1 1 Tuesday, 10 November 2015 ended up with the worst of both worlds. He wouldn't 2 2 (10.30 am)have ensured certainty and finality, because there would 3 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Good morning. 3 be the whole construction exercise. If "funding" 4 Opening submissions by MR DICKER (continued) 4 doesn't mean funding but means borrowing, what does 5 5 MR DICKER: My Lord, I wanted to start just by picking up "borrowing" mean, what are the limits of borrowing, 6 6 a few points arising out of the discussion yesterday, to arguments about arbitrary results and things of that 7 7 try to draw a few strands together. sort. But, at the same time, he would have accepted, 8 8 The first point I am sure your Lordship has, but it once you have resolved all those construction issues: 9 just concerns the meaning of the phrase "cost of 9 "Nevertheless within that envelope I am still quite 10 funding". We say it has its natural meaning: "Funding" 10 happy to have the relevant payee determine the question 11 means funding, not some narrower concept like borrowing 11 rationally and in good faith, and provided he does so, 12 and "cost" means cost, not some narrower concept like 12 that is conclusive." 13 lowest cost. 13 My Lord, we say that is essentially Wentworth's 14 14 case, as we now understand it, and we say that is an There is then a separate question, we say, as to the 15 15 extent to which the relevant payee's determination can incoherent mixing of approaches. 16 be challenged. Now, there were a number of possible 16 As I say, the draftsman chose rationality and good 17 faith. There were alternative approaches he could have 17 approaches the draftsman could have taken, and just 18 identifying those: firstly, there is obviously the bona 18 taken: an objective test for the court or some specific 19 19 fide and rationality test; secondly, he could have said, mechanism. He didn't take either of those, and that, we 20 "Well, it should be an objective question ultimately to 20 say, was for good reason. 21 2.1 be decided by the court"; or, thirdly, he could have My Lord, the next point is this, again picking up 22 provided some more specific mechanism test or process. 22 a point I made yesterday, but just to add a couple more 23 My Lord, it is common ground between the parties 23 submissions in relation to it. We do say the 24 that what he did among those three mechanisms was adopt 24 relationship with the concept of loss and with the 25 the first. He wasn't concerned with the consequences of 25 closeout amount in the 1992 and 2002 agreements is Page 3 Page 1 1 that, in the sense that such concerns prompted him to 1 instructive. Again, the test is essentially one based 2 2 on rationality and good faith. It is not an objective 3 3 "Well, rationality and good faith is not enough of question for the court. That is clear from the 4 4 a standard or hurdle. I need to give the court power to authorities. 5 determine what the right cost of funding is." 5 Your Lordship I think yesterday said, "Well, at 6 Nor did he say: 6 least in that context, you have suffered a loss". 7 7 "It is too open-textured, I need to find some other My Lord, two responses to that. 8 8 way of dealing with this." One, the definition of "loss", itself, includes, as 9 9 Your Lordship has seen examples of the latter your Lordship saw, cost of funding. 10 obviously in another context. The non-default rate, in 10 Secondly, cost of funding is intended to compensate the context of the 2002 master agreement, where the 11 a party for a real loss, namely, the time value of 11 12 12 draftsman shifted from a test based on cost of funding 13 to simply asking, "Well, what would you have received 13 We are not dealing with one situation in which there 14 from a bank if you deposited the funds overnight?" 14 is a loss, and effectively it can define itself in that 15 Which is obviously a much more specific question. 15 way, and another situation in which there isn't. It is 16 The one thing we submit is clear is that what the 16 simply a question in both cases of measuring what we are 17 draftsman didn't do, didn't intend to do, was to combine 17 talking about. Loss which may, itself, include cost of 18 the use of broad words, like "funding" and "cost", 18 funding requires to be measured. Similarly, in the 19 19 require the court essentially to construe those words, context of default rate, cost of funding requires to be 20 20 and then say, "Well, within the constraints of whatever measured. 21 construction the court comes up with, within that 21 Calculation of loss, again, we say may be difficult, 22 envelope, any determination by the relevant payee is 22 may be very difficult. It will often be prospective, 23 conclusive, provided it is rational and in good faith". 23 and it may depend on hypotheticals. What would have 24 24 happened if the derivative had not been terminated and My Lord, we would say there would be no sensible 25 reason for him to do that. He essentially would have 25 the obligations of the parties had been performed?

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2	assistance in relation to this from the expanded	2	So an express recognition in the context of closeout
3	approach which the draftsman took in the context of	3	amounts that the party is entitled to not necessarily
4	definition of "closeout amount" in the 2002 agreement.	4	required to use pricing or valuation models that it
5	If your Lordship goes to the core bundle, tab 8, it is	5	uses in the regular course of business. The implication
6	page 193, just by the first hole punch on 193. The	6	of that is that, subject obviously to the overriding
7	draftsman identifies some of the information which the	7	constraint of rationality and good faith, that is
8	determining party may take into account. He says, just	8	something it is entitled to do.
9	by the hole punch:	9	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: In the certification of default rate,
10	"In determining a closeout amount, the determining	10	for example, do you say that these techniques which
11	party may consider any relevant information including	11	import commercially reasonable procedures in order to
12	without limitation one or more of the following types of	12	produce a commercially reasonable result are imported?
13	information"	13	MR DICKER: Not directly into the definition of "default
14	Then three paragraphs, just focusing on (ii) and	14	rate". The way we would submit it works is, what the
15	(iii). (ii) refers to:	15	draftsman has done in the context of closeout amount
16	"Information consisting of relevant market data in	16	here is spell out in a little more detail essentially
17	the relevant market supplied by one or more third	17	what a rational and good faith approach may involve, may
18	parties, including without limitation relevant rates,	18	be permitted or may be required. Now, he hasn't
19	prices, yields, yield curves, volatilities, spreads,	19	expressly done the same in the context of default rate,
20	correlations or other relevant market data in the	20	perhaps not surprisingly, because it is simply
21	relevant market."	21	certification in a similar way, but of the interest
22	Are all mechanisms or all ingredients of an attempt	22	accruing on a termination amount
23	to measure what is ultimately often a hypothetical sum	23	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Remind me, and I am sorry to be vague
24	which can only be estimated:	24	about it, is there certification for closeout amount?
25	(iii):	25	MR DICKER: Yes.
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1	"Information of the types described in (i) or (ii)	1	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That certification would be reviewable
2	above from internal sources, if that information is of	2	by a court, would it, as regards whether the procedures
3	the same type used by the determining party in the	3	were commercially reasonable or as to whether the result
4	regular course of its business for the valuation of		
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2	MR DICKER: The draftsman didn't spell it out in the context	2	it.
3	of loss in the context of the 1992 agreement. He did go	3	Conversely, in such a situation, it would be
4	further in the context of the 2002 agreement, and one	4	rational and good faith to use a different model. You
5	can speculate as to why.	5	don't have an existing model. There is no alternative.
6	The first point is, these are not it makes it	6	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Those are very high tests, because
7	clear, these are not the only mechanisms you can use,	7	I mean Socimer makes clear that "irrational" in the
8	"Commercially reasonable procedures in determining may	8	context means what used to be called Wednesbury
9	include the following"	9	unreasonableness, ie, bonkers.
10	It may well be that what the draftsman was seeking	10	MR DICKER: My Lord, again, one can go through the cases.
11	to do was simply to make it plain that, if you did this,	11	I haven't done so simply because it is one of the issues
12	this is, as it were, presumptively, absent, no doubt,	12	which is actually common ground between the parties.
13	some extraordinary factors, would normally be a rational	13	But the test is rationality and good faith.
14	and good faith approach to take.	14	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I'm not saying it isn't. You've both
15	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: One is bound to wonder, quite apart	15	agreed it isn't reasonableness. It isn't rationality,
16	from the question of certification and the circumstances	16	in other words, it is irrationality. It must be free of
17	in which the certificate might be challenged, which	17	irrationality, ie, it mustn't be bonkers.
18	I know is the point we are on, but floating around	18	MR DICKER: In the Wednesbury sense, according to the
19	a bit, with apologies, one is bound to wonder whether	19	authorities.
20	the draftsman, at least in 2002, didn't by then consider	20	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: No reasonable commercial party could
21	that if you were to import not an objective test, ie,	21	reasonably have thought that to be an appropriate way of
22	borrowing rate, but a model which was one of many	22	going about things.
23	models, might be useful, might be accurate, might not	23	MR DICKER: That's what the authorities say is the test in
24	be, you had to have an express warrant for that.	24	relation to
25	Put another way, you wouldn't have an exercise which	25	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Rationality.
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2	before your Lordship.	2	simply go out to investors and say, "We have got a new
3	What we do say is, your Lordship should not proceed	3	project. Would you like to make an additional
4	on the basis that debt funding is effectively the norm	4	investment?"
5	and equity funding is in some sense unusual. Because,	5	The second point is this: the definition does not
6	in our respectful submission, that's not supported by	6	require you to identify, in our submission, a specific
7	any information before your Lordship.	7	transaction matching the relevant amount. That is why
8	My instructions are that that is not the case.	8	we say, no doubt, the words "if it were to fund" were
9	We say that sort of information shouldn't play	9	included, the assumption being that many companies
10	a role in deciding what the definition of "default rate"	10	wouldn't have transaction-specific funding, wouldn't go
11	did. If your Lordship thought it necessary to have that	11	out and obtain matched funding, in the same way as
12	information, then obviously it would need to be	12	entities can hedge themselves on a global basis.
13	provided. But we say	13	Similarly, it may well be efficient and they may well
14	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is a salutary warning which I will	14	fund themselves on a global basis. Then it is
15	take. I realise that there are very many ways in which	15	necessarily a question of trying to break down the costs
16	people can obtain what they need. Generally, and you	16	of the whole and attribute them to the relevant part.
17	may say I should rid this of my thought process also,	17	My Lord, the next point. Cost of equity is, as
18	instinctively one associates equity funding with	18	your Lordship knows, we submit, a cost of funding. That
19	enterprise funding and "borrowing" with project-specific	19	indeed is what Mr Justice Cooke said in terms in the
20	funding, or at least one would very rarely see equity	20	extract from the Gul Bottlers case that I showed
21	funding for individual transaction unless it is a sort	21	your Lordship yesterday.
22	of whopping, what used to be called superclass 1 type	22	We also submitted that cost of capital, including
23	transaction. You may say that that also is something	23	the cost of equity, is a metric that a CFO of
24	I shouldn't assume.	24	a financial institution will be aware of. What
25	MR DICKER: My Lord, yes, we do submit that. Both, in fact,	25	I offered to show your Lordship yesterday was a little
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1	in an English context, but obviously also taking into	1	extract in relation to CAPM, and that's what I was
2	account the range of parties who may be parties to	2	proposing to do now. My learned friends have seen
3	master agreements.	3	a copy of the extract I am going to show your Lordship
4	There is a danger, in our submission, of construing	4	and they are content for me to refer your Lordship to
5	the default rate through or by reference to	5	it.
6	a traditional English company, whether listed or	6	I think your Lordship should have it in authorities
7	otherwise. Lots of the parties to derivative agreements	7	bundle 4A at tab 139A. My Lord, it is from a book
8	are not companies of that sort.	8	called "The Real Cost of Capital" by Mr Ogier, Mr Rugman
9	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I'm not doing that. I'm just	9	and Ms Spicer. One sees that from the first page. Just
10	thinking I'm not thinking nationally. I am simply	10	to identify who they are and how the book was put
11	thinking of the usual badges of equity funding, albeit	11	together, there is an author's acknowledgement on the
12	that you can obviously equity fund through a fairly	12	next page, the second paragraph:
13	short-term preference issue, if you wish to, or	13	"The idea of writing a book on the cost of capital
14	a convertible one, or whatever it is millions of	14	stemmed from a global cost of capital initially from
15	combinations of these, I entirely accept that. But one	15	which the authors were heavily involved at
16	normally associates it with enterprise funding rather	16	PricewaterhouseCoopers or, rather, Price Waterhouse as
17	than transactional funding. But I make that point to be	17	it then was."
18	fair and open for you to ward me off my worries in that	18	At the beginning of the next paragraph:
19	regard. It isn't by reference to anything in the	19	"Our work benefited from the enthusiasm of a large
20	Companies Act or any particular English experience.	20	group of PwC people from across the world. The sun
21	MR DICKER: My Lord, again, we would respectfully warn	21	truly never sets on the PwC cost of capital empire."
22	your Lordship off that.	22	Then the penultimate paragraph on that page:
23	Two points. First of all, entities fund themselves	23	"Thanks also go to the financial economists from
24	in different ways. Take, for example, a hedge fund.	24	around the academic world who kindly agreed to review
25	Assumptions your Lordship may make about how companies	25	the fruits of the initiatives, labour and helped us in
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1	our workshop."	1	there are essentially two forms of capital"
2	And they are identified. Then what we have	2	They are identified. Firstly, debt and then over
3	extracted is chapter 1, "Risk and return revisited".	3	the page, equity.
4	My Lord, it is worth reading all of the first eight	4	The heading "Cost of debt", which I think I can pass
5	pages, but if I can perhaps direct your Lordship's	5	over, is followed by a heading, "Why is there a cost of
6	attention to particular passages at this stage. Under	6	equity?"
7	the heading "Introduction" on page 2:	7	The authors say:
8	"The primary focus of this book is a practical not	8	"The remuneration of equity, however, introduces far
9	theoretical one. Attempts to set out as clearly and	9	more complexity. Companies do not commit themselves to
10	non-technically as possible what practitioners need to	10	paying a certain level of dividends, share prices can
11	know about the cost of capital based on the knowledge of	11	fall as well as go up. There is, therefore, no clearly
12	cutting-edge academic, corporate and advisory practice.	12	defined contractual cost of raising capital through
13	This is as it should be, the understanding of the cost	13	issuing equity, the most common source of capital for
14	of capital is of fundamental importance in taking key	14	companies. But while the payments that companies must
15	business decisions."	15	make to shareholders are not contractually defined, that
16	Then if your Lordship goes to page 4, under the	16	does not mean that equity finance is free. Indeed,
17	heading "Towards the definition of the cost of capital",	17	because the payments that equity investors receive are
18	"Why cost of capital matters", in the middle of	18	not determined on a contractual basis, because equity
19	the page:	19	investors receive payments only after debt payments have
20	"There can be little doubt the cost of capital is an	20	been made, equity finance is more expensive than debt
21	extremely important business and financial tool. It is	21	finance. Companies need to reward equity investors for
22	used in corporate business models to help determine	22	bearing a higher level of risk than debt investors."
23	company valuation and shape corporate strategy.	23	Then the heading "How is the cost of equity
24	Governments use estimates of the cost of capital to	24	determined?":
25	regulate prices charged by some industries. Most	25	"If there is no contractual arrangement between
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1	importantly, the cost of capital is used by companies,	1	a company and its equity investors regarding the level
2	individuals and governments to help them take decisions	2	at which the firm remunerates the providers of equity
3	regarding investment."	3	capital, how is the cost of this type of capital
4	Then, at the bottom of the page, the heading "What	4	determined? It seems at first glance odd even to refer
5	is capital?":	5	to this as a cost, when it is clear there are real-world
6	"Normally, when economists refer to capital they are	6	examples where companies far from paying equity
7	referring to real, physical assets."	7	investors for the use of their capital have actually
8	The next paragraph:	8	given them negative returns."
9	"This is not the definition of capital applied by	9	They say over the page:
10	financial economists and other practitioners when they	10	"Two elements to the explanation of this apparent
11	refer to the cost of capital. In this context the	11	mystery. The first element concerns the economic
12	capital refers to the financial resources or funds that	12	concept of opportunity cost."
13	businesses, individuals or governments need in order to	13	If your Lordship just goes to the last sentence in
14	pursue a business enterprise or implement an investment	14	that section, under that heading:
15	project. It is essentially a monetary rather then	15	"This latter concept is the equity investor's
16	a physical concept."	16	opportunity cost of capital, it is this return which
17	Next heading, towards the bottom of page 5, "What is	17	provides a floor on the expected return which the equity
18	the cost of capital":	18	investment must yield."
19	"Having concluded that the appropriate definition of	19	Then:
20	'capital' in the context of this book is a monetary one,	20	"Expected versus actual returns brings us onto the
21	meaning financial resources which must be committed to	21	second element in deriving the cost of equity defined in
22	an enterprise or project with a delayed payback, it is	22	terms of expected or required returns on investment, not
23	now appropriate to consider what is meant by the cost of	23	actual or achieved returns."
24	this capital. Ignoring for the time being some of	24	Finally, on page 8, there is a heading "Weighted
25	the more complex ways in which companies raise finance,	25	average cost of capital":
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1	"There is thus a cost to a business in obtaining	1	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I agree, and I think that is why.
2	capital for debt, this cost is defined in terms of	2	whether by implication in 1992 or by express words in
3	payments the company must honour contractually. For	3	2002, the draftsman had in mind commercially reasonable
4	equity the business must offer the expectation the	4	models, and actually gave a mandate for that model
5	returns on its equity will be as good as those available	5	rather than contractual assessment.
6	from other opportunities and over time it must achieve	6	MR DICKER: One goes back, then, we say, to the 1992
7	these returns."	7	agreement. We say, whatever the parameters of good
8	Then the standard formula or the formula for WACC	8	faith and rationality are for the 2002 agreement as
9	is identified. Your Lordship will see the first item in	9	spelt out, one can proceed on the basis, if that is what
10	the equation is KE, cost of equity.	10	we are talking about, similar limitations apply in
11	My Lord, the chapter continues to deal with certain	11	relation to assessments of loss under the 1992
12	other issues in relation to cost of capital, including	12	agreement, and we say, if again we are talking about the
13	cost of equity. I wasn't proposing to refer	13	permissible ambit of rationality and good faith, that
14	your Lordship to anything there.	14	would equally translate to the same test in the context
15	There are also chapters we haven't provided	15	of the default rate.
16	your Lordship with lengthy chapters on the operation of	16	There are plainly measurement issues here. The
17	CAPM and potential issues in relation to CAPM and issues	17	question is: how did the draftsman seek to address them?
18	like the optimal capital structure. My Lord, it didn't	18	Did he seek to address them by saying, "I have to
19	seem appropriate to provide your Lordship with those.	19	ensure that the right answer is reached, even if it
20	That seemed to be straying into the area of expert	20	requires proceedings of this sort, determination by the
21	evidence for which there is obviously no direction.	21	court as to precisely what is permitted or what isn't,
22	My Lord, what we do say your Lordship gets out of	22	an assessment of what was done", or did he want
23	those extracts which I have showed your Lordship is	23	a different mechanism, one might say more likely to
24	a clear series of statements that there is a cost to	24	achieve certainty and finality, certainly absent
25	equity. It is something which matters, and it is	25	litigation. We say plainly the latter, not the former.
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1	something which can be measured.	1	Those points apply, we say, just as much to the default
2	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is that last bit which is the most	2	rate as they do to the approach the draftsman took in
3	difficult. I quite accept that if you are trying to get	3	relation to closeout amount in the 2002 agreement and
4	money out of people, you have to pay them for it. It	4	loss in the 1992 agreement.
5	doesn't matter whether you are getting the money for	5	Put another way, there is no reason why he would
6	shares or simply borrowing. I quite accept that.	6	suddenly have thought in the context of the default
7	My worry is that, whereas borrowing is ultimately	7	rate, say in the 1992 agreement:
8	founded in some contractually ascertainable amount, cost	8	"Right, at this stage, I am really concerned about
9	of funding is an assessment of expectation, as it is put	9	the way in which the rationality and good faith standard
10	there, and the measurement of the assessment of	10	may operate. I have to do something different. What
11	expectation seems to me variable, to depend on models	11	I propose to do is require the court to construe down
12	and to be of a rather different order in terms of its	12	[as we would put it] the broad words I have used and
13	complexity. That is my worry.	13	make sure that rationality and good faith only operate
14	MR DICKER: My Lord, we would accept, plainly, that	14	within that narrowed-down envelope."
15	measuring the cost of equity is more complicated than	15	My Lord, that is all I was going to say, picking up
16	measuring the cost of straightforward borrowing.	16	threads from yesterday. There was one specific point
17		17	that I sought to make yesterday but didn't, and that
17	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It has no footing in any contract, by	1 /	that I sought to make yesterday but didn't, and that
18	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It has no footing in any contract, by definition.	18	concerned, if your Lordship recalls, section 9.9 of
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1 the point, 9.9 has a side heading "Buy-in of bonds not 1 advisers, if those are also required to enable it to get 2 delivered": 2 the funding. 3 "At any time after the date that is five business 3 In any sensible sense, we say that forms part of 4 4 days after the physical settlement date if buyer has not the cost of funding. 5 delivered any deliverable obligations specified in the 5 That is all I was going to say in relation to such 6 6 notice of physical settlement that are bonds, seller may fees and expenses at this stage. 7 7 exercise a right to close out all or a portion of My Lord, can I then finish question 11 just by 8 8 the credit derivative transaction by the purchase of answering questions raised by question 11. If 9 such bonds under the terms of this section 9.9, which is 9 your Lordship turns up the application, it is in core 10 10 bundle tab 1, page 5, question 11. Question 11 asks, is called a buy-in." 11 11 The relevant two sentences are over the page, 378, the phrase capable of including: 12 12 "(1) The actual or asserted cost to the relevant the first paragraph: 13 "On the buy-in date, seller shall attempt to obtain 13 payee to fund or of funding the relevant amount by 14 from five or more dealers firm quotations for the sale, 14 borrowing ..." 15 15 buy-in offers, of the specified outstanding principal We say, along with everyone else, the answer to that 16 balance of the relevant bonds. The lowest buy-in offer, 16 is "yes". 17 or if seller obtains only one buy-in offer, such buy-in 17 Question 2: 18 offer for the outstanding principal balance of 18 "[Is it capable of including the] cost to the 19 19 the relevant bonds shall be the buy-in price." relevant payee of raising money ... by whatever means, 20 20 This is an example of a situation in which, unlike, including any cost of raising shareholder funding?" 21 say, market quotation, the draftsman has decided to 21 We say the answer to that is "yes". 22 require the party to use the lowest price and has done 22 Question 3 raises a slightly different point. It 23 so expressly and in terms. 23 is: 24 24 My Lord, the final topic, and it is a short one in "[Whether it is capable of including] the actual or 25 relation to question 11, concerns ancillary costs, 25 asserted cost to the relevant payee to fund or of Page 25 Page 27 1 professional expenses, other charges, things other than 1 funding and/or carrying on its balance sheet an asset 2 2 and/or any profits and/or losses incurred in relation to the headline interest rate. 3 3 As your Lordship knows, we say the relevant payee is the value of the asset, including any impact on the cost 4 4 entitled to the cost of plugging the gap, and if in of its borrowings and/or its equity capital in light of 5 obtaining funding to plug that gap he has incurred costs 5 the nature and riskiness of that asset?" 6 not merely in respect of an interest rate which he has 6 Essentially, one is asking: can you take into 7 7 to pay, otherwise he is entitled to recover those costs account the fact that on the relevant payee's balance 8 8 as well. sheet is a defaulted receivable when calculating cost of 9 9 Wentworth's response, as we understand it, is to funding? We say the answer to that is, plainly, "yes", 10 say, "Well, those aren't costs of funding. Those are 10 for the simple reason that any lender or other funder 11 deciding whether or not to fund and what to charge for 11 costs of some separate, independent transaction". That 12 12 is the phrase they use. We say that is an unreal such funding will do so by reference to the riskiness of 13 13 categorisation. If you have to pay a sum realistically the business. If on the relevant payee's balance sheet 14 to be able to obtain funding, then that is a cost of 14 there is a large defaulted receivable, then that is 15 15 sufficient to have an impact on the lender's perception funding for these purposes. You can't obtain it 16 otherwise. 16 or funder's perception of risk, then that is something 17 17 It is particularly unreal where the cost is it will no doubt take into account, and the consequences 18 18 a separate charge made by the person providing the of it doing so is therefore something that will be 19 19 funding. Take, for example, a bank which insists on reflected in cost of funding. 20 20 Question 4 I think, as your Lordship observed in payment of its legal fees or requires other charges to 21 be made, the argument that those fees don't constitute 21 opening, no-one is now contending for --22 part of the cost of funding, my Lord, must be wrong. We 22 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Is that an additional thing? I'm so 23 say there is no real distinction between that situation 23 sorry to interrupt. Is that an additional fact? 24 and the payment of similar fees, not necessarily to the 24 I mean, will the WACC calculation take that into 25 bank's legal advisers, but to the party's own legal 25 account? Page 26 Page 28

