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 Subject:
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 From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

 Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 7:26 AM

 To: Park, John s 47F(1)
 ; White, Hayden s 47F(1)

 Cc: s 47F(1)

 Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Quintis Group (In Liquidation)(Receivers & Managers Appointed) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear John and Hayden

Appreciate if you can please let us know when we can expect a response to our 22 July 2024 email.

Regards

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From:s 22(1)(a)(ii) Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 3:40 PM To:s 47F(1) ;s 47F(1) Cc:s 47F(1)

Subject: Quintis Group (In Liquidation)(Receivers & Managers Appointed)

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About Time We Met Pty Ltd (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) ACN 088 257 498

Arwon Finance Pty Ltd (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) ACN 072 486 643

Sandalwood Properties Ltd (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) ACN 093 330 977

Quintis Products Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) ACN 103 368 707

Mt Romance Holdings Pty Ltd (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) ACN 115 659 606

(the entities in Receivership – the Companies) (all – the Group)

Dear John and Hayden

I refer to your appointment as Receivers and Managers of the Companies on 2 April 2024.

We note that Voluntary Administrators were also appointed to the Group on 3 April 2024 and that the Voluntary Administrators were subsequently appointed Liquidators on 19 July 2024.

We understand the role of each company as follows:

- Quintis Holdco Pty Ltd ultimate holding company for the Group.
- Quintis (Australia) Pty Ltd head company for the Group.
- Quintis Forestry Pty Ltd owned all Indian sandalwood produced, manages Indian sandalwood plantations and employed staff.
- Fieldpark Pty Ltd plantation manager for some investors.
- Quintis Sandalwood Pty Ltd responsible for the sale of the sandalwood products to international markets and employed staff.
- About Time We Met Pty Ltd manufacturer and seller of cosmetic products.
- Arwon Finance Pty Ltd managed a loan book and provided finance to investors.
- Sandalwood Properties Ltd landowner and responsible entity for the Schemes.
- Quintis Products Pty Ltd issued invoices for some Indian sandalwood product sales.
- Mt Romance Holdings Pty Ltd holding company for Mt Romance group.

The Commonwealth has received claims under the Fair Entitlements Guarantee, for payment of outstanding employee entitlements owed by Quintis Sandalwood Pty Ltd and Quintis Forestry to its employees. The Commonwealth is expected to received FEG claims for employee entitlements owed by these companies.

Insofar as:

- your appointor is a creditor of the Companies, whose debt is secured by a circulating security interest; or
- you took possession or assumed control, on behalf your Appointor, of the Companies' property which was subject to a circulating security interest,

you are obliged under section 433(3) of the Corporations Act 2001 (the Act) to pay, out of property coming into your hands, the various debts and amounts specified in that section, in priority to the debt owed by the Companies to your Appointor. In particular, section 433(3)(c) of the Act provides that "any debt or amount that in a winding up is payable in priority to other unsecured debts pursuant to paragraph 556(1)(e), (g) or (h) or section 560", is to be paid in priority to your Appointor's debt.

Would you please advise whether you have recovered any circulating assets to date and/or whether you anticipate that the circulating assets recoveries in the receivership will be sufficient to discharge pre-appointment employee entitlements?

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Cc:	Woodhouse, Daniel; s 47F(1)
Subject:	Quintis Group - Receivership
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Hi^{s 22(1)(a)(ii)}

Thanks for your time today in relation to the Receivership / Liquidation of the Quintis Group of companies, further details below:

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As you are aware, Hayden White, John Park and Daniel Woodhouse were appointed Receivers and Managers to the Quintis Group on 2 April 2024. Since that time, the Receivers have sought to sell the business as a going concern, a process which did not result in a sale of the business on a going concern basis. The Receivers have now moved to realise the assets of the business and are currently operating the business on a 'care and maintenance' basis with a limited staff, while real property and circulating security assets are realised.

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As discussed, the reference to the Quintis Group is for convenience only, as far as operations were concerned, the following took place:

QFPL - located in Kununurra / Northern Australia and was responsible for maintaining the plantations, and harvesting of same

QSPL - located in Albany was responsible for the receipt and processing of raw logs through the oil distillation process, and the export of both oil and timber worldwide s 47G(1)

All entities are also now in liquidation.

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Please contact me directly should you have any queries in relation to this file.

Thanks

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Regards

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I am preparing the letter to you as we speak, so it will be with you by tomorrow at the latest.

Thanks for your patience.

