| 1 | Tuesday, 19 May 2015 | 1 | language" that obviously we pick up on there. |
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| 2 | (10.30 am) | 2 | Finally in Lord Bingham's judgment, paragraph 17, |
| 3 | Submissions by MR ZACAROLI (continued) | 3 | having been through those authorities which he says |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, I am just about to go to BCCI v Ali, | 4 | leads the court to be slow to make inferences about |
| 5 | which is in bundle 1A of the authorities at tab 27. | 5 | waiver or release of non-contemplated claims, he then at |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I have looked at this overnight, | 6 | paragraph 17 refers to Sir Richard Scott's judgment in |
| 7 | so I'm sort of familiar with the territory. | 7 | the Court of Appeal in the BCCI v Ali case, talking |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: So my Lord will remember that it's a case | 8 | about there being no such thing as equitable rules of |
| 9 | about a settlement hadn't been reached with employees of | 9 | construction, "It's all the same now". |
| 10 | BCCI before its collapse. The issue was whether that | 10 | And then in paragraph 17, just below halfway down he |
| 11 | had successfully compromised what came to be called | 11 | says -- first of all, he says: |
| 12 | stigma claims, which weren't recognised in law at all | 12 | "Some of the cases, I think, contain statements more |
| 13 | at the time, but became recognised through a subsequent | 13 | dogmatic and unqualified than would now be acceptable |
| 14 | House of Lords decision. | 14 | ...(Reading to the words)... I think these authorities |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 15 | justify the proposition advanced in paragraph 10 above." |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: And the terms of the release clause in that | 16 | Which we have just seen. It's a cautionary |
| 17 | case are to be found at paragraph 3 of the judgment of | 17 | principle. |
| 18 | Lord Bingham. I know my Lord's seen the release clause, | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 19 | probably a number of times by now, we'll come to it in | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: The conclusion is in paragraph 19 just below |
| 20 | greater detail in a moment, ie the release clause in our | 20 | C: |
| 21 | case. It is of course in substantially wider terms than | 21 | "On a fair construction of this document, I cannot |
| 22 | this and, in particular, expressly contemplates matters | 22 | conclude the parties intended to provide for the lease |
| 23 | that are not contemplated. | 23 | of rights and the surrender of claims, which they could |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think it includes wording | 24 | never have had in contemplation at all. They should |
| 25 | included no doubt as a result of this case. | 25 | have used language which left no room for doubt." |
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| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: No doubt. That's probably a market-wide | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 2 | reaction. | 2 | MR ZACAROLI: Those points are echoed in the speech of Lor |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I imagine, yes. | 3 | Nicholls, paragraphs 26 to 28. I imagine my Lord's read |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: If I can skip over the facts and the issues, | 4 | those as well, they are referred to in the skeletons. |
| 5 | my Lord is familiar with those, they are set out in | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 6 | summary form in paragraph 6 of Lord Bingham's judgment, | 6 | MR ZACAROLI: Just to make this point in paragraph 28, wher |
| 7 | quoting from Lord Justice Chadwick, but I think my Lord | 7 | Lord Nicholls talks about the approach that of course |
| 8 | has all of that. | 8 | parties can release whatever they want, being taken too |
| 9 | So the key passages then, and I'm going to take | 9 | far: |
| 10 | my Lord to two judgments -- sorry, they are speeches, | 10 | "It does not mean that once the possibility of |
| 11 | aren't they, House of Lords -- that of Lord Bingham and | 11 | further claims has been foreseen a newly emergent claim |
| 12 | Lord Nicholls. Lord Hoffmann was in this case in the | 12 | will always be regarded as caught by a general release |
| 13 | minority so I needn't go to him. | 13 | whatever the circumstances in which it arises and |
| 14 | Lord Bingham at paragraph 8, perhaps if my Lord | 14 | whatever its subject matter may be. However widely |
| 15 | reads paragraph 8 and paragraph 9. (Pause). | 15 | drawn the language, the circumstances in which the |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I have done that because I have | 16 | release is given may suggest, and frequently do suggest, |
| 17 | read those. | 17 | the parties intended or, more precisely, the parties |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: I'm grateful. The key point we say is | 18 | have reasonably taken to have intended the release |
| 19 | paragraph 10: | 19 | should apply only to claims known or unknown relating to |
| 20 | "A long and, in my view, salutary line of authority | 20 | a particular subject matter. The court has to consider |
| 21 | shows that in the absence of clear language the court | 21 | therefore what was the type of the claims of which the |
| 22 | will be very slow to infer that a party intended to | 22 | release was directed." |
| 23 | surrender rights and claims of which he was unaware and | 23 | And it gives the example of a partnership business |
| 24 | could not have been aware." | 24 | and a release in final accounts and makes the comment |
| 25 | And it's the words "in the absence of clear | 25 | that: |
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|  | "It could not reasonably be taken to preclude a |  | in a scheme of arrangement. |
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| 2 | claim if it later came to light that encroaching tree | 2 | but one definition, as you'll see, |
| 3 | roots from one party's property had caused damage to the | 3 | defined in a sterling amount. |
|  | other property." | 4 | Then claim, simply to note that the claims, capita |
| 5 | My Lord, whatever one may say about the width of the | 5 | C claims, are defined very broadly, claims of whatsoever |
| 6 | release in our case, it undoubtedly covers anything to | 6 | nature and, in particular, we'll come back to this, but |
| 7 | do with the underlying contracts, and the type of claims | 7 | cludes a proprietary |
| 8 | that we're concerned with in this case are claims which | 8 | im. And proprietary claim is a defined term itself |
| 9 | arise out of the underlying contracts. | 9 | he top of page 3. It's: |
| 10 | With that introduction on the law, I'm going to dive | 10 | ctual, prospective or contingent |
| 11 | straight in now to the language, starting, as I said | 11 | d whether arising by statute, at common law, in equity |
| 12 | with the admitted claims CDD. The example which all the | 12 | or otherwise, against the company ... that the creditor |
| 13 | parties | 13 | is the legal and/or beneficial owner of an asset" -- |
| 14 | Mr Tr | 14 | MR |
| 15 | I shall ta | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: The foot of page 3, definition of proprietary |
| 16 | did. To remind my Lord of our case on this document, w | 16 | claim |
| 17 | say that it releases all currency conversion claims, and | 17 | R JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, thank you. |
| 18 | it releases all non-provable claims to interest. The | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: So sub-paragraph 1: |
| 19 | evidence is that all admitted claims CDDs had the agreed | 19 | e creditor is the legal and/or beneficial owner |
| 20 | claim amount as defined d | 20 | of an asset. Secondly, for the delivery and/or transfer |
| 21 | They're all in this form. Obviously the variants ove | 21 | of such asset." |
| 22 | time for carve-outs occurred, but we are looking at the | 22 | And reference to asset includes |
| 23 | document without any carve-outs to preserve such claims. | 23 | "Present and future properties, reve |
| 24 | So starting at the beginning of the document with | 24 | of every description." |
| 25 | the recitals, the second recital, B , is a good starting | 25 | So any type of proprietary claim. |
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| 1 | point to understand the purpose of the parties entering into the agreement. It is: <br> "In consideration of the company and the creditor agreeing that the creditor's claims under the creditor agreement against the company are fixed at the agreed claim amount." <br> All those are defined terms we'll come to: <br> "The company and the creditor wish to release and discharge each other in respect of any and all other claims [very broadly stated] ... howsoever arising." <br> So that's the starting point, that's what the parties were setting out to do. <br> Picking up the key definitions, the first is: <br> "Admitted claim." <br> On the top of page 2 of the document: <br> "An unsecured claim of a creditor of the company which qualifies for dividends from the estate of the company available to its unsecured creditors pursuant to the Insolvency Rules and the Insolvency Act (or, if applicable, as amended or replaced pursuant to the terms of inter alia a scheme of arrangement or a company voluntary arrangement." <br> So the first point to pick up there is it's not just about claims that will be proved in a winding up or administration, it includes claims that will be advanced <br> Page 6 | 1 | Going back to page 3 again for the definition of |
| 2 |  | 2 | "creditor agreement", in this case it was an FBF master |
| 3 |  | 3 | agreement entered into between the company and the |
| 4 |  | 4 | creditor. I believe that's a Federation Bancaire |
| 5 |  | 5 | Française master agreement. |
| 6 |  | 6 | So those are the only definitions I need to take |
| 7 |  | 7 | my Lord to. We then go straight to clause 2 , which is |
| 8 |  | 8 | key operative provision. I take it my Lord's read |
| 9 |  | 9 | this clause? |
| 10 |  | 10 | R JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, but I'm happy to look |
| 11 |  | 11 | in clo |
| 12 |  | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: I'll identify each point I want to make from |
| 13 |  | 13 | it as I go throug |
| 14 |  | 14 | First of all, the preamble |
| 15 |  | 15 | "The company and the creditor irrevocably an |
| 16 |  | 16 | unconditionally agree that notwithstanding the terms of |
| 17 |  | 17 | any contract to which the creditor and the company are |
| 18 |  | 18 | a party, including the creditor agreement ..." |
| 19 |  | 19 | So the first point to note is it's deliberately |
| 20 |  | 20 | departing from varying and changing to some extent the |
| 21 |  | 21 | rights under the existing agreement. It acknowledges |
| 22 |  | 22 | this applies whatever the contract may otherwise say. |
| 23 |  | 23 | 2.1: |
| 24 |  | 24 | 'The creditor shall have an admitted claim [that is |
| 25 |  | 25 | a claim that qualifies for dividends and a winding up or |
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| 1 | a scheme of arrangement] in an amount equal to the | 1 | matters, claims, which arise under the creditor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | agreed claim amount, the sterling sum." | 2 | agreement. |
| 3 | 2.2: | 3 | Then it goes on: |
| 4 | "The admitted claim shall be fixed at the agreed | 4 | "Whether in existence now [that is at the time of |
| 5 | claim amount [namely the sterling sum] and shall | 5 | this agreement, and this agreement of course is |
| 6 | constitute the creditor's entire claim against the | 6 | potentially many years after the date of administration, |
| 7 | company." | 7 | so it's including any claim which will have arisen since |
| 8 | Reinforcing the fact that coming out of this | 8 | the date of administration providing it exists now] or |
| 9 | agreement, that's all you have left; all you have left | 9 | coming into existence at some time in the future." |
| 10 | is whatever you've agreed to be the agreed claim amount | 10 | It even contemplates claims which do not yet exist. |
| 11 | which is in sterling. | 11 | Then finally, those words I pre-echoed when looking |
| 12 | 2.3: | 12 | at BCCI v Ali: |
| 13 | "Save solely for the admitted claim ..." | 13 | "Whether or not in the contemplation of the creditor |
| 14 | Ie, my Lord, that means save for what's just been | 14 | and/or the company and/or the administrators on the date |
| 15 | discussed above as your only claim, the admitted claim | 15 | hereof." |
| 16 | in the agreed claim amount, namely your sterling amount, | 16 | There's one line I forgot to highlight, I'm sure |
| 17 | save for that: | 17 | my Lord's seen it, the fifth line in the brackets: |
| 18 | "... the company and the administrators are hereby | 18 | "It includes those claims which arise hereafter upon |
| 19 | each irrevocably and unconditionally released." | 19 | a change in the relevant law." |
| 20 | Now, the first point to note there is they're each | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's the BCCI v Ali case |
| 21 | released. This is a mutual release, it works both ways. | 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 22 | Then moving on to 2.4: |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: And they are released irrevocably, | 23 | "The creditor agrees he will not take any steps to |
| 24 | unconditionally, and forever discharged. So this is not | 24 | prove for or to claim for any debt in the administration |
| 25 | only temporary or limited or qualified purpose, it's | 25 | or other insolvency process of the company or otherwise |
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| 1 | very clear they're doing this forever and for all | 1 | bring any claim, action, demand, issue or continue any |
| 2 | purposes. | 2 | proceedings against the company in any jurisdiction." |
| 3 | Then the description of the matters which are | 3 | So it's a complete bar on any action anywhere, and |
