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**LIDUIDATORS' REPORT TO CREDITORS  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 508 OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001**

**Base Earthmoving Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)  
ACN 079 210 816 ("the Company")**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. I refer to my appointment as Joint and Several Administrator on 21 April 2011 and my subsequent appointment as Joint and Several Liquidator on 20 August 2011.
- 1.2. This report is to be read in conjunction with my previous circulars to Creditors dated:
  - 1.2.1. 8 December 2010 ("the Liquidators' Report");
  - 1.2.2. 22 July 2010 ("the Supplementary VA Report"); and
  - 1.2.3. the Statement of Administrators' Opinion ("the VA Report") dated 19 May 2010 (collectively referred to as "the Reports").
- 1.3. Copies of these reports can be obtained from the RSM Bird Cameron website, [www.rsmi.com.au](http://www.rsmi.com.au)
- 1.4. I now report on relevant matters identified in the above Reports and the progress of my recovery actions for the benefit of creditors particularly in relation to the focus of work since the issue of the Liquidators' Report, which has included:
  - 1.4.1. Ongoing recovery of outstanding trade debtors and related party loans; and
  - 1.4.2. Further pursuit of:
    - 1.4.2.1. Claims against the Directors for insolvent trading; and
    - 1.4.2.2. Claims for Unfair Preference Payments.

**2. Intention to Declare a Second Interim Dividend to Unsecured Creditors**

2.1. To facilitate the timely distribution of funds, unsecured creditors who have yet to lodge a Formal Proof of Debt are hereby invited to submit formal proofs of debt by 3 January 2012. Further details are provided in Section 8.

**3. Balance of Report**

3.1. The balance of this report is under the following main headings:

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**4. Debtors & Related Party Loans**

**Debtors**

4.1. Set out below in Table 1 is a summary of the debtor position as at 31 October 2011:

	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Written Off</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Pre Appointment	317,765	294,008	23,757	-
Post Appointment	467,998	455,667	12,331	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>785,763</b>	<b>749,675</b>	<b>36,088</b>	<b>-</b>

**Table 1: Summary of Trade Debtors as at 31 October 2011**

4.2. Legal action was commenced against the remaining Pre Appointment Debtor. This action has since been settled with the balance of \$9,722 received into my solicitor's trust account.

4.3. Upon conclusion of this action, all debtor debts have been settlement and no further recoveries are expected.

### **Related Party Loans**

#### *Elaine Greaves - \$25,072.52*

- 4.4. On 12 October 2010 I issued a demand against Ms Greaves for the repayment of \$25,072.52. I subsequently received a counter claim against the Company for rental back charges for the Company's use of personal property, namely 44 Weston Street, Naval Base. The Company's former trading premises.
- 4.5. I rejected Ms Greaves' claim on the basis that she was not the registered proprietor of the Naval Base Property and had no entitlement to claim any set off.
- 4.6. I subsequently received a revised claim and supporting documentation from Ms Greaves in the amount of \$162,953.32 whereby she claimed to have used personal funds in payment of Company debt. The monies were advanced to Ms Greaves by her parents and she in turn paid Bankwest in reduction of its secured debt against the Company.
- 4.7. I referred the matter to my solicitors and the legal advice I received indicated that the balance of the debt, being \$137,880.71 (\$162,953.32 - \$25,072.52) is admissible to proof pursuant to section 533C of the Corporations Act 2011 ("the Act") and as such I admitted Ms Greaves claim in the amount of \$137,880.71.

#### *Wildstrike Pty Ltd ATF the Oldbury Trust ("the Trust") - \$62,094*

- 4.8. On 12 October 2010 I issued a demand on the Trust for the repayment of \$62,094. The Trust subsequently made counter claims against the Company for rental back charges for the Company's use of the Trust's Exmouth property, which had been used to store Company plant and equipment.
- 4.9. This counter claim was rejected on the basis that the Trust was aware of the Company's insolvency at the time of giving credit and any prior rental charges had been accounted for.
- 4.10. On 17 August 2011 I lodged a caveat against the Trust's Exmouth property on the basis that my investigations indicate that the Company made payments totalling \$38,375.88 to a commercial loan facility in the name of Wildstrike ATF the Trust. These repayments are included in the total debt due of \$62,094.
- 4.11. I understand the Exmouth property is currently listed for sale for \$425,000.
- 4.12. The debt remains due to the Company and the matter is ongoing.

