meeting. The notional place for this meeting is: FTI Consulting, Level 20, 345 Queen Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND AT THIS LOCATION.** 

Further details regarding the meeting will be provided once a creditor has registered their attendance for the meeting.

If you wish to attend the meeting, you <u>must</u> register at the below link and return the below forms on, or before **4:00PM on Tuesday**, **25 June 2024** to **HSFF.Creditors@fticonsulting.com** 

#### Required forms:

- Meeting registration: https://forms.office.com/r/KbWiFi7SSH
- Form Appointment of Proxy; and
- Formal Proof of Debt or Claim Form.

A link to view the meeting will subsequently be sent to you by email.

Please note your name will be visible to other attendees of the meeting and in meeting documents we prepare and lodge with ASIC.

- 2) The purpose of the meeting is to determine:
  - a) Whether to appoint a committee of inspection; and
  - b) If so, who are to be the committee's members.

- 3) At the meeting, creditors may also, by resolution:
  - a) Remove the administrator(s) from office; and
  - b) Appoint someone else as administrator(s) of the Companies.
- 4) Discuss any other relevant business which may arise.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

Jøanne Dunn

Administrator

C/- FTI Consulting

Level 20, CP1

345 Queen Street

Brisbane QLD 4000

#### **FORM - APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

# HS FRESH FOOD HOLDING PTY LTD ACN 638 495 673 AND THE ENTITIES AS LISTED IN SCHEDULE 1

# (TOGETHER "THE COMPANIES") (ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

Select one (1) Company that applies. Please tick only one Company that you are a creditor of (if you are a creditor of more than one Company, you <u>must</u> complete a new Appointment of Proxy for the other Company/s)

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Schedule 1

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certify that the above instrument appointing a proxy v request of the person appointing the proxy and read t instrument.	vas completed by me in the presence of and at the
Dated:	Signature of witness:
Description:	Place of residence:

### FORM 535 – FORMAL PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM

# HSF FRESH FOOD HOLDING PTY LTD ACN 638 495 673 AND THE ENTITIES AS LISTED IN SCHEDULE 1

(TOGETHER "THE COMPANIES") (ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

To the Administrators of HSF Fresh Food Holding Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 673 and the entities listed in Schedule 1 (together, "the Companies") (All Administrators Appointed):

Select one (1) Company that applies. Please tick only one Company that you are a creditor of (if y creditor of more than one Company, you must complete a new Formal Proof of Debt for the other Company/s)  Schedule 1  Company name  ACN  ABN  Tick only 0  HS Fresh Food Holding Pty Ltd  638 495 673  78 638 495 673  HS Fresh Farms Pty Ltd  638 495 664  76 638 495 665  HS Salads Pty Ltd  638 495 655  74 638 495 655  Particulars of the debt are:  Date  Consideration  Amount (\$/c)  Remarks  (state how the debt arose)  (include details of voucher substantiating possible satisfaction or security for the sum or any part of it except for the following:  (insert particulars of all securities held. If the securities are on the property of the company, assess the value securities. If any bills or other negotiable securities are held, show them in a schedule in the following form)		d to:	l is, justly and truly indebted	n 14 June 2024, and stil	ate that the Company was o	This is to st	
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3. Signed by (select correct option):					
		I am the creditor personally			
		I am employed by the creditor and authorised in writing by the creditor to redebt was incurred for the consideration stated and that the debt, to the bear remains unpaid and unsatisfied			
		I am the creditor's agent authorised in writing to make this statement in wr for the consideration stated and that the debt, to the best of my knowledge unsatisfied.	_		
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Nar	ne:	Occupation	:		
* If	prep	oared by an employee or agent of the creditor, also insert a description of the over the control of the over the control of the over the control of the cont		the creditor	NO
Do	o voi	u wish to receive all future reports and correspondence from our office via en	nail?		
				_	_
If be	eing	used for the purpose of voting at a meeting:			
a)	1	s the debt you are claiming assigned to you?	☐ Yes	□ No	
b)		f yes, attach written evidence of the debt, the assignment and consideration given.	☐ Attached		
c)		f yes, what value of consideration did you give for the assignment (eg, what amount did you pay for the debt?)	\$		
d)	f	yes, are you a related party creditor of the Company?  If you are unsure contact the Administrator)	□ Yes	□ No	

# GUIDANCE NOTES FOR COMPLETING PROXY AND PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM FORMS

#### **FORM - APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

A person can appoint another person to attend the meeting on their behalf by completing the Form of proxy.