| 4 | released, losses, costs, charges, expenses, capital C | 4 | the definition of "claim" goes back to claims. |
| 5 | claims, demands, actions. In short, it could not be | 5 | And the promise not to take any proceedings, that's |
| 6 | broader. I don't think anyone in court could think of | 6 | a defined term as well, I skipped over that, on page 3 |
| 7 | a particular type of claim, loss, cost, which didn't | 7 | of the document. Again, it's the widest class of types |
| 8 | fall within that wording. | 8 | of proceeding, demands, actions, et cetera, including |
| 9 | In the parentheses on the fourth line "it includes | 9 | enforcing liens, for example, at the very end. |
| 10 | all claims for interest", and we'll come back to that | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 11 | in relation to non-provable claims for interest. | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Although the document goes on for a few mor |
| 12 | Then picking up after the long list of types of | 12 | pages, there is in fact very little else I want to draw |
| 13 | things that are released, actions, et cetera, then on | 13 | to my Lord's attention. Most of our argument focuses on |
| 14 | the seventh line: | 14 | clause 2. But just to note that in clause 3.3, well, |
| 15 | "Howsoever arising." | 15 | clause 3 is dealing with transfer and it allows parties |
| 16 | And then we have the words: | 16 | to transfer -- sorry: |
| 17 | "Whether known or unknown, whether arising in equity | 17 | "Save as set out in clause 3.2 [I'm starting back at |
| 18 | or under common law or statute or by reason of breach of | 18 | 3.1] the creditors ...(Reading to the words)... not |
| 19 | contract or in respect of any tortious or negligent act | 19 | transfer its admitted claim." |
| 20 | or omission, whether or not loss or damage caused | 20 | 3.2: |
| 21 | thereby has yet been suffered or otherwise." | 21 | "It may, however, transfer, subject to clause 3.3, |
| 22 | And then these important words: | 22 | its interests in the admitted claim and its right to |
| 23 | "Whether arising under the creditor agreement or | 23 | receive dividends." |
| 24 | not." | 24 | Then 3.3: |
| 25 | So it clearly contemplates that the release includes | 25 | "Any assignment shall not be valid and the |
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| 1 | administrators of the company shall not be bound to | 1 | It's confirmation by the creditor it's made its own |
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| 2 | recognise the transferee unless and until the transferor | 2 | independent decision to enter into the deed, as to |
| 3 | and transferee sign and deliver to the company the | 3 | whether it's appropriate for it, et cetera. |
| 4 | letter agreement substantially in the form of a note set | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 5 | out in the appendix." | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: And finally, clause 12: |
| 6 | So if you want the transfer, you must do it via the | 6 | "A standard whole agreement clause, excluding any |
| 7 | transfer notice. | 7 | other contract, supersedes any previous written or oral |
| 8 | The appendix begins at page 18 of the document. | 8 | agreement." |
| 9 | Clause 4.2 is the key operative provision: | 9 | And: |
| 10 | "The whole of the admitted claim and the whole of | 10 | "The creditor agrees [by 12.2] it has not been |
| 11 | the transferor's right to receive any and all dividends | 11 | induced to enter into the deed by any representation of |
| 12 | in respect of or in connection with the admitted claim | 12 | warranty or undertaking not expressly incorporated in to |
| 13 | shall be unconditionally and immediately assigned to the | 13 | it." |
| 14 | transferee." | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: So my Lord, the argument is very |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: And then debt will stand as the transferee's | 16 | straightforward, in fact. In relation to currency |
| 17 | proof of debt and dividends paid shall constitute a good | 17 | conversion claims there is an unambiguous intention to |
| 18 | discharge in respect of the admitted claim. | 18 | restrict the creditor to a single claim, fixed under |
| 19 | This shows that the parties clearly contemplated | 19 | this agreement in a sterling denominated sum. There is |
| 20 | that the only thing the creditor had, having entered | 20 | a complete release and discharge of all and any other |
| 21 | into this agreement, was the admitted claim. It just | 21 | possible claims. That release expressly envisages the |
| 22 | reinforces that point. | 22 | possibility that it's releasing claims that were not |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The rules contain provision, | 23 | contemplated by anyone at the time. |
| 24 | don't they, for ability to transfer the right to receive | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Including tree root claims |
| 25 | dividends? Am I right about that? The Insolvency Rules | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Tree root? |
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| 1 | or the Act. | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You'll recall BCCI v Ali and |
| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: I think that's right. I'll just check where | 2 | Lord Nicholls. Something wholly unrelated to financial |
| 3 | they are precisely. There's something in the evidence | 3 | contracts. |
| 4 | as to why this is there. In essence it's because some | 4 | MR ZACAROLI: I see. Whether or not it goes that far |
| 5 | of the underlying contracts contained restrictions on | 5 | I needn't be concerned with, in fact, because on any |
| 6 | assignment without the consent of LBIE and, as is stated | 6 | view the claims within this case fall within the class |
| 7 | in one of the progress reports that I'll come to, the | 7 | of claims that are covered. |
| 8 | administrators identified this as a way enabling | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Well, Lord Nicholls thought it |
| 9 | creditors to transfer without the need for the consent | 9 | relevant that in BCCI v Ali the clause could not be read |
| 10 | of the administrators. | 10 | literally. He instanced that it was accepted on behalf |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 11 | of the liquidators that there were implicit limitations |
| 12 | MR ZACAROLI: So it's to get over that contractual | 12 | on the extent of the clause, which is why I raised it |
| 13 | restriction. | 13 | with you. |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, right. | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: In which case if I had to deal with it I'd say |
| 15 | MR DICKER: Just so your Lordship has the reference, it's | 15 | it does cover everything, absolutely everything. |
| 16 | 2.104. | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Tree root claims and all? |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much. | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Indeed. It's a sort of, if I may say so, |
| 18 | Yes, so this goes much further because it enables | 18 | a fanciful test or example to test this contract with, |
| 19 | the claim itself to be assigned, not just the right to | 19 | given the nature of the dealings between the parties, |
| 20 | receive the dividend. | 20 | but still -- |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'd be reluctant to say that |
| 22 | My Lord, just two further clauses in the contract to | 22 | anything that Lord Nicholls pens is fanciful. The point |
| 23 | look at. Page 11, clause 8.2. I think Mr Trower took | 23 | he was illustrating is that virtually no contract can be |
| 24 | you to this clause. It's not so relevant in a sense for | 24 | read literally. That's the point. |
| 25 | construction, but may be relevant for the 36A argument. | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The question is: what is the | 1 | skeleton, that this document, which does not say |
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| 2 | extent of the limitation that the words of contract are | 2 | anything in terms about statutory interest, under this |
| 3 | subject to? Which is what this case is all about. | 3 | document nevertheless creditors are entitled to |
| 4 | That's perhaps the point. You're perfectly entitled, | 4 | statutory interest, notwithstanding those words that it |
| 5 | Mr Zacaroli, to make the submission that it covers | 5 | includes all claims for interest. And the reason for |
| 6 | absolutely everything, irrespective of the subject. | 6 | that is because statutory interest is, to borrow |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. I do, my Lord, but I don't -- that is, | 7 | a phrase from my learned friend Mr Dicker's skeleton, an |
| 8 | as it were, not central to my argument. | 8 | incidence or attribute of the admitted claim because the |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I follow. | 9 | admitted claim is one which qualifies for distributions |
| 10 | MR ZACAROLI: Because it isn't necessary for the purposes of | 10 | from the insolvency estate under the Insolvency Act and |
| 11 | the claim. | 11 | Rules. So the admitted claim carries with it the right |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You say it covers everything | 12 | given by statute to interest. |
| 13 | arising out of the financial contracts that may exist | 13 | I'm going to come on in a while to deal with what we |
| 14 | between the creditor and LBIE? | 14 | say is the mischaracterisation of the currency |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. And that is clear from the words | 15 | conversion claim or the non-provable interest claim as |
| 16 | "whether arising under the creditor agreement or not". | 16 | incidence and attributes of the admitted claim, they're |
| 17 | Ie it clearly contemplates a release of claims arising | 17 | not at all, but we accept that statutory interest is an |
| 18 | under the creditor agreement, which is the only | 18 | incidence or attribute of the admitted claim. So the |
| 19 | relationship said to give rise to any claim at all. | 19 | release being save for the admitted claim, it's save for |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I follow that. I see the point | 20 | the admitted claim and the incidence and attributes that |
| 21 | there. | 21 | that carries with it. |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Just to make good a point I made briefly in |  | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So that's language -- I'm tryin |
| 23 | opening or earlier this morning, the claims we are | 23 | to work out how as a matter of construction the clause |
| 24 | considering in this case that we say are released both | 24 | achieves that result. |
| 25 | undoubtedly stem from the creditor agreement, because | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: It comes from the saving, so save for the |
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|  | the currency conversion claim is the right to be paid in |  | admitted claim, and the admitted claim is an unsecured |
| 2 | dollars under your current credit agreement, assuming | 2 | claim which qualifies for dividends from the estate of a |
| 3 | that's the currency here. And the non-provable claim to | 3 | company available to the unsecured creditors pursuant to |
| 4 | interest is those parts of your contractual right to | 4 | the Insolvency Rules and the Insolvency Act, which is |
| 5 | interest which are not satisfied, if they are not, by | 5 | the definition on page 2 . |
| 6 | the statutory scheme. | 6 | So as a matter of construction, this whole exception |
| 7 | So the essential prerequisite of the currency | 7 | comes from the phrase "save for the admitted claim". |
| 8 | conversion claim being a continuing entitlement to be | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. 2.1, though, says that |
| 9 | paid in dollars is simply not there. | 9 | the admitted claim is an amount equal to the agreed |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 10 | claim amount. |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: That right having been released, compromised, | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 12 | if you asked the creditor, having been paid everything | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Which clearly doesn't include |
| 13 | that you've said you want to be paid under this | 13 | statutory interest. |
| 14 | agreement, is there any part of it you haven't been | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Correct, but we accept that it's an incidence |
| 15 | paid, the answer's obviously no. Once it gets paid, in | 15 | or attribute of that admitted claim. It stems from, we |
| 16 | this case \$18 million-odd -- sorry, pounds -- that's the | 16 | say, the definition of admitted claim, which is |
| 17 | end of it, it has been satisfied in full, its | 17 | something which qualifies for your dividends under the |
| 18 | contractual rights are satisfied in full now. And the | 18 | estate -- anything which qualifies as dividends under |
| 19 | same is true in relation to interest, given the very | 19 | the estate, the insolvency estate, necessarily qualifies |
| 20 | clear wording on the fourth line of 2.3 that the release | 20 | for the additional dividends, rights, by way of |
| 21 | includes all claims for interest, including those | 21 | statutory interest under the statutory scheme. |
| 22 | arising out of the creditor agreement, again squarely | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Could the creditor release that |
| 23 | covering the foundation of a right to non-provable | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 24 | interest. | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: By express words? |
| 25 | My Lord, we accept, as you'll have seen from our | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: I don't see why not. |
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I can't see why not either.