### **5. Unfair Preference Claims**

- 5.1. The Liquidators' Report identified possible preference claims of \$91,951.
- 5.2. I have recently revised my investigations and am in the process of finalizing and issuing demands for \$98,276 to those parties where sufficient evidence exists to suggest that they received an unfair preference.

- 5.3. Some of the identified claims may require formal legal proceedings to be initiated in order to achieve commercial recovery. This matter remains ongoing.

## **6. Claims against the Director**

- 6.1. On 17 December 2010 the Director, pursuant to Section 188 of the Bankruptcy Act 1966, appointed Controlling Trustees to his Estate with the intention of executing a Personal Insolvency Agreement ("PIA") with his creditors.
- 6.2. The Director's PIA proposal failed and he subsequently declared himself Bankrupt by way of Debtor's petition on 22 March 2011. The Trustees of his Estate has advised that the only realisable assets available to the Estate are the sale of the Director's interest in both the Oldbury Property, of which he is the registered owner, together with Ms Greaves and the realisation of his interest in the Exmouth Property owned by the Trust.
- 6.3. The Trustees have advised that the Oldbury Property is currently listed for sale for \$1.875 million.
- 6.4. A claim totalling \$566,327.37 comprising insolvent trading (\$464,585) and a Director's loan account (\$101,742.37) was lodged against the Director's bankrupt estate.
- 6.5. The Trustees claimed an amount of \$434,351.25 as a debt due to the Director against the Company. The Trustees claimed this represented an amount owing by the Company in respect of company liabilities paid by the Director in August 2010 from the sale of his property, namely the Company former trading address, 44 Weston Road, Naval Base.
- 6.6. Based on legal advice, I sought to have the two claims set off, resulting in a residual claim against the Estate by the Company of \$131,976.12. My claim has subsequent been revised and resubmitted to the Trustees.
- 6.7. Any return to the Company is dependent upon the Trustees' ability to realise the Director's interest in the Oldbury and Exmouth Properties.
- 6.8. In addition on 16 February 2011 I lodged a caveat against the Oldbury property for \$37,785.28, whereby I claim that the Company made regular mortgage repayments against the Oldbury property's mortgage. The caveat is lodged on the basis of protecting the Company's equitable interest in the property and the mortgage repayments are included in the Director Loan account claim of \$101,742.37, referred to above.

## **7. Report to Australian Securities & Investments Commission ("ASIC")**

- 7.1. A report has been prepared and lodged pursuant to Section 533 of the Act with the ASIC, detailing among other matters, breaches of Director's duties identified by my investigations.
- 7.2. The ASIC advised that they do not intend to take any action based upon the information provided in our report.

**8. Dividend**

*Priority Creditors*

8.1. On 8 December 2011, a priority dividend of one hundred (100) cents in the dollar was paid to priority creditors.

*Unsecured Creditors*

8.2. On 21 February 2011 an interim dividend of five (5) cents in the dollar was paid to unsecured creditors.

8.3. As referred to in paragraph 2.1 it is my Intention to Declare a Second Interim Dividend to unsecured creditors. Please find attached relevant notices.

8.4. It is estimated that this dividend will be approximately two and half (2.5) cents in the dollar.

8.5. A final distribution to unsecured creditors will only take place after the satisfaction of the costs of the liquidation and remains subject to the extent of recoveries from:

8.5.1. Related party loans;

8.5.2. Unfair preferences; and

8.5.3. Claims against the Director's Estate.

8.6. I estimate that future dividends (second and final) for ordinary unsecured creditors will range between 10 to 13 cents in the dollar, giving creditors an expected return of between 15 and 18 cents in the dollar.