1	MR DICKER: My Lord, my understanding is the answer is, yes.	1	here.
2	There is an issue as I understand it, Wentworth	2	11(4):
3	contend that WACC is by reference to historical	3	"Is it capable of taking into account the actual or
4	information. If that were right, then depending on the	4	asserted costs of the relevant payee to fund or of
5	extent to which the information is historic, it might	5	funding a claim against"
6	not.	6	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You're all agreed on this?
7	My Lord, our submission is that is incorrect. This	7	MR DICKER: We're all agreed. Just so your Lordship knows
8	aspect if you look at what an entity's cost of	8	and understands how this arose and the arguments that
9	funding is, you are looking at its cost of funding as at	9	related to it, to the extent your Lordship needs to,
10	a particular date or period. If, as at that date, or	10	I don't know whether your Lordship looked at the witness
11	during that period, it has a defaulted receivable on its	11	statement of Mr McKee in the core bundle, but he set
12	balance sheet, that will have an impact on the	12	out, at Mr Justice David Richards's request, two
13	willingness or price at which people are prepared to	13	possible bases on which cost of funding could be
14	provide funds to it.	14	calculated.
15	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: This would be subsumed, on your model		One of them was called "The first basis". That
16	within WACC?	16	involved what can be referred to as a sort of coerced
17	MR DICKER: Yes, as I understand it.	17	loan theory. The logic was essentially that you can
18	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: So the answer if WACC is the chosen	18	treat the relevant payee as if it has effectively been
19	model, the answer is "no", if you see what I mean? How	19	forced to lend LBIE the unpaid amount, and to assess its
20	do we squeeze out double counting?	20	cost of funding, you ought, therefore, to assess the
21	MR DICKER: Through the rational and good faith	21	cost essentially of obtaining funding to make such
22	certification.	22	a loan to LBIE.
23	I take your Lordship's point. We are obviously not	23	
24	seeking, as it were, to get your Lordship to produce	24	That approach, as your Lordship knows, isn't one for which we are contending any longer on this matter.
25	declarations which entitle parties to double counting.	25	There was a discussion in Mr McKee's witness statement
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2	basis is concerned, which is essentially a WACC	2	"yes" or "no" answers it is in this case the former,
3	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I have it. Thank you very much.	3	include the incremental cost to the relevant payee of
4	MR DICKER: My Lord, so that is question 11.	4	incurring additional debt. The reason is, one goes back
5	I can deal fairly quickly with questions 12, 13 and	5	to the starting point: relevant payee has to assess cost
6	14.	6	to it if it were to raise or has raised the relevant
7	My Lord, question 12 raises a series of questions in	7	amount. Therefore, it requires the relevant payee to
8	relation to cost of borrowing. Just before dealing with	8	assess its incremental cost of funding, ie, this
9	each of subparagraphs 1 through to 4, we would again	9	additional amount, relevant amount.
10	emphasise there is a danger in assuming the answer to	10	There may, of course, be different ways in which it
11	each of these questions is necessarily "yes" or "no", as	11	can do so. It may, for example, do so by reference to
12	opposed to "well, it may depend". But recognising that,	12	the coupon that would be charged to it over the relevant
13	question 12(1):	13	period together with any other charges, or it may be
14	"Should such borrowing be assumed to have recourse	14	able to do so by reference to the average cost of all
15	solely to the relevant payee's claim against LBIE or to	15	its borrowings, where it determines that its average
16	the rest of the relevant payee's unencumbered assets?"	16	cost of debt is equivalent to the incremental cost of
17	My Lord, I think in opening Mr Trower said that this	17	incurring additional debt. My Lord, again, this is all
18	was agreed and that it was to be assessed by reference	18	part of good faith and rational determination.
19	to the rest of the relevant payee's unencumbered assets.	19	If there is a proxy that it thinks would rationally
20	I think, in substance, that is broadly correct. But it	20	and in good faith produce the relevant figure, then it
21	is important to appreciate, in our submission, why.	21	is entitled to use that.
22	My Lord, what we do say is that a relevant payee who	22	Obviously, we say it is entitled to do so by
23	funds the amount with debt funding but has resource to	23	reference to its weighted average cost of capital in
24	the whole of its unencumbered assets is likely to be	24	similar circumstances where it determines that it would
25	acting rationally and in good faith and he is	25	have funded by a mixture of debt and equity.
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1	undoubtedly likely to find it harder to justify lending	1	My Lord, one point that may be worth making here is
2	by reference only to the specific asset.	2	that, in many cases, the use of proxies along those
3	There may be exceptional or unusual cases in which	3	lines may, if anything, understate rather than overstate
4	that is not the case. For example, if he actually has	4	the cost of funding.
5	no other unencumbered assets, no assets which, for	5	The incremental cost of funding in other words,
6	whatever reason, it would be rational and good faith for	6	the fresh bit of debt you are incurring is, by
7	him to give the lender recourse to.	7	definition, in most cases, likely to be more expensive
8	My Lord, broadly, we say the answer is likely to be	8	than your existing debt, if only because it is
9	the second, to the rest of the relevant payee's	9	increasing your leverage and you're putting the company
10	unencumbered assets, but this isn't one of those ones	10	into a more risky position than previous lenders would
11	which as a matter of logic we say can only be the	11	have faced.
12	latter, can never be the former	12	My Lord, again, we say, if the relevant payee
13	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say it mustn't artificially	13	determines that, for example, its weighted average cost
14	restrict it to this?	14	of capital or its average cost of borrowings is
15	MR DICKER: Yes. To put it another way, if he does restrict	15	a sufficiently accurate indication of that, albeit in
16	it to that asset and provides rational and good faith	16	some cases potentially slightly lower, it can use that.
17	reasons as to why, and they are indeed rational and good	17	My Lord, 12(3)
18	faith, then that is sufficient.	18	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The exercise then would be I'm
19	My Lord, 12(2) asks:	19	worried I haven't captured this to, for example, do
20	"If it is to the rest of the relevant payee's	20	the WACC calculation without this hanging on your
21	unencumbered assets, should the cost of funding include	21	balance sheet and without the need to plug that gap, and
22	the incremental costs to the relevant payee of incurring	22	then to do it with that need and the difference is your
23	additional debt against his existing asset base or	23	claim?
24	should it include the weighted average cost on all its	24	MR DICKER: Yes.
25	borrowings?"	25	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: In that regard.
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MR DICKER: Yes. 1 1 funding and acted rationally and in good faith in doing 2 2 so, the position is obviously straightforward: one My Lord, 12(3): 3 3 simply looks at the cost of funding it actually "Should such cost include any impact on the cost of 4 4 the relevant payee's equity capital attributable to such obtained. 5 5 borrowing?" Where the relevant payee did not raise funding, it 6 6 is required to make a rational and good faith My Lord, we say that is also a cost which can be 7 7 taken into account. Can I just illustrate with a very determination of the funding that it would have used, 8 8 simple example why there is a cost here, albeit and then make a determination of the cost of such 9 measuring it may raise the same issues as any cost of 9 10 10 If one just walks through various possible things it equity may raise. 11 11 might have done, one thing it might have done following If your Lordship imagines the debt owed by in this 12 case LBIE was a substantial asset on the balance sheet 12 the early termination date was to say, "I'm going to 13 of the relevant payee, to fund it, to plug the gap, it 13 fund this on an overnight basis". 14 14 follows that the relevant payee will have to borrow If that is the decision essentially for the first 15 15 a substantial sum of money, equal to the amount of day, a further question then arises on the second day, 16 the unpaid debt, which will substantially increase its 16 "What would it have done then?" 17 17 leverage. Assume that it would have funded on an overnight 18 That has two consequences. One, it will increase 18 basis throughout, one is effectively then looking at 19 19 the cost of any further borrowing which it wishes to calculating its cost of funding by reference to or on 20 20 make. It will also increase its cost of equity, in the a fluctuating basis, taking into account any changes in 21 21 sense that any person considering whether or not to the relevant circumstances. That is because the way in 22 provide equity will want more for providing equity to 22 which it chose to fund itself was a fluctuating basis. 23 this newly higher leveraged entity than it would have 23 The way in which it would have chosen to fund itself was 24 24 on a fluctuating basis. That is one possibility. charged previously. 25 We say, again, subject only to the same issues in 25 Another possibility is that the relevant payee says, Page 37 Page 39 1 relation to measurement of the cost, that that is just 1 well, that would be an entirely unsatisfactory way of 2 as much a cost of funding which the relevant payee is 2 dealing with things. The sensible course is for me to 3 3 entitled to take into account. take out term funding, and it either does so or would 4 4 12(4) I think Mr Trower said is agreed. My Lord, have done so, for a period. In that situation, if that 5 that is certainly right, so far as the Senior Creditor 5 is what it rationally and in good faith did or would 6 Group is concerned. Costs may, depending on the 6 have done, then you are not, as it were, looking at 7 7 circumstances, be capable of being calculated in any of anything that happened thereafter during the life of 8 8 the term of the funding. It has acquired funding on the three ways identified in 12(4). 9 9 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: So any of? particular terms, and that is then its cost of funding 10 10 MR DICKER: Any, yes. for the relevant period. 11 We say this is actually quite a difficult question 11 13: 12 12 "Whether the cost of funding should be calculated, for your Lordship to answer, and an impossible question 13 13 (1), by reference to the relevant payee's circumstances for your Lordship to answer if you're essentially being 14 on a particular date, or, (2), on a fluctuating basis, 14 required to choose between the two options, because 15 15 there may be circumstances in which the first is taking into account any changes in the relevant 16 circumstances, and, if so, whether the benefit of 16 rational, satisfies the rationality and good faith 17 approach; alternatively, there may be circumstances in 17 hindsight applies when taking into account such changes, 18 in each case whether or not taking into account relevant 18 which the second does so. 19 market conditions." 19 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Your answer is the one -- the 20 20 certification. So do you calculate it by reference to particular MR DICKER: We come back to that, because we say that is, in 21 circumstances on a particular date, or on a fluctuating 21 22 basis? My Lord, we say this really is a question to 22 very simple terms, how the draftsman intended this to 23 which there is no "yes" or "no" answer. This is 23 operate. He did not intend issues like 13 to have to be 24 24 resolved, if necessary, by the court before a party was essentially a false choice, because it all depends. 25 Now, where the relevant payee did actually obtain 25 properly in a position to certify its cost of funding.

