



Specialist Helicopter Solutions Limited (In Liquidation)

Trading as HeliSolutions

Company Number: 5487090

**Liquidators' Six-Monthly Report to
Creditors and Shareholders**

1. Introduction

Iain Bruce Shephard and Jessica Jane Kellow, RITANZ accredited insolvency practitioners, were appointed joint and several liquidators (“Liquidators”) of Specialist Helicopter Solutions Limited (“the Company”) by order of the High Court at Palmerston North on 14 March 2019 at 10:40am in accordance with section 241(2)(c) of the Companies Act 1993 (“the Act”).

In accordance with section 255 of the Act we are obliged to report to all creditors and shareholders on the conduct of the liquidation during the preceding six month period.

This report should be read in conjunction with our previous reports pursuant to section 255(2)(c) of the Act.

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3. Background

Specialist Helicopter Solutions Limited (“the Company”) was incorporated in October 2014 and traded as HeliSolutions. The Company was a provider of aviation student training, aerial frost prevention services, as well as occasionally providing passenger/charter services from its base at Palmerston North airport.

The director advised that a number of prospective aviation students were set to enrol and commence study in early 2018. We are advised that this would have accounted for a significant portion of the Company’s income at the time, however, the enrolments did not eventuate. At this time, the director began exploring the possibility of selling the Company’s Civil Aviation Authority certificate. It transpired that this certificate was not transferrable and the Company ceased trading in June 2018.

A creditor commenced action to liquidate the Company and the High Court ordered accordingly on 14 March 2019.

4. Liquidators' Actions

The Liquidators advertised their appointment in the relevant publications and made a call for creditor claims. The Liquidators also directly contacted all known creditors and answered any queries they may have had. The Liquidators subsequently reviewed all completed creditor claim forms received.

The Liquidators have liaised with many parties including Inland Revenue, the Companies Office, the New Zealand Gazette and the Accident Compensation Corporation, and completed a review of all information received.

The Liquidators met with the Company's director who has provided us with background information regarding the Company's affairs.

The Company's director/shareholder was adjudicated bankrupt on 25 July 2019.

4.1 Schedule of Receipts and Payments

No funds have been received during the course of the liquidation.

4.2 Asset Realisations

Plant & Equipment

The Company's tangible assets consist of office equipment and some ancillary aviation-related equipment. The Liquidators have viewed these assets and are attempting to realise these for the benefit of the Company's creditors.

Debtors

The Company's records as at the date of liquidation indicated that the Company's accounts receivable ledger totalled \$170,067. Of this amount \$149,449 related to the sale of the Company's Civil Aviation Authority licence. This sale did not eventuate and the amount had not been written off prior to liquidation. The balance of the Company's debtors appear to have paid prior to liquidation or dispute the debt owing.

Overdrawn Shareholder Current Account

The Company's Xero accounting records indicate that the shareholder's drawings totalled approximately \$350,000 as at the date of liquidation. The Liquidators have filed a claim in the shareholder's bankruptcy in this amount.

4.3 Creditors Claims

Preferential Creditors

The Liquidators have received a preferential claim from the petitioning creditor in the amount of \$4,665.34 relating to the costs in bringing the liquidation application.

We have received a preferential claim from a former employee of the Company relating to unpaid holiday pay of \$6,055.38.

The Inland Revenue has filed a preferential claim of \$8,776.18.

Unsecured Creditors

We have received 17 unsecured claims totalling \$86,512.18.

5. Further proposals for completing the liquidation

The Liquidators will continue to pursue the sale of the Company's tangible assets.

6. Estimated date of completion

It is not practical to estimate the date of the completion of the liquidation at this stage. Our subsequent reports to creditors and shareholders will, when appropriate, advise of an estimated completion date.

7. Contact information

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Dated 13 March 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Shephard'.

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