8.7. Attached as Annexure A is a table detailing my dividend estimate.

**9. Liquidators' Statement of Receipts and Payments**

9.1. A Statement of the Liquidators' Receipts and Payments for the period 20 August 2011 to 31 October 2011 is attached as Annexure B.

**10. Liquidators' Remuneration**

10.1. At the meeting of creditors held on 22 December 2010 creditors resolved to approve the following resolutions in respect to the Liquidators current and future fees:

10.2. Current:

*"That the remuneration of the Liquidator, his partners and his staff is hereby fixed on a time basis in accordance with the hourly rates set by RSM Bird Cameron Partners from time to time for the period 20 August 2010 to 30 November 2010 in the sum of \$85,252.37 (plus GST), and such remuneration be approved and paid."*

10.3. Future:

*“That the future remuneration of the Liquidators, their partners and their staff from 1 December 2010 be hereby fixed on a time basis in accordance with the hourly rates set by RSM Bird Cameron Partners from time to time subject to an overall limit for the time being of \$75,000 plus GST, beyond which the Liquidators may seek further approval, and that the Liquidators be authorised to make periodic payments on account of such accruing remuneration”.*

10.4. To date I have drawn remuneration of \$140,677.87 (plus GST plus disbursements). Attached as Annexures C and D is a summary of my remuneration drawn to date

10.5. I am yet to draw the balance of approved fees of \$19,574.60 (plus GST).

10.6. It is not my intention to seek further fee approval of creditors at this time, however I may do so at subsequent meeting of creditors, likely to be convened in 2012.


**11. Finalisation**

11.1. The Liquidation will be finalised upon the recovery or conclusion of the above mentioned matters.

11.2. Dependent upon the successful recovery of the above identified actions, it is envisaged that a final distribution to unsecured creditors will be made in 2012 and a final meeting convened shortly thereafter.

Should you have any queries regarding please contact Clare Hayman or Johnathon Busing of this office on (08) 9261 9100.

Yours faithfully



GREG DUDLEY  
Joint and Several Liquidator

**Base Earthmoving Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)**  
**ACN 079 210 816**

**Estimated Return to Creditors**  
**As at November 2011**

	<b>LIQUIDATION</b>	
	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Net Cash at Bank	105,791	105,791
Debtors		
Pre-Appointment	9,722	9,722
Related Parties	38,376	62,094
Voidable Recoveries		
Unfair Preferences	23,000	90,000
Bankrupt Estate	71,003	78,922
<b>Estimated Funds Available for Distribution Before Costs</b>	<b>247,892</b>	<b>346,529</b>
<b><u>Distribution per s556(1) of the Corporations Act 2001</u></b>		
Costs, Charges & Expenses of Liquidator(GST Inclusive)		
Remaining Liquidators' Remuneration & Disbursements approved	19,575	19,575
Liquidators' Estimated Future Fees & Disbursements	25,000	50,000
Estimated Future Legal Fees	15,000	25,000
<b>Total Estimated Costs</b>	<b>59,575</b>	<b>94,575</b>
<b>Estimated Surplus Funds for Distribution to Unsecured Creditors</b>	<b>188,317</b>	<b>251,954</b>
Unsecured Creditors	1,972,348	1,972,348
<b>Estimated Future Return to Unsecured Creditors (Cents/\$)</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.13</b>
Dividends Paid		
1st Interim Dividend - February 2011	0.05	0.05
<b>Total Estimated Dividends</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.18</b>

**Base Earthmoving Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)**  
**ACN 079 210 816**

**Statement of Liquidators Receipts & Payments**  
**For the period 20 August 2010 To 31 October 2011**

**Receipts**

Voluntary Administration Debtors	223,449.32
Insurance Refunds	20,665.58
Pre Appointment Trade Debtors	5,924.00
Sale of Plant & Equipment	709,595.94
Sale of Telephone Lines	5,000.00
Petty Cash	158.40
Loan Recovery	1,784.19
Bank Interest	6,836.23
Transfer of balance from Voluntary Administration	303,566.58
GST Refunds	18,455.00
<b>Total Receipts (inc GST)</b>	<b><u>1,295,435.24</u></b>