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1 1 He certainly didn't, we say, intend the court to have to keep an employee monitoring what was going on to achieve 2 2 choose between the two options and to identify which he this, we say is not something the draftsman intended. 3 notionally intended and which he did not. 3 My Lord, that is all I wanted to say in relation to 4 There is a connected point. Wentworth initially 4 5 5 contended that the relevant payee could only certify the Two minutes in relation to question 14. I said it 6 6 default rate at the end of the period and said that it is common ground a certification is conclusive unless it 7 7 must be calculated on a fluctuating basis. Wentworth's can be shown to be irrational or in bad faith. There 8 8 model is, you have an early termination date. The is, as my learned friend Mr Trower I think indicated, 9 relevant payee is required to calculate cost of funding. 9 one small issue as to the formulation of any declaration 10 10 But it must, Wentworth initially said, do so on the last in this respect or any direction. It concerns whether 11 date and must do so on a fluctuating basis. That was 11 you include the additional words "manifest error". 12 12 the only option open to it. My Lord, we say, if one looks at the authorities, the 13 As we understand it, Wentworth's position has 13 phrase used is couched in terms of rationality and good 14 14 faith. To the extent "manifest error" leads to changed, in that it now appears to contend: 15 15 "Well, you can provide ongoing certificates, but, irrationality or bad faith, then it is encompassed. It 16 nevertheless, it's the last one that essentially 16 doesn't need to be separately spelled out. If it is 17 matters, and the last one has to be done on 17 suggested it means something different, then we would 18 a fluctuating basis." 18 say it is incorrect and shouldn't be included. 19 19 As we understand it, I don't think anyone is I have already dealt with the fluctuating versus 20 fixed point, but I need to deal shortly with the 20 suggesting it is in fact intended to spell out something 21 2.1 suggestion that you either have one certification at the different, and if that is the case, in our submission, 22 end of the date or a series of certifications, of which 22 your Lordship should stick with the normal formulation, 23 23 the only one that matters is the last one. which is simply in terms of rationality and good faith. 24 24 My Lord, that is all on 14. We say there is no support for either of those 25 contentions. There is certainly no support for any 25 I have one more question to answer, or to address, Page 41 Page 43 1 suggestion that a certificate can only be produced at 1 which is question 10 --2 the end of the period. If that is what the draftsman 2 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That's the payee point. 3 3 intended, he no doubt would have specified that. In MR DICKER: -- which will take me a little time. I wonder 4 other contexts, he did say when a determination or 4 whether this might be a convenient moment. 5 certification was required. He said, for example, in 5 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. Five minutes, we will say 6 relation to section 6(e): 6 (11.47 am) 7 7 "... on the early termination date or so soon (A short break) 8 8 thereafter as reasonably practicable." (11.53 am) 9 9 He doesn't take that approach in this situation. MR DICKER: My Lord, question 10 is concerned with the 10 10 Nor, we say, is there any support for essentially position in the event that one party assigns its rights 11 requiring or even permitting the relevant payee to 11 under a master agreement. The issue arises because of 12 12 the use of the words "the relevant payee" in the certify from time to time but only on the basis it is 13 13 the last certificate that matters. My Lord, that would definition of default rate. 14 require the relevant payee essentially to continue to 14 There are two ways in which those words can be 15 monitor what was going on, potentially to provide 15 construed. The first is to construe them as referring 16 ongoing certificates of its cost of funding, eventually 16 solely to the contractual counterparties. That's the 17 17 construction for which Wentworth contends. If that is to certify what its final cost of funding had been. 18 My Lord, we say that is certainly inconsistent with 18 the case, then the assignee needs to certify the cost of 19 19 the simple approach taken by the master agreement, which funding of the original contractual counterparty for the 20 permits a party to say, "Rationally and in good faith 20 purposes of making its claim. 21 this is the form of funding that I have taken and it is 21 The second is to construe them as referring to 22 a form of funding which is effectively fixed", or "This 22 whomever is entitled to receive the relevant amount from 23 is a form of funding which I would have taken and it is 23 time to time. That's the construction, as your Lordship 24 fixed", and that's the end of it. 24 knows, for which the Senior Creditor Group contends. 25 The suggestion the relevant party effectively has to 25 What that would mean is that, for the period up to the

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1 1 the reason he did so is because there are two and he 2 2 needs to identify which is relevant. 3 How does this work in the context of a closeout 3 4 amount under section 6(e)? We say it is important to 4 5 bear in mind that the master agreements are structured 5 6 so as to produce a net amount payable one way or other 6 7 7 on closeout. In other words, all claims and 8 8 cross-claims are effectively netted off against each 9 other, and one is left with a single sum owed one way or 9 10 10 11 We say the fact that the section 6(e) payment will 11 12 always go one way has the effect that, on Wentworth's 12 13 13 construction, the word "relevant" in the phrase 14 14 "relevant payee" is meaningless or unnecessary. 15 15 Wentworth's submission is that a relevant payee can 16 only be a contractual counterparty, so you're 16 17 essentially choosing between the two original 17 18 counterparties. When you are dealing with a closeout 18 19 19 amount, the closeout amount is only ever going to be 20 payable one way, and having done the calculation, you 20 2.1 will know to which of the two parties it has to be paid. 21 22 There is no question of there being two possible 22 23 23 relevant payees.

> As between the two parties, there is only one possible payee: the person entitled to the one-way

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payment. On its construction, it would have been sufficient for the draftsman simply to have said "payee", the original or the contractual counterparty entitled to the closeout amount. That is one approach the draftsman could logically have taken.

Another approach the draftsman could logically have taken was to use the phrase "relevant party", which, again, would have made sense, in the sense that the closeout amount could be owed to either party, so one could say, if one wanted to, "Well, it is the relevant party that matters".

What doesn't make any sense, we say, on Wentworth's construction, is the use of the phrase "relevant payee".

The reason for that, again, we say, is provided by section 7. The only situation in which the concept of relevant payee, in other words, the possibility of there being two potential payee, arises where you are dealing with a termination sum, a closeout amount owed by the defaulting party. The only situation in which that phrase makes sense is in the context of a section 7 transfer where you may have assignor and assignee. What the draftsman was seeking to do, we say, by using the phrase "relevant payee", was essentially to say, I have a period of cost of funding where the relevant cost of funding is the cost of funding of the relevant payee,

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ie, initially the assignor, and I have a period where

the relevant cost of funding is now the cost of funding

by the assignee, given that it is he who is now owed the debt, he who has not been paid, and he who is

effectively having to bear the burden of a sum which

should have been paid but hasn't been paid.

There is one further linguistic point made by Wentworth that I need to deal with. It is slightly intricate. What Wentworth say is if you go back to section 7 of the master agreement, take the 1992 agreement, tab 7, page 157, they focus on 7(b) and they

"It says a party may make such a transfer of all or any part of its interest in any amount payable to it from a defaulting party under section 6(e)."

They emphasise the words "payable to it". They say that means that what the draftsman therefore had in mind was solely sums payable to the assignor, not the assignee.

We say that is wrong. Dealing with the 1992 agreement and then the 2002 agreement, we say it is wrong in relation to the 1992 agreement because the only sum with which section 7(b) is concerned is the section 6(e) closeout amount. 7(b), when it is talking about the sum being an amount payable to it, is referring to

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the section 6(e) sum. It is not referring to interest.

Interest, as I showed your Lordship a few moments ago,

3 is dealt with separately, in section 6(d)(ii) on

4 page 155. My point there was that, in the last

5 sentence, where it provides for interest to be paid, it 6 doesn't refer to interest as being a sum payable just

to, solely to, the original contractual counterparty.

As far as interest is concerned, you identify who it is payable to, we say by looking at the definition of "default rate" where you get the words "relevant payee"

The position is even clearer in relation to the 2002 agreement. Start with section 7(b), page 185:

"A party may make such a transfer of all or any part of its interest in any early termination amount payable to it by a defaulting party."

We say the same applies here, "payable to it" is a reference to the section 6(e) closeout amount. In relation to the 2002 agreement, that is perfectly clear because of the words that have been added. It adds:

"Together with any amounts payable on or with respect to that interest [ie the section 6(e) amount] and any other rights associated with that interest pursuant to sections 8, 9(h) and 11."

It is drawing a distinction between the amount payable to it, on the one hand, and interest, on the Page 56

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1	other. Again, you only know who the interest is payable	1	"Why am I interested in this? This is a period in
2	to when you look at the definition of "default rate".	2	respect of which I had no interest in the debt and
3	Those are our submissions on the language of the	3	a period for which you were entitled to payment."
4	relevant provisions.	4	It is also not clear how this would actually be
5	Turning to commercial commonsense, we say the Senior	5	done. Presumably, the original counterparty would not
6	Creditor Group's construction makes commercial sense,	6	in fact have incurred any cost of funding for that
7	Wentworth's construction does not. Wentworth argues	7	period, given that we are dealing with a period after
8	that the purpose of the default rate is to compensate	8	it's assigned the debt. So one would be necessarily
9	the person entitled to payment from being kept out of	9	asking the original counterparty to work out what its
10	its money and we agree, but we say the logic of that is	10	cost of funding would have been had it incurred a cost
11	that before the section 7(b) transfer, the person who is	11	of funding, had it not assigned the debt to the
12	being kept out of his money and should be compensated is	12	assignee. In other words, building hypotheticals on
13	the assignee. After a section 7 transfer, the person	13	hypotheticals. That can't be what the draftsman had in
14	entitled to the money who is being kept out of his money	14	mind.
15	and should be compensated for his cost of funding is the	15	We say it would also be capable of producing
16	assignee.	16	outcomes contrary to commercial commonsense. Imagine
17	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Assignor first, assignee second?	17	a case in which the original contracting party had
18	MR DICKER: Yes.	18	a high cost of funding and assigns the claim to an
19	If one accepts, and Wentworth asserts, that the	19	assignee with a low cost of funding. What sensible
20	purpose is to compensate the person entitled to payment,	20	reason could there be for the assignee to be entitled to
21	we say the logic of that involves asking: who is	21	receive high cost of funding, which isn't his cost of
22	entitled to payment? Initially, the assignor. So he	22	funding, it is the assignor's cost of funding, and
23	ought to get his cost of funding. He is being kept out	23	a cost of funding which, by definition, the assignor
24	of the money. Post transfer, who is entitled to	24	isn't actually bearing for the relevant period? It
25	payment? It is the assignee. Who is being kept out of	25	makes no sense at all, we say.
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1	the money? It is the assignee, he should be entitled to	1	Wentworth says, well, whatever the strength of all
2	payment.	2	of those linguistic and commercial commonsense points,
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4	"assignee" twice. I don't criticise you. It is just so	4	there is one reason why its construction must be the right one. It says it must be the right one because the
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limits of his concern are logically expressed by the limits of section 7, and 7(b) is an exception to the prohibition in section 7.

The second point is this: in our submission, we are not concerned with the defaulting party being exposed to the credit risk of the assignee in any normal sense.

The credit risk that the draftsman was undoubtedly concerned with was the credit risk of being faced with a counterparty that might be unable to perform its obligations under the agreement for credit-related reasons.

When one talks about parties being entitled to choose their contractual counterparties to ensure that they're happy with the credit risk they are taking on, the concern is to ensure that your counterparty will perform, won't be precluded to do so by reason of credit issues that it may have. That is obviously not the present situation. The present situation involves a sum owed by the defaulting party to the non-defaulting party, the closeout sum. There aren't any remaining obligations owed by the non-defaulting party. There isn't, therefore, any possibility of the non-defaulting party being unable to perform those obligations because it gets into credit difficulties. This simply isn't a situation involving credit risk in any normal sense.

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The third point we make is, the suggestion that the assignee can't have been intended to have its cost of funding because of a concern about credit risk is, in any event, wholly artificial. When a party enters into a master agreement, it is concerned about the creditworthiness of the other party, as I said, because of a risk it may fail to perform. The suggestion that when you enter into a master agreement you're concerned about credit risk in the sense that you are concerned that if you go bust and you end up owing a sum to the other party, your cost of funding, the amount you may have to pay in respect of cost of funding, may go up in that situation. The suggestion that this is a concern which a party entering into a transaction would have in mind again we say is unreal. You don't enter into transactions on that sort of basis. Credit risk is to do with the risk of non-performance of obligations owed, not a risk of potentially higher cost of funding in the event that you, yourself, default and owe a closeout amount.

If the defaulting party had had concerns along these lines, then obviously it could have protected itself, it could have amended section 7. That's one possibility.

The alternative, of course, is that, in many situations, it can protect itself simply by paying the

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amount that it owes. If it does so, the remedy is in its own hands, the sum is no longer outstanding and there will be no relevant cost of funding capable of being recovered.

Again, we do say your Lordship should bear in mind the position, certainly take into account the position, in other jurisdictions. Again, they divide into two. Firstly, the position in New York, and your Lordship will see the expert evidence in relation to that in due course. There are authorities in New York to which the Senior Creditor Group's expert refers, dealing with attorneys' fees, for example, where it appears perfectly clear that when an assignee claims an indemnity in respect of his costs following an assignment of a claim between two original counterparties, the attorneys' fees one is talking about are the attorneys' fees incurred by the assignee, not attorneys' fees that would have been incurred by the assignor. We say that is analogous.

Secondly, although more loosely -- again, your Lordship will see some of this in due course -- although one can't describe the German master agreement in the same way as one can describe the English and New York variants on the official ISDA master agreement we say it is also significant that under German law it appears to be the position that, following an

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assignment, one is concerned with the cost of funding of the assignee. The issue between the two experts is whether, although that's the approach, such cost of funding is effectively capped by reference to the assignor's cost of funding. But as far as one is testing this in terms of commercial sense, as a matter of German law it appears they don't regard anything surprising in the suggestion that following an assignment you look at the position from the perspective of the assignee. Again, as I said, your Lordship will see that in due course.

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The next stage in Wentworth's argument is, it seeks to support its position by relying on general principles of English law relating to assignment. The assumption underlying the argument appears to be that one should assume the draftsman intended to replicate, reflect, principles of English common law unless he indicated to the contrary. Wentworth say, well, it is a principle of English common law that an assignment can't put the other contracting party into a worse position than he would have been pre assignment.

My Lord, we say, following the submissions I made right at the start, there are potential dangers in proceeding on the assumption that the draftsman effectively intended to incorporate, whether lock, stock Page 64