MR ZACAROLI: They could relinquish a right to prove so they
    could relinquish a right to statutory interest.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm just wondering, it's 2.88.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
        My Lord, the first variant, as it were, to the CDDs
        was language to make it clear for the avoidance of
        doubt.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, just to focus on this for
        a moment, what I'm not quite clear is the fact that the
        release does not extend to the incidence or attributes
        of an admitted claim, what is the process by which one
        reaches that as a matter of construction? Clause 2.3,
        as you say, says "save solely for the admitted claim"
        and the admitted claim is an agreed claim in the amount
        of }18\mathrm{ million-odd. So are you reading in the words
        "save solely for the admitted claim and its incidence
        and attributes"?
    MR ZACAROLI: Well, I'm reading in the definition of
        admitted claim.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: All right. Let me just go back }2
        to that. It's an unsecured claim, which qualifies for
        dividends. Well, that doesn't describe statutory
        interest.
    MR ZACAROLI: I can see perhaps strictly read, maybe it
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    doesn't. But we say that the fact that the parties
    accepted that the claim could qualify for the dividends
    from the estate of the company available to its
    unsecured creditors is to be read as including -- the
    fact the parties recognised that, that this claim was
    one which you would then carry with you into the proof
    process in an administration or into a scheme, carries
    with it necessarily the acceptance that you've got
    whatever rights that scheme gave you. So although on
    a strict reading of the word "dividends", you might say
    that's only dividends in relation to provable debts,
    it's to be read slightly more broadly as dividends which
    the statutory scheme gives you generally, so including
    the dividend under a provable debt and the right to
    interest on that.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right.
    MR ZACAROLI: In a sense, I'm arguing against myself here
        because if it excluded interest, we in a sense would be
        happy with that conclusion in the sense that on this
        side of court, but we accept it doesn't go that far for
        that reason.
            The first variant to the CDD was to include a clause
        which made it clear that the right to statutory interest
        was not relinquished. It's worth just turning to that
        immediately at this point. It's the next tab in the
            Page 22
        concerned with identifying provable claims, because it
        takes place within those parameters then the release
        should be construed down as relating only to provable
        claims. We say there are very clear indications in
        clause 2.2 and the document as a whole which make that
        argument untenable.
    The first is, and I have shown my Lord these points,
        but the first is that clause 2.3, third line from the
        end, releases claims whether in existence now or coming
        into existence at some time in the future. It clearly
        contemplates claims which wouldn't be provable on any
        basis.
            Secondly, it releases claims defined so broadly as
        to include proprietary claims, again claims which on any
        view would not be provable.
            Thirdly, the purpose of identifying the fixed amount
        which your claim now stands at is to enable you to have
        that claim not only in a provable context, but also in
        a scheme of arrangement, and I'm sure my Lord remembers
        from the T\&N case that claims in a scheme of arrangement
        are much broader than claims which will be provable
        under the rules in the Act.
            Fourthly, and this is a point I will develop at more
        length, the release is mutual. LBIE is released in all
        claims, including claims not in existence, against the
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    | 1 | creditor. There is no basis on which the claims | 1 | But it seemed to be a slightly two-stage process. The |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | released by LBIE could be cut down to some class of | 2 | paragraph which, as so often with Lord Bingham, seems to |
| 3 | claim which is either provable in whatever insolvency | 3 | encapsulate in a few sentences an immense amount of |
| 4 | process might relate to the counterparty in whichever | 4 | prior learning, is paragraph 8. One almost wonders why |
| 5 | jurisdiction that arises, or would otherwise be provable | 5 | anybody ever does anything other than simply quote these |
| 6 | in the reverse case against LBIE. There's no basis for | 6 | few sentences of paragraph 8 on the basic point: |
| 7 | that sort of cutting down the width of the release. | 7 | "Their natural and ordinary meaning in the context |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So that would extend to the tree | 8 | of the agreement, the parties' relationship and all the |
| 9 | roots claim? | 9 | relevant facts surrounding the transaction so far as |
| 10 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 10 | known to the parties." |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Supposing one of the | 11 | To which one might add "or should reasonably be |
| 12 | counterparties happened to have offices above Lehman's | 12 | known to the parties". You accept that? |
| 13 | offices and as a result of the negligence of the staff | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: I do. |
| 14 | of the counterparty there was a flood, damaging the | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It may be that's what Mr Trowe |
| 15 | Lehman's premises. Released? | 15 | was meaning, but it was just slightly -- it seemed to |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, but if not, it doesn't -- however you | 16 | start with a sort of disembodied exercise of parsing |
| 17 | might define at the peripheries types of claim which are | 17 | followed by looking at the facts. |
| 18 | not released, it doesn't get anywhere near the sorts of | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: I think it was probably me actually. |
| 19 | claims we're concerned with here, but I would go as far | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Was it? Forgive me. Oh, |
| 20 | as to say that it would be released. | 20 | Mr Trower, I owe you a complete apology. I am sorry. |
| 21 | This mutual release stems, we suggest, from the key | 21 | I didn't check the transcript. |
| 22 | core purposes of the agreement as that was expressed to | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: If I gave that impression, I was overstating |
| 23 | creditors in the progress reports the administrators put | 23 | it. I am standing in the position Mr Trower was |
| 24 | out. So for this purpose, it's necessary to go back to | 24 | standing in yesterday. |
| 25 | the fourth progress report. | 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I am sorry. Anyway, that |
|  | Page 25 |  | Page 27 |
| 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Could I just ask you a very general question, Mr Zacaroli, because it's triggered by | 1 | clarifies it for me. |
| 2 |  | 2 | MR ZACAROLI: It's a unitary process. |
| 3 | what you're about to take me to. Mr Trower in | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Exactly. |
| 4 | summarising the approach to construction I think put it | 4 | MR ZACAROLI: Nevertheless, one has to start with the |
| 5 | this way, that you start with the words of the contract | 5 | language in the sense of -- |
| 6 | and you give them their ordinary and natural meaning and | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Well, yes. |
| 7 | you then engage in an iterative process, he described | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: -- what's the first thing you look at? It's |
| 8 | it, probably reciting from a judgment, by reference to | 8 | the language the parties have actually used. So it may |
| 9 | the background, the context and so on and so forth. | 9 | be only a small point, but you have to start somewhere. |
| 10 | Now, when Mr Trower made that submission to me, I wasn't | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Well, you start with the |
| 11 | wholly convinced by it, but looking at the way it's put | 11 | language of contract and the surrounding circumstances. |
| 12 | by Lord Bingham in BCCI v Ali, it doesn't seem to me to | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, you start with the language in the |
| 13 | be quite the right way of approaching it because what he | 13 | surrounding circumstances, but the very -- if ever one |
| 14 | says is that you try and identify the ordinary and | 14 | was construing a contract, the very first thing one |
| 15 | natural meaning of the contract, the words used, in the | 15 | would have to do is look at the words the parties have |
| 16 | context of the agreement, the background facts -- | 16 | chosen to use. |
| 17 | I forget exactly how he puts it. | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I agree, you'd naturally star |
| 18 | So rather than it being a two-stage process, it's | 18 | there. You'd be wrong to reach some view as to its |
| 19 | a one-stage process; you don't look at the clause as | 19 | meaning without looking at the other matters, wouldn't |
| 20 | a piece of prose on its own and you're asked to derive | 20 | you? |
| 21 | a meaning from it, you derive the ordinary and natural | 21 | MR ZACAROLI: I accept that. You have to look at it in |
| 22 | meaning of the words having regard to all those other -- | 22 | a unitary sense. |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: I entirely accept that. | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm glad that's clear, yes. |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It may be that I've | 24 | MR ZACAROLI: But I would stress that -- I think some of the |
| 25 | misunderstood really the way Mr Trower was putting it. | 25 | passages I took my Lord to yesterday show that one does |
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| 1 | have to pay some quite important regard to the words the | 1 | substantial and evidentiary documentation." |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | parties have chosen to use. That is a very important | 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, where is that? |
| 3 | part of the context itself. | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Under the first bullet point under the heading |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Absolutely, yes. Yes, it's | 4 | of "benefits", page 32. They're all in that first |
| 5 | a very important part of the exercise. | 5 | bullet point: |
| 6 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, they've chosen to use those words. | 6 | "It avoids the need for substantial further |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Absolutely. | 7 | documentation and interaction in support of claims that |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: And here the fact that the parties have chosen | 8 | would become protracted claims agreement process, |
| 9 | to use words of such weight and breadth and completeness | 9 | especially with regard to more complex claims. It |
| 10 | is itself a very important factor. | 10 | reduces the costs of claim determination and assists in |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you, good. So yes, the | 11 | accelerating, where possible, the distribution process |
| 12 | key purposes, the progress report. | 12 | on the basis that more claims shall be determined sooner |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. I'd marked it up in a different bundle, | 13 | than if the approach was not followed." |
| 14 | I think, and Mr Trower had a different one. Can I just | 14 | Then just after the bullet points is the passage |
| 15 | remind us where he took us to yesterday which I then | 15 | that I foreshadowed earlier about the contractual |
| 16 | marked up on the way through. It was bundle 5, my Lord. | 16 | restrictions on assignability, and the point is being |
| 17 | The particular section begins on page 29 of the bundle | 17 | made in the last four lines: |
| 18 | under the heading "Section 6 unsecured creditors". | 18 | "Creditors who avail themselves of the consensual |
| 19 | Under the highlights section, the first bullet | 19 | approach note that LBIE currently intends to permit |
| 20 | point: | 20 | agreed claims to be transferred in whole without |
| 21 | "A key objective of the administrators in the period | 21 | requiring further consent." |
| 22 | has been to expedite the agreement of unsecured | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 23 | creditors' claims." | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: And then the section headed "Progress", |
| 24 | So that's a key objective. That's repeated on | 24 | my Lord was taken to this by Mr Trower, but just to pick |
| 25 | page 31 in the first bullet point in the highlights box | 25 | up at the very end of that section on page 33, the last |
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| 1 | again. Then under the heading "Consensual approach", | 1 | five lines: |
| 2 | page 31, the right-hand column: | 2 | "Given the length of time required for any bilateral |
| 3 | 'The administrators draw attention to the fact that | 3 | claim negotiation and agreement, any material number of |
| 4 | their experience suggests the resolution of LBIE's | 4 | creditors opting to accept the LBIE determination will |
| 5 | unsecured creditor claims outside of the consensual | 5 | significantly shorten the life and therefore cost to |
| 6 | approach is likely to make many years to conclude, | 6 | creditors of the administration." |
| 7 | requiring significant time and resources for both | 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 8 | creditors and the insolvent estate. In cases of | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, there is also one other document just |
