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1 Introduction

Morgan Kelly, Phil Quinlan and Stewart McCallum were appointed as Administrators of the Company on 27 November 2018 pursuant to Section 239I of the Companies Act 1993 (the **Act**). The appointment followed the appointment of the same Administrators to the Australian entity, being Halifax Investment Services Pty Limited (**Halifax AU**) on 23 November 2018.

At the watershed meeting held on 22 March 2019, creditors resolved that the Company be wound up pursuant to Section 239ABA of the Act and that the Administrators be appointed as Liquidators of the Company. As previously advised, Stewart McCallum has since resigned as Liquidator of the Company effective from 9 May 2019, and Peter Gothard was appointed joint and several Liquidator of the Company upon the resignation of Morgan Kelly on 15 December 2022.

For the purposes of this Report, the Company and Halifax AU are collectively referred to as the Halifax Group. Investor clients of the Halifax Group are referred to as Investors.

2 Statutory reporting

This report has been prepared pursuant to Section 255(2)(d) of the Act and covers the six-month period from 23 March 2026 to 22 September 2026. (**This Report**).

This Report should be read in conjunction with the Liquidators' previous reports and updates.

Copies of all previous reports and updates are available at the following link:

https://kpmg.com/au/en/creditors/halifax-nz-limited.html

3 Restrictions

This Report has been prepared in accordance with and for the purpose of Section 255 of the Act. It is prepared for the sole purpose of reporting on the state of affairs of the Company in liquidation and the conduct of the liquidation. It is not the intention that This Report is available for general circulation, nor should it be reproduced in full or in part without the Liquidators' written consent.

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All amounts are in NZD unless specified.

4 Current position

4.1 Matters addressed during the liquidation

During the reporting period the primary focus of the Liquidation has been:

- The application of the Investor Portal to manage the verification of claims submitted and distribution of cash to Investors in accordance with the outcome of the Client Money proceedings.
- Reaching out via email and calls to Investors with a claim amount above $5,000 who are yet to submit a claim.
- Ongoing communications with Investors including in relation to operation of the Investor Portal, claim submission process and dealing with returned payments.
- Attendance to operational tasks including trade-on management, processing receipts and payments and attending to statutory lodgements. Other administration tasks included general correspondence, document maintenance, file review, insurance matters, internal meetings and bank account administration.

4.1.1 Liabilities

No secured creditors have filed claims since our last report. It is not necessary for preferential or unsecured creditors who have already lodged a proof of debt to lodge another proof of debt at this stage. No distributions have been made to unsecured or preferential creditors.

Total preferential creditors are estimated to be $116,360. Unsecured creditors are estimated to total $17,592, however this amount includes approximately 2,100 contingent (Investor) creditors of the Company for the value of $1.

A list of preferential and unsecured creditors is provided at **Annexure F**. A list of contingent creditors is provided in the Liquidators' first statutory report at:

https://app.companiesoffice.govt.nz/companies/app/service/services/documents/040842DEC6D7567469635D94121C7D35

4.2 Summary of receipts and payments

A summary of receipts and payments for the period 27 November 2018 to 22 September 2026 is provided at **Annexure A**. Please note that this relates only to the Liquidators' operating accounts which includes all operating receipts and expenses for the Voluntary Administration and Liquidation period and excludes any receipts and payments from the pre-appointment trust accounts and pre-appointment accounts controlled by Halifax NZ on appointment which are summarised at **Annexure B** and **Annexure C** respectively.

A list of the receipts and payments for the period 27 November 2018 to 22 September 2026 for all other accounts opened subsequent to the appointment of the Voluntary Administrators which contain funds held in segregated accounts is provided at **Annexure D**.

5 Investigation into the Company's affairs

5.1.1 Investigation

Claims against third parties that the Liquidators were investigating have now been confidentially resolved.