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1	and barrel or not, English common law's approach to the	1	My Lord, the passage I was going to show
2	consequences of an assignment. There is certainly no	2	your Lordship is from the judgment of
3	reason, we say, why one should assume that the parties	3	Lord Justice Millett. His judgment starts at page 27.
4	to a master agreement would have been aware of that	4	The relevant passage is on page 31. It is the
5	material or could reasonably have been aware of it.	5	penultimate paragraph on page 31. Lord Justice Millett
6	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I found that a difficult proposition	6	says:
7	initially. I mean, these agreements are not in some	7	"We have heard much argument on what the position
8	cage (?), are they? They have to be governed according	8	would have been if the assignment to Shire had not been
9	to the relevant laws.	9	by way of security only."
10	I can quite see the contract may contain its own	10	It was by way of security only, but assume it
11	rules properly construed in accordance with the relevant	11	wasn't, and we are dealing with a normal assignment:
12	law. I find it difficult to think that there is some	12	"Discussion has centred on the rule that the
13	sort of protection against the application of any of	13	assignee of the benefit of a contract cannot recover
14	the common law principles, except as specified in the	14	damages for breach of contract in excess of the damages
15	contract as interpreted in accordance with the common	15	which would have been recoverable if there had been no
16	law.	16	assignment."
17	MR DICKER: It is essentially a question of construction of	17	Reference is made to the well-known cases in that
18	the contract. One starts and stops with the wording.	18	respect:
19	We certainly say that is the starting point. If the	19	"It is, of course, obvious that the assignment
20	wording provides the answer, that is an end of it.	20	cannot change the nature or extent of the obligation,
21	Conversely, one shouldn't assume, essentially, that	21	but subject thereto and to the ordinary rules of
22	what the draftsman was doing whatever he provided for	22	remoteness, I should have thought that the assignee is
23	produces the same result and uses exactly is based on	23	entitled to recover damages in respect of all
24	the same body of case law as one would find at common	24	uncompensated loss which he or his assignor has
25	law, unless he clearly indicated the contrary.	25	sustained. This may be only another way of putting the
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2	construction for which the Senior Creditor Group	2	between the heads of damage and the measure of damage.
3	contends is perfectly consistent with common law	3	As at present advised, I do not believe that the rule
4	principles in relation to assignment. The proposition	4	under discussion has anything to do with the latter."
5	that the debtor can't be liable for more than he would	5	What Lord Justice Millett is doing is drawing
6	have been liable to the assignor is ultimately	6	a distinction between heads of damage on the one side,
7	a question of construction of the contract. It is not	7	and measure of damages. What, in our submission, he is
8	a rule of public policy. Wentworth appears to accept	8	saying is that, yes, it is correct that the debtor is
9	that.	9	protected, in the sense that it can't be liable for
10	So if a contract permits assignment, it necessarily	10	heads of damages to an assignee that it wasn't liable to
11	follows that the parties must be intending third parties	11	an assignor for, but that is a different question of
12	to be capable of benefiting from it. The only question	12	the measure of damages. There is nothing contrary to
13	is, on what basis and what terms?	13	those cases in saying that, when one comes to the
14	We say, if the measure of damages varies over time,	14	measure of damages, and you measure it by reference to
15	nothing inherently surprising in a contract which	15	the position of the assignee, you may end up with
16	provides that the amount of any damages depends on the	16	a different number from the number you might have ended
17	factual position of the assignee post assignment.	17	up with in relation to the assignor.
18	Two authorities that it may be worth showing	18	So we say nothing inconsistent if one adopts the
19	your Lordship at this stage in relation to that. The	19	approach taken by Lord Justice Millett in saying that
20	first is a decision in a case called L/M International	20	cases about the extent of protection to an assignor
21	Construction Limited v The Circle Partnership. It is in	21	don't actually address the situation that we are dealing
22	the authorities, bundle 1, tab 24.	22	with.
23	My Lord, I'm sorry, the version that appears to have	23	My Lord, again, your Lordship may or may not find it
24	gotten into my bundle is not the one I have marked up,	24	interesting in due course that there was a similar
25	so if your Lordship would give me one moment.	25	distinction certain in certain of the expert evidence so
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far as German law is concerned between essentially legal liability on the one hand and factual damages on the other. Again, your Lordship will see that in due other. Again, your Lordship will see that in due other. Again, your Lordship will see that in due other. Again, your Lordship will see that in due other. Again, your Lordship will see that in due other. Again, your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion, if your Lordship doesn't think this takes of the relevant discussion is pages 163C to the relevant discussion in the relevant discussion is pages 163C to the relevant discussion in the relevant discussion is pages 163C to the relevant discussion.	
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5 My Lord, the only thing perhaps I should add is, if 5 at it at some stage, is pages 163C to	ship wants to look
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6 one just goes back to the paragraph in 6 I think all I can say is that, in that	case, the
7 Lord Justice Millett's judgment, and just picks up the 7 point wasn't taken, it doesn't appear t	o have been
8 phrase after the reference to the three cases: 8 thought commercially absurd that wh	nen one is talking
9 "Obvious the assignment cannot change the nature or 9 about the cost of dollar deposits follows:	owing an
extent of the obligation, but subject thereto and to the 10 assignment one is talking about the c	ost of dollar
ordinary rules of remoteness" 11 deposits to the assignee as opposed to	o the assignor.
Plainly one protection for the debtor here is, of 12 My Lord, the final point	
course, that if the assignee comes forward and says, 13 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It does se	em to turn on a construction
14 "I have this particular claim", and applying the normal 14 of that agreement.	
rules of remoteness that could not reasonably have been 15 MR DICKER: In a sense	
in the contemplation of the debtor, even taking into 16 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, but to	his seems to be very will
account the existence of the transfer provisions, then 17 I be able to extrapolate much from it	?
it is not going to be liable for that sum. One is only 18 MR DICKER: I think not. As I said, I'	m not sure I can put
concerned with a claim for damages by the assignee which 19 it much higher than a situation in wh	ich no-one seems to
20 does satisfy the rules of remoteness. 20 have certainly thought it was absurd.	One can
21 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Common law of assistance there. 21 understand why. If you have a syndi	cate of banks and
22 MR DICKER: Yes. Applying Lord Justice Millett's approach, 22 a provision which permits the syndic	ate to change and
23 yes. 23 essentially to have new assignees, the	ere is nothing
24 My Lord, the second authority is Mr Justice Coleman 24 inherently surprising in the idea that	as the syndicate
in a case called Lordsvale Finance v Bank of Zambia. 25 rolls forward you apply the terms of	the contract to the
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1 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Where is that? 1 new members of the syndicate rat	her than the old members
2 MR DICKER: I'm not sure, on reflection, how much benefit 2 and, if necessary, assignees as we	
3 your Lordship will derive from going through a detailed 3 My Lord, the final point is this	
4 discussion of the case. Can I just explain 4 contends that if the relevant payer	
5 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Where it is? 5 assignee, then there is the potential	
6 MR DICKER: Oh, I'm sorry. It is in authorities bundle 1, 6 suggestion appears to be that the	
7 tab 27. 7 be assigned to a party with a very	
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1 cost of funding is high. The two are the same. They 1 sought to submit an explanation for that difference. 2 2 match each other. There isn't some magical generation My Lord, it may be -- section 8 may be an example of 3 of a surplus which can then be generated in favour of 3 this -- there are other situations in which the 4 4 draftsman hasn't followed through the logic of that -a third party. 5 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: By all means, think further about it, 5 One can, of course, as with almost any situation, no 6 6 if you would like. I think if you are going to maintain doubt identify particular circumstances in which it may 7 7 that the draftsman has this sort of almost superhuman still be possible to generate a surplus and to share it, 8 accuracy without any slips into words like "relevant", 8 but we say if one simply thinks about a normal situation 9 of an assignment of a claim to an assignee with a high 9 which can happen in drafting these sort of documents, 10 10 I think you have to make it good throughout the cost of funding, there is nothing in there which 11 generates a spoil capable of being shared between 11 document, really, rather than in the particular context 12 12 assignor and assignee, and, therefore, no risk of abuse, in which it works for you. 13 13 MR DICKER: My Lord, I entirely accept the point is at least in that standard situation. 14 14 My Lord, the trouble with these sorts of arguments undoubtedly less strong to the extent it is not 15 15 reflected throughout. is, they almost always are capable of cutting both ways. 16 Go back to the submission I made previously about an 16 My Lord, Mr Fisher has just referred me to 17 paragraphs 110 and 111 of our skeleton argument. 17 original counterparty with a very high cost of funding. 18 On Wentworth's argument, that original counterparty can 18 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Thank you. 19 19 MR DICKER: It will be quickest if your Lordship were just assign the claim to an assignee with a very low cost of 20 funding but the assignee can continue to receive the 20 to glance at 110 and 111, rather than me reading them 21 21 benefit. Why wouldn't there be equal prospect of 22 a sharing of spoils in that situation? We do 22 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. Would this be fair: you have 23 23 respectfully say this is not a reliable method for identified the problem, but the answer is not perfection of drafting but a possible inconsistency in the use of 24 24 construing the master agreement. 25 In summary on question 10, in our submission, the 25 the word? Page 73 Page 75 MR DICKER: Use of the word "party", but that doesn't 1 draftsman intended an assignee to be able to recover its 1 2 cost of funds following any assignment. That is the 2 necessarily undermine --3 3 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say he was very, very careful to effect of the language used. It is its natural meaning. 4 4 One sees that from the way in which the draftsman used, restrict "relevant payee"? 5 on the one hand, "party", and, on the other hand, 5 MR DICKER: That is the point, yes. 6 "payee" and if one analyses why he used "relevant 6 Unless I can help your Lordship further, those are 7 7 payee". We also say it makes perfectly sensible our submissions. 8 8 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That has been extremely helpful. commercial sense. 9 9 Thank you. Would your Lordship just give me one moment? 10 Your Lordship did raise a question in relation to 10 Have you gobbled some of the time allotted to use of the word "party" in section 8. 11 Goldman Sachs, or is that by agreement between you? 11 12 MR DICKER: I think it may in part have been unilateral on 12 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It may be a false point. My 13 13 understanding of the construction that you offer is that my part, but I do understand from my learned friend that 14 the draftsman confined the use of the words "relevant 14 hopefully that won't be an issue. 15 payee" to a very particular circumstance, and used 15 MR FOXTON: My Lord, I am conscious it is 5 to 1. 16 "party" when he meant "party". My question was, what 16 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Do you want to start now? 17 17 happens as to, for example, currency denominations? 8 MR FOXTON: I'm happy to start now, my Lord. When one looks 18 18 appears to apply only to parties, on your version, around this time, the money value of time is possibly as 19 19 therefore, not to relevant payees. obvious to all as the time value of money. I think we 20 20 can make some progress now. MR DICKER: My Lord, at this stage can I respond simply ir 21 this way: what I have been doing is essentially looking Opening submissions by MR FOXTON 21 22 MR FOXTON: Your Lordship knows that Goldman Sachs 22 at the various provisions for interest, which one can 23 think of, perhaps, as part of a broader whole. There 23 International was given permission to participate in 24 24 this hearing by the order of Mr Justice David Richards plainly is a distinction there between situations in 25 which "party" is used and "payee" is used. I have 25 of 23 June. My Lord, the terms of that participation Page 74 Page 76

are limited to submissions of evidence and the making of arguments which don't repeat those of the Senior Creditor Group.

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We are very happy to adopt Mr Dicker's submissions, we don't intend to repeat them. There are some areas where we would like to make either some additional points or to develop topics further, most especially from the perspective of financial institutions.

My Lord, our submissions are principally aimed at issue 11. There is very little to add on anything else. My Lord, I was going to begin with some further points on factual matrix. My Lord, then looking at what the treatment of loss, in particular the 1992 ISDA agreement, will tell the court about the correct approach to the construction of the cost of funding and "if it were to fund" language.

I then want to pick up a point your Lordship has raised, which is whether the actual or notional funding costs must be transaction specific, if I can put it in that way.

My Lord, the principal fresh topic which we wish to develop is to look at some of the ways in which financial institutions did indeed raise funds in response to the Lehman's default, and there are some examples of that.

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My Lord, when one looks at that and then tests the suggested distinction between debt and equity, which Wentworth and the joint administrators advance, one sees that the distinction is not capable of being maintained in practice. It will have a series of uncommercial consequences and be wholly unworkable in practice, as well as having what we submit would be the rather surprising effect that costs of funding actually incurred by financial institutions and others in response to Lehman's default would not be capable of falling within the cost of funding language in the default rate.

My Lord, finally, there are some very short submissions indeed on issues 12 and 14.

My Lord, the conclusions we will be inviting your Lordship to draw from these points are as follows.

First, that, as a matter of construction, the cost of funding language doesn't preclude any particular type of funding at all. Still less does it preclude actual costs incurred in response to Lehman's default, for the purposes of those parties coming to certify them.

My Lord, second, we would say it is very dangerous to seek to read words of limitation into actual or potential costs of funding, because the way in which not just financial institutions, but all corporates, fund

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themselves are many, varied and developing. We all know that particular iterations of the ISDA master agreement can have quite a long life. We went 10 years between 1992 and 2002. We are often told a week is a long time in politics; ten years is a very long time in the way in which financial instruments are developed.

My Lord, the last general point is this, that we are going to invite your Lordship to distinguish very carefully between general issues that are legitimately questions of construction and what are, in effect, anticipatory attacks on the way in which a particular relevant payee might seek to certify its cost of funding.

My Lord, that distinction is very important.

Statements in decisions on the ISDA master form have a very long half life, and can find themselves being resurrected in very different factual circumstances from those in which they were made, and, as we will seek to explain to your Lordship, the draftsman having drawn this very clear distinction between the general and the particular, we believe that the construction exercise should honour that distinction.

My Lord, that takes us to just after 1 pm, and I propose to come back and turn to the factual matrix issue after lunch.

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1 (1.00 pm)
2 (The short adjournment)
3 (2.00 pm)
4 MP FOYTON: My Lord Mr Dicks

4 MR FOXTON: My Lord, Mr Dicker has already referred to the

fact that regulatory requirements applicable to

financial institutions require them to maintain certain ratios of debt to equity, and has made the submission that that is something that at least at that level of generality ought to have been within the contemplation of users of the form. That was a topic on which I wanted to say a little more, given Goldman Sachs' basis of intervention in the case.

Your Lordship will know that ISDA's origins lie originally in a group of US financial institutions. We quite accept that the users of the form have spread beyond that initial base, but financial institutions remain a very important group, and we would say among the principal users of the master form.

My Lord, it also ought to be uncontroversial that financial institutions fund themselves through a broad range of sources, both debt, equity and financial instruments which perhaps aren't so readily classifiable by either of those two descriptions.

My Lord, we have mentioned a number of those in further information we have served: trust preferred

1 1 securities; hybrid capital; enhanced capital; contingent additional capital. 2 2 capital; additional tier capital; and so it goes on. My Lord, we say that all of those matters militate 3 My Lord, what is significant, for present purposes, 3 very strongly against the suggestion that the ISDA 4 is it is not a matter of unbridled discretion for 4 master form only allows for or contemplates debt funding 5 5 a financial institution as to which form of funding it when using the "cost of funding" language in the 6 6 secures. Of course there are the regulatory definition of "default rate". 7 requirements which I have referred to for capital ratios 7 My Lord, there are two responses to that contention, 8 8 which may, themselves, require a particular funding of and I think it is right that I should deal with them 9 loss to take the form of equity rather than debt. 9 now. One put forward by Wentworth and one raised for 10 10 the court's consideration by the joint administrators. The regulatory requirements are not, themselves, 11 static, and would not have been seen to have been static 11 My Lord, so far as Wentworth are concerned, they say 12 12 at the time the ISDA master agreement 1992 form was that characteristics of particular users of the form 13 13 cannot be relevant to the court's construction of what drawn up. 14 14 My Lord, certainly, so far as the 1992 form is is, after all, a single standard set of terms. My Lord, 15 15 there is some irony, for what it is worth, in that point concerned, one sees some manifestation of those 16 requirements in the user guide. I just wanted to take 16 coming forward from the skeleton from Wentworth, because your Lordship briefly to that in bundle 5. 17 it was the party that had originally suggested that the 17 18 My Lord, we have the 1992 user guide at tab 5. 18 words "cost of funding" had a conventionally or 19 My Lord, the passage I wanted to pick up was at page 135 19 customarily narrower meaning for financial institutions, 20 of the bundle. It is discussing there, at the top of 20 but that heresy is no longer pursued. 21 2.1 the page, the election now available between first Goldmans of course accept that the words have the 22 method and second method and the explanation of 22 same meaning for all users of the master form, be they 23 the introduction of second method. Your Lordship will 23 financial institutions or anyone else, but that does not 24 24 mean that matters of fairly notorious application to see what is said is: 25 "The fallback provision for the payment method on 25 a significant group of users of the form and of which Page 81 Page 83 1 early termination in the event parties fail to select 1 all potential users ought to be aware cannot influence 2 2 a payment methodology in the schedule has been the court's construction of the phrase "cost of 3 3 designated as the second method, partly in response to funding". 4 4 past and recent statements by bank regulators, My Lord, when one is relying upon matrix in support 5 suggesting that recognition of netting for capital 5 of giving a phrase an extended meaning, enlarging the purposes could be conditioned on use of the second 6 universe of potential applications, the argument that 6 7 somehow a particular group falling outside those most 7 method." 8 8 immediately concerned with the factual matrix are There we have the form, itself, at least insofar as 9 9 it is specifying the default when the choice between somehow being disadvantaged is much reduced. It might 10 first and second method is presented, relying upon the 10 be rather different if we were contending that 11 regulatory capital regime applicable to banks as the a narrower scope should be given to words simply to 11 12 12 basis for the decision taken. reflect the capital requirements imposed on banks. 13 13 My Lord, even if one leaves aside any question of My Lord, the other point that I think falls to be 14 regulatory requirement, the mix of funding which 14 made in response to Wentworth's argument is this: the 15 financial institutions adopt and the relative weight of 15 ratio of debt and equity is actually a matter of great 16 debt and equity is of course also a matter of legitimate 16 significance to all corporate users of the form. It may 17 be that non-financial institutions don't face the 17 concern so far as its market counterparties are 18 18 concerned, and, indeed, those who assess the financial requirements of Basel II and III, but the covenants 19 19 strength of financial institutions, be they rating under which they themselves have borrowed money may well 20 20 impose requirements as to the debt/equity ratio, such agencies or analysts. 21 that for their own reasons if required to raise funding 21 So the choice of debt versus equity is certainly not 22 22 one that is value neutral in the market. It is they might have no choice but to raise it by way of 23 something that has implications, and those implications 23 equity rather than by way of debt, for fear of falling 24 24 foul of those covenants. are capable of influencing or framing the choice which 25 a financial institution has to make when raising 25 My Lord, the point that the joint administrators Page 82 Page 84

1	have raised is to draw the court's attention to	1	that, and you are then looking at "cost of funding"
2	a decision of Mr Justice Briggs and raising the issue of	2	language with no limitation in that language to debt,
3	whether that has definitively held that the regulatory	3	you have, we would say, strong support from the factual
4	capital position of banks is not admissible for the	4	matrix that that language should not be narrowly
5	purposes of construing the ISDA master form.	5	construed.
6	Your Lordship will have seen reference to that in	6	My Lord, that is all that I wanted to say in
7	the skeletons, the Carlton Communications decision.	7	addition to what Mr Dicker has already said on the
8	My Lord, it might be worth turning that up. That is in	8	question of factual matrix.
9	authorities bundle 2 at tab 46.	9	My Lord, I then wanted to turn to what I think all
10	My Lord, the specific context was obviously the	10	of us at various stages rather grandly called the
11	much-litigated question of whether section 2(a)(iii),	11	architecture of the ISDA form. The point I was
12	which created certain conditions precedent to payment	12	particularly keen to develop before your Lordship it
13	obligations under the ISDA form, how that should be	13	is a point on which Mr Dicker has made some very helpful
14	interpreted. A matter eventually resolved by the Court	14	submissions as well is the interrelationship between
15	of Appeal. The argument put forward in that case was	15	loss and default rate, and what the approach to the
16	that the clause should not be interpreted as a walk-away	16	former tells us about the latter.
17	clause, which would discharge the non-defaulting party	17	My Lord has been taken to that definition of "loss"
18	from any obligation to pay, because that would cut	18	in the 1992 form before. It might be worth just having
19	across the way in which capital adequacy requirements	19	it open in front of us again, in core bundle tab 7,
20	imposed upon banks participating in the ISDA scheme had	20	page 161. My Lord, if one pulls together the
21	hitherto been interpreted.	21	submissions made by Mr Trower and Mr Dicker in relation
22	My Lord, one gets the point, I think, in summary at	22	to this clause, we submit that the combination of
23	paragraph 17. My Lord, that was Mr Nash's summary of	23	the two is of real assistance in moving on to the
24	his factual matrix argument by reference to the	24	construction of default rate.
25	regulatory capital requirements. The argument, in	25	As Mr Trower pointed out, where you have an unpaid
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1	effect, is, this can't be a walk-away clause, because	1	amount which has accrued, as it were, prior to the
2	for reg cap purposes banks are acting on the basis that	2	designation of an early termination date, that gets
3	it isn't.	3	swept up in the loss method within the definition of
4	My Lord, paragraph 19, unchallenged expert evidence	4	"loss".
5	in the form of Professor Morrison. It is helpful,	5	The interest or the cost of funding in relation to
6	I think, in identifying quite how recondite the point of	6	it that has occurred prior to the date of calculating
7	factual matrix was, to look at the summary of		it that has occurred prior to the date of calculating
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8	Professor Morrison's opinion at paragraph 20.	7 8	
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only element feeding into your loss calculation was a prior unpaid amount, because if everything else had sort of netted out, leaving no net sum, that would be all there was left to calculate. But it would just be the case that for the period between when it first became payable and when it is eventually payable, you would be determining the cost of funding under two separate provisions but using very similar language.

