
***LB UK RE Holdings
Limited –
In Administration***

Joint Administrators' progress
report for the period 15 September
2022 to 14 March 2023

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Section 1 Joint Administrators' progress report

Introduction

This is the twenty-ninth progress report by the joint administrators ("Joint Administrators" or "Administrators") of LB UK RE Holdings Limited (In Administration) ("LB UK RE" or the "Company").

If any creditor requires copies of the previous reports these are available on the Administrators' website <https://www.pwc.co.uk/services/business-restructuring/administrations/non-lbie-companies/lb-uk-re-holdings-limited-in-administration.html>. Alternatively, please contact Sarita Olufade at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT.

This report provides details of the progress of the administration in the six months to 14 March 2023 (the "Period").

Residual asset distributions

As previously reported, the terms pursuant to which ownership of LB UK RE's remaining assets should be transferred to Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") or creditors controlled by LBHI (being the only remaining creditors of the Company), were agreed by way of a residual assets transfer agreement ("RATA"). In the period covered by the twenty-second progress report, the remaining claims held by creditors controlled by LBHI were assigned to LBHI, leaving LBHI as the sole creditor of LB UK RE.

The Administrators and LBHI have worked to determine the most appropriate transfer/realisation strategy for all assets.

Closure of the administration

The Administrators' appointment is currently due to expire on 31 May 2023.

As previously reported, prior to the dissolution of LB UK RE, the HMRC Request (as defined further below) will need to be resolved, following which the Administrators will be able to distribute to LBHI the remaining funds held by LB UK RE.

The Administrators have been working to resolve the HMRC Request as expeditiously as possible and anticipate being able to do so before 31 May 2023.

When appropriate, the Administrators intend to bring LB UK RE's administration to an end, pursuant to paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 2016 (the "Act"). Pursuant to paragraph 84(6) of Schedule B1 to the Act, LB UK RE will be dissolved three months thereafter. The Administrators intend shortly to apply to Court to specify the time at which their discharge from liability, pursuant to paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 to the Act, shall take effect.

Assets

Introduction

LB UK RE was principally involved in the management of investments in portfolios of sub-performing, non-performing and performing loans ("SNPLs") and in real estate. It also held other investments and shareholdings in companies and hedge funds ("Principal investments"), as well as various intercompany claims against other insolvent Lehman affiliates.

Please see previous progress reports for more detail in respect of the assets themselves, and the various asset collection strategies adopted by the Administrators.

Key progress in the Period

Loan portfolios

The Administrators have secured collections from the SNPL portfolios during the administration of £363.9m.

The only remaining issue is in respect of the German portfolio where the Administrators have sought to effect LB UK RE's release from the indemnity granted to one of the parties to the securitisation structure. As previously reported, no further specific action is required in respect of the German portfolio prior to the closure of LB UK RE.

Real estate investments

The Administrators have realised £93.1m to date from real estate assets. As previously reported, this is as a result of:

- Selling investments or loans and enforcing the repayment of loans held by subsidiaries, which has resulted in realisations of £24.9m to date; and
- Selling individual properties within portfolios to the value of £268m to date to prepay senior lenders and release cash to assist in servicing the remaining assets in the portfolios.

Principal investments

As previously reported, all work in respect of the Principal investments has now been completed. Total realisations were £433m.

Inter-company claims

As previously reported, all intercompany debts have either been realised or transferred to LBHI or the LBHI-controlled creditors. Total realisations were £47.8m.

Future strategy

As set out above, LB UK RE's remaining assets are in the course of being disposed of or transferred to LBHI. The Administrators do not expect to make any further realisations, and will make a final distribution to LBHI following resolution of the HMRC Request (as defined further below).

Taxation issues

HMRC granted corporation tax clearance for LB UK RE on 5 October 2016. During the Period, the Administrators had to consider HMRC's request to submit corporation tax computations for all periods since submission of the last computation and return for the period ended 30 June 2016 (the 'HMRC Request'). Accordingly, further tax work was undertaken to deal with the HMRC Request and submit all corporation tax computations and returns for the period ended 14 September 2016 and all subsequent year ends up to and including 14 September 2022. The main additional work undertaken by the Administrators in the Period, has been in relation to:

- Continued review of assets being transferred under the RATA to ensure that transfers are in line with the expectations as at the date the tax clearance application was submitted;

- Liaising with HMRC regarding enquiries made including further discussions with HMRC regarding imminent closure of the administration; and
- Compliance with the Administrators' various regulatory obligations.

To date, Value Added Tax ("VAT") totalling £7.6m has been repaid to LB UK RE.