5.1.2 Court Application

The Liquidators applied to the Federal Court of Australia (**FCA**) for judicial advice and / or directions as to how to distribute the commingled investor funds held by Halifax AU. The Liquidators also filed a mirror application to the High Court of New Zealand (**HCNZ**) in respect of funds held by Halifax NZ, including in their capacity as trustees appointed by the Financial Markets Authority pursuant Section 246(2) of the Financial Markets Conduct Regulations 2014. The Liquidators sought a joint sitting of the HCNZ and FCA to provide consistent directions on the distribution of investor funds.

Proceedings commenced in the FCA on 3 July 2019 and the HCNZ on 25 September 2019 in respect to the aforementioned applications. The FCA and the HCNZ agreed to coordinate the conduct and hearing of the Australian proceedings and the New Zealand proceedings. The final hearing was set down for 30 November 2020.

Their Honours Justice Markovic and Justice Venning of the FCA and the HCNZ respectively handed down their judgments and made consequential orders in the client money proceedings on 19 May 2021. Their Honours determined that Liquidators of Halifax AU and Halifax NZ were justified in adopting 27 November 2018 as the date at which the proportionate entitlements of Investors are calculated.

The First Defendant filed a Notice of Appeal in mid-June 2021. The position taken by Mr Loo in the Appeal was that their Honours erred in concluding that the Liquidators of Halifax AU and Halifax NZ were justified in adopting 27 November 2018 as the date at which the proportionate entitlements of Investors are calculated.

The Appeal was held on 23 September 2021. On 26 October 2021, both Courts delivered their judgments and ordered that the Appeal should be dismissed. As a result, the date on which the proportionate entitlements of Investors to the assets of Halifax AU and Halifax NZ should be calculated remains as 27 November 2018.

6 Professional fees and internal disbursements

The hourly rates of the Liquidators and their team members, as follows:

Position	Hourly Rate AU$
Partner	695
Executive Director	650
Director	625
Associate Director	575
Manager	525
Assistant Manager	475
Executive	475
Senior Analyst	425
Analyst	375
Accountant	325
Undergraduate	225
Vacationer	225
Accounts Supervisor	225

The Liquidators have incurred fees of AU$3,863,066.63 for the period 22 March 2019 to 31 December 2025, representing an average hourly rate of AU$488. This remuneration has been approved by the HCNZ.

The remuneration incurred by the Liquidators for the period 1 January 2026 to 30 June 2026 has not yet been approved or paid but is estimated to be AU$40,110.63.

7 Distribution and future estimated distribution

7.1 Distribution of Investor funds

In respect of Investor distributions for the Halifax Group, as at the date of this report:

- The Liquidators have distributed over AU$218.56 million to 4,869 Investors;
- 5,006 claims have been received totalling AU$186.73 million of Investor account balances as at 27 November 2018;
- 4,869 Investors have received a first interim distribution of an amount equal to 50% of their account balance as at 27 November 2018 totalling AU$92.65 million;
- 4,859 Investors have received a second interim distribution of an amount equal to 50% of their account balance as at 27 November 2018 totalling AU$92.61 million;
- 4,831 Investors have received a third interim distribution of an amount equal to 10% of their account balance as at 27 November 2018 totalling AU$18.52 million;
- 4,795 Investors have received a fourth interim distribution of an amount equal to 8% of their account balance as at 27 November 2018 totalling AU$14.78 million; and
- 3,153 claims with a combined value of AU$9.48 million of Investor account balances as at 27 November 2018 have not yet been submitted.

For the avoidance of doubt, all references to percentage distributions (including first, second, third and fourth interim distributions) are made in reference to Investor account balances as at 27 November 2018. This is not reflective of each Investor's beneficial entitlement, but rather to provide an indication of the amount Investors have received. It is

important to note that the beneficial entitlement of Investors, or the amount to which Investors are entitled as a result of the Client Money Orders is not capped at their 27 November 2018 account balance.

We expect to commence the final distribution in early 2027 and expect it will take six months to finalise the liquidations following this distribution. The amount and timing of the final distribution is subject to a range of factors which will impact the calculation of distributions payable to Investors, including the release of funds held as a contingency in respect of unforeseen claims or legal disputes.