My Lord, that shows quite how closely related the

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loss and the default rate provisions are. As far as loss is concerned, I think it would be very generally accepted that we are not engaged in the search for a single ultimate right answer. That which is produced by the party acting in good faith and rationally is, I suppose, fairly described as a proxy, to some extent. It is an exercise in which I think even under the 1992 form the use of models to determine what the loss would be, would be a matter that is entirely unobjectionable.

My Lord, it is probably worth pausing and thinking that if one is in market quotation rather than loss, all that is is the output of someone else's model, their pricing model for the particular transaction. One is in a context here in which the use of models to determine loss or cost is very standard, and we would say nothing surprising about it at all.

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Mr Dicker has shown your Lordship that in 2002 we have nonexclusive language expressly referring to the permissibility of the use of models, but that is implicit in the 1992 form, either your own model or someone else's.

My Lord, if one then stands back, we have, so far as loss is concerned, clearly a regime in which very broad language is used. We would say that language is used with a view not to cutting anything out on an a priori basis, but we have requirements of good faith and rationality that then come into play, and we have, although the word "certification" is not used, a self-certification regime within those constraints by the party serving the loss calculation.

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My Lord, we say that provides, really, very strong support for the view that, within the context of the default rate, essentially, the same approach and the same exercise is being undertaken. We have the general language "cost of funding" without any attempt to limit that to particular types. We have the self-certification. We have, it is accepted, within that, implied legal constraints of good faith and rationality. And we have the fact that, at least for certain types of cost incurred, the court may be

doing -- or, rather, the parties may be doing -- exactly

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the same exercise, partly within the loss provision and partly within the default provision, just simply for different periods of time.

Mr Dicker mentioned the decision of the US Federal Court for the Southern District of New York in the Intel Corporation case. I think it would be helpful for your Lordship to see that case, because, in relation to loss, it reinforces what we say is the correct approach, which is a construction approach which does not seek to preclude anything in advance, or mandate any particular approach but the role of the good faith and rationality requirements thereafter.

My Lord, we have that in authorities bundle 4, tab 128. My Lord, it is one of those documents where the internal pagination is at the top of the page.

My Lord, if one goes to at the top of the page, what is described as page 6 of 51, one sees the nature of the dispute encapsulated in summary form.

19 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: This is Judge Chapman?

 $20\,$ $\,$ MR FOXTON: This is Judge Chapman, my Lord.

21 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: And she analyses it?

22 MR FOXTON: Your Lordship sees it is a dispute which, at

23 least in headline terms, is one which we would say is

very similar to the nature of the dispute before

your Lordship. Intel saying, basically:

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"We can calculate loss however we see fit, so long as the calculation is made reasonably in good faith."

Lehman contending that the master agreement, itself, limited the calculation methodology to a particular one, rather here, as Wentworth submit, that the cost of funding is limited to cost of a particular form of funding.

My Lord, that summary is repeated later on. I don't think we need to turn to that again, but Judge Chapman's analysis begins at page 24 of 51.

My Lord, having set out the quotation from the requisite part of the form, the judge notes:

"Nothing in the text that explicitly mandates any particular calculation method or otherwise modifies the plain meaning of that sentence."

Of course, my Lord, we would say, similarly here, nothing in the "cost of funding" language which explicitly mandates borrowing only.

My Lord, there is then reference to the user guide discussion of "loss". If one goes over to page 25 of 51, after the quotation which appears, Judge Chapman notes:

"The loss is intended to provide the parties flexibility in selecting a method to calculate their early termination payments and thereby functions as an Page 92

23 (Pages 89 to 92)

1	express alternative to the rigid methodology of using	1	being models for loss because loss will always be
2	market quotation."	2	a matter of modelling, or not always, but in many, many
3	My Lord, perhaps I might invite your Lordship it	3	instances will be a matter of modelling, but one might
4	may be your Lordship has already done so simply to	4	baulk, prima facie, at modelling for interest, if
5	read through to page 27 of 51, because we say that there	5	default rates and interest are broadly the same.
6	is a great deal here which	6	I was trying to work out in my own mind why that
7	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: From, "Thus the users' guide on 20	7	might be so, and I think the reason I suggested to
8	" or where?	8	Mr Dicker, and still feel, is because the habit of
9	MR FOXTON: From "Thus the users' guide" just after the	9	the law here I don't know whether in the
10	quote on page 25, my Lord.	10	United States is to regard that as essentially an
11	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I have reached the foot of 27. Do you	11	impersonal, generic response which is required.
12	want me to read over?	12	To iron out the very problems you have identified to
13	MR FOXTON: My Lord, what is, we submit, very helpful in the	13	me of the infinite difficulties of determining how
14	approach that Judge Chapman has taken there is of course	14	people would plug a gap. The response of the law has
15	parties always urge on a court on this sort of argument	15	always been, as far as I know:
16	the uncertainty and unpredictability that will come from	16	"You mustn't look at the individual, you mustn't
17	the other side's approach.	17	even worry whether he was a borrower or an investor.
18	Lehman's have done it in this case when dealing with	18	You must simply ascribe a one-size-fits-all response,
19	Intel's construction, and vice versa. But, as the judge	19	which may vary, sometimes 1 per cent above LIBOR,
20	noted, the clarity, certainty and predictability, which	20	sometimes more than that, it depends on the market
21	everyone agrees ISDA is looking to achieve, comes not	21	conditions, but it isn't made to measure."
22	from trying to introduce limitations into contractual	22	I only put that out so that you see, you know, where
23	language that does not have it, it comes from affording	23	I am struggling.
24	a broad and flexible discretion to the party certifying,	24	MR FOXTON: My Lord, it is very helpful. It is fair to say
25	the party who has suffered the cost of funding or the	25	that we have all been able to rid ourselves of common
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1	loss, and then requiring them to act rationally and in	1	law concepts of damages when it comes to interpreting
2	good faith in certifying it.	2	the loss provision, although I hope it is not unfair to
3	My Lord, we submit that the parallels, for the	3	say that perhaps on very early encounters with the form
4	reasons I have developed, between issue of loss and	4	there were some judges who did tend to stray into more
5	default rate are very close. Mr Zacaroli, I think,	5	familiar paths.
6	would accept much of what I say if confined to an	6	As far as compensating for the time value of money
7	interpretation of the "definition of "loss", but says it	7	is concerned, I would suggest that is not an area where
8	is not appropriate to carry that across into the "cost	8	the history of English law has been at its happiest.
9	of funding" language in the default rate, but given the	9	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: We didn't even recognise a right to
10	similarity of the language that appears in both, the	10	interest for a very long time.
11	similarity of the exercise, and the fact that, as we	11	MR FOXTON: My Lord, we didn't, and we had a succession of
12	have seen, sometimes the default rate is simply	12	statutory interventions, and each of them gave rise to
13	finishing off the same function that will already have	13	problems, and perhaps only with Sempra Metals has that
14	been begun within the context of the loss calculation,	14	sort of historical legacy finally been done away with.
15	we say there is every reason to approach the	15	My Lord, I quite accept that, in the exercise of
16	construction of those two provisions on the assumption	16	the statutory procedural remedy at the end of a hearing,
17	that they implement the same scheme and that they give	17	there are a number of simplifying assumptions built into
18	effect to ISDA's desire for certainty and predictability	18	that. We would suggest that, because of the very
19	in the same way.	19	different nature of the task, and, frankly, because of
20	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I mentioned broadly the same to		the rather unsatisfactory history of English law on
21		21	interest, that that really is of rather little
	Mr Dicker, and I appreciate that in if not throughout	~~	
22	at least in due course, I have to rid myself of	22	assistance in working out the interpretation of this
22 23	at least in due course, I have to rid myself of preconceptions from other more mundane matters. I was	23	contractual provision.
22 23 24	at least in due course, I have to rid myself of preconceptions from other more mundane matters. I was trying to work out why instinctively, or in the case of	23 24	contractual provision. My Lord, there is perhaps another point I can make.
22 23	at least in due course, I have to rid myself of preconceptions from other more mundane matters. I was	23	contractual provision.

1	a model to arrive at them, I am going to show	1	MR FOXTON: My Lord, equally, one has seen costs of
2	your Lordship some very shortly. Equally, in working	2	borrowing which can be very high, indeed. So far as
3	out costs of funding by borrowing, one sees models used.	3	"take your victim him as you find him" is concerned, one
4	This is exactly what the joint administrators did in the	4	might say that equally, I suppose, about their ability
5	witness statement that was placed before the court	5	to reflect their hedging arrangements, or lack of them,
6	seeking to work out what the consequences of various	6	in the calculation of loss. It is certainly true of
7	arguments would be.	7	borrowing, where the terms on which they can borrow may
8	My Lord, one had various alternative approaches	8	differ very markedly.
9	based upon weighted average cost of all borrowing,	9	We say we don't really materially add to the
10	short-term borrowing, incremental long-term borrowing,	10	consequences that flow from "take your victim as you
11	and the results presented. It is certainly not the case	11	find them", but when concerned with what is ultimately
12	that only equity can involve the use of models, any more	12	a compensatory mechanism, if you have caused a greater
13	than it is the case that all forms of equity require you	13	cost of funding to your victim, there is really no
14	to use a model to work out the cost of equity funding.	14	injustice in requiring you to compensate them for that
15	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I suppose the other factor which	15	cost, rather than for some different and lesser cost.
16	I have been mulling over is on this side of the court,	16	My Lord, the other point I wanted to make, just
17	your side of the court and Mr Dicker, it is quite a sort	17	finally on this topic, is this, that obviously what
18	of expansive version of "you take your victim as you	18	models are doing very often is they are seeking to
19	find him", and if he is in a hopeless financial	19	predict future events. So when I go and get a market
20	position, tipped into the most terrible problems by the	20	quotation to close down a position on a two-year swap
21	events that happened with respect to Lehmans, it could	21	transaction, for example, what very complicated
22	be a very expensive answer, but you don't and	22	algorithms are doing, using interest rate curves, and no
23	particularly if you are right about who the original	23	doubt numerous other inputs, is to seek to arrive at
24	payee is, you may have a victim of the victim, as it	24	where we would be down the line on a predicted basis to
25	were, without any appreciation, probably, when you	25	arrive at a present value of the position.
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1	undertook the business, of that possibility.	1	Now, my Lord, if one is forward looking so far as
2	I know that the control function of the certificate	2	borrowing is concerned, one is probably engaged
3	will iron out irrationality, though that might not be	3	similarly in a predictive exercise, if wanting to know
4	quite as easy to apply as it first seems, and good	4	how a rate will move if it is a tracker rate, for
5	faith, but isn't it quite a sort of startling example of	5	example, over a particular period. No doubt, again,
6	a very, very variable exposure?	6	using interest rate curves and other inputs to get
7	MR FOXTON: My Lord, it is fair to say that, insofar as	7	there.
8	issue 10 is concerned, Goldmans are not	8	If one certifies at the end of the period, one is
9	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I know you don't say anything about	9	able to look back with the knowledge of what has
10	that.	10	happened. If one is dealing with the party who would
11	MR FOXTON: involved in this issue, and I will refrain	11	have borrowed at a tracker rate, one is able to look
12	from even offering a view as to who may be right and who	12	back and see how the rate has moved. If one is dealing
13	may be wrong.	13	with cost of equity looking back, one knows what
14	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.	14	dividends have had to be paid over that period.
15	MR FOXTON: My Lord, so far as the outcomes are concerned,	15	To some extent, the necessity of prediction, which
16	Goldmans have not yet certified their rate because they	16	is what models enable us to do, may be more driven by
17	obviously want to be informed by the court's ruling on	17	whether one is engaging in a prospective or
18	the clause. I think at an earlier stage the joint	18	retrospective exercise than it is by any fundamental
19	administrators had put forward a surplus entitlement	19	difference between equity or debt as a way of funding.
20	proposal with a view to seeking agreement, which would	20	My Lord, another point your Lordship made to
21	have offered simple interest rates from 10 to	21	Mr Dicker it may be related to the same issue is
22	18 per cent. I think our expectation and the rate we	22	that if you're thinking of someone raising a sum of
23	anticipate certifying will be within that range.	23	money for a specific purpose, such as to fund a specific
24	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You may be a reasonably large	24	default, I think my Lord felt that one would more
25	institution, for all I know.	25	naturally think of debt as a means of raising that
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1 funding rather than equity, and that perhaps the natural 2 situation in which you would more likely contemplate 3 equity being funded would be something to cover the 4 needs of an enterprise as a whole, or at least a very 5 large and significant specific need, rather than one of 6 a lesser size. 7 My Lord, we would start from the definition of

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"default rate" itself I suppose, first of all, to say there is nothing in there that requires the actual or notional funding to be one entered into for the specific purpose of funding the relevant amount. There are a number of reasons for that. The relevant payee may not know what the relevant amount will be if it is in dispute. He certainly won't know, in the vast majority

My Lord, perhaps more fundamentally, we say that is simply not how entities fund themselves in the ordinary course. They will have general debt facilities which will meet aggregate requirements for debt funding, just as they will have equity raised for general corporate to the extent that it is, if they are members of corporate groups, it is quite likely that the debt and equity funding is arranged at group level, with companies within the group being able to have an Page 101

of cases, how long it will be outstanding for.

purposes available where equity funding is required, and

allocation dependent on their particular needs.

Certainly looking at the position of financial institutions and the ordinary ISDA default, if I may so term it, I think the idea of going out and obtaining

a specific funding facility, debt or equity, to cover the default seems improbable, and an unlikely scenario.

Much more likely you will be drawing on existing general purpose facilities, be they debt or equity.

My Lord, there is a decision of Mr Justice Burton, which it might be worth briefing looking at, referred to in the skeleton, Lehman Brothers v Sal Oppenheim, where one sees debt funding being arrived at not by reference to a facility taken out or a notional facility for funding the specific default, but by reference to a much

larger and indeed anterior debt facility taken out by the parent company.

MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I can quite see that it is 17 18 commercially unlikely that people, big institutions, or 19 even small institutions, do sort of piecemeal funding and simply identify a possible exposure and go out and

20 21 cover it and no more. The architecture, for want of

22 a better word, seems to contemplate two possibilities. 23 One is that there has actually been funding of that

24 sort -- you may say not -- or, if there hasn't been, you

25 then have to envisage the counterfactual if there had Page 102

been.

2 The words, whatever may be the commercial reality, 3 appear to indicate specific funding for the specific 4 exposure.

MR FOXTON: My Lord, in relation to the first part of the words, a company might have actually funded it, not by entering into a funding transaction specifically and solely for the purpose of doing that, but by drawing down or obtaining an allocation on a facility that exists either to which it is party or at parent level, or neither of those things may happen. It simply leaves the hole and does not plug it, in which case one is concerned with the notional cost of doing so.

That, we would submit, is still not the notional cost of a bespoke, specific transaction to fund that amount if what in fact would have happened, had it sought to fund it, is it would have looked to benefit from equity or debt funding raised at group level or raised for general corporate purposes and effectively allocate part of such a facility or such funding to plug this particular hole.