| 9 | material disagreement, litigation may be necessary to | 9 | to remind my Lord of in this context. It's the website |
| 10 | resolve claims with significant costs and delay. To | 10 | update of 16 June 2010, bundle 4A, page 441. |
| 11 | avoid this protracted agreement process, the | 11 | The second paragraph under the heading "Background" |
| 12 | administrators announced to creditors that they were | 12 | on page 441, I believe my Lord was taken to this. I'm |
| 13 | considering the establishment of a more expedient claims | 13 | just going to highlight the last few lines or half of |
| 14 | determination mechanism for consensual approach." | 14 | that paragraph: |
| 15 | And they say they've engaged with a number of street | 15 | "Drawing upon their experience of other major |
| 16 | creditors, those with the largest claims. | 16 | insolvencies and following a careful evaluation of the |
| 17 | Under the heading "Overview": | 17 | claims profile of this estate, the joint administrators |
| 18 | "It is an optional determination process available | 18 | have concluded the conventional procedure for |
| 19 | to street creditors designed primarily to accelerate the | 19 | determining claims, whether using their existing powers |
| 20 | agreement of creditor claims." | 20 | under a distribution agreement to the administration |
| 21 | Then under the heading "Benefits", the left-hand | 21 | alone or in conjunction with the scheme of arrangement |
| 22 | column of page 32: | 22 | or a company voluntary arrangement, will involve |
| 23 | "The benefits include to provide finality and | 23 | a time-consuming and expensive adjudication process |
| 24 | certainty regarding street creditors' financial claims | 24 | likely to involve extensive disputes and potential |
| 25 | against LBIE. It avoids the need for further | 25 | litigation. This in turn means that it is likely to be |
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|  | many years before a material interim dividend can be | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's not the focus of wha |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | paid to unsecured creditors." | 2 | you're pointing out to me. At the stage that the |
| 3 | It follows that part of the process would involve | 3 | administrators are doing this exercise, we haven't got |
| 4 | the administrators undertaking a far less extensive | 4 | any question of non-provable claims, by the way |
| 5 | review of the documentary evidence, and indeed the whole | 5 | we haven't got to any dividends yet. The point that you |
| 6 | relationship between LBIE and its client/creditors, than | 6 | were making, perfectly reasonably, was that because this |
| 7 | it would otherwise do under a normal claims | 7 | is going to be a faster and therefore it might be |
| 8 | determination process. So it would not be looking, as | 8 | thought slightly rougher and readier approach, not only |
| 9 | it were, to the nth degree for all possible matters both | 9 | were creditors giving up the possibility of a higher |
| 10 | ways. And that is a point which does cut both ways | 10 | claim against the company, but equally the company was |
| 11 | because, in so doing, they might be missing claims that | 11 | giving up the possibility of higher or other claims |
| 12 | LBIE had against the creditor or missing arguments that | 12 | against the creditor. But the focus of all that is on |
| 13 | will reduce the creditor's claim by way of set-off or | 13 | the financial contracts between the parties. I mean, at |
| 14 | otherwise. | 14 | this stage, in 2010, the administrators would not be -- |
| 15 | So the mutuality of the release is very important | 15 | we know, we have their evidence, but in any event they |
| 16 | because LBIE is clearly stating in the CDD "we're going | 16 | wouldn't conceivably have been thinking about |
| 17 | to release any such claim we might have against you in | 17 | calculating currency gains or losses |
| 18 | return for you releasing claims against us". So the | 18 | post-administration. |
| 19 | benefits to creditors isn't just -- one major benefit | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I accept that the administrators were not |
| 20 | of course is the advantage -- | 20 | thinking about that. |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: What you're envisaging there are | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Anyway, I just felt that the |
| 22 | claims which would result in a potential for set-off. | 22 | point you were making, perfectly reasonably, was one |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 23 | which naturally arises in the context of looking at the |
| $24$ | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You're really looking at the |  | position, as it were, in relation to obligations as at |
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| 1 | give rise to the potential for claims by the | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: Well, except for this, that the |
| 2 | counterparties, but equally they give rise to the | 2 | administrators, the release the administrators give the |
| 3 | potential for claims by LBIE against the counterparty. | 3 | creditor is clearly in wholly unlimited terms, so the |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 4 | creditor is getting the benefit of a wholly unlimited |
| 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Isn't that what you're | 5 | release against it, which is one of the consequences of |
| 6 | envisaging? I'm just thinking about claims that arise | 6 | the rough and ready approach, that if there were any |
| 7 | post-administration. The point you've just made is | 7 | other claim against the creditors -- |
| 8 | really a good point, isn't it, as regards | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see, so I take the point, |
| 9 | pre-administration or claims arising out | 9 | ere's a mutuality. So if the release -- it's sauce |
| 10 | pre-administration obligations? | 10 | for the goose and the gander, as it were, the releases |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Can I take an example, which my Lord may say | 11 | should match each other. |
| 12 | is fanciful, given the way the law has developed? Take | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 13 | the currency conversion claims. There may be payments | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. |
| 14 | either way in dollars. The creditor may have a dollar | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: For example, if a claim by the administrators, |
| 15 | claim, an ultimate net claim of dollars against the | 15 | a company against the creditor, arose after |
| 16 | estate. The way the law has developed is that the | 16 | administration, then it would be contrary to the |
| 17 | creditor has a claim against the estate by reason of its | 17 | mutuality of the release that that claim had been |
| 18 | contractual entitlement to dollars, to the extent that | 18 | released, but the claim by the creditor, for example |
| 19 | it suffered any shortfall. | 19 | a currency conversion claim which only arose |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Since the administration? | 20 | subsequently against the company, was not released, the |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. But the law has not developed, but it | 21 | mutuality must extend for all purposes. |
| 22 | might have developed, in the opposite direction to say | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Quite. |
| 23 | that where a creditor has enjoyed a gain by reason of | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: That's the point I'm making. |
| 24 | currency conversions or currency fluctuations | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. That's not got a grea |
| 25 | post-administration, it should disgorge that benefit. | 25 | deal to do with the rough and ready approach to valuing |
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| 1 | claims though, has it? Speeding up the process? | 1 | claim. So one has to draw a distinction between the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: Well -- | 2 | underlying contractual rights, on the one hand, and the |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Because the focus of that, as | 3 | rights which are -- which are the rights which come out |
| 4 | u rightly say, is on, as I say, the position | 4 | of the CDD, the only rights which remain after the CDD, |
| 5 | in relation to pre-administration contracts. So it's | 5 | namely the admitted claim. |
| 6 | going to be rougher and readier both ways. | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Is the point here that the right |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, but part of that rough and ready approach | 7 | to statutory interest does not arise under the contract, |
| 8 | is to fix an amount and then leave it at that, waive | 8 | it arises under the legislation? |
| 9 | everything else. It's focusing on that alone and saying | 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 10 | anything else there might be out there we're agreeing | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Whereas the currency conversio |
| 11 | we will just leave, it will be released both ways. | 11 | claims and a non-provable claim for interest is |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, right. | 12 | enforcement of a term of the contract. |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: But for the purposes of the argument that this | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 14 | can't be limited to provable claims, the point that | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: In one sense, the currency |
| 15 | really matters here is because the administrators' or | 15 | conversion claim is an incidence or attribute of the |
| 16 | company's release was unlimited, mutuality requires the | 16 | admitted claim because it arises from the conversion of |
| 17 | release the other way to be of a similar nature. | 17 | the contractual debt into sterling at the date of the |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. | 18 | administration. |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, just a short point here. The Senior | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I would take issue with that because there is |
| 20 | Creditor Group's skeleton is replete with the assertion | 20 | an important distinction drawn throughout the document |
| 21 | that the purpose of the CDDs was to provide a degree of | 21 | between the admitted claim and that out of which it |
| 22 | finality. We take issue with that formulation of the | 22 | arose, the underlying creditor agreement. So let's go |
| 23 | concept of finality. It is clear from the terms of the | 23 | back to tab 7, if we may, because this requires slightly |
| 24 | document itself, but also from this rough and ready | 24 | closer analysis of the language. In this example, the |
| 25 | approach to arriving at claims and waiving everything | 25 | underlying contractual entitlement of this creditor |
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| 1 | else, that the purpose was to achieve finality, |  | ose under the creditor agreement as defined on page 3, |
| 2 | certainty and finally. The phrase itself appears in the | 2 | namely the FBF master agreemen |
| 3 | fourth progress report, as my Lord has seen | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 4 | Once you introduce them to a concept such as | 4 | MR ZACAROLI: That will vary between creditors, but that is |
| 5 | finality and certainty, and the phrase "degree", it's no | 5 | the creditor agreement. So one starts with that and |
| 6 | longer final, no longer certain. The point was to | 6 | then clause 2, as I pointed out, first of all says |
| 7 | achieve finality and certainty | 7 | notwithstanding any other term in the creditor |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 8 | agreement, your claim is limited to and fixed at the |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Another point made against us, and I again | 9 | agreed claim amount, which is your admitted claim. And |
| 10 | foreshadow this point, by the Senior Creditor Group is | 10 | that's the sterling sum. So you've compromised all |
| 11 | the idea that the non-provable currency conversion claim | 11 | rights under the creditor agreement in exchange for the |
| 12 | and claims to interest are incidence and attributes of | 12 | admitted sum, which is a sterling debt. |
| 13 | the claims which are agreed and admitted to proof. | 13 | Then the release in 2.3 expressly includes any |
| 14 | Again, there are many references to that concept that | 14 | claim, et cetera, arising under the creditor agreement. |
| 15 | these claims are themselves incidence and attributes of | 15 | That I have shown my Lord before, it's four lines from |
| 16 | the claims admitted to proof. | 16 | the end. |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, clause 3? |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, that, we submit, is wrong for two | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: 2.3. |
| 19 | reasons. They say that there's no release of such | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: 2.3, exactly, yes. |
| 20 | matters, and that's wrong for two reasons. First of | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: The currency conversion claim -- in a sense |
| 21 | all, a currency conversion claim and a non-provable | 21 | the phrase "currency conversion claim" is a misleading |
| 22 | claim to interest, neither of those is an incidence or | 22 | label because all it is is the right to be paid in |
| 23 | attribute of the claim admitted to proof. Secondly, the | 23 | dollars, which the creditor agreement provided for, to |
| 24 | CDD clearly does expressly waive matters which would be | 24 | the extent that you haven't got that payment through the |
| 25 | incidence and attributes of the underlying contractual | 25 | statutory process. |
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## claims.