If the creditor is a company or a firm, a person needs to be appointed to represent the company.

This representative needs to be appointed by completing the Form of Proxy in accordance with section 127 of the *Corporations Act 2001* ("the Act"). Alternatively, the appointed person must be authorised to act as a representative for the company per section 250D of the Act.

The Form of proxy is valid only for the meeting indicated (or any adjournment).

You may appoint either a general proxy (a person who may vote at their discretion on motions at the meeting) or a special proxy (who must vote according to your directions). If you appoint a special proxy, you should indicate on the form what directions you have given. In many instances, there will be a box or section on the proxy form where you can mark how you want your proxy to vote for you.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and you do not have a representative who can attend on your behalf, you may if you wish, appoint any person, including the Chairperson of the Meeting, as either your general or special proxy.

#### FORMAL PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM FORM

The proof of debt submitted does not mean that the Administrator has agreed with your proof for the purpose of making a dividend distribution.

It is used for voting purposes at any meetings of creditors and also to help establish the overall level of creditor claims in the administration. In the event that there are monies to be distributed to creditors in the future, your Formal Proof of Debt or Claim form will be adjoudicated on at that time.

You should include a description of how your debt/claim arose, whether you are claiming a security interest in property and if you have any guarantees and indemnities for the debt. If you need more space, you can attach any additional details you wish to include – just make sure that you mention this on the Form so we know what you've attached and how many pages.

You should provide supporting documents that substantiate what you are owed by the Companies. This may include things like account statements, unpaid invoices and their corresponding purchase orders, PPSR registration, agreements/terms of trade, contracts, lease or hire agreements, court order or judgment, guarantee or loan document, emails/other correspondence with the Companies.

If you need help in completing the forms or if you are uncertain what information you should attach, please email or telephone the nominated FTI Consulting contact person.

# INITIAL ADVICE TO CREDITORS – BASIS OF ADMINISTRATORS' 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 voluntary administration and is the total cost for the voluntary administration. Sometimes a practitioner will finalise a voluntary 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.

#### **ESTIMATE OF REMUNERATION FOR THE VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION**

We estimate our remuneration for undertaking the voluntary administration will be approximately \$1,250,000 (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 voluntary 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).

#### **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 voluntary administration and the role they take in the voluntary 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.

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

We are 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 and facsimile costs. However, as we do not charge our external administrations for internally-generated FTI disbursements where they have not been charged at cost (such as photocopying and printing charges for the use of internal photocopiers, printers, etc.), creditor approval is not required.

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	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 October 2023 (excluding GST)

Typical classification  Standard Rates \$/hour		General guide to classifications
Senior Managing Director 2	950	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	820	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	710	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	635	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	575	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	510	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	410	Typically studying to become or 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	355	Typically a degree qualified accountant, who assists with day-to-day tasks under the supervision of senior staff.
Treasury	330	Typically, qualified accountant and/or bookkeeper. Undertakes treasury activities and is skilled in bookkeeping and funds handling activities.
Junior Associate	275	Undergraduate in the latter stage of their university degree.
Administration 2	295	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	230	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.

# **SCHEDULE 1**

# **Schedule of Companies subject to Voluntary Administration**

Company name	ACN	ABN
HS Fresh Food Holding Pty Ltd	638 495 673	78 638 495 673
HS Fresh Food Pty Ltd	638 495 655	74 638 495 655
HS Fresh Farms Pty Ltd	638 495 664	76 638 495 664
HS Salads Pty Ltd	640 565 966	68 640 565 966



# Creditor Rights in Voluntary Administrations

As a creditor, you have rights to request meetings and information or take certain actions:



## Right to request information

Information is communicated to creditors in a voluntary administration through reports and meetings.