My Lord, we would say that, on either side of that cost of funding or if it were to fund, one is not driven to consider a specific purpose-built transaction, as it were, to fund this specific amount. One is still --

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1 indeed it is more likely to be the case -- entitled to

look at an allocation from some wider general purpose

3 facility available to the company itself or the group of

4 which it forms part.

5 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: In circumstances, which may not be

6 completely hypothetical, you get a situation of

7 a disaster in 2008/2009, whenever it may be, of which

8 there is a horrible perfect storm of individual

9 exposures and regulators requiring much greater

10 protection than possibly they did in 2006, and they

11 require much greater level of capital coverage. The

12 institution, be it large or small, is then confronted

13 with the demands of its particular exposures, of which

14 this might be one, and the particular requirements of

15 the regulator. And it reckons:

> "Well, in order to cover both, I must go out into the market and raise money from albeit a more expensive source, nevertheless one which will suit me over the longer term."

20 Is the master agreement requiring, notwithstanding 21 the decision is motivated by those two factors, is the

22 counterparty, as it were, to be held harmless against

23 its superadded costs, or do you say that is all part of

24 the certification process?

MR FOXTON: My Lord, I do say that, but I think in fairness

1 prorate those as the only rational thing to do, or what 1 to your Lordship I should expand a little by way of 2 2 do you do? response. 3 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. 3 MR FOXTON: My Lord, the court has various options on the 4 4 question of costs which don't necessarily stand or fall MR FOXTON: First of all, if there is an occasion in which 5 5 one can link the need to raise equity funding to the with the question about whether equity funding can come 6 within the clause at all. I want to make that clear, in 6 default of a particular institution under ISDA master agreements, plural, it is this one. The consequences to 7 7 case it is being presented to the court as a sort of 8 "all or nothing" choice. It would be possible, although 8 all of those on the other end of ISDA master agreements 9 from the various entities in the Lehman empire were very 9 we agree with Mr Dicker that this is not the correct 10 10 significant, and if one added all of that together, it analysis, to say that the word "cost of funding" does 11 was a very large sum. Then one is -- I accept this 11 not extend to fees of that kind. 12 isn't usually the case -- getting pretty close to 12 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I see. Your primary submission is, in 13 13 agreement with Mr Dicker, that it does? a situation where you would be raising equity for that 14 MR FOXTON: It does. 14 purpose anyway. 15 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I'm going to hold you to that for the 15 To move more closely to my Lord's example, if one 16 had the situation where the company or the entity simply 16 moment 17 MR FOXTON: We would say the position there is really no 17 wasn't permitted to raise any more funding by way of 18 debt, and the only means open to it to plug the hole was 18 different than if you have incurred, you know, large 19 19 equity, we would say that there could not conceivably be arrangement fees in arranging your borrowing on a group 20 any legitimate complaint on the part of the defaulting 20 level, which perhaps could easily have been reflected in 21 a higher interest rate, because one can repackage the 21 party if that is the cost that it now has to bear. 22 My Lord, if one accepts that as the premise, one 22 costs of a funding transaction in any number of ways. 23 23 Once again, you would need to properly allocate those -then has to accept that the wording is capable of 24 24 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Properly? embracing funding of that kind, and one then is in the 25 realms of good faith and rationality as to the 25 MR FOXTON: Well, rationally and in good faith. Page 105 Page 107 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Not irrationally? 1 certification. 1 2 My Lord, otherwise, it could lead to a number of 2 MR FOXTON: No. 3 3 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Someone may say it is perfectly sort of rather arbitrary distinctions. If, for example, 4 the current requirements would permit me to raise 4 rational. How effective is this control system? We 5 funding by way of debt, that the expectation in the 5 can't have "proper", we can't have "reasonable", it has 6 market is that those will be changed such that if I do 6 got to be "not bonkers", doesn't it? 7 7 raise this funding by way of debt I could then find MR FOXTON: In terms of rationality, we have obviously 8 myself having to go out and raise equity funding almost 8 borrowed that language from -- I say "we", I mean 9 9 contract lawyers have borrowed the language from -immediately afterwards, it would, we would submit, be 10 very odd if a party who acted in anticipation was held 10 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Wednesbury. 11 MR FOXTON: -- Wednesbury. The reason we have done so -thereby to have precluded themselves from recovering the 11 12 actual cost of funding they incurred. 12 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: And because Lord Justice Rix told us 13 13 So we do some back to rationality and good faith as 14 the only reliable touchstones here to distinguish what 14 MR FOXTON: My Lord, sometimes in life there is more than 15 is within the clause and what is not. The attempt at 15 one reasonable answer to a problem. That is the 16 construction level to say either never any equity 16 difficulty. When one presents issues to the court 17 funding or only if it was the only legal way of raising 17 ordinarily, there is simply a binary choice. There is 18 18 funding at the time, will just lead to a number of very a right answer, simply because there will be a judicial 19 19 arbitrary divides. determination at the end of the process that becomes the 20 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Just to take another more particular 20 right answer. 21 example, but within that construct. Supposing in the 21 Although I understand why your Lordship says "not 22 bonkers", what that really is a shorthand for is saying, 22 mega issue which is required to solve the regulator's 23 problems and your own institution's problems as regards 23 if there are a range of what can properly be described 24 counterparties, the costs of placing and underwriting or 24 as reasonable answers, the party certifying does not get 25 anything like that are absolutely ginormous, do you 25 trumped simply because I prefer my reasonable answer to Page 106 Page 108

1	his reasonable answer.	1	cost of funding that the relevant payee has incurred and
2	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That is better than "bonkers", yes.	2	you have no legitimate basis to complain about that when
3	MR FOXTON: My Lord, we say if you go back and look at the	3	it all follows from your default and not paying what you
4	cases on contractual discretion, that is really what	4	were legally obliged to pay."
5	they are saying.	5	I was going to show your Lordship
6	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Your answer is that the no	6	Mr Justice Burton's judgment in the Sal Oppenheim case
7	irrationality control mechanism would have its answer to	7	in authorities bundle 3, tab 60. My Lord, it is fair
8	Goldman Sachs' efforts to recover the superadded costs	8	today as I say, I am sure that the time spent arguing
9	of a very large rights issue to, for example, whatever	9	this point in this case would have been but a fraction
10	its equivalent would be, having regard to your corporate	10	of the attention which the calculation of the default
11	status, would be a sufficient tool, you say?	11	rate is receiving before your Lordship.
12	MR FOXTON: My Lord, it would. I suppose I would go further	12	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is what?
13	and say, let's imagine that by the time you come to fund	13	MR FOXTON: It would be but a fraction of the time we are
14	this loss the Government has, for reasons of, I don't	14	spending considering this point. It has not had
15	know, control of the economy, decided to put interest	15	anything like the same in-depth study.
16	rates up to 20 to 30 per cent or has introduced controls	16	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Is it 3 or 2?
17	on the credit market or perhaps financial uncertainty is	17	MR FOXTON: My Lord, it appears it is 2 for everyone else,
18	so great that the only way in which you can borrow money	18	but 3 for me. Apologies.
19	is at some huge rate of interest, no doubt the very same	19	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think it might be 2 in my lot,
20	points your Lordship is putting to me in relation to the	20	anyway.
21	effect of this on the defaulting	21	MR FOXTON: My Lord, the issue relating to the default rate
22	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I don't think it would, actually,	22	is picked up at paragraph 48. My Lord, evidence was put
23	because that would arise very tightly in relation to the	23	forward in fact not as to the costs of a sort of
24	particular exposure. My question is when the costs do	24	transaction-specific funding being raised by the
25	not really relate to this particular exposure but relate	25	claimant, but as to senior credit default swaps of its
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1	to some other need which, if satisfied, will also deal	1	parent. My Lord, at 51 to 53, various points were taken
2	with exposure. Do you see what I mean? There is	2	as to the sufficiency and, indeed, relevance of
3	a crisis. You default or someone defaults against you,	3	the evidence put forward.
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2	absence of sort of transaction-specific funding, the	2	of construction, of falling within the clause, equity is
3	fact that it's involved funding being raised at parent	3	not.
4	level which is available to the subsidiary, we say that	4	My Lord, we were asked at an earlier stage in this
5	this illustrates that the cost of funding, or "if it	5	case to provide further information of costs of funding
6	were to fund" language is not contemplating or at least	6	premised upon equity funding rather than debt. My Lord,
7	certainly not requiring funding to be on the basis of	7	we gave some further information in volume 7, beginning
8	the payee either actually or notionally entering into	8	at page 187.
9	a specific funding transaction for the specific amount	9	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: In the old days, the US practice for
10	payable under the closeout provision.	10	accountancy and our practice with respect to the
11	My Lord, the third topic I wanted to go to was just	11	treatment of preference shares was in fact polar
12	to look, by reference to some real-world examples	12	opposites. We counted them as shares and they counted
13	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think in your skeleton argument.	13	them as debt.
14	I was just trying to see it, you say that in this case	14	MR FOXTON: My Lord, yes, and the accounting treatment, one
15	the certificate was not accepted because there was	15	suspects, is capable of changing over time as well.
16	literally no evidence to support it, or at least it	16	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I don't know what the position is
17	seemed to be confounded by such evidence as there was.	17	under IFRS, but there we are, yes.
18	Is that right?	18	Anyway, your extra evidence?
19	MR FOXTON: My Lord, the evidence at paragraph 48 was,	19	MR FOXTON: My Lord, yes. Page 188 is the first example,
20	I think, effectively unsupported. When one looks at	20	which was the Goldman Sachs Group preferred equity.
21	paragraph 50, what the judge says:	21	My Lord, this was a way in which the Goldman Sachs
22	"Mr Singh has not sought to evidence the actual	22	Group did actually fund itself following the insolvency
23	borrowing of monies."	23	of Lehman.
24	Then the first point taken is paragraph 51:	24	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Do I have the right thing? Volume 7
25	"On the face of Mr Singh's evidence, he said nothing	25	is correspondence.
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2	unpaid dividends.	2	reporting date 23 September 2008. The document is not
3	My Lord, in addition, Berkshire Hathaway were given	3	paginated, but the third page has a section describing
4	warrants enabling them to receive net shares of	4	the Berkshire Hathaway issue of cumulative perpetual
5	13.1 million, which plainly was another cost, as it	5	preferred stock.
6	were, to Goldman Sachs of raising this funding.	6	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: How does it begin?
7	My Lord, if one simply takes the 10 per cent as the	7	MR FOXTON: It appears under a heading "Item 3.03. Material
8	obvious example, the distinction between that amount	8	modification of the rights of securities holders". It
9	payable on preferred equity funds raised and an interest	9	is the first two paragraphs under that heading.
10	rate payable on debt funds raised is really very	10	My Lord, as well as making good the sort of
11	difficult to discern from a commercial perspective.	11	cumulative nature that although one obviously rightly
12	There is both a transaction, you have a fixed and	12	under English and, it would appear, New York law speak
13	identifiable rate of return, and we would submit that it	13	of a dividend as being discretionary, even on
14	would strike users of the ISDA master form as wholly	14	a preferred equity, it doesn't go away, it is
15	uncommercial and absurd if 10 per cent subordinated debt	15	accumulated, and there are legal consequences of not
16	was capable of being a cost of funding, but the amounts	16	paying it, in terms of restrictions on the company's
17	payable fixed under these preference shares were not.	17	ability to take certain steps. That is leaving aside
18	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: More limited pool, because it is only	18	the commercial impact of a company that had issued
19	out of distributable profits, but you say that makes no	19	preferred equity and although it had profits to
20	difference?	20	distribute, did not distribute them.
21	MR FOXTON: My Lord, it doesn't, but of course one can have	21	My Lord, in commercial terms, we would say that the
22	a limited recourse debt where it comes from a limited	22	position there is really not readily or meaningfully
23	pool, plus insofar as the pool is limited in one year,	23	distinguishable from a debt transaction where the debtor
24	as your Lordship says, they accrue and, absent there	24	had the ability to postpone the payment of interest, for
25	never coming a point in time when there is enough	25	example, by rolling it up into the capital, capitalising
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1	profits to pay them, they will be paid.	1	it, or by deferring it in some way.
2	My Lord, I am conscious we have reached the point	2	My Lord, we can put that bundle away and go back to
3	when the shorthand writers normally get their break, if	3	bundle 7, the correspondence bundle. My Lord, it is
4	that is an otherwise convenient moment.	4	page 189, the second example we give there of a way in
5	(3.12 pm)	5	which a financial institution actually did raise funding
6	(A short break)	6	at this time. These are the MCNs, the mandatorily
7	(3.18 pm)	7	convertible notes which Barclays Bank issued to Qatar
8	MR FOXTON: I want to show your Lordship just a little bit	8	Holding and others.
9	more about the way in which those preference shares	9	Those obviously carried a fixed annual coupon, as we
10	operated, because it, I think, sort of further reveals	10	see, of 9.75 per cent until conversion. If Barclays
11	the difficulties in Mr Zacaroli's binary equity/debt	11	had, at any stage, wanted to retire any shares obtained
12	choice when determining what falls within the default	12	as a result of converting the notes, they plainly would
13	rate clause.	13	have had to have paid a price, a cost, in doing so.
14	I identify the volume number with some	14	It is not clear to me whether Wentworth say, "Well,
15	circumspection, but I am hoping in perhaps 4B of	15	we accept that up until the point of conversion this
16	the authorities bundle your Lordship might have a tab	16	would be capable of constituting debt funding", that you
17	143. It is 4A, I am told, my Lord.	17	ignore any elements of the cost of issuing these MCNs
18	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: We looked at it yesterday, didn't we?	18	that relate to any equity character, but, my Lord, it is
19	I have 4A of the authorities.	19	really very difficult looking to extract parts of what
20	MR FOXTON: My Lord, that will be it, I think. I'm not sure	20	are a single commercial transaction.
21	why it is in the authorities bundle. It is in the	21	One suspects that the ability to convert into equity
22	authorities bundle and I think it is bundle 4A, I am	22	is for the purchaser of the notes a benefit that might
23	told.	23	lead them to accept a lower coupon rate, much as one may
24	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Thank you very much.	24	go high on the brief and low on the refresher. I see it
25	MR FOXTON: It is tab 143.	25	is clearly a concept not unknown in South Square.
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MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Do you wish a right of reply? 1 1 For certain types of subordinated debt, one suspects 2 2 MR FOXTON: My Lord, it is a general thing. We come on to your prospects of receiving your payment will be rather 3 this when we look at Wentworth's response on the hybrid. 3 greater as the holder of preferred equity than as the 4 The problem is you get interrelated parts when you get 4 holder of limited recourse subordinated debt. 5 a funding package. It is really very difficult to try 5 The joint administrators suggest, "Well, is the and strip either a single element, or parts of them, in 6 6 distinction between when you have a fixed amount that 7 isolation. That, we say, is a further difficulty in 7 you are obliged to pay, as opposed to an amount which is 8 8 trying to say, well, the debt parts of a hybrid discretionary?" 9 transaction are capable of constituting cost of funding 9 My Lord, the equity or hybrid instruments we have 10 10 looked at do involve a fixed amount, but, again, one but the equity parts are not. 11 My Lord, the final example that we gave on 11 could have forms of borrowing where, if the amount 12 page 189 -- I don't think we need to look at that in any 12 payable is what is left at the bottom of a waterfall, 13 detail. That was another financial institution, 13 there could be a variable amount there, income notes and 14 Morgan Stanley, raising funding through perpetual, in 14 matters of that nature. 15 15 that case noncumulative, convertible preferred stock. Another suggestion made by the joint administrators 16 Fixed dividend, once again, of 10 per cent, and the 16 is, well, if the payment is discretionary, that 17 redemption price, once again, involving a premium over 17 represents the point of distinction. But the 18 the face value to reflect that. 18 non-payment of dividends on preferred equity carries 19 19 My Lord, those are only illustrative of the vast legal consequences, including the rolling up of 20 array of potential financial instruments by which users 20 the dividend, and in due course you can have scenarios 21 21 of the ISDA form could fund or plug holes in their where if you don't pay dividends for a period of time 22 balance sheets following a default. But, my Lord, we 22 the holders of the preferred stock are able to put their 23 23 say that they do reveal the essentially artificial own directors on the board and so forth, all matters of 24 nature of the distinctions which Wentworth and the joint 24 commercial significance. Equally, borrowing facilities 25 administrators are inviting the court to draw when 25 may enable the debtor to postpone the point of payment Page 121 Page 123 1 interpreting the phrase "cost of funding" only to 1 for a period of time. 2 2 include cost of funding with a debt character. So, my Lord, we submit that none of those provide 3 3 My Lord, it might be worth just picking up some of any satisfactory touchstone for distinguishing between 4 4 debt funding and equity funding. It is a distinction the points of distinction which it is suggested may 5 represent, as it were, the means by which the court can 5 which, were it to be read into the clause as part of 6 distinguish what is in from what is out. Wentworth 6 the exercise of construction, would generate endless 7 7 says, "Well, only borrowing imposes an obligation to dispute and really destroy the predictability and certainty which ISDA were looking to achieve. 8 8 repay". My Lord, that is not true of perpetual 9 9 borrowing, such as perpetual subordinated borrowing or MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: This all circles around the notion of 10 perpetual notes, perpetual bonds. But in economic 10 cost? Wentworths say that the conditional exposure of 11 a company to distribute in accordance either with 11 substance, if a borrower has an unrestricted right to 12 12 a fixed percentage or by reference to ordinary shares is defer payment of principal for so long as they are 13 13 paying interest, it is not meaningful to say that there not the same as a cost. 14 is an obligation to repay the amount there at a fixed 14 MR FOXTON: I think, my Lord, we would say that if one 15 point in time. If one is talking about limited recourse 15 looks, for example, at the 10 per cent payable on the 16 borrowing, the repayment obligation will be conditioned 16 Goldman Sachs preference shares issued to Berkshire 17 17 by the availability from the limited recourse assets of Hathaway, to say that that is not properly described as 18 18 funds to do that. a cost of that funding is really a commercially absurd 19 19 My Lord, we say that isn't a legitimate way of statement. The fact that you do not have an 20 distinguishing between the two. The distinction that 20 unimpeachable right to receive that amount at the same 21 point every year, at least under English and I think 21 borrowing carries interest in equity does not -- we have 22 just looked at the coupons payable on either preferred 22 New York preferred equity, does not prevent the right 23 equity or hybrid instruments, which we would say it is 23 accumulating, nor does it prevent the adverse 24 very difficult indeed meaningfully to distinguish from 24 consequences for not paying it. 25 interest payable on a loan. 25 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think one of the distinctions may Page 122 Page 124