The third is that the context starts with the admission of provable claims. It's the speeding up the process of paying those which are provable.
The fourth is that if we're right, then it just means that members will benefit.
The final point is that the progress reports made it clear that the amounts would need to be converted into sterling because of course rule 2.86 requires that. Those are the five, I think, key points of contextual background that are said to lead to a reading down of the agreement.

The first one, and the best place to see where this is set out, is the Senior Creditor Group's skeleton argument at paragraphs 4 to 7 , tab 1 of bundle 10 . Paragraph 4, they say that they are not simply arm's length bargains between two commercial parties, each of which is motivated by self-interest.

Paragraph 5:
"[The process is] initiated by the administrators to facilitate the return of trust assets and the quantification of claims against the estate. Both processes operate within the context and framework of the statutory regime contained in the Insolvency Act and Rules. That regime requires the administrators to

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return trust assets ... and imposes duties on the
administrators to ... [act] in a quasi-judicial capacity
and distribute assets pari passu."
Paragraph 6 points to the administrators'
experience:
"... who have at all times had the benefit of extensive specialist insolvency legal advice. In contrast, general unsecured creditors, most of whom have little, if any, experience in relation to insolvency proceedings and in any event are likely to have been disinclined to incur large irrecoverable legal costs will have relied, and were entitled to rely, on the administrators [essentially to look after their interests]."

## And 7:

"The regime contained, along with the duties and functions, processes, which provide the basic context against which the provisions are to be construed. Documents were intended to operate in a way that is consistent with that statutory regime and the duties and functions of the administrators."

We suggest that's an oversimplification of the functions and duties of administrators in a case like this.

Turning to schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act,
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paragraph 3 first of all:
    "The administrator must perform its functions with
    the objective of ..."
        And in this case the objective of the administration
is B:
    "Achieving a better result for the company's
    creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company
    were wound up without first [inaudible] administration."
        Sub-paragraph 2:
        "Subject to sub-paragraph 4 the administrator must
    perform its functions in the interests of the company's
    creditors as a whole."
        And paragraph 4 in particular:
        "The administrators of the company must perform its
        functions as quickly and efficiently as is reasonably
        practicable."
        And then just one other power of administrators from
        schedule 1. My Lord will be familiar with this, but
        they have a power, under paragraph 18, to make any
        arrangement or compromise on behalf of the company.
        Paragraph }18\mathrm{ of schedule 1, not schedule B1.
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Forgive me, yes.
MR ZACAROLI: My Lord will be familiar with the paragraph
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: So they actually have a duty to admit only
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such claims and in such amount as is proper, and they
have a duty to exercise their functions as quickly and
expeditiously and cheaply as possible. In exercising
their duty to admit or reject claims of creditors, which
is what this is all about, they are in essence on the
opposite side of that transaction to each individual
creditor. So you might say a creditor is seeking to
maximise the amount of its claim; the administrator is
seeking, not necessarily to minimise, but to arrive
at the proper value for that claim.
Their duty to do so is based on their duty to act
in the interests of all creditors to ensure that only
properly maintainable claims are accepted. But that
can't possibly mean that they have a duty to act in the
interests of the particular creditor who is seeking to
maximise the value of its claim. And we suggest it's
perfectly consistent with the statutory regime and those
powers that we've just looked at briefly for the
administrators to reach a rough and ready compromise
with creditors, in so doing to enter into a mutual
release of all claims to achieve that end so as to speed
up distributions. That's a perfectly proper thing for
them to be doing and doesn't in any way indicate that
the terms of these documents should bear any meaning
other than what their words would suggest.
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| 1 | there's no evidence at all about whether creditors | 1 | compromise by not having to look at extensive |
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| 2 | thought there might be, whether they had been to their | 2 | documentation, providing finality as between the claims |
| 3 | own lawyers to ask them about that question some time | 3 | of the creditors and LBIE, enabling speedy |
| 4 | ago, we just don't know. So the court can't make any | 4 | distributions, enabling the easier transfer of claims to |
| 5 | generalisation about that fact anyway, but that doesn't | 5 | avoid having to go and get consent of the administrators |
| 6 | matter because even if it were true, it doesn't take the | 6 | each time, and ultimately bringing the administration to |
| 7 | argument anywhere. I will come back to develop this | 7 | an earlier end and saving costs for all. |
| 8 | in relation to 36A, but it's an entirely wrong approach | 8 | My Lord, all those objectives are wholly consistent |
| 9 | to ask, well, if this claim had been thought about | 9 | with the unlimited release language in the document, |
| 10 | at the time, would there have been some other provision | 10 | extending to claims that went beyond provable claims. |
| 11 | made for it? Because the whole point is it wasn't | 11 | We say it would be inconsistent with those purposes to |
| 12 | thought about and they released any claim that was not | 12 | limit the release only to provable claims because |
| 13 | thought about. | 13 | it would in particular frustrate the objective of saving |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. The CDDs were made with | 14 | costs because the administrators would find that having |
| 15 | creditors, many of whom have of course assigned their | 15 | come to an agreement, so they thought, to end the |
| 16 | claims to -- as I understand it, most of the claims are | 16 | relationship between them and that creditor, reach |
| 17 | now held by funds, which deal in distress debt and so | 17 | finality in that relationship, they had to |
| 18 | on. | 18 | re-investigate, re-open that relationship at some second |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 19 | or third round of distributions later on. And that, |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Was the sequence generally tha: | 20 | we would say, is inconsistent with the whole idea of |
| 21 | you had the original creditor, if I can call it that, | 21 | saving costs for the benefit of everybody. |
| 22 | who entered into one of these deeds, who then assigned | 22 | I've made the textual points based on the CDDs |
| 23 | their claim to funds which now really constitute the | 23 | themselves as to why they can't have been limited to |
| 24 | Senior Creditor Group? | 24 | a release of provable claims, and I won't repeat those. |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: It's not clear. I don't know the answer to | 25 | It included the point, however, that these claims were |
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| 1 | that. We know it happened both ways around because | 1 | to be admitted not only in a winding up or |
| 2 | there are aggregated CDDs. The aggregated CDDs are | 2 | administration but a scheme of arrangement, which is far |
| 3 | entered into for the first time by the aggregator, like | 3 | broader, enables claims of a far broader category to be |
| 4 | the Senior Creditor Group, after they've had underlying | 4 | included than in a winding up or administration. |
| 5 | claims transferred. | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Just thinking about that, if you |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So claims were transferred to | 6 | put it that way, in order to be an admitted claim it |
| 7 | them otherwise than under the terms of transfer | 7 | surely has to qualify for dividends under the Insolvency |
| 8 | contained in the -- | 8 | Rules. If it was a claim which would be capable of |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. I don't know the weight of either side | 9 | being treated as a claim of a creditor under a scheme |
| 10 | of that process, maybe someone does, but I certainly | 10 | but would not be admitted to proof in an administration |
| 11 | don't. But both happened. | 11 | or liquidation, it wouldn't be an admitted claim, would |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 12 | it, as defined? |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, the third point or group of points | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Well, except that the words in parentheses are |
| 14 | was that the consensual approach was presented to | 14 | an alternative to the words which go before. |
| 15 | creditors as something to facilitate payment of | 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: In order to be an admitted |
| 16 | dividends. It's perhaps just worth looking at the SCG | 16 | claim, does it not have to satisfy the first -- |
| 17 | skeleton, paragraph 11.1, for that point shortly. | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: No, because it qualifies for dividends from |
| 18 | It's a point which is developed at some length, but | 18 | the estate of the company available to its unsecured |
| 19 | I'm just highlighting the core points. I have shown | 19 | editors pursuant to the Insolvency Rules and Act or, |
| 20 | my Lord the fourth progress report, which is what | 20 | if applicable, as amended or replaced pursuant to -- |
| 21 | explained to creditors what the administrators were | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: How does this work? Supposin |
| 22 | setting out to do by this process. We won't look at it | 22 | you had a claim of a creditor which was not provable but |
| 23 | again, but to remind my Lord the benefits were set out | 23 | which was capable of being a claim to which a scheme |
| 24 | as including saving costs for the estate, saving costs | 24 | could apply, the effect of this deed would be to admit |
| 25 | for the creditor, reaching a more rough and ready | 25 | it to a distribution, because the whole point of the |
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| 1 | agreement is that the admitted claim will be admitted |  | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Capable of proof. Capable as |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | distributions. | 2 | a matter of law. |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Sorry, I'm not quite following. | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: But I wanted to think about that because |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: All right. I'm a creditor and | 4 | having made this new agreement, it's possible |
| 5 | I agree my claim as $£ 18$ million under the terms of this | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I don't see how the |
| 6 | agreement. | 6 | administrators could act outside the insolvency |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 7 | legislation. |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The effect of this agreement | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: Let me come back to that. |
| 9 | is that that claim will be admitted for distribution | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, I may have misunderstoo |
| 10 | purposes in the administration. The administrators | 10 | then the point you were making. |
| 11 | couldn't do that if it was a claim which was not | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: I have a claim for $£ 18$ million. By this |
| 12 | admissible to proof as a matter of law in the | 12 | agreement I'm accepting that it's my only claim. |
| 13 | administration. | 13 | I can't bring any other claim in either a winding-up or |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: I see, it's a sort of reverse point. | 14 | a scheme of arrangement. Now, a scheme of arrangement |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think you're making the poin | 15 | might have allowed me to bring other claims. |
| 16 | that this deed is wide enough to include claims which | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. So that is the point. |
| 17 | are not admissible to proof in a liquidation but are | 17 | You say the effect is to release claims which, though |
| 18 | capable of being subject to a scheme. | 18 | not admissible to proof, could be the subject of |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I'm making the slightly different point that | 19 | a scheme? |
| 20 | because the purpose of this was to enable the claim to | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 21 | be admitted without any further requirements in either | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay, I understand. |
| 22 | a liquidation or a scheme of arrangement, and that would | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: So my Lord, it is correct to say that at the |