In a voluntary administration, two meetings of creditors are automatically held. You should expect to receive reports and notice of these meetings:

- The first meeting is held within 8 business days of the voluntary administrator's appointment. A notice of meeting and other information for this meeting will be issued to all known creditors.
- The second, or decision, meeting is usually held within 6 weeks of the appointment, unless an extension is granted. At this meeting, creditors will get to make a decision about the company's future. Prior to this meeting the voluntary administrator will provide creditors with a notice of the meeting and a detailed report to assist in making your decision.

Important information will be communicated to creditors prior to and during these meetings. Creditors are unable to request additional meetings in a voluntary administration.

Creditors have the right to request information at any time. A voluntary administrator must provide a creditor with the requested information if their request is 'reasonable', the information is relevant to the voluntary administration, and the provision of the information would not cause the voluntary administrator to breach their duties.

A voluntary administrator must provide this information to a creditor within 5 business days of receiving the request, unless a longer period is agreed. If, due to the nature of the information requested, the voluntary administrator requires more time to comply with the request, they can extend the period by notifying the creditor in writing.

#### Requests must be reasonable.

#### They are not reasonable if:

- (a) complying with the request would prejudice the interests of one or more creditors or a third party
- (b) the information requested would be privileged from production in legal proceedings
- (c) disclosure would found an action for breach of confidence
- (d) there is not sufficient available property to comply with the request
- (e) the information has already been provided
- (f) the information is required to be provided under law within 20 business days of the request
- (g) the request is vexatious

If a request is not reasonable due to (d), (e) or (f) above, the voluntary administrator must comply if the creditor meets the cost of complying with the request.

Otherwise, a voluntary administrator must inform a creditor if their information request is not reasonable and the reason why.

Specific questions about the voluntary administration should be directed to the voluntary administrator's office.



## Right to give directions to voluntary administrator

Creditors, by resolution, may give a voluntary administrator directions in relation to a voluntary administration. A voluntary administrator must have regard to these directions, but they are not required to comply with the directions.

If a voluntary administrator chooses not to comply with a direction given by a resolution of the creditors, they must document their reasons for not complying.

An individual creditor cannot provide a direction to a voluntary administrator.

# Right to appoint a reviewing liquidator

Creditors, by resolution, may appoint a reviewing liquidator to review a voluntary administrator's remuneration or a cost or expense incurred in a voluntary administration. The review is limited to:

- remuneration approved within the six months prior to the appointment of the reviewing liquidator, and
- expenses incurred in the 12 months prior to the appointment of the reviewing liquidator.

The cost of the reviewing liquidator is paid from the assets of the voluntary administration, in priority to creditor claims.

An individual creditor can appoint a reviewing liquidator with the voluntary administrator's consent, however the cost of this reviewing liquidator must be met personally by the creditor making the appointment.

## Right to replace voluntary administrator

At the first meeting, creditors have the right to remove a voluntary administrator and appoint another registered liquidator to act as voluntary administrator.

A creditor must ensure that they have a consent from another registered liquidator prior to the first meeting if they wish to seek the removal and replacement of a voluntary administrator.

Creditors also have the opportunity to replace a voluntary administrator at the second meeting of creditors:

- If creditors vote to accept a proposed deed of company arrangement, they can appoint a different registered liquidator as the deed administrator.
- If creditors vote to place the company into liquidation, they can appoint a different registered liquidator as the liquidator.

It is however usual for the voluntary administrator to act as deed administrator or liquidator. It would be expected that additional costs would be incurred by an alternate deed administrator or liquidator to gain the level of knowledge of the voluntary administrator.

Like with the first meeting, a creditor must ensure that they have a consent from another registered liquidator prior to the second meeting if they wish to seek to appoint an alternative registered liquidator as deed administrator or liquidator.

For more information, go to <a href="www.arita.com.au/creditors">www.arita.com.au/creditors</a>.

Specific queries about the voluntary administration should be directed to the voluntary administrator's office.