1	be, or may be suggested to be, the right of	1	knowledge as to the proper law that will govern the
2	participation, however measured, is not the same as	2	actual or notional funding transaction. There is
3	a cost. The giving of a right is not in exposing	3	nothing that requires that to be governed by the same
4	a cost entitlement to it is not a claim in cost, if	4	law. Attempting to use refined distinctions under
5	you like.	5	English law as to the form of particular types of
6	MR FOXTON: My Lord, I see the point, but we would say that.	6	contract as opposed to their economic substance would
7	first of all, with limited recourse debt one could	7	cause very real difficulties if the funding is obtained
8	describe that as a right of participation in some ways,	8	or would have been obtained not under an English law
9	and yet there is no suggestion that that is not capable	9	transaction, but under something very different.
10	of constituting a cost. And that from the commercial	10	My Lord, that would be a further reason why we would
11	perspective, the suggestion that a fixed coupon on	11	say that the draftsman uses general language and why the
12	preferred equity was not a cost of the funding is one	12	court should not be looking to read it down by reference
13	that would strike users of the form as a very technical,	13	to either the English law procedural history of court
14	uncommercial and absurd distinction, my Lord.	14	awards of interest or other formal distinctions drawn
15	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is a distinction drawn, isn't it?	15	between loans and sale contracts, for example, when
16	I mean, for accounting purposes may be equated and	16	their economic rationale and intent is to achieve the
17	brought out all sorts of reasons why they are	17	same outcome.
18	commercially analogous. A share is a share and debt is	18	My Lord, I have mentioned Wentworth's response on
19	debt. There are differences, aren't there?	19	hybrid instruments, which is to say, well, the debt
20	MR FOXTON: I suppose it partly comes to this question	20	parts of them are debt and can fall within the clause,
21	your Lordship mentioned accounting, there are forms of	21	and the rest cannot.
22	debt which don't take the legal form of a loan at all.	22	I think the way in which it is put is that, for the
23	Repo agreements with the sale and repurchase are always	23	purpose of certifying, you would disentangle the costs
24	accounted as loans. They take the legal form of a sale	24	of borrowing from the costs of equity.
25	contract, on the one hand, and an obligation to	25	My Lord, it is artificial, for reasons we have
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1	repurchase on the other. Finance leases, numerous	1	already given, when you have a package of rights, to
2	others, where one is able to achieve what is, in	2	think you can take out one part without allowing for the
3	economic terms, something that is indistinguishable from	3	fact that it was negotiated as part of a greater whole.
4	borrowing through the legal form of something that is	4	But, once again, it is very difficult to see how both
5	not a loan.	5	the draftsman and the users of the form can have
6	My Lord, it is not clear to us whether the	6	contemplated that exercise.
7	contention being urged on your Lordship is that the cost	7	The idea that the party certifying needs to sit down
8	of funding falls to be tested by the legal form rather	8	and engage in some disentangling exercise from the
9	than the commercial character of the instrument. If	9	hybrid funding it has used or would have used and the
10	that is the suggestion being made, I would venture to	10	scope for dispute thereafter when the other party says,
11	suggest it would cause consternation in the commercial	11	"Well, I don't accept that the bits you have identified
12	community using that. It would not accord with their	12	as the debt element really are the debt elements".
13	reasonable expectations of how the phrase "cost of	13	My Lord, we say that would be a recipe for
14	funding" would be achieved.	14	litigation which might have champagne corks popping in
15	My Lord, all of this sort of uncommercial	15	the Temple and elsewhere, but would be a source of great
16	distinction has been drawn not to give effect to some	16	dissatisfaction on behalf of those who use the form.
17	words that do appear in the contract which doesn't	17	My Lord, in terms of where this call goes, it almost
18	distinguish between one type of funding and another, but	18	comes back to where we started, that one has a continuum
19	to serve some inherent but unstated limitation.	19	of methods of funding and of financial instruments
20	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say there are millions of means o		available to a party looking to obtain funding. There
21	funding and you have to pay the cost of it?	21	aren't the clear, bright line divides between debt and
	MR FOXTON: My Lord, that is it.	22	equity that Wentworth would suggest. The attempt to
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22 23	My Lord, obviously we are concerned with construing	23	draw those divides would lead to transactions which are
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1 1 coming back to the very simple, and we would say wide, My Lord, issue 14, the manifest error point. What 2 2 wording used in the form, there is simply no proper seems to have happened here is that, in different legal 3 basis to make the attempt and to seek to read in 3 contexts -- both of which involve a party certifying 4 limitations of that kind within the words "any cost of 4 something -- different ways have been arrived at of 5 5 funding". giving the necessary finality to the certifying process, 6 6 My Lord, that is, I think, most of what I wanted to while leaving some limited scope for objection in 7 7 say on issue 11. Otherwise, we are very content to appropriate cases. 8 8 adopt the submissions that Mr Dicker has made. The contractual discretion cases have reached out, 9 I have very few points on issues 12 and 14. There 9 as your Lordship mentioned, to Wednesbury 10 10 is a notional issue between the joint administrators and unreasonableness and public law concepts to reflect the 11 Goldman on issue 12, but I think, on analysis, it is one 11 fact that where there are a series of reasonable 12 12 choices, you don't trump the decision-maker, provided he that falls away. 13 My Lord, I wonder if you would take up the joint 13 is one of them. 14 14 administrators' skeleton argument to see how the You have other legal contexts. Certificates of 15 15 question arises. My Lord, that is in bundle 3, tab 1, quality, expert determination, where the focus has been 16 page 33. My Lord, paragraphs 121 and 122 identify as 16 rather more on looking at the end result. Can you, on 17 17 the only live issue on issue 12(4) a point taken by the case of it, show that something has gone wrong? It 18 Goldman Sachs. The point arises in this way: I think 18 is in that context, as I say, that one sees language of 19 the argument was raised: could it ever be a sort of 19 manifest error much more than in the contractual 20 rational certification to certify funding for the exact 20 discretion context. 21 2.1 period which it is, with the benefit of hindsight, known It brings in its wake normally issues about what 22 would have elapsed between the payment date and the date 22 does "manifest" mean, and does it mean manifest on the 23 when the relevant amount is actually paid? 23 face of the certificate and can you compare two 24 24 I think the point that the administrators have taken different documents for the purpose of showing 25 is that, as no party could have known how long that 25 a manifest error? Page 129 Page 131 1 would take in this case, they could never rationally or 1 My Lord, it is fair to say, at least in the expert 2 2 in good faith certify on that basis. determination context, it is not an opt-out that would 3 3 My Lord, I think the issue between us is not one be implied, but something that would have to be 4 4 that in fact arises here, but if one is looking at an expressed. 5 exercise of construction, one could see circumstances in 5 My Lord, we are concerned at the sort of 6 which the relevant payee would know how long it would be 6 mix-and-match approach that might be involved in having 7 before they would receive the amount that they were due 7 the rationality language and then bringing in alongside 8 8 to be paid. that a concept of manifest error. 9 9 If the defaulting party had said, "I can't pay you As Mr Dicker says, it either adds something, in 10 now but, because of other matters that are going on, 10 which case, what and on what basis, and why hasn't this I know I can pay you on this date", then in those 11 been recognised in Socimer or any previous case? Or it 11 12 circumstances we say there would be nothing 12 doesn't, in which case one doesn't need it. We would 13 13 objectionable or unlikely in the relevant payee going invite your Lordship not to identify that as 14 out and obtaining funding in anticipation for the exact 14 a freestanding ground of challenge, because it is not 15 period. But we quite accept, moving from the issue of 15 one that is stated in the clause at all, it is not one 16 construction to the issue of where we will be on 16 that finds support in authorities on contractual 17 17 rationality and certification, no-one here did in fact discretions of valuation, and so forth, which are very 18 know at the start how long it would be before any 18 much close to the context we are looking at here, and, 19 relevant amounts were paid. 19 in those areas when the expression has been used, in 20 20 I hope that that is sufficient to dispose of that contracts or has been recognised as a way of objecting 21 21 last live point on issue 12(4). I think, for all to a certificate, it brings in a series of issues in its 22 22 practical purposes, there is no disagreement in this wake that we shouldn't be looking to import into the 23 23 case, and it may be one can leave the issue of theory certification of an interest rate under the default that might arise in a different case to another 24 24 25 occasion. 25 My Lord, we are going to invite your Lordship simply Page 130 Page 132

1	to stick with the requirements identified in Socimer of	1	scope of the certification exercise which the contract
2	rationality and good faith.	2	provides, and we accept that if you
3	I think Mr Trower mentioned in opening that there	3	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Where is the wording?
4	was an issue about whether Goldman Sachs were contending	4	MR FOXTON: There are two formulations. Our suggested
5	that rationality extended to the construction of	5	formulation is in the supplemental skeleton, in
6	the clause, such that if the certifying party had taken	6	volume 3. My Lord, tab 7, page 18, paragraph 36.
7	a reasonable but erroneous view of what the clause	7	My Lord, that is competing draft 1.
8	meant, was it protected? We don't suggest that is the	8	Competing draft 2, one can find it in the same
9	position. Your Lordship will decide what the clause	9	bundle, tab 1, page 38. My Lord, it is the very top of
10	means, and it will fall to the relevant parties to apply	10	that page. That is the joint administrators' suggested
11	that construction. That is equally true, of course, for	11	wording.
12	those seeking to challenge certificates as it is for	12	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Is this something capable of being
13	those who will be issuing them.	13	ironed out between you?
14	My Lord, can I briefly just check whether there are	14	MR FOXTON: My Lord, I think it is, because actually I don't
15	any other points I need to raise now?	15	detect a disagreement of principle. It may be it is one
16	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.	16	of those scenarios where one is, in a sense, seeing
17	MR FOXTON: My Lord, Mr Morrison reminds me that it may be	17	problems where they don't really arise. Perhaps if we
18	part of the problem on this very last point is the	18	can be satisfied that more isn't intended by this than
19	competing language as to how one reflects the fact that	19	what we understand to be intended, namely, we are all
20	it is the court's construction that falls to be applied	20	stuck, if I may so put it, with the construction of
21	by the parties when the certification process is	21	the clause that the court adopts, then I don't think
22	undertaken.	22	there ought to be any problem. I will have a word with
23	The way in which the issue is formulated at the	23	my learned friend outside court and see if that is where
24	moment is a certificate won't be conclusive if it is	24	we are.
25	"something other than the relevant payee's costs if it	25	My Lord, unless I can assist your Lordship any
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2	that irrationality, whereas the concept of manifest	2	MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, may I begin by offering a small route
3	error, at least on some interpretations, might do.	3	map of where we are going on submissions on this side.
4	My Lord, if a party could show this end product does not	4	First of all, to make this point, that I shall be
5	rationally follow from the preceding stages, that would	5	conducting the case insofar as it relates to issues 11
6	be a basis on which you could bring an irrationality	6	to 13, and indeed all of the ISDA issues, so far as
7	challenge.	7	English and New York law are concerned. In relation to
8	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: If the irrationality challenge were	8	the German issues, my Lord will have the benefit of
9	brought and the approach were held to be rational, or	9	the A team, and Mr Allison and Mr Al-Attar will be
10	not irrational, but the calculation of the sums involved	10	dealing with that aspect of the case. If I disappear at
11	within that approach turned out to be wrong	11	that part, there is no disrespect to the court, the
12	mathematically, or had adopted a premise which was	12	German issues or Germany in general.
13	simply wrong?	13	As far as the English issues are concerned, I will
14	MR FOXTON: My Lord, my understanding is irrationality	14	adopt the same order for my Lord's convenience as
15	wouldn't only go to the approach or procedure, but the	15	Mr Dicker adopted, namely, starting with issue 11, in
16	outcome has to be a rational outcome. If you have some	16	the course of which I will wrap up I suspect most of
17	reasonable	17	the points under issues 12 and possibly 13 as well, but
18	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: No irrationality in arithmetic, is	18	I will deal with what is left at the end. I will then
19	what you are saying?	19	deal with issue 10.
20	MR FOXTON: My Lord, it is always difficult with these sort	20	Turning to issue 11, and, again, a short preview of
21	of points to sort of deal with them in the abstract.	21	the subheadings. The first subheading will be related
22	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. That is what you are asking me	22	to funding, the word "funding" in its context, properly
23	to do.	23	meaning "borrowing". The second subheading will be
24	MR FOXTON: My Lord, I am conscious of that. I suppose the	24	"Cost" and what the meaning of "cost" is in context.
25	answer that I would put to your Lordship is, at least on	25	The third is a subset of that, which is the point that
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1	the authorities on contractual discretion, no-one has	1	"cost" means what has to be paid, as opposed to any
2	seen it necessary thus far to identify a separate	2	amount that the party might choose to pay, in order to
3	category of manifest error going beyond whatever follows	3	anchor the rationality test in concrete.
4	from a decision being not one reasonably open, and,	4	The fourth subheading will then address the question
5	therefore, it would be a contentious extension of	5	whether equity, cost of equity, is in or outside the
6	the existing law, we would submit, to do that.	6	definition, and we say, of course, it is outside the
7	The same problems might even arise if an issue of	7	definition. I have specific points relating to equity.
8	manifest error was included, dependent upon what was	8	The fifth subheading then will be responding to
9	relevant for the purposes of showing the error and when	9	particular arguments ranged against us from the SCG and
10	an error is and is not manifest. I am not sure that	10	Goldman Sachs, particularly of course focusing on
11	either party would really be offering your Lordship in	11	equity, because that is the main challenge there.
12	the abstract a complete answer.	12	Then, finally, I will pick up the joint
13	What I think one can say is that, where one is able	13	administrators' questions they have posed in their
14	to look at something and see that something has gone	14	skeleton, including I will deal briefly with their
15	obviously wrong in it, so the decision doesn't follow	15	additional question, which is: what happens when the
16	through from the grounds that are supposedly being used	16	relevant payee cannot borrow? That has been addressed
17	to arrive at it, there ought to be the basis of an	17	during the course of submissions, and I will pick that
18	irrationality challenge of some sort there.	18	up at the end, if I may.
19	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I see manifest error can mean either	19	Turning then to issue 11. My Lord has seen the
20	obviously wrong after enquiry or obviously wrong on its	20	relevant expression many times that we are here
21	face	21	defining. The expression is, "A rate per annum equal to
22	MR FOXTON: Or something in between.	22	the cost of the relevant payee if it were to fund or of
23	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: or obviously wrong after a great	23	funding the relevant amount".
24	deal of thought. I can see that there are shadings.	24	The preliminary point is this, that the default rate
25	You have been very helpful. Thank you very much.	25	has been defined as the cost of obtaining replacement
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1 1 funding. That is, I think, common ground and it is very important background to the draftsman of the agreement. 2 2 clear on the wording of the definition. Taking the first point, the user guides, and for 3 3 That is to be contrasted with a possible alternative this, as I say, we need to track the origin of this 4 4 definition back to when it first emerged. The way of recompensing someone who hasn't been paid, 5 definition emerged first in a 1987 ISDA agreement. It 5 namely, the lost opportunity to make profits if they had 6 has remained in exactly the same wording ever since --6 been paid the sum. 7 7 the default rate, that is, has had the same wording ever There is an obvious reason for that course being 8 8 adopted, namely, that if you do go out and replace the since. 9 9 sum, you can then make the profits that you would Before I take my Lord to the relevant passages in 10 10 otherwise say you would have made. The draftsman has the agreements and the user guides, can I just show 11 very clearly chosen the first of those courses, not the 11 my Lord a couple of authorities to make good the point 12 that the user guides, and indeed previous versions of 12 second. I will come back to that as one of the points 13 when we consider whether equity is permissible within 13 the master agreement, are relevant, admissible evidence 14 14 for the purpose of construing each of the agreements. the meaning of the phrase. 15 15 The first is the Firth Rixson decision in the Court of Our case distils down, really, to two main points. 16 Firstly, that "funding" in context means borrowing the 16 Appeal, which is authorities bundle 2 at tab 52. 17 17 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You are dealing only with English law 18 Secondly, that in context "cost" means the price 18 at the moment? 19 19 MR ZACAROLI: I am dealing with English law, tab 52. required to be paid in transacting to borrow the 20 relevant amount. 20 My Lord, this was the Court of Appeal decision that 21 my learned friend Mr Foxton mentioned earlier, being 2.1 What we seek to do is to define both of those words 22 22 in their proper context. It is said against us that we when the Court of Appeal determined what the meaning of 23 23 are actually taking them out of context and somehow clause 2(a)(iii) of the ISDA master agreement was. We 24 24 don't need to see the totality of the decision. There ignoring the context they are in. In fact, it is the 25 reverse as I will show, that in reality my learned 25 were a number of issues raised in it. But there is Page 141 Page 143 1 friends' cases depend on taking words like "cost" out of 1 a particular passage in the judgment of 2 the context of the clause to, "Well, there is a cost of 2 Lord Justice Longmore, which is the judgment of 3 3 equity", because we all know that. The important the court, at paragraphs 48 and following, which I want 4 4 question is: does it have a cost for the purposes of to show my Lord. 5 the definition? 5 The background to the point is this: my Lord 6 In relation to the first point, then, "funding means 6 probably knows that 2(a)(iii) operates as a suspension 7 7 borrowing", we have three points under this heading. on an obligation to pay or deliver under 2(a)(i) if one 8 8 The first is, when one looks at the context, the of the parties is suffering an event of default. One of 9 9 linguistic context, which includes the master agreements the arguments advanced was that, if by the time you 10 themselves, the earlier form of the master agreement, 10 reach maturity of the agreement the default hasn't been which was 1987 -- I will show my Lord that in 11 remedied, the suspension becomes, as it were, permanent, 11 12 12 a moment -- and the user guides, it is clear that the and the obligation is lost, it falls away altogether. 13 13 draftsman intended "funding" to be a proxy for That was the argument that was advanced. Indeed, the 14 "borrowing". 14 judge held that. 15 15 The second point is that in the context of At paragraph 49, then, the judge gave three reasons 16 the definition itself, the word "funding" necessarily 16 for coming to this conclusion. The second one is the 17 implies something which has to be repaid, ie, borrowing 17 important one: 18 The third point is, to refer to one of the background 18 "On its true construction, section 9(c) of the ISDA 19 19 matters or contexts, which is the general law approach master agreement provided for extinction of the payment 20 20 to interest -- we have dealt with this briefly in the obligation." 21 skeleton, the point being that, as a matter of 21 9(c) is copied out just below letter F: 22 generality, in the Commercial Court here, certainly, the 22 "Without prejudice to sections 2(a)(iii) and 23 approach to valuing or identifying the time value of 23 6(c)(ii) the obligations to the parties under this 24 money for the purposes of a rate of interest is by what 24 agreement will survive the termination of any 25 it would cost you to borrow it. That, we say, is 25 transaction."