| 23 | be the whole of your claim in those circumstances, it | 23 | time the CDD was entered into in accordance with the |
| 24 | was clearly intended to release any other claim that | 24 | fourth progress report, the earlier distributions, the |
| 25 | might otherwise have been admissible in any of those | 25 | earlier distributions to which creditors would be |
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| 1 | processes. So if you have your claim for 18 million -- |  | entitled by reason of entering into a CDD, would be |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So if you have a claim which is | 2 | distributions by way of payments of dividends in respect |
| 3 | not admissible to proof in a liquidation or | 3 | of provable claims because that was the context. To get |
| 4 | administration and therefore cannot be an admitted claim | 4 | an early distribution it had to be a claim that was one |
| 5 | for the purposes of this deed, cannot be -- forget about | 5 | that could qualify for dividends. |
| 6 | Nortel. I was just going to give that as an instance, | 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 7 | but there are other instances one could take. | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: That's true, but that does not affect the fact |
| 8 | So that cannot be an admitted claim for the purposes | 8 | and doesn't assist you in understanding the parameters |
| 9 | of this deed, I think that much is clear. Is that | 9 | of the trade-off for that, and the trade-off for that |
| 10 | right? | 10 | benefit was the release of all claims. |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: It can't be admitted to proof in | 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 12 | a liquidation, yes, that's correct. | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Again, with mutuality. All claims either way |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Therefore you must -- the effect | 13 | And it's that mutual release of all claims which |
| 14 | of this agreement is that you release any claim which | 14 | produces finality, not a degree of finality but finality |
| 15 | would not be admissible to proof, even though it could | 15 | in the relationship between the creditor and LBIE. |
| 16 | be the subject of a scheme of arrangement. | 16 | So the ultimate point here is that following the |
| 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Well, the effect of this deed is to release | 17 | iterative process, you start as a matter of chronology |
| 18 | any claims, yes. | 18 | with the wording and then ask yourself, does the fact |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Unless it is an admitted claim | 19 | that this took place in the context of achieving earlier |
| 20 | and in order to be an admitted claim, it must be | 20 | distributions of dividends, does that mean we can't read |
| 21 | dismissible to proof under the Insolvency Rules. | 21 | these words in the broad way that they seem to be read? |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: I think that's right. I just want to think | 22 | The answer is no. |
| 23 | further about that perhaps if I may, but I think it's | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's not, I think, what |
| 24 | correct to say that a claim to be an admitted claim must | 24 | Lord Bingham told us to do. I think he told us to look |
| 25 | be -- | 25 | at the words, look at the context, and then discern what |
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| 1 | the words mean. | 1 | "Accordingly, applying rule 2.86 and general |
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| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: I think I'm -- I understand the point. | 2 | principles of UK insolvency law, all unsecured |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. | 3 | creditors' claims (which include any unsecured claims |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: One comes to the same conclusion. When | 4 | relating to CRA signatories) are to be converted into |
| 5 | looking at those words, does the fact that you're | 5 | sterling as at 15 September 2008 for the purposes of |
| 6 | looking at it in that context mean that you would read | 6 | having a proven claim against LBIE. |
| 7 | those words in the way that the SCG would suggest, and | 7 | "Specifically for CRA claimants, under the CRA, any |
| 8 | we say no it doesn't, it doesn't provide any reason for | 8 | claim which is not already denominated in US dollars is |
| 9 | reading down what is otherwise the obvious express | 9 | converted into US dollars using the exchange rate as at |
| 10 | intention. And one can't quibble with the fact that the | 10 | 15 September 2008. In addition, any netting off claims |
| 11 | expressed intention in the document is to waive claims | 11 | and set-off is calculated in US dollars. Once this |
| 12 | which are clearly not provable for all the reasons I've | 12 | calculation has been made any ascertained claim which is |
| 13 | explained, or the examples I've shown. | 13 | so derived will then be converted into sterling, also |
| 14 | So the question is, when the document clearly says | 14 | using the exchange rate as at 15 September." |
| 15 | on its terms that you're releasing everything including | 15 | Second bullet point: |
| 16 | claims which wouldn't be provable, are we somehow to | 16 | "Similarly, for all other unsecured creditors whose |
| 17 | ignore those words or read them down because the context | 17 | claims are derived from contracts and currencies other |
| 18 | would suggest that actually it was meant to be less | 18 | than sterling, their unsecured claims are also converted |
| 19 | broad than that? What I'm saying is that the context in | 19 | to sterling using exchange rates as at 15 September |
| 20 | this aspect doesn't lead to that conclusion. | 20 | 2008. |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. | 21 | "To assist creditors, the claims portal contains |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: And the final point was the fact that the | 22 | relevant exchange rates as at 15 September [for other |
| 23 | claims would have to have been converted into sterling | 23 | currencies] |
| 24 | for the purposes of there being a distribution from | 24 | "In order to be able to determine the entitlements |
| 25 | a winding-up or an administration, which is clearly | 25 | of creditors to a share in the estate, all claims must |
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| 1 | right. My Lord should see in this context part of the | 1 | be expressed in a single common currency and currency |
| 2 | fourth progress report which my learned friend Mr Trower | 2 | translation must be calculated at a common date. UK |
| 3 | did not go on to read. It's volume 5, my Lord | 3 | insolvency law requires the common date to be the date |
| 4 | This is page 35 of bundle 5. The heading is | 4 | of administration. Although the law also prescribes |
| 5 | "Section 6.2. Currency matters and dividend prospects". | 5 | that creditors' claims are to be converted into |
| 6 | In the left-hand column at the top | 6 | sterling, the relative share that an individual creditor |
| 7 | 'Impact on creditor claims. In the last report to | 7 | will have is unaffected either by which common currency |
| 8 | creditors the administrators explained that all | 8 | is adopted or the original currency denomination of the |
| 9 | unsecured claims would be proved in sterling. Over the | 9 | creditor's claim." |
| 10 | period the administrators have received a number of | 10 | And I think that's all we need to read. The |
| 11 | currenc | 11 | following heading is about dividend prospects and |
| 12 | For the avoidance of doubt the administrators' comments | 12 | timing, which doesn't affect this point. |
| 13 | below relate to all unsecured claims including those of | 13 | My Lord, that shows the reason why the claims in the |
| 14 | any CRA signatories." | 14 | admitted claims CDDs, which are in sterling, why the |
| 15 | They refer to the order of 2 December: | 15 | agreed claim amount has been converted into sterling |
| 16 | "Admitting to make a distribution. Note of | 16 | before the agreement is entered into. The agreement |
| 17 | distribution followed. The effect of this order was to | 17 | itself doesn't affect any conversion, the agreement is |
| 18 | convert LBIE's administration to a distributing | 18 | entered into once that claim has been converted. But |
| 19 | administration and it could secure an efficient means of | 19 | e reason why that conversion has taken place is, we |
| 20 | distributing assets without requiring another insolvency | 20 | bmit, irrelevant to the construction of the CDD, |
| 21 | process. This also meant that there would be no mutual | 21 | because under the CDD the creditor starts with the |
| 22 | set-offs thereafter and it brought into effect the | 22 | proposition that: my claim has been converted into |
| 23 | provisions of rule 2.86 of the Insolvency Rules, which | 23 | sterling for the purposes of this agreement and I now |
| 24 | stipulates that ..." | 24 | agree that that is my only remaining claim against the |
| 25 | And there they set out the rule: | 25 | estate for any purpose. |
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| 1 | But it goes much further therefore than rule 2.86. | 1 | were sufficient assets to pay all proved debts, all |
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| 2 | Rule 2.86, as my Lord will remember and as the Court of | 2 | interest and all non-provable claims in full. It's only |
| 3 | Appeal have affirmed, doesn't prevent currency | 3 | in those circumstances that it's the members, and the |
| 4 | conversion claims arising because that conversion takes | 4 | subordinated creditors here, that would benefit. In any |
| 5 | place for a limited purpose only, for the purposes of | 5 | other case, the benefit of a release by one creditor |
| 6 | proof. And those words are critical both to my Lord's | 6 | would be felt by whoever it is that shares in the |
| 7 | judgment and to the majority in the Court of Appeal. | 7 | remainder of the estate. It could be all proving |
| 8 | The CDD starts from a sterling claim and accepts that | 8 | editors. It could be those entitled to interest. It |
| 9 | that is the claim for all purposes. | 9 | could be non-proving creditors, we just don't know. |
| 10 | It's the entire claim against the company, it's | 10 | Secondly, the argument proves far too much because |
| 11 | fixed at that amount and everything else is released, | 11 | it is equally the case that a release in respect of any |
| 12 | including any right under the original contracts. This | 12 | provable claim could, in certain circumstances, benefit |
| 13 | goes back to the crux of a currency conversion claim. | 13 | only the members. Because if a creditor, one creditor, |
| 14 | Once the creditor has accepted that its only entitlement | 14 | released its provable claims and it turns out there's |
| 15 | is a sum denominated in sterling, then once it has paid | 15 | enough in the estate to pay everybody else, all interest |
| 16 | that amount, its full contractual rights have been | 16 | and/or non-provable claims, then the benefit of that |
| 17 | respected. | 17 | release will ultimately end up with the members. |
| 18 | My Lord, I think I said finally, but I'd skipped | 18 | So for those two reasons, it's irrelevant where the |
| 19 | over my fourth point, which was the one about it's only | 19 | benefit in fact is felt at the end of the day because of |
| 20 | members that benefit. | 20 | the releases in this case. |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So the one we've just addressed | 21 | So to sum up on the admitted claims CDD, I go back |
| 22 | was your fifth? | 22 | to the very simple way we put the case at the beginning |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, sorry about that. Going back to my | 23 | of this. Each of the non-provable claims that are under |
| 24 | fourth point, it's worth picking up the Senior Creditor | 24 | discussion at this hearing are attributes, rights, that |
| 25 | Group skeleton at paragraph 112 for this. This is | 25 | exist under the original contract, the creditor |
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| 1 | a theme of the Senior Creditor Group's arguments, not | 1 | agreement as defined. They are not any part of the |
| 2 | only at this hearing but also in part A , which is that | 2 | mitted claim. The creditor having agreed to enter |
| 3 | the administrator shouldn't be doing anything which has | 3 | into a CDD agrees that its only claim, its entire claim |
| 4 | the effect only of benefiting members or the | 4 | now is measured by the admitted claim, which is in |
| 5 | subordinated creditors. That's paragraph 112: | 5 | sterling, and any rights under the contract which would |
| 6 | "Admitting claims to proof through the CDD process | 6 | have given rise to top-up currency conversion or |
| 7 | on the basis that they are not entitled to statutory | 7 | interest are simply gone. |
| 8 | interest on payments in respect of non-provable claims | 8 | My Lord, with that I turn to the remainder of the |
| 9 | would be inconsistent with the purpose of administration | 9 | contracts. The bulk of the arguments that are ranged |
| 10 | and with the duties of the administrator. Such a result | 10 | against us I've dealt with in relation to that document. |
| 11 | is not necessary to achieve the purpose." | 11 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: One thing I'm not quite clear |
| 12 | And the final sentence: | 12 | about is on statutory interest, which you accept is |
| 13 | "There is no proper reason for the administrators to | 13 | payable, do you have submissions as to the rate of the |
| 14 | have intended such a result as it only | 14 | statutory interest? |