For further details please refer to the Liquidators' Report to Investors and Creditors dated 17 March 2023 and Investor Update dated 28 May 2024.

https://assets.kpmg.com/content/dam/kpmg/au/pdf/creditors/halifax-investment-services/halifax-report-to-investors-creditors-17-march-2023.pdf

https://assets.kpmg.com/content/dam/kpmg/au/pdf/creditors/halifax-investment-services/halifax-update-to-investors-28-may-2024.pdf

7.2 Distribution of Investor shares

As at the date of this report, the Liquidators have distributed shares valued at approximately AU$27.6 million (at the date of transfer) to eligible Category 3 and Category 5 Investors. In-specie distributions to eligible Investors have now been completed.

8 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Based on our investigations to date, the Company has the following assets and liabilities:

Summary of Assets and Liabilities				
Assets	**Note**	**Previous est. value (NZ$)**	**Revised est. value (NZ$)**	**Recovered value (NZ$)**
Opening cash balances at Liquidation appointment		479,185	479,185	479,185
Plant & equipment		850	850	850
Total assets	1	480,035	480,035	480,035
Liabilities				
Preferential creditors		116,360	116,360	
Unsecured creditors		10,968	10,968	
Total liabilities	2	127,328	127,328	
Net Assets		352,707	352,707	

Note:

1. *Trust assets are not included in this statement of assets.*
2. *The figures in the table are before costs and exclude any recoveries.*

9 Reporting obligations

The Liquidators are obligated to evaluate the actions of management, review antecedent transactions and if necessary, report any adverse findings to the appropriate authorities and/or institute proceedings for recovery of funds dissipated.

Should you have any information that you believe would benefit our enquiries then please set out details in writing, attaching copies of all documentary evidence, and send it to the Liquidators. Please note that the Liquidators can only act on written information as undocumented information is deemed to be hearsay only and is inadmissible in court.

10 Future reporting

Reports on the conduct of the liquidation and on proposals for completion of the liquidation will be prepared and distributed six monthly in accordance with Section 255 of the Act. A final report will also be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 257 of the Act at the completion of the liquidation.

11 Queries

Questions regarding the Liquidation should be directed to the Liquidators via email at au-fmhalifaxportal@kpmg.com.au.

Dated 20 October 2026



Phil Quinlan
Joint and Several Liquidator of **Halifax New Zealand Limited (In Liquidation)**

Annexures

A – Liquidators' operating account - receipts & payments to 22 September 2026

The following table provides a summary of funds held in the Liquidators' operating accounts as at 22 September 2026.

Liquidators' operating accounts	Voluntary Administration 27 November 2018 to 21 March 2019 (NZ$)	Liquidation 22 March 2019 to 22 September 2026 (NZ$)	Total (NZ$)
Opening cash balance at appointment	**-**	**479,185**	**-**
Receipts			
Debtor collections	506	-	506
Receipts from pre-appointment accounts	899	1,895,238	1,896,137
Receipt from pre-appointment term deposit	1,113,565	-	1,113,565
Receipts from other post-appointment accounts		4,890,257	4,890,257
Unclaimed monies	21,437	-	21,437
Plant & equipment	-	850	850
Interest Income	-	42,735	42,735
Cash at bank	95,447	-	95,447
Funds received from Interactive Brokers	-	59,393,676	59,393,676
Funds received from various claims	-	1,778,052	1,778,052
Foreign currency gain	-	18,690	18,690
Total receipts	**1,231,853**	**68,019,499**	**69,251,352**
Payments			
Administration expenses	(7,911)	(249,394)	(257,305)
Administrator/Liquidator Disbursements	-	(251,164)	(251,164)
Administrator/Liquidator Fees	(455,500)	(4,287,136)	(4,742,636)
Bank charges	(112)	(11,099)	(11,211)
Employee expenses	(52,519)	(57,399)	(109,918)
Funds paid to Halifax AU by Halifax NZ for distribution	-	(57,978,843)	(57,978,843)
Investor receipts	-	(66,283)	(66,283)
Licence expenses	-	(26,644)	(26,644)
Platform & IT expenses	-	(8,333)	(8,333)
Other expenses	-	(31,787)	(31,787)
Occupancy expenses	(9,152)	(45,944)	(55,096)
Subcontractor expenses	-	-	-
Valuation fees	-	-	-
Legal fees & disbursements	(227,475)	(2,793,634)	(3,021,108)
Total expenses	**(752,668)**	**(65,807,660)**	(66,560,328)
Closing balance for appointee account	**479,185**	**2,691,025**	