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# Insolvency information for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders

This is **Information Sheet 39 (INFO 39)**. It lists ASIC's information sheets for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders affected by a company's insolvency.

We have produced these with endorsement from the Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association (ARITA).

The information sheets give a basic understanding of the three most common company insolvency procedures – liquidation, voluntary administration and receivership – as well as the independence requirements for external administrators and approving external administrator remuneration. There is also a glossary of commonly used insolvency terms.

### List of information sheets

- INFO 41 Insolvency: A glossary of terms
- INFO 42 Insolvency: A guide for directors
- INFO 43 Insolvency: A guide for shareholders
- INFO 45 Liquidation: A guide for creditors
- INFO 46 Liquidation: A guide for employees
- INFO 54 Receivership: A guide for creditors
- INFO 55 Receivership: A guide for employees
- INFO 74 Voluntary administration: A guide for creditors
- INFO 75 Voluntary administration: A guide for employees
- INFO 84 Independence of external administrators: A guide for creditors
- INFO 85 Approving fees: A guide for creditors

# Where can I get more information?

Further information is available from the <u>ARITA website</u>. The ARITA website also contains the <u>ARITA Code of Professional Practice for Insolvency Practitioners</u>.

# Important notice

Please note that this information sheet is a summary giving you basic information about a particular topic. It does not cover the whole of the relevant law regarding that topic, and it is not a substitute for professional advice. We encourage you to seek your own professional advice to find out how the applicable laws apply to you, as it is your responsibility to determine your obligations.

You should also note that because this information sheet avoids legal language wherever possible, it might include some generalisations about the application of the law. Some provisions of the law referred to have exceptions or important qualifications. In most cases, your particular circumstances must be taken into account when determining how the law applies to you.

Information sheets provide concise guidance on a specific process or compliance issue or an overview of detailed guidance.

This information sheet was updated on 1 September 2017.

### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, RELEVANT RELATIONSHIPS AND INDEMNITIES

# HS FRESH FOOD PTY LTD ACN 638 495 655 AND ITS RELATED ENTITIES AS LISTED IN SCHEDULE 1 (TOGETHER, "THE COMPANIES" OR "THE GROUP")

## (ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

The purpose of this document is to assist creditors with understanding any relevant relationships that we have with parties who are closely connected to the Companies and any indemnities or upfront payments that have been provided to us. None of the relationships disclosed in this document are such that our independence is affected.

This information is provided so you have trust and confidence in our independence and, if not, you can ask for further explanation or information and can act to remove and replace us if you wish.

This declaration is made in respect of ourselves, our fellow Senior Managing Directors/Managing Directors, FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd (FTI Consulting or Firm) and associated entities, as detailed in **Annexure A**.

We are Professional Members of the Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association (ARITA). We acknowledge that we are bound by the ARITA Code of Professional Practice.

# Independence

We have assessed our independence and we are not aware of any reasons that would prevent us from accepting this appointment.

There are no other known relevant relationships, including personal, business and professional relationships that should be disclosed beyond those we have disclosed in this document.

# **Circumstances of appointment**

#### How we were referred this appointment

This appointment was referred to FTI Consulting by Integral Financial who was an advisor to the Companies at that time.

We believe that this referral does not result in us having a conflict of interest or duty because:

Integral Financial refers work to FTI Consulting from time to time. Neither the Administrators nor FTI Consulting have any formal or informal referral arrangements with Integral Financial, and to our knowledge they do not exclusively refer such work to us or FTI Consulting.



- Work referrals arising from networks of business professionals, advisors and other persons are normal and accepted arrangements, and do not inherently impact on us discharging our statutory duties and obligations with independence and impartiality.
- FTI Consulting is not reliant upon referrals from Integral Financial, who are one of a considerable number of firms, organisations and persons who refer work to, or seek advice from, FTI Consulting. This engagement is not financially significant to FTI Consulting and the receiving or otherwise of other referrals from Integral Financial is not material to FTI Consulting.
- There is no expectation, agreement or understanding between the Voluntary Administrators and Integral Financial regarding the conduct of the Voluntary Administration and we are free to act independently and in accordance with the law and applicable professional standards.