| 15 | benefits subordinated creditors and shareholders at the | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: I do. That's issue 35, which I -- |
| 16 | expense of other creditors." | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: You're holding that back, that's |
| 17 | We make two points in answer to that basic theme. | 17 | fine. |
| 18 | The first point is that you couldn't know which | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: It is a relatively small point. |
| 19 | particular stakeholders in the estate would benefit from | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: That's fine. Thank you. |
| 20 | the release of claims by any one creditor. Indeed, we | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: So I was going to turn next to the CRA. I'm |
| 21 | still don't know. It depends entirely on the extent of | 21 | hoping that we can take the remainder of the documents |
| 22 | the assets compared with the extent of the liabilities. | 22 | more quickly. The CRA will take a bit of time, but the |
| 23 | It's only the case that members benefit if it | 23 | remainder of the CDDs more quickly because the essential |
| 24 | subsequently turned out at the time you entered into the | 24 | arguments are the same. |
| 25 | contract, so subsequent to that, turns out that there | 25 | The CRA is to be found in bundle 3. To remind |
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| 1 | my Lord of the overview of our case on this, on the CRA, | 1 | "A net contractual position in respect of |
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| 2 | it is that, first of all, any non-provable claim to | 2 | a signatory expressed as a positive number will |
| 3 | interest has been released as a result of the CRA. And | 3 | represent an amount due and owing by the company ... |
| 4 | secondly, that only in those cases where the underlying | 4 | [which is the net financial claim]." |
| 5 | contractual claims were in, for example, euro or yen, | 5 | So in essence, what the creditors are getting in |
| 6 | then the creditors' right to a currency conversion | 6 | exchange for their release of all claims under the |
| 7 | claim, based on the fact it may not have got ultimately | 7 | existing contracts is a net financial claim, which is |
| 8 | the full amounts of euro and yen that it was entitled | 8 | of course a principal sum. |
| 9 | to, has been released. And also where its claim would | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 10 | have been in sterling to start with. Sorry, there's | 10 |  |
| 11 | obviously no currency conversion claim there, sorry. | 11 | following sentence. The net financial claim is the only |
| 12 | It's only where it had a foreign currency other than in | 12 | right so far considered which comes out of this |
| 13 | dollars. | 13 | agreement because everything else has been released; |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 14 | every claim broadly defined under their original |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: So starting with the CRA itself, and my Lorc | 15 | contracts has been released and all they have coming out |
| 16 | has seen all of the clauses I need to take you to, the | 16 | this agreement so far is the net financial claim, |
| 17 | basic structure so far as the release of claims is | 17 | which is the aggregate of the close-out amounts. |
| 18 | concerned is in paragraph 4 at page 325 of the bundle. | 18 | The next sentence in 25.1 then says: |
| 19 | In particular, it's paragraph 4.2, the claims | 19 | "For the avoidance of doubt --" |
| 20 | released by signatories, both TA and non-TA signatories. | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Sorry, just forgive me. |
| 21 | 4.2.3 is | 21 | Pause) |
| 22 | "Each signatory shall waiv | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: "No interest shall accrue on any net financia |
| 23 | following claims ... including all claims in respect of | 23 | claim save to the extent provided in rule 2.88 of the |
| 24 | any financial contract." | 24 | solvency Rules." |
| 25 | And financial contract is very broadly defined to | 25 | And those words "to the extent provided" are |
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| 1 | include the sort of contracts that are in issue here, | 1 | potan. |
| 2 | including master agreement | 2 | ursuant to 2.88 , that is the extent of yo |
| 3 | Then in exchange for that, paragraph 4.4.2: | 3 | entitlement. |
| 4 | "All released claims are exchanged for the | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 5 | following: the right to have their net contractual | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, it's as simple as that. The poin |
| 6 | position, allocations, distributions and appropriations | 6 | about the release and the new claims, we don't go so far |
| 7 | determined on the basis set out in the agreement; the | 7 | as my learned friend Mr Trower was suggesting to say |
| 8 | right to claim as a new obligation of the company their | 8 | that these are entirely new claims, but the choice of |
| 9 | net financial claim and an ascertained claim for such | 9 | that structure, that mechanics, confirms that it's the |
| 10 | amount as to be determined under this agreement." | 10 | intention of the parties to the contract that they come |
| 11 | And just to remind my Lord how that happens as | 11 | away, as it were, they wipe the slate clean of their old |
| 12 | a matter of mechanics, the net contractual position is | 12 | claims and come away with only what is defined in this |
| 13 | determined under clause 24, page 361. In essence, | 13 | agreement as their now existing claim. Clearly, it |
| 14 | 24.2.1, if there's one contract, it's the close-out | 14 | arises out of their existing rights, it's a compromise |
| 15 | amount, that's the net contractual position. And the | 15 | of those existing rights, but the way in which it's |
| 16 | close-out amount is of course the principal amount owing | 16 | defined in those terms by release and exchange simply |
| 17 | after netting off amounts either way under the master | 17 | goes to reinforce the intention that everything you get |
| 18 | agreement, for example. So it's arriving at the claim | 18 | out of the CRA is wholly defined by the terms of the |
| 19 | amount, it has nothing to do with interest, it's just | 19 | CRA. |
| 20 | the basic principal sum. | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 21 | MR ZACAROLI: And we say that a provision restricting |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: And then if there are multiple agreements. | 22 | interest to what you get out of the statute couldn't be |
| 23 | it's the aggregate of those close-out amounts. | 23 | in any clearer terms. Interest will not accrue unless |
| 24 | Then if that's a positive number, 25.1 tells us | 24 | and except to the extent provided by rule 2.88 . |
| 25 | that: | 25 | Therefore, the essential foundation of |
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|  | are set out at the top of page 220 : |  | including those arising under the other agreements. |
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| 2 | 'Speed up the agreement of unsecured claims because | 2 | Actually, that's a slightly different one, I'll come to |
| 3 | all unsecured claims are determined by the operation, | 3 | that |
| 4 | expedite distribution and reduce the level of unsecured | 4 | You then have the same definition of admitted claim |
| 5 | claims as certain claims for consequential indirect | 5 | on page 2, and a slight variation on the definition of |
| 6 | losses are compromised." | 6 | agreed claims: |
| 7 | Then one other reference within the reader's guide, | 7 | "The creditor's claim (or claims as the case may be) |
| 8 | which starts at page 229, under the summary of agreement | 8 | against the company under and in connection with the |
| 9 | on page 234, the two sub-paragraphs I think highlighted | 9 | creditor agreement, including for the avoidance of doubt |
| 10 | by Mr Trower, sub-paragraphs 4.1 (v) and (vi): | 10 | any client money claim ... but excluding trust asset |
| 11 | "... obtain a release from the signatories to claims | 11 | claims." |
| 12 | they might otherwise have against the company and the | 12 | And then the agreed claim amount. Now, I should |
| 13 | administrators, including any claims for consequential | 13 | have reminded my Lord of our overview position here. |
| 14 | damages." | 14 | We are only concerned with currency conversion claims |
| 15 | And then (vi): | 15 | under this document where the agreed claim amount is |
| 16 | "The agreement also provides that the company will, | 16 | either in sterling or it's in a different foreign |
| 17 | subject to certain exceptions, release claims it may | 17 | currency to the one which appears here. |
| 18 | have against signatories ..." | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 19 | The short point I make is this, that there is | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: And the background is that the general rule, |
| 20 | nothing in that context which we submit has any bearing | 20 | general practice, was for the agreed claim amount to be |
| 21 | on the meaning of clause 25.1. The last line of | 21 | denominated in the underlying contractual currency. |
| 22 | sub-paragraph 5 refers to the fact that in exchange for | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 23 | the release, the signatories receive their new claims, | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: So currency conversion claims would never b |
| 24 | which is the structure I've been through. | 24 | an issue on our case, save to the extent that it's in |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 25 | a different currency to some part of the underlying |
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| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, that in a nutshell is our submission | 1 | contractu |
| 2 | on the CRA. | 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 3 | Turning next then to the agreed claims CDD, we had | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: So perhaps we'll make the assumption -- this |
| 4 | been working off the version at tab 4 of the bundle. My | 4 | has been blanked out entirely. I think my learne |
| 5 | learned friend Mr Dicker in his skeleton has been | 5 | friend Mr Trower produced this as a claim in dollars. |
| 6 | dealing with a different version, which is now at tab 1 A | 6 | We don't know what the amount is because it has been |
| 7 | of the bundle. | 7 | blanked out, but let's assume that's in sterling. The |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: This is 11, isn't it? | 8 | one at tab 4 is in fact in sterling. Let's assume that |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Sorry, bundle 11, yes. | 9 | part of the underlying claim is in some other currency. |
| 10 | Mr Trower, without any pre-discussion, took you to | 10 | So we say that it only has an effect in relation to |
| 11 | the one at 1A. Having already noted that one, I'm happy | 11 | currency conversion in that more limited circumstance. |
| 12 | to deal with that one. | 12 | Our case on interest is the same, however, because the |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right | 13 | terms are materially the same. The purpose of this |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: There are no material differences so far as | 14 | agreement, the purpose of the -- one of the purposes of |
| 15 | we are concerned. There are some differences because | 15 | the agreement was that the parties wanted to agree |
| 16 | they are entered into at different times and there have | 16 | finally the amount to which the creditor was entitled |
| 17 | been some amendments agreed with creditors in the | 17 | from LBIE, but wanted to leave open the question of |
| 18 | meantime, so they are different in some of the language, | 18 | hether that was a claim which was maintainable against |
| 19 | but we don't submit that any different interpretation | 19 | the general estate or was maintainable as a client money |
| 20 | arises as a result of that. | 20 | claim. |
| 21 | So picking up the one at tab 1 A , most of it will be | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 22 | very familiar to my Lord because it's very similar to | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: That was the reason you have these agreements |
| 23 | the admitted claims CDD. So you have exactly the same | 23 | entered into. |
| 24 | recital B : in consideration for the agreement of the | 24 | Turning over the page in the document to page 3, |
| 25 | claims, all other claims are released and discharged, | 25 | client money claim: |
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| 1 | "Any claim by the creditor in relation to client | 1 | l constitute the creditor's entire claim against the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | money." | 2 | company [and save in respect thereof] |
| 3 | And client money is defined as that held pursuant to | 3 | ver. You'll see on the |
|  | the FSA rules. And then picking up an important | 4 | fourth line it includes a waiver of trust asset claims |
|  | definition on page 4, first of all creditor agreement is | 5 | oney claims. It has the same reference |
|  | in this case an ISDA master agreement. Exchange rate, | 6 | ims for interest, and then five lines from the |
| 7 | the official exchange rate is set out in rule 2.86 (ii) | 7 | bottom, it inclu |
| 8 | "For the purpose of converting US dollars to pounds | 8 | "Whether arising under the creditor agreement, the |
|  | sterling it should be the following exchange rate ...' | 9 | other agreements or not." |
| 10 | And then there's an appendix to the fourth progress | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 11 | report, which sets out the other exchange rates th | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: And then clause 3 deals with the entitlement |