As previously reported, LB UK RE was de-registered for VAT with effect from 1 September 2016. All VAT due to LB UK RE for the period during which it was a member of the Lehman UK VAT group has been recovered by the representative member and paid to LB UK RE.

A portion of the input VAT on costs incurred by LB UK RE after it ceased to be a member of the VAT group can be recovered post de-registration. To date, seven post de-registration claims, relating to input VAT incurred up to 31 December 2021, have been submitted to HMRC with repayments made to LB UK RE.

In the Period, no further VAT claims have been made, nor VAT repayments received, on the basis that the VAT incurred since 1 January 2022 is not yet material enough for a claim to be appropriate. However, we would expect a VAT claim to be made in the next reporting period.

Future reports

As mentioned above, the Administrators anticipate that they will be in a position to, bring the administration to an end prior to 31 May 2023, and in such circumstances would therefore next report to creditors in their final progress report.



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Joint Administrator

LB UK RE Holdings Limited

DY Schwarzmänn, EJ Macnamara, GE Bruce and DJ Kelly have been appointed as Joint Administrators of LB UK RE Holdings Limited. The Joint Administrators were appointed to manage the Company's affairs, business and property as agents without personal liability.

DY Schwarzmänn, EJ Macnamara, GE Bruce and DJ Kelly are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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*The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>.*

Section 2 Statutory and other information

<i>Court details for the administration:</i>	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court - case 7944 of 2008.
<i>Full name:</i>	LB UK RE Holdings Limited.
<i>Trading name:</i>	LB UK RE Holdings Limited.
<i>Registered number:</i>	05347966.
<i>Registered address:</i>	7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT, United Kingdom.
<i>Date of the administration appointment:</i>	15 September 2008.
<i>Administrators' names and addresses:</i>	DY Schwarzmann, EJ Macnamara, GE Bruce and DJ Kelly of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT.
<i>Appointer's name and address:</i>	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court on the application of LB UK RE's directors.
<i>Objective being pursued by the Administrators:</i>	Achieving a better result for LB UK RE's creditors as a whole than would be likely if LB UK RE were wound up (without first being in administration).
<i>Division of the Administrators' responsibilities:</i>	In relation to Paragraph 100(2) Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, during the period for which the administration is in force, any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by any or all of the Joint Administrators may be done by any one or more of the persons for the time being holding that office.
<i>Details of any extensions of the initial period of appointment:</i>	The court has granted an extension of the administration to 31 May 2023.
<i>Proposed end of the administration:</i>	The Administrators currently envisage that, following the disposal or transfer of the residual assets to LBHI, a notice will be submitted to the Registrar of Companies pursuant to Paragraph 84 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 to move LB UK RE from administration to dissolution. However, the Administrators reserve their rights in relation to other options available to them.
<i>Dividend for unsecured creditors:</i>	Non LBHI-controlled creditors have received 63 pence in the pound in total from LB UK RE. LBHI-controlled creditors should ultimately receive dividends of approximately 60.6%, consisting of both cash and the remaining assets of LB UK RE by way of a distribution in specie.
<i>Estimated values of LB UK RE's net property and the prescribed part:</i>	In the absence of qualifying floating charges, The Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003 does not apply to these proceedings.
<i>Whether and why the Administrators intend to apply to court under Section 176A(5) IA86:</i>	Not applicable.
<i>The European Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings (Council Regulation(EC) No. 1346/2000 of 29 May 2000):</i>	The European Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings applies to this administration and the proceedings are the main proceedings.

Section 3 Joint Administrators' remuneration

The approval of the Administrators' remuneration for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022, totalling £128k plus VAT, was carried out by way of a written resolution of creditors as a whole pursuant to Rule 15 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 ("IR16"), dated 3 October 2022. The time cost analysis for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022, totalling £232k plus VAT, was submitted to the remaining creditor after the Period, and subsequently approved. During the Period, the Administrators have drawn remuneration of £220k plus VAT.

Time cost analyses are submitted to the remaining creditor along with such further information that the remaining creditor requires the Administrators to provide, taking into account the requirements of Statement of Insolvency Practice No.9 governing the disclosure of insolvency office holders' time costs and expenses.

The Administrators have drawn remuneration of £53.6m plus VAT in total since the commencement of the administration.

Additional analysis of Administrators' remuneration

The table below provides an analysis of the total hours and cost by grade in respect of the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022. Administrators' time costs incurred during the Period totalled £0.4m.