# Did we meet with the Companies, the directors and/or their advisors before we were appointed?

$\boxtimes$	Yes	Nο

FTI Consulting and the Group's representatives met and corresponded in two distinct points in time during the period from 1 June 2023 to 13 June 2024 as follows:

- 1. 1 June 2023 to 24 July 2023: initial approach and contingency planning discussions; and
- 2. **21 May 2024 to 13 June 2024:** approach to undertake contingency planning for a potential voluntary administration appointment.

We have set out in **Annexure B** further details of the meetings held between the Group and its representatives prior to our appointment.

We confirm these meetings were for the purposes of:

- Discussing a potential engagement to assist the Companies assess restructuring options and undertake contingency planning for a voluntary administration appointment;
- Obtaining sufficient information about the Companies to enable discussion around the financial position of the Companies and positions of key stakeholders;
- Obtaining updates about the status of the Companies' restructuring and recapitalisation plan including potential timing for a formal restructuring appointment;
- Explaining the various forms of insolvency appointments, the options available, and the consequences of an insolvency appointment;
- Outlining the process following an insolvency appointment; and
- To provide a Consent to Act if the Group's directors resolve to appoint voluntary administrators.

We were not formally engaged nor did we receive any remuneration for the meetings that occurred before our appointment as voluntary administrators to the Companies.



In our opinion, this does not affect our independence for the following reasons:

- The Courts and relevant professional bodies recognise the need to adequately plan the insolvency process and the options available and do not consider that such planning discussions result in a conflict or are an impediment to accepting the appointment;
- No advice or reporting has been given to the Group, its management or associates in relation to its affairs or its solvency. The discussions related solely to understanding the financial affairs, operations and planning for a potential appointment as voluntary administrators;
- No remuneration has been received for any work or discussions held in relation to the Group;
- The nature of the pre-appointment dealings is such that they would not be subject to review and challenge during the course of our appointment;
- No advice has been given to the directors of the Group in relation to their personal circumstances;
- The pre-appointment dealings will not influence our ability to fully comply with the statutory and fiduciary obligations associated with the appointment as Voluntary Administrators of the Companies in an objective and impartial manner; and
- The pre-appointment meetings and work undertaken have provided us with an understanding of the Group's affairs and its activities which will assist us to discharge our statutory and fiduciary duties as administrators in the best interests of the Group's creditors. In particular, much of the work undertaken includes the collation of information required to report to creditors under Rule 75-225 of the *Insolvency Practice Rules* (Corporations) 2016.

We have provided no other information or advice to the Companies' directors and its advisors prior to our appointment beyond that outlined in this DIRRI.

# **Relationships with secured creditors**

Do we have a relationship with a secured creditor entitled to enforce security over the whole or substantiall
the whole of the Company's property?

⊠ Yes □ No

FTI Consulting has a relationship with Tanarra Restructuring Partners ("Tanarra") which has provided loan facilities to the Group, secured by an All Present and After Acquired Property security registration over the Group. This relationship has largely involved external administrations conducted by FTI Consulting where Tanarra is a secured creditor or other stakeholder.

We believe that this relationship does not result in a conflict of interest or duty because:

- We have not undertaken any work for Tanarra in respect to the Group;
- Any previous engagements accepted for Tanarra are unrelated to this engagement; and
- We are not paid any commissions, inducements or benefits by Tanarra to undertake engagements and are not bound or obligated to deliver a favourable outcome to any party.