B – Company pre-appointment trust accounts receipts and payments to 22 September 2026

The following table provides a summary of funds held in the pre-appointment trust bank accounts and controlled by the Liquidators as at 22 September 2026. The below analysis excludes the Liquidators' operating account set out in Annexure A.

Pre-appointment trust account or s981 account (NZ$)	Voluntary Administration 27 November 2018 to 21 March 2019 (NZ$)	Liquidation 22 March 2019 to 22 September 2026 (NZ$)	Total
Opening cash balance at appointment	**1,764,981**	**1,811,069**	**1,764,981**
Receipts			
Investor deposits	44,011	39,000	83,011
Reversal of bank charges	-	65	65
Interest	2,507	6,235	8,742
Transfer from Pre-Appointment Accounts	-	35,602	35,602
Total receipts	**46,518**	**80,902**	**127,420**
Payments			
Transfer to Appointee Account	-	(1,890,776)	(1,890,776)
Other expenses	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Bank charges	(429)	(195)	(624)
Total payments	**(429)**	**(1,891,971)**	**(1,892,400)**
Closing balance for pre-appointment account	**1,811,069**	**-**	

Please note, all foreign currency accounts have been converted to NZD based on the RBNZ exchange rate as at 27 November 2018

C – Other company pre-appointment accounts receipts and payments to 22 September 2026

The following table provides a summary of funds held in the pre-appointment bank accounts in the name of Halifax NZ and controlled by the Liquidators as at 22 September 2026. The below analysis excludes the appointee trading account set out in Annexure A.

Pre-appointment company accounts (NZ$)	Voluntary Administration 27 November 2018 to 21 March 2019 (NZ$)	Liquidation 22 March 2019 to 22 September 2026 (NZ$)	Total
Opening cash balance at appointment	**1,209,910**	**-**	**1,209,910**
Receipts			
Reversal of bank charges		1,014	1,014
Foreign currency gain	-	-	-
Total receipts	**-**	**1,014**	**1,014**
Payments			
Funds swept into Appointee trading account	(1,209,910)	-	(1,209,910)
Bank charges	-	(1,014)	(1,014)
Total payments	**(1,209,910)**	**(1,014)**	**(1,210,924)**
Closing balance for pre-appointment account	**-**	**-**	

D – Appointee segregated accounts receipts and payments to 22 September 2026

The following table provides a summary of funds held in segregated bank accounts opened by the Liquidators in the name of Halifax NZ which hold funds that have been withdrawn from Investor accounts on the IB NZ platform in accordance with the Orders handed down by the Courts on 2 July 2020.

	Voluntary Administration 27 November 2018 to 21 March 2019	Liquidation 22 March 2019 to 22 September 2026 (NZ$)	Total
Opening cash balance at appointment	-	(8)	-
Receipts			
Funds withdrawn from Interactive Brokers as per July 2020 Funding Orders	-	8,780,925	8,780,925
Total receipts	-	**8,780,925**	**8,780,925**
Payments			
Interaccount Transfers	-	(984,151)	(984,151)
Legal fees & disbursements	-	(1,968,917)	(1,968,917)
Administration expenses (including Link Market Services)	-	(1,737)	(1,737)
Administrator/Liquidator Fees	-	(68,055)	(68,055)
Administrator/Liquidator Disbursements	-	(200)	(200)
Transfer to Appointee Account	-	(3,954,000)	(3,954,000)
Funds paid to Halifax AU by Halifax NZ	-	(1,800,731)	(1,800,731)
Bank charges	(8)	(336)	(344)
Total payments	**(8)**	**(8,778,127)**	**(8,778,135)**
Closing balance for post-appointment segregated account	**(8)**	**2,790**	

E – Detailed analysis for fees incurred from 22 March 2019 to 31 December 2025

The following table provides a summary of fees incurred for the liquidation period of 22 March 2019 to 31 December 2025.