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Our ref: FEGRP8738

23 September 2024

Hayden White, John Park and Daniel Woodhouse Receivers and Managers Quintis Group FTI Consulting

By email: S 47F(1)

Cc: S 47F(1) FTI Consulting

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We refer to the appointment of Richard Tucker and Scott Kershaw as liquidators of the Quintis Group and to your appointment as Receivers and Managers of the entities in the Quintis Group other than Quintis HoldCo Pty Ltd and Quintis Products Pty Ltd.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (**department**) has received claims from employees of QFPL and QSPL for payment of outstanding employee entitlements owed to former employees of those entities. To the extent the department advances funds for the payment of those outstanding employee entitlements under the Fair Entitlements Guarantee scheme, the department will be a priority creditor of QFPL and QSPL.

The department considers that it would likely be just and equitable for some or all of the entities in the Quintis Group to be pooled and intends to request the liquidators consider making a pooling

determination under section 571 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) or apply for pooling orders under section 579E Of the Act.

In circumstances where section 433 and, likely section 561, apply, a pooling determination or order would likely affect the distribution of any circulating assets you realise and impact the secured creditor. Accordingly, we thought it appropriate to set out the basis on which the department says pooling would be just and equitable and seek your comment before approaching the liquidators.

Background

We understand that the Quintis Group was the owner, manager, grower and processor of Indian Sandalwood plantations in northern Australia.

Mr Richard Henfrey was a director and the Chief Executive Officer of all entities in the Quintis Group. Three additional directors, Messrs Julius Matthys, Norman Ashton and Roderick Sutton, were appointed in respect of Quintis HoldCo Pty Ltd and QAPL.

Quintis HoldCo Pty Ltd was the ultimate holding company of the Quintis Group. It owned all of the shares in QAPL. The shares in the remaining entities in the Group were either owned by QAPL or subsidiaries of QAPL.

In 2019, Quintis HoldCo Pty Ltd, QAPL, QFPL, QSPL and Mt Romance Holdings Pty Ltd (together, **Closed Group**) entered into and lodged with ASIC a deed of cross guarantee. As a result, the Closed Group obtained relief under *ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785*.

Within the Closed Group, three entities, Quintis HoldCo Pty Ltd, QAPL, and Mt Romance Holdings Pty Ltd, were predominantly holding entities. s 47G(1)

On 3 April 2024 Richard Tucker and Scott Kershaw were appointed administrators of each entity in the Quintis Group and on 19 July 2024, they were appointed liquidators.

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Please advise if any of the above is not correct.

Pooling

The department considers that there are grounds for pooling the entities in the Quintis Group or, in the alternative, pooling the entities in the Closed Group.

Threshold requirements for pooling

The threshold factual requirements for pooling under either section 571 or 579E of the Act are met in respect of the Closed Group, given:

- a. Each entity in the Quintis Group is being wound up;
- b. Each entity in the Quintis Group is a related body corporate of each other entity in the Group; and
- c. Each entity in the Closed Group is jointly liable for the debts of each other entity under the deed of cross-guarantee;

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Just and equitable criteria

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a. 579E(12)(a): Extent of involvement in management or operations of other companies in a group

Mr Henfrey was a common director to all entities, was the Chief Executive Officer of the Quintis Group and s 47G(1)

b. 579E(12)(b): The conduct towards creditors

The Secured Group entities were each liable to GLAS for the debt owed to it.

The Closed Group were parties to a deed of cross guarantee which was registered with ASIC for the purposes of obtaining relief under ASIC Corporations (Wholly-owned Companies) Instrument 2016/785.

According to ASIC such a deed of cross guarantee 'makes the group of companies that are parties to that deed akin to a single legal entity in many respects. Creditors and potential creditors can then focus on the consolidated position for those entities rather than the individual financial statements of the wholly-owned subsidiaries that are parties to the deed'.

c. 579E(12)(c): Extent to which insolvency of one company is attributable to acts of the other companies

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d. 579E(12)(d): Extent of intermingling of activities of the Group

The intermingling of the activities of the Quintis Group is demonstrated by:

- i. The entities in the Secured Group were jointly liable for the debt owed to GLAS;
- The entities in the Closed Group were jointly liable for each other's debts; and ii.

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- e. 579E(12)(e): Extent to which creditors are advantaged or disadvantaged by pooling
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Significant policy reasons support the priority of debts owed to employees in a liquidation. The relative vulnerability of employees as a class of creditors, and the fact that employees' labour generates the value of the circulating assets to which they have priority, mean that Courts will generally place significant weight on disadvantages to employee creditors.

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We confirm that we act for the receivers and managers ("**Receivers**") of the Quintis group of companies, including QFPL and QSPL.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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