Grade	Hours	Costs (£)
Partner	18.3	24,468
Director	15.6	15,210
Senior manager	7.5	7,986
Manager	173	123,793
Senior associate	73.4	38,765
Associate	51.5	22,224
Total	339	232,444

The following table provides a further analysis of the total hours and costs incurred by activity:

Activity	Hours	Costs (£)
Working assets/realisations	-	-
Strategy, administration, planning and compliance	95	56,423
Tax and VAT	168	133,637
Creditor reporting, asset transfer management, reserving and closure	31	20,789
Accounting & treasury	45	21,597
Total	339	232,444

Creditor's rights

The creditor has the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.9 IR16. Any request must be in writing. The creditor can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.34 IR16. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

<https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides/2017/administration-creditor-fee-guide-6-april-2017.ashx?la=en>

A copy may be obtained by the creditor free of charge by contacting Sarita Olufade at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, 7 More London Riverside, London SE1 2RT.

Receipts and payments account

An account of the receipts and payments in the administration for the six months to 14 March 2023, and the cumulative total since commencement of the administration, is set out in Section 4 of this report.

Payments in the Period included £220k plus VAT in respect of Administrators' remuneration.

Cash held as at 14 March 2023 totals £1.1m (GBP equivalent).

Section 4 Receipts and payments

	As at 14 March 2023			TOTAL GBP equivalent	Movements	As at 14 September	As at 14 September 2022 (GBP equivalent) RESTATED at 14 March 2023 exchange rate
	GBP (£)	US (\$)	EUR (€)		from 15 September 2022 to 14 March 2023 (GBP equivalent)	2022(GBP equivalent)	
	mil	mil	mil	mil	mil	mil	mil
RECEIPTS							
SNPL recoveries	1.7	63.1	351.2	363.9	-	363.9	359.5
Real estate recoveries	17.9	2.2	83.1	93.1	-	93.1	91.5
Principal investments	69.3	236.9	190.7	433.0	-	433.0	438.5
Other recoveries	0.9	-	-	0.9	-	0.9	0.9
Distributions received	43.4	5.4	-	47.8	-	47.8	48.0
Internal currency transfer	646.5	2.8	1.9	650.5	-	650.5	650.6
Corporation Tax repayments	12.0	-	-	12.0	-	12.0	12.0
VAT repayments	7.6	-	-	7.6	-	7.6	7.6
Interest	1.0	0.9	2.8	4.3	-	4.3	4.3
Receipts Grand Totals	800.3	311.3	629.7	1,613.1	-	1,613.1	1,612.9
PAYMENTS							
Building and occupancy costs	5.3	-	0.1	5.4	-	5.4	5.4
Payroll and employee costs	18.2	-	4.5	22.2	-	22.2	22.1
Legal fees	19.7	0.1	1.1	20.8	-	20.8	20.7
Insurance premiums	2.2	-	0.2	2.4	-	2.4	2.4
Principal investments	-	0.3	-	0.2	-	0.2	0.3
Acquisition of Portuguese loan portfolio	-	-	7.3	6.4	-	6.4	6.3
Office holders' remuneration	63.9	-	-	63.9	0.4	63.5	63.6
Office holders' disbursements	0.3	-	-	0.3	-	0.3	0.3
Other professional fees	5.2	-	2.2	7.1	-	7.1	7.1
Distribution to unsecured creditors	649.6	-	-	649.6	-	649.6	649.6
Legal Settlement	-	0.1	0.2	0.4	-	0.4	0.4
Real Estate valuation costs	0.2	-	-	0.2	-	0.2	0.2
Firstcity credit facility	-	-	4.0	3.5	-	3.5	3.5
Portuguese tax liability	-	-	1.7	1.5	-	1.5	1.5
Bonus payments in relation to Portuguese assets	-	-	5.7	5.0	-	5.0	4.9
Internal currency transfer	3.3	305.3	566.1	755.0	-	755.0	755.8
LBHI- pursuant to the RATA	19.3	5.4	35.8	55.4	-	55.4	54.9
Transfer to CVA	12.5	-	-	12.5	-	12.5	12.5
Payments Grand Totals	799.7	311.2	628.9	1,611.9	0.4	1,611.4	1,611.4
NET POSITION	0.6	0.1	0.8	1.1	-	1.7	1.5
CASH BALANCES							
HSBC/ Barclays	0.4	0.0	0.7	1.1	-	-	-
Citibank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Money markets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Cash	0.4	-	0.7	1.1	-	-	-

Exchange rate as at 14 September 2022

US\$ 1 : GBP 0.8636
EURO €1 : GBP 0.8635

Exchange rate as at 14 March 2023

US\$ 1 : GBP 0.8245
EURO €1 : GBP 0.8832

Amounts include VAT where applicable

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