Staff Classification	Hourly rate / AU$	FMCR / FMA Trust	Hours per phase									Total AU$	Average fee per hour (AU$)
			Investigation	Creditors	Trade on	Assets	Employees	Administration	Dividend	Other Professional Services	Total (Hrs)		
Partner	695	13.0	492.7	123.0	35.8	13.0	0.5	131.6	104.3	6.3	920.2	639,521.63	695
Executive Director	650	-	3.3	9.4	-	-	-	3.5	-	-	16.2	10,530.00	650
Director	625	18.7	424.0	55.7	6.2	7.4	-	58.7	27.1	4.5	602.2	376,390.63	625
Associate Director	575	1.3	368.7	285.9	70.4	18.1	0.2	84.0	257.7	7.8	1,094.1	629,085.94	575
Manager	525	8.4	644.8	280.7	68.2	33.1	-	59.4	239.7	36.9	1,371.1	719,801.25	525
Assistant Manager	475	-	6.1	1.8	-	-	-	9.1	-	-	17.0	8,075.00	475
Executive	475	-	137.1	179.0	54.3	12.9	4.0	32.0	371.9	7.2	798.2	379,162.81	475
Senior Analyst	425	-	142.2	75.8	40.9	1.5	-	13.8	-	-	274.2	116,535.00	425
Analyst	375	-	182.0	701.7	158.9	75.6	-	135.5	1,028.1	8.7	2,290.5	858,946.88	375
Accountant	325	-	0.2	0.4	26.6	0.5	-	14.9	-	-	42.6	13,845.00	325
Undergraduate	225	-	7.7	87.3	12.0	1.2	-	5.9	175.8	-	289.9	65,233.13	225
Vacationer	225	-	1.9	0.3	0.1	-	-	0.3	-	-	2.6	585.00	225
Accounts Supervisor	225	-	0.3	0.5	142.2	1.1	-	18.9	38.6	-	201.6	45,354.38	225
Total		**41.4**	**2,411.0**	**1,801.3**	**615.5**	**164.2**	**4.7**	**567.6**	**2,243.3**	**71.4**	**7,920.4**	**3,863,066.63**	**488**

F – List of creditors

The following table provides a summary of the list of creditor claims the Liquidators have received to date. The Liquidators have not admitted any preferential or non-preferential unsecured creditors' claims.

Creditor	Preferential unsecured (NZ$)	Non-preferential unsecured (NZ$)
Digital Island		224
Employee entitlements	79,454	
Get More Traffic HQ		79
HD NET		454
Inland Revenue Department	36,906	8,724
Iris Samia		739
Miriam Samia		2,081
NZME Radio		345
Packaging Recyclers (1992)		12
Receipt Bank Ltd		20
Simply Energy		536
StaffChecks		191
Tech Management Group		541
Unlimited Internet		10
UPWORK		2,931
Verifi Identity Services Ltd		531
Voyager		65
We Clean U		109
Total	**116,360**	**17,592**

Please note that due to the quantity of contingent creditors it is not practical to replicate the list in full in this report. As such the above table does not include a list of individual Halifax NZ client Investors which make up approximately 2,100 contingent creditors of Halifax NZ for the value of $1. A list of these contingent creditors can be found in the Liquidators' first statutory report at:

https://app.companiesoffice.govt.nz/companies/app/service/services/documents/040842DEC6D7567469635D94121C7D35

G – Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships, and Indemnities (DIRRI)

There have been no changes to the DIRRI since the updated DIRRI contained in the Investor Update dated 15 December 2022 prepared pursuant to Section 255A of the Companies Act 1993.

Dated 20 October 2026



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