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1	He then notes at paragraph 50:	1	came to determining loss, which the court had found
2	"The exclusion of section 6(c)(ii) is readily	2	existed in relation to the 1992 agreement. One of
3	understandable since that is the provision stating that	3	the issues was whether that continued forward into the
4	the effect of designating an early termination date is	4	2002 agreement.
5	that no further payment or deliveries are to be made but	5	Again, one doesn't need to know the full background
6	that amounts, if any, payable by one party to the other	6	to get the point, but the relevant point is at
7	will be determined pursuant to section 6(e)"	7	paragraph 51 and following of the judgment of Lady
8	Then in 51, Lord Justice Longmore notes:	8	justice Arden. First of all, my Lord will note at
9	"The previous form of ISDA agreement published in	9	paragraph 52 this is dealing with the question of
10	1987 under the title 'Interest rate and currency	10	construction and interpretation of the agreements.
11	exchange agreement' had sections 2(a)(iii) and 9(c) in	11	Paragraph 52, the Lady Justice says:
12	a slightly different form. Section 2(a)(iii) had no	12	"The 2002 master agreement must of course be
13	reference to the second condition precedent in the 1987		interpreted in the light of the relevant background,
14	form (absence of occurrence or designation of early	14	that includes the 1992 agreement, the prior case law on
15	termination) and provided simply:	15	the 1992 agreement and the users' guide."
16	"' (iii) each obligation of each party to pay	16	Under the heading "2" on the next page
17	any amount due under section 2(a)(i) is subject to	17	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I'm just reading 53.
18	(1) the condition precedent that no event of default or	18	MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
19	potential event of default with respect to the other	19	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Do you mind if I read 53 and 54?
20	party has occurred and is continuing and (2) each other	20	MR ZACAROLI: No, indeed.
21	applicable condition precedent specified in this	21	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. What was the wrong question tha
		22	the judge had asked?
22	agreement'.	23	MR ZACAROLI: I think, by reading the second sentence, you
23	"Then section 9(c) of the 1987 agreement had no	24	can deduce that it was he thought there would have to be
24	reference to 2(a)(iii), but simply provided, 'Except as	25	substantial grounds shown as to why the value clean
25	provided in section 6(c)(ii) the obligations to the	23	
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1	parties under this agreement will survive the	1	principle meant something different in the 2002
2	termination of any swap transaction'."	2	agreement than the 1992 agreement.
3	What is missing is a reference to 2(a)(iii) in the	3	Paragraph 55, to pick up on the way through
4	1987 form. That is the difference.	4	my Lord may have read it an important question is:
5	Could my Lord perhaps read paragraph 52 and the		my Lord may have read it an important question is.
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2	It is a very strong authority for the Court of	2	thereon in the termination currency from (and including)
3	Appeal looking at prior agreement and the users' guide	3	the relevant early termination date to (but excluding)
4	explanation for changes between them in construing the	4	the relevant due date, calculated as follows."
5	later agreement.	5	Then:
6	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: In 57 don't answer it now, but you	6	"If it arises as a result of an event of default it
7	will come on to that, the overarching principle of using	7	is payable at the default rate."
8	commercially reasonable procedures? I think it is	8	If it is as a result of a termination event, then it
9	submitted that that is applicable throughout, including	9	is the default rate minus 1 per cent. A difference
10	into the it informs also the default rate. Is that	10	there, but it is still anchoring in the default rate.
11	right?	11	Then page 11 is within the definition section, 14,
12	MR ZACAROLI: I didn't understand that submission to be made	12	you will see:
13	in that way. Perhaps I can clarify it with my learned	13	"'Default rate' means a rate per annum equal to
14	friend overnight. If it is, I will deal with it in due	14	the cost"
15	course.	15	You will see the wording there that we recognise
16	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.	16	from the later agreements.
17	MR ZACAROLI: Those are the authorities. In passing, as	17	Effectively, what the agreement has done at 6(d) is
18	I said we are dealing with English law, it so happens	18	to say, if it is a default, you pay the default rate
19	that my Lord has already seen the passage from	19	which has the 1 per cent spread added, but if not it is
20	Judge Chapman in the Intel case, where he does exactly	20	just at the default rate without that spread it is
21	the same thing, looking at the 1987 agreement and the	21	cost of funding to the relevant payee without that
22	users' guide to interpret the 1992 agreement. My Lord	22	spread.
23	was asked to read a passage where that is exactly what	23	Then just to note that under the definition of
24	he is doing there. But that is New York law. We will	24	"unpaid amounts", you will see concepts similar to those
25	come on to that next week.	25	which then inform the non-default rate we see later and
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1	If my Lord can now pick up bundle 5, tab 1 is the	1	the termination rate. Under "Unpaid amounts" at the
2	1987 interest rate and currency exchange agreement under	2	bottom of the main paragraph, it says interest is
3	the ISDA heading. I said that the default rate makes	3	calculated as follows on the unpaid amounts:
4	its first appearance in this agreement, which it does.	4	"In the case of notice of an early termination date
5	Before we get to that, my Lord, can we first look at	5	given as a result of an event of default:
6	page 2 of the bundle referencing. At the bottom of that	6	"(i) interest on such amounts due and payable by
7	is subsection 2(e), default interest:	7	a defaulting party will be calculated at the default
8	"A party that defaults in payment of any amount due	8	rate; and.
9	will"	9	"(ii) interest on such amounts due and payable by
10	You will see it is very similar to what we later see	10	the other party will be calculated at a rate per annum
11	as 2(e):	11	equal to the cost to such other party if it were to
12	"If you default in payment, you pay interest at the	12	fund such amounts"
13	default rate."	13	Then in the event of an early termination date
14	It goes on at the top of the next page:	14	following a termination event, then you have the
15	"Calculated as a daily compound and the actual	15	introduction of the arithmetic mean of the cost to each
16	number of days elapsed."	16	party. These concepts we see follow on but obviously
17	Moving forward to section 6(d), which mirrors to	17	some different drafting when we get to the 1992
18	some extent 6(d) in the later agreements, page 7, headed	18	agreement.
19	"Calculations", first of all there is the obligation to	19	My Lord, I notice the time, but this is a point
20 21	give a statement, subparagraph (i). Subparagraph (ii), "Due date":	20	which probably needs to be finished in one go, if
22	"The amount calculated as being payable under	21 22	my Lord doesn't mind. MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Sure.
23	section 6(e) will be due on the day that notice of the	23	MR ZACAROLI: That, however, was not the only 1987
24	amount is payable is effective"	23	agreement. There was a second form of agreement
25	Six lines further down:	25	introduced at the same time, which you will see in the
-3	Page 150		Page 152
	- "5" - " "		0

1	next tab in the bundle, tab 1A. It is called "Interest	1	opposite the caption 'Federal Funds (Effective)'."
2	rate swap agreement". We will come to the explanation	2	If you turn on to the next page, there is
3	in a while, but the difference between the two is as	3	a definition then of that phrase, H.15 (519):
4	follows: the one we have just looked at was intended for	4	"It means the weekly statistical release designated
5	use with multiple currencies. It envisaged any currency	5	as such published by the board of governors of the
6	under the transactions.	6	Federal Reserve system."
7	This agreement is designed solely for US dollars.	7	7.2(a), so it is a benchmark rate. It is basically
8	Picking up the relevant parts of this agreement, the	8	the federal reserve rate.
9	provisions for interest are now very different. At	9	The users' guides explain the reason for the
10	page 20E of the bundle, you will see this is section	10	difference. You start with the 1987 users' guide, which
11	6(d) in the middle of the page, (d) is part of	11	you will find at tab 4 of this bundle, the previous tab.
12	section 6, calculations similar to what we have seen	12	On page 84 of the bundle, the first page of the text of
13	before, but the second paragraph here:	13	the users' guide, under the heading "1. Introduction":
14	"Such amount will be paid together with interest	14	"This guide describes how the standard form
15	thereon from and including the relevant early	15	agreements published by the ISDA can be used by
16	termination date to the relevant due date calculated as	16	participants."
17	follows. If notice is given as a result of an event of	17	Then it says there are two forms, the fourth line
18	default then the default rate applies or if notice is	18	under the first paragraph:
19	given as a result of a termination event, then it is the	19	"There are two forms, entitled interest rate swap
20	default rate minus the default spread."	20	agreement and interest rate and currency exchange
21	A similar concept to the one we have seen, but the	21	agreement which differ, principally in the types of
22	wording is different.	22	transactions of which each is suited."
23	Default rate is defined at page 20G:	23	Then on the next page, under (a), so heading 2 "The
24	"'Default rate' means a rate per annum determined in	24	forms and overview", paragraph (a), "Description of
25	accordance with the federal funds floating rate option	25	the forms". Under the first numbered paragraph:
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1	[capitalised term] plus the default spread, using daily	1	"The code based form, the interest rate swap
2	reset dates."	2	agreement, is an agreement for US dollar denominated
3	Then it mentions wording we have seen before:	3	interest rate swaps. It incorporates by reference the
4	"It is payable on the basis of compounding using	4	1986 edition of the code with certain modifications and
5	daily compounding rates."	5	is intended to be used with the code."
6	Then "default spread" is defined immediately below:	6	Number 2, the multicurrency form:
7	"will have the meaning specified in the	7	"This is an agreement for interest rate swaps in any
8	schedule."	8	currency as well as currency swaps and cross-currency
9	Ie, it is a number, it is plus a percentage rate.	9	interest rate swaps. It does not incorporate the code
10	The "federal funds floating rate option" is defined	10	by reference but contains provisions virtually identical
11	in a document called it is the code of standard	11	to the code. Provisions contained in the code-based
12	wording assumptions of provisions for swaps, 1986	12	form, except that it refers to the differences."
13	edition, which you will find at tab 4A of the same	13	The paragraph immediately below that:
14	bundle.	14	"There are no substantive differences in the two
15	Article 7 at page 101Y is headed "Calculation of	15	forms other than minor ones necessitated by the
16	rates for certain floating rate options", so section 7.1	16	multicurrency aspects of the multicurrency form and
17	involved floating rate options. Then it gives a whole	17	differences in the jurisdiction and governing law
18	load of different types of floating rate options, from	18	sections. These differences are noted in part 3 of this
19	LIBOR onwards. The relevant one is on page 101AA,	19	guide."
20	subparagraph (k). You will see the reference there to	20	Turning on to part 3, which begins on the next page,
21	federal funds and the reference across was to federal	21	and turning through to page 97, which explains the
22	funds floating rate options. This is the relevant	22	default rate provisions, paragraph 2, "Default rate and
23	subparagraph:	23	interest and unpaid amounts and termination payments",
24	"[It] means that the rate for a reset date will be	24	subparagraph 1, "Default rate":
	the rate set fourth in H.15 (519) for that day	25	"The default rate"
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1	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Where are you looking now?	1	if that is a convenient moment.
2	MR ZACAROLI: Page 97, paragraph 2 in the middle of	2	MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: 10.30, then. I have to give judgment
3	the page, subparagraph 1, explaining what the default	3	earlier, but it is only a formal matter, so that should
4	rate is. It says:	4	be okay.
5	"The default rate in the code-based form is equal to	5	I did have a word with Mr Justice David Richards
6	the rate determined in accordance with the federal funds	6	this morning. I don't think I need bother you with it,
7	floating rate option plus the default spread. The	7	but if any of you have the I think there was an email
8	default spread must be specified in the schedule. In	8	from Linklaters of 28 October to
9	the multicurrency form the rate is equal to the payee's	9	Mr Justice David Richards' clerk, and there were four
10	cost of funding plus 1 per cent, since no published	10	questions identified.
11	index exists covering all possible currencies."	11	Provisionally, and subject to discussion with you
12	The 1992 ISDA guide repeats much of that history.	12	and with him, it may be that I should do 1 and he should
13	If I can turn just to one reference in it. It is tab 5	13	do 2, 3 and 4, assuming there to be a linkage between 1
14	in the same bundle. At page 119, the heading is "B.	14	and the issues of German law which have been raised, or
15	The pre 1992 architecture", it sets out some of	15	a potential linkage. If I were to do that and if he
16	the history there, but the relevant passage is the	16	were to do that, we would give York also the opportunity
17	sentence at the top of page 120. Four lines down,	17	to make submissions, since it is only fair that they
18	towards the end of the line, having referred to the	18	should, if oral submissions are required at all.
19	earlier agreements:	19	MR ZACAROLI: I'm grateful.
20	" the only substantive difference between the	20	(4.30 pm)
21	1987 agreements and the 1987 interest rate swap	21	(The hearing was adjourned until
22	agreement were minor differences necessitated by the	22	Wednesday, 11 November 2015 at 10.30 am)
23	multicurrency aspects of the 1987 agreement."	23	INDEX
24	My Lord, we submit that that explanation in the	24	
25	users' guide for why there was a difference between the	25	Opening submissions by MR DICKER1
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1	"cost of funding" language and the benchmark rate in the	1	(continued)
2	two 1987 agreements, as followed through in the	2	(commutation)
3	explanation of the 1992 guide, is a convincing	3	Opening submissions by MR FOXTON76
4	explanation of the "cost of funding" language which does		-F8
5	not permit that language to be expanded beyond the	5	Opening submissions by MR ZACAROLI139
6	concept of borrowing. It shows that, essentially, the	6	1. 8
7	draftsman was thinking of borrowing, what it would cost	7	
8	to borrow the funds. In the one sense, he had	8	
9	a benchmark rate because it was just US dollars, in the	9	
10	other he didn't, because it could be any currency, so he	10	
11	used the phrase "cost of funding" for that reason alone.	11	
12	My learned friend described the drafting of the ISDA	12	
13	master agreements as flawless, the draftsman meant what	13	
14	he said and said what he meant. We say in the light of	14	
15	the users' guide and the different versions it is very	15	
16	clear what he meant in this context.	16	
17	It is important to note that the language then	17	
18	remains the same thereafter. We submit we will come	18	
19	on to this later that when you look at the later	19	
20	forms there is no justification for finding any	20	
21	different meaning in the phrase "cost of funds, cost of	21	
22	funding the relevant amount" to what it would have had	22	
23	in the 1987 agreement.	23	
24	My Lord, that is my first point. I will come on to	24	
25	the context within the clause itself tomorrow morning,	25	
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