**Payments**

Gas	94.00
Insurance	14,193.25
Lease payments	247,355.90
Repairs & Maintenance	1,044.60
Superannuation	20,620.25
Telephone & Fax	628.90
Transport / Courier	627.00
Vehicle Running Costs	18,473.62
Wages & Salaries	19,252.15
Stamp Duty	1,027.73
Vehicle Registrations	224.20
Agents/Valuers Fees	38,792.05
Bank Charges	314.25
Legal Fees	8,106.84
Voluntary Administrators Remuneration and Expenses	350,401.79
Liquidators Remuneration and Expenses	155,725.66
Priority Dividend Paid	61,848.99
Interim Unsecured Dividend Paid	98,865.99
Payments to ATO	152,178.95
<b>Total Payments (inc GST)</b>	<b><u>1,189,776.12</u></b>

<b>Balance in Hand</b>	<b><u><u>105,659.12</u></u></b>
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Base Earthmoving Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)

ACN: 079 210 816

Remuneration Report

Billed Remuneration and Disbursements

Period From 20 August 2010 to 31 October 2011

Employee	Position	Average \$ / hour (ex GST)	Total actual hours	Total (\$)	Task Area						
					Assets (\$)	Creditors (\$)	Employees (\$)	Trade on (\$)	Investigation (\$)	Dividends (\$)	Administration (\$)
Greg Dudley	Partner	525.16	97.2	51,045.50	15,856.50	6,880.50	3,675.00	1,207.50	15,707.00	5,986.00	1,733.00
Clare Hayman	Senior Manager	360.14	103.5	37,275.00	16,992.00	12,900.00	576.00	864.50	1,946.00		3,996.50
Nicholas Kidziak	Senior 1	230.19	42.5	9,783.00	184.00	345.00	4,378.00	2,415.00	1,495.00	460.00	506.00
Prishha Balakrishnan	Senior 2	160.00	3.2	512.00		32.00					480.00
Jerome Mohen	Intermediate 1	140.00	16.4	2,296.00	462.00	42.00	252.00	84.00	1,358.00		98.00
Johnathon Busing	Intermediate 1	145.99	205.0	29,928.00	5,992.00	1,922.00	3,318.00	2,861.00	5,378.00	3,666.00	6,791.00
Mei Huang	Intermediate 1	145.43	8.1	1,178.00				42.00		272.00	864.00
Corey Turner	Intermediate 2	120.00	2.5	300.00			240.00				60.00
Stephanie Parker	Intermediate 2	125.00	6.8	850.00	675.00	12.50			162.50		
Hayley Forshaw	Secretary	145.75	11.4	1,661.50	14.50	43.50		189.50		87.00	1,327.00
Michelle Mason	Secretary	116.66	0.7	81.66	23.33						58.33
Simone Steele	Secretary	150.00	0.2	30.00				30.00			
Tarryn Thiele	Secretary	146.67	2.4	352.00		14.50		102.00	75.00		160.50
Terri Hoy	Secretary	180.04	28.8	5,185.21	502.71	594.00		1,800.00		54.00	2,234.50
Malini Tanabalan	Junior/Filing Clerk	62.50	3.2	200.00							200.00
<b>TOTAL (excluding GST)</b>		<b>264.48</b>	<b>531.9</b>	<b>140,677.87</b>	<b>40,702.04</b>	<b>22,786.00</b>	<b>12,439.00</b>	<b>9,595.50</b>	<b>26,121.50</b>	<b>10,525.00</b>	<b>18,508.83</b>

GST

\$14,067.79

**TOTAL (including GST)****\$ 154,745.66****Disbursements****Type**

\$

A - External professional

9,296.20

B1 - External non - professional

3,378.51

B2 - Internal non - professional

2,373.08

**TOTAL****15,047.79**

GST

1,504.78

**TOTAL (Including GST)****\$16,552.57****GRAND TOTAL****\$171,298.23**

Base Earthmoving Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)  
ACN: 079 210 816