# Relationships with unsecured creditors

	Do we have a relationship with an unsecured creditor of the Company?			
	⊠ Yes □ No			
	FTI Consulting has a relationship with the Australian Taxation Office ("ATO"). Certain Senior Managing Director of FTI Consulting will, from time to time, act as Liquidators to unrelated companies which have been wound up in insolvency by the ATO.			
	We do not believe this relationship constitutes a conflict of interest or duty because, in external administratio where the ATO is an unsecured creditor, we do not act directly on their behalf; rather there are duties to creditors.			
The work that FTI Consulting undertakes in these circumstances will not influence our ability to be able to full comply with the statutory and fiduciary obligations associated with our appointment as Voluntary Administrators of the Company in an objective and impartial manner.				
	<b>Declaration of Relationship</b>	os		
	Other than disclosed above, with	in the previo	ous 2 years we or our firm have had a relationship with:	
	The Companies	□Yes	⊠ No	
	The directors	□Yes	⊠ No	
		□Yes	⊠ No	
		As specified on page 1 and Schedule 1, we have been appointed as Voluntary Administrators of [4] companies in the Group and comment on the group appointment as follows:		
		Each of the companies listed in Schedule 1 (with the exception of HS Fresh Holding Pty Ltd) is a direct or indirect subsidiary of HS Fresh Holding Pty Ltd.		
	Any associates of the Companies?	defined Group as could po	e obligations in respect of each of the Companies individually (as in Section 435A of the Corporations Act 2001 and not to the s a whole. As such, it is acknowledged that potential conflicts essibly arise in the course of carrying out our duties in respect of mpany in the Group.	
		significa particula comprel	of the view that the appointment to the Group will have not benefits to the conduct of the Voluntary Administrations, arly as this will offer cost savings and will facilitate a nensive and accurate understanding of the activities and position of the Group as a whole.	
	A former insolvency practitioner			

□Yes

appointed to the Companies?

 $\boxtimes$  No



A secured creditor entitled to		
enforce a security over the	□Yes	⊠ No
whole or substantially the		
whole of the Companies		
property?		

# Do we have any other relationships that we consider are relevant to creditors assessing our independence?

□Yes ⊠ No

# **Indemnities and up-front payments**

We have not received any up-front payments or indemnities for this appointment. This does not include any indemnities we may be entitled to under the law.

Dated 17 June 2024

Vaughan Strawbridge

Ben Campbell

Joanne Dunn

#### Notes:

- 1. The assessment of independence has been made based on an evaluation of the significance of any threats to independence and in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation and professional Standards.
- 2. If circumstances change, or new information is identified, we are required under the Corporations Act 2001 or Bankruptcy Act and ARITA's Code of Professional Practice to update this Declaration and provide a copy to creditors with our next communication as well as table a copy of any replacement declaration at the next meeting of the insolvent's creditors. For creditors' voluntary liquidations and voluntary administrations, this document and any updated versions of this document are required to be lodged with ASIC.



### **SCHEDULE 1**

HS Fresh Food Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 655 HS Fresh Food Holding Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 673 HS Fresh Farms Pty Ltd ACN 638 495 664 HS Salads Pty Ltd ACN 640 565 966



### **ANNEXURE A**

# FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd and associated entities

FTI Consulting Inc (ultimate holding entity)

FTI Consulting – FD Australia Holdings Pty Ltd

FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd

FTI Technology (Sydney) Pty Ltd

FTI Consulting (Perth) Pty Ltd

FTI Consulting (Sydney) Pty Ltd

FTI Capital Advisors (Australia) Pty Ltd

FTI Consulting Australia Nominees Pty Ltd



### **Annexure B**

# Meetings between FTI Consulting staff and the Group's representatives during the period 1 June 2023 to 13 June 2024

Date	Medium	FTI Consulting attendees	External attendees	Agenda/purpose/discussion
1 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell  Vaughan Strawbridge	Mike Wallas Nicholas Dignam	<ul> <li>Introductory call</li> <li>Discussion regarding a potential engagement to assist the Group with assessing restructuring options</li> </ul>
5 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell Julian Gowdie	Mike Wallas Nicholas Dignam Raymond Butcher	<ul> <li>Discussion regarding potential scope of engagement to assist with the Group with assessing restructuring options</li> </ul>
6 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell  Vaughan Strawbridge	Mike Wallas Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Further discussion regarding potential scope of engagement and status of the current restructuring/recapitalisation plan</li> </ul>
8 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell	Mike Wallas Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Company update on progress with its restructuring / recapitalisation plan</li> <li>Discussion regarding contingency planning and restructuring options</li> </ul>
12 June 2023	In person	Ben Campbell	Mark Schneider Mike Wallas Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Discussion regarding potential restructuring options including a potential voluntary administration appointment</li> </ul>
12 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell Julian Gowdie	Simon Vertullo Cameron Wall	<ul> <li>Discussion regarding short term cash flow forecast and assumptions, and trade creditor positions</li> </ul>
16 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell Vaughan Strawbridge	Nick Dignam Mike Wallas David Anderson Simon Vertullo Peter Taylor Mark Schneider	<ul> <li>Company update on progress with restructuring plan and stakeholder discussions</li> <li>Discussion regarding potential impact and outcomes of a voluntary administration appointment</li> </ul>
23 June 2023	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell Julian Gowdie Marco Bozzetto	Simon Vertullo Cameron Wall	<ul> <li>Discussion regarding updated short term cash flow forecast and assumptions</li> </ul>