Remuneration Report

Description of Work Billed

Period From 20 August 2010 to 31 October 2011

Task Area	General Description	Includes
Assets [\$40,702.04]	Plant and Equipment	Preparation of asset list Liaising with valuers, auctioneers and interested parties
	Debtors	Reviewing and assessing debtors ledgers Correspondence with debtors Liaising with debt collectors and solicitors
	Stock/Stockpile	Reviewing stock values Liaising with purchasers
	Assets subject to specific charges	Review of security documents / liaising with secured creditor Valuation of asset Equity assessments Liaising with valuers, auctioneers and interested parties
	Other Assets	All tasks associated with realising other assets
Creditors [\$22,786.00]	Creditor Reports	Preparing reports, investigation, meeting and general reports
	Creditor Enquiries	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone / email Review and prepare correspondence to creditors via letter/fax/email Correspondence with committee of creditors meetings
	Meetings of Creditors	Preparation of notices, proxies and advertisements Forwarding notice of meeting to all known creditors Preparation for meeting including agenda, attendance register, list of creditors, advertisement, draft minutes Finalisation and lodgement of minutes with ASIC
	Proofs of Debts - Receipt	Receipting and filing POD's
Employees [\$12,439.00]	Employees Enquiries	Receive and reply to employee queries Preparation of letters to employees regarding entitlements and options
	Calculation of Entitlements	Review of company records to calculate employee entitlements Reconciliation of superannuation amounts
	Employee Dividend	Correspondence with employees Correspondence with ATO regarding SGC proof of debt Calculation of the dividend rate, advertisement of the dividend Receipting and adjudication of POD's Payment of the dividend and PAYG to ATO
	Other Employee Issues	Correspondence with Child Support Correspondence with Centrelink
Trade On [\$9,595.50]	Processing Receipts	Preparation of receipt forms for input into internal computer system Liaising with accounts receivable regarding receipts
	Processing Payments	Preparation of payment forms for input into internal computer system Liaising with accounts payable regarding payments
Investigation [\$26,121.50]	Conducting Investigation	Collection / copying relevant company books and records Searches (property, charges, ASIC) ASIC correspondence regarding access to RATA and records Review of company records / financial statements Review of cashbook for voidable transactions
	ASIC Reporting	Preparation of statutory investigation reports (eg 496/533) Preparation of assetless administration applications Liaising with ASIC
Dividend [\$10,525.00]	Processing Proofs of Debt	Correspondence to creditors calling for POD's Receipt and registration of POD's Assessment and adjudication of POD's Correspondence to claimant requesting further information Advising claimant of outcome of adjudication (admit/reject)
	Dividend Procedures	Preparation of notices to creditors of intention to declare dividend Advertisement of dividend Calculation of dividend Preparation of dividend distribution (cheques/letters) Preparation of dividend file Correspondence to creditors with dividend payment
Administration [\$18,508.83]	Checklists / File Review	Initial and bi monthly reviews File review Checklist completion
	Appointment Documents Directors / Officers	Court order / Directors minutes / Bank appointment docs Correspondence and meetings with Directors including interviews Directors questionnaire
	ASIC Forms	Preparing and lodgement of ASIC forms including 524,505, 911 etc Correspondence with ASIC regarding statutory forms
	ATO & other statutory reporting	Notification of appointment and registration Preparation and lodgement of BAS returns Completing Group certificates
	Bank Account Administration	Opening and closing administration bank accounts Bank account reconciliations Bank correspondence
	Insurance	Notification to Willis and prior broker
	Books and Records / Storage	Dealing with records in storage
	Remuneration	Workpapers re WIP reports / Billings Schedule of Fee approvals Preparation of billing reports

FORM 547  
CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

Subregulation 5.6.65(1)

NOTICE TO CREDITOR OR PERSON CLAIMING TO BE A CREDITOR OF  
INTENTION TO DECLARE A DIVIDEND

BASE EARTHMOVING PTY LTD  
ACN 079 210 816

A second interim dividend is to be declared for unsecured creditors on 6 February 2012.

You are listed as a unsecured creditor in the report on the affairs of the Company, or you are known to me to claim to be a creditor, but your debt or claim may not be admitted.

You are required formally to prove your debt or claim on or before 3 January 2012. If you do not, you will be excluded from the benefit of the dividend.

A Formal Proof of Debt form is enclosed.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2011



GREG DUDLEY  
Joint and Several Liquidator

RSM Bird Cameron Partners  
8 St Georges Terrace  
PERTH WA 6000

FORM 535  
CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

Subregulation 5.6.49(2)

FORMAL PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM (GENERAL FORM)

ACN 088 767 220

To the Liquidator of **Base Earthmoving Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)**

1. This is to state that the Company was, on **21 April 2010** <sup>(1)</sup> and still is, justly and truly indebted to <sup>(2)</sup>  
 .....  
 ..... for  
 .....dollars and ..... cents.

Particulars of the debt are:

Date	Consideration <sup>(3)</sup>	Amount \$	GST included \$	Remarks <sup>(4)</sup>

2. To my knowledge or belief the creditor has not, nor has any person by the creditor's order, had or received any manner of satisfaction or security for the sum or any part of it except for the following:<sup>(5)</sup>

3.<sup>(6)\*</sup> I am employed by the creditor and authorised in writing by the creditor to make this statement. I know that the debt was incurred for the consideration stated and that the debt, to the best of my knowledge and belief, still remains unpaid and unsatisfied.

3.<sup>(6)\*</sup> I am the creditor's agent authorised in writing to make this statement in writing. I know that the debt was incurred and for the consideration stated and that the debt, to the best of my knowledge and belief, still remains unpaid and unsatisfied.

DATED this                      day of    2011

Signature of Signatory.....  
 NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS.....  
 Occupation.....  
 Address.....  
 Email..... Phone.....

**See Directions overleaf for the completion of this form**

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

POD No:		ADMIT - Ordinary	\$
Date Received:	/ /	ADMIT - Preferential	\$
Entered into IPS/Computer:		Reject	\$
Amount per RATA	\$	H/Over for Consideration	\$
PREP BY/AUTHORISED		<b>TOTAL PROOF</b>	\$
DATE AUTHORISED	/ /		

### Directions

\* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.

- (1) Insert date of Court Order in winding up by the Court, or date of resolution to wind up, if a voluntary winding up.
- (2) Insert full name and address (including ABN) of the creditor and, if applicable, the creditor's partners. If prepared by an employee or agent of the creditor, also insert a description of the occupation of the creditor.
- (3) Under "Consideration" state how the debt arose, for example "goods sold and delivered to the company between the dates of .....", "moneys advanced in respect of the Bill of Exchange".
- (4) Under "Remarks" include details of vouchers substantiating payment.
- (5) Insert particulars of all securities held. Where the securities are on the property of the company, assess the value of those securities. If any bills or other negotiable securities are held, specify them in a schedule in the following form:

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Date Due	Drawer	Acceptor	Amount	Date
	\$	¢		

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- (6) If proof is made by the creditor personally, strike the two (2) paragraphs numbered 3.
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### Annexures

- A. If space provided for a particular purpose in a form is insufficient to contain all the required information in relation to a particular item, the information must be set out in an annexure.
- B. An annexure to a form must:
  - (a) have an identifying mark;
  - (b) and be endorsed with the words:

*"This is the annexure of (insert number of pages) pages marked (insert an identifying mark) referred to in the (insert description of form) signed by me/us and dated (insert date of signing); and*
  - (c) be signed by each person signing the form to which the document is annexed.
- C. The pages in an annexure must be numbered consecutively.
- D. If a form has a document annexed the following particulars of the annexure must be written on the form:
  - (a) the identifying mark; and
  - (b) the number of pages.
- E. A reference to an annexure includes a document that is with a form.