Date	Medium	FTI Consulting attendees	External attendees	Agenda/purpose/discussion
24 June 2023	Microsoft	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	Company update on its progress with
	Teams meeting		Mike Wallas	restructuring plan and discussions with secured lender
			Mark Schneider	secured render
12 July 2023	Microsoft	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	Company update on its progress with
	Teams meeting		Raymond Butcher	restructuring / recapitalisation plan
			Peter Taylor	
			Mark Schneider	
13 July 2023	Microsoft	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	Company update on forecast cash flows and
	Teams meeting		Mike Wallas	its progress with restructuring/recapitalisation plan
			David Anderson	restructuring/recapitalisation plan
			Simon Vertullo	
			Cameron Wall	
			Peter Taylor	
24 July 2023	Microsoft	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Discussion regarding potential restructuring</li> </ul>
	Teams meeting	Vaughan Strawbridge	Michael Wallas	options and stakeholder discussions
			Raymond Butcher	
			Mark Schneider	
21 May 2024	Microsoft	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	Company update regarding current financial
	Teams meeting		Mike Wallas	position and forecast cash flows
			Mark Schneider	<ul> <li>Discussion regarding a potential voluntary administration appointment</li> </ul>
			Peter Williams	daministration appointment
24 May 2024	Phone call	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Company update on its discussions with an interested party regarding a potential sale transaction</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Discussion regarding potential voluntary administration appointment and overview of the process</li> </ul>
3 June 2024	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	Company update on its progress with a sale transaction
				Overview of voluntary administration process
				<ul> <li>Discussion regarding additional focus areas for contingency planning</li> </ul>
6 June 2024	Phone call	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Company update on discussions with an interested party regarding a potential sale transaction</li> </ul>



Date	Medium	FTI Consulting attendees	External attendees	Agenda/purpose/discussion
				<ul> <li>Discussion regarding further contingency planning required, current cash position and timing for a potential voluntary administration appointment</li> </ul>
7 June 2024	Phone call	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Company update on various stakeholder discussions and potential sale transaction</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Discussion regarding potential timing for a voluntary administration appointment</li> </ul>
12 June 2024	Phone call	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	<ul> <li>Company update on various stakeholder discussions and potential sale transaction</li> <li>Discussion regarding next steps and potential timing for a voluntary administration appointment</li> </ul>
13 June 2024	Microsoft Teams meeting	Ben Campbell	Nick Dignam	Discussion regarding plan for voluntary
	reams meeting	Joanne Dunn	Mike Wallas	administration appointment
			Raymond Butcher	
			Mark Schneider	

# Non FTI Consulting staff positions held at the date of interactions

Name	Position/title held	Representing
Michael Wallas	Director and Chairman of the Group	The Group
Nicholas Dignam	Director of the Group	The Group
David Anderson	Director of the Group	The Group
Raymond Butcher	Director of the Group	The Group
Simon Vertullo	Interim Chief Financial Officer of the Group	The Group
Cameron Wall	Advisor to the Group	Vantage Performance
Peter Taylor	Shareholder representative	Fortitude Investment Partners
Mark Schneider	Legal Advisor to the Group	Hamilton Locke
Peter Williams	Legal Advisor to the Group	Hamilton Locke