| 12 | will be used. In essence, it's the administration date. | 12 | to an admitted claim |
| 13 | At the bottom of the page, "Other agreements". Just | 13 | 3.2 |
| 14 | so my | 14 | "W |
| 15 | version at tab 4. There were no other agreements. So | 15 | or waived any and all client money claims in 3.2.1, then |
| 16 | he | 16 | the agreed claim shall be the admitted claim, converted |
| 17 | futures customer agreement", et cetera. There's a whole | 17 | to pounds sterling at the exchange rate." |
| 18 | series of different agreements mentioned there | 18 | 3.2.2 |
| 19 | Now, those claims under the other agreements are all | 19 | "Where the creditor has waived any part of a client |
| 20 | released. We'll see that. That's said in the recita | 20 | ditor has an admitted claim for |
| 21 | as well. They're all being released. The only claim | 21 | the remainder |
| 22 | that comes out of this are claims relating to th | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Ye |
| 23 | u | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: And 3.3: |
| 2 | Page 6, one more definition, trust asset claim: | 24 | "Where a no client money confirmation has not been |
| 25 | "With respect to an asset in the possession and/or | 25 | provided [so there hasn't been a waiver] and all issues |
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| 1 | custody of, held in the name of, or otherwise held to the order of, the company, a claim, against the company and/or the administrators (i) that the creditor is the legal and/or beneficial owner of that asset ... (ii) for delivery and/or transfer of such asset (or to the order of) a creditor ... includes present and future properties, revenues and rights of every description, but excludes money and specifically client money." <br> So the reason for showing my Lord that provision is that the release -- there's no release of proprietary claims here because proprietary claims are not included in the definition of claims under this agreement, but there is a release of trust asset claims, so it's dealt with in that way. So you get the same point but the release goes beyond provable claims because it includes proprietary claims, but the mechanics are different. <br> Then clause 2 on page 7. Essentially the same broad release clause that my Lord's seen in relation to the admitted claims CDD. The opening words are slightly different: <br> "The company and the creditor irrevocably and unconditionally agree that, notwithstanding the terms of any contract (including the agreements) to which the creditor and the company are party, the agreed claim shall be limited to ... the agreed claim amount and Page 82 | 1 | garding the existence and validity of, and any righ |
| 2 |  | 2 | d remedies for or in respect of, all potent |
| 3 |  | 3 | ents' money claims ... the amounts ... which the |
| 4 |  | 4 | editor shall recover in respect of any such client |
| 5 |  | 5 | money claims ... have been finally determined." |
| 6 |  | 6 | Then there is a provision in A and B for a shortfa |
| 7 |  | 7 | aim against the estate for the shortfall between what |
| 8 |  | 8 | u got out of the client money distribution and your |
| 9 |  | 9 | a |
| 10 |  | 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 11 |  | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: So perhaps neatly achieving, I think, the |
| 12 |  | 12 | milar result my Lord achieved in MF Global in two |
| 13 |  | 13 | agr |
| 14 |  | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 15 |  | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: By agreement |
| 16 |  | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right, okay. |
| 17 |  | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: In each case you'll see at the bottom that to |
| 18 |  | 18 | extent that the claim so far is in the foreign |
| 19 |  | 19 | urrency and it's to be converted back into pounds |
| 20 |  | 20 | sterling at the exchange rate for the purposes of |
| 21 |  | 21 | identifying the admitted claim. |
| 22 |  | 22 | So, as I say, we make no distinction in our argument |
| 23 |  | 23 | so far as non-provable claims to interest are concerned; |
| 24 |  | 24 | it's exactly the same wording. So far as the currency |
| 25 |  | 25 | conversion claim in the limited circumstances I've |
|  |  |  | Page 84 |


|  | mentioned are concerned, the release in 2.1 is in | 1 | claim against the company shall be limited to, in terms |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | materially the same language. All that is preserved is | 2 | that is either in a foreign currency or in sterling. |
| 3 | the agreed claim in the agreed claim amount. That's the | 3 | And it's only when you've agreed that that claim is |
| 4 | preamble in 2.1. And it's save for that, save in | 4 | limited to an amount in sterling in unqualified way that |
| 5 | respect thereof. All claims including claims under the | 5 | your currency conversion claim based on another currency |
| 6 | creditor agreement, which would be where the right to | 6 | has no prospect of surviving. |
| 7 | claim in foreign currency arises, all such claims are | 7 | So the key difference in fact between the two forms |
| 8 | released. | 8 | of CDD is not the one-stage or two-stage process but is |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. | 9 | entirely the denomination in which the agreement |
| 10 | MR ZACAROLI: There's a couple of additional minor | 10 | expresses your sole surviving claim against the company |
| 11 | supportive points to make on the terms of this document, | 11 | because the admitted claims CDD across the board defines |
| 12 | so for example one reason why the release of claims | 12 | your sole surviving claim as one in sterling. |
| 13 | isn't limited to provable claims under this document | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Because it's an admitted claim |
| 14 | is that clearly the right which exists under the | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 15 | agreement is a right either to prove or to claim against | 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Whereas it's the result of the |
| 16 | the client money pool. And if the client money pool was | 16 | function of the agreement, isn't it? Because the |
| 17 | to pay out in full so that clause 3.3 is not engaged -- | 17 | admitted claim agreement is designed to produce finality |
| 18 | 3.3 only is engaged where there's a payout in the client | 18 | in the amount of the admitted claim, which necessarily |
| 19 | money pool which leaves a shortfall. | 19 | is an amount in sterling. |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. Well, it is an amount in sterling. |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: If there's a full payment under the client | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It has to be. You can't be |
| 22 | money pool from the client money pool then nothing else | 22 | admitted to proof in an amount in a foreign currency. |
| 23 | exists, there is no admitted claim at all. | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: In a liquidation that's true. It could have |
| 24 | reinforces the idea that it's only the admitted claim | 24 | been admitted to proof in a scheme in a foreign |
| 25 | in that amount which survives the entry into this CDD. | 25 | currency, I made that point before, but it's correct |
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| 1 | The Senior Creditor Group make a substantial point | 1 | that in order to qualify for dividends under -- well, in |
| 2 | about the difference between the agreed claims CDD and | 2 | order to qualify for dividends without further |
| 3 | the admitted claims CDD in that they say the agreed | 3 | conversion, it needs to be in sterling. But just to |
| 4 | claims CDD has a two-stage process, whereas the admitted | 4 | take a different example, had the admitted claims CDD |
| 5 | claims CDD is just in one process, one stage, because | 5 | been in a foreign currency, then it could still be said |
| 6 | the conversion's already happened in the admitted claims | 6 | to be some which qualifies for dividends but would have |
| 7 | CDD, therefore there's no further need for any | 7 | to be converted for that purpose. |
| 8 | conversion into sterling, you just agree that that's | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Well, it wouldn't fix the amourt |
| 9 | a sterling | 9 | to proof in that case, in a number at |
| 10 | The agreed claims CDD works, however, in relation to | 10 | any rate. |
| 11 | admitted claims, I accept, in two stages. That is that | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: No, it wouldn't. |
| 12 | the agreed claim amount is in -- let's assume it was | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It could formulaically, it's |
| 13 | a dollar entitlement, so it's in dollars, and it only | 13 | true. |
| 14 | gets converted into sterling at the second stage. | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. Anyway, that's the key distinction, that |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 15 | the admitted claims CDD starts with the claim having |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: We do not suggest that the conversion into | 16 | been converted. |
| 17 | sterling under clause 3.2, which is how you get your | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Is not the reason for that the |
| 18 | admitted claim, we don't suggest that that bars the | 18 | purpose of the agreement? Whereas the agreed claims CDD |
| 19 | currency conversion claim which may exist if you didn't | 19 | is looking at a earlier position because of the -- |
| 20 | get paid the full amount of your agreed claim in the | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: I accept that, yes, that is a distinction. |
| 21 | agreed claim amount, which was in dollars. | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay. |
| 22 | The reason for that is because the core part of the | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: But for the purposes of an argument whether |
| 23 | agreement, which prevents the currency conversion claim | 23 | a currency conversion claim survives or not, one has to |
| 24 | being maintained, is not the conversion under 3.2, it's | 24 | focus on what the parties have agreed is their only |
| 25 | the fact that you've agreed in 2.1 what your entire | 25 | claim. |
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS:Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: That was all I wanted to say about the agreed
    claims CDD. We move now to the other variants, which
    I can take pretty quickly, although not, I think, in two
    minutes.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: We'll rise now and resume a
        2 o'clock.
(12.58 pm)
    (The Short Adjournment)
(2.00 pm)
MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, I was turning next to aggregator
    CDDs. The version we're going to look at is at
        volume 11, tab 14.
            The purpose of these contracts was to enable
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        a single CDD covering all those transferred claims, and
        the purpose was to release all the transferred claims.
        Apart from that difference, they work in exactly the
        same way as the admitted claims CDD or the agreed claims
        CDD, depending on which version they were based.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
    MR ZACAROLI: The one at tab 14 is an admitted claims CDD.
        No one is suggesting that there's any different result
        to the particular construction arguments for these
        documents, so I'll take it very shortly. This is in
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    materially the same terms as the admitted claims CDD,
    but I'll show my Lord where the changes are. First of
    all, in the recitals there is now B and C. B recites
    the transfer of the claims.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
    MR ZACAROLI: C is in consideration of agreeing the agreed
        claims amount. The creditor wishes to release and
        discharge the client from all and any claims which were
        transferred from the original creditors to the creditor.
            Admitted claim has the same basic definition as
        we've seen before. Agreed claim amount is here in
        sterling, and claim has the same broad definition
        including proprietary claim over on page 3 . The
        creditor agreement is here defined as the ISDA master
        agreement entered into between the original creditor and
        the company, dated as of. And original claims is the
        original claims -- claims against the company
        transferred from the original creditor to the creditor,
        including any and all claims arising under or in
        connection with the creditor agreement and any
        proprietary claims.
            Then paragraph 2.1 contains the release clause in
        materially similar language. The one difference in the
        aggregator CDDs is there is no express wording releasing
        all claims to interest. So in 2.1.1, they agree the
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    admitted claim in the amounts equal to the agreed claim
amount, ie in sterling, and save solely for that, the
creditor irrevocably and unconditionally releases and
forever discharges from the original claims.
That's very broadly defined, except it doesn't refer
to interest.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: We say that the language is in any event broad
enough to exclude --
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So if I compare this with 1A -
MR ZACAROLI: In 7.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. (Pause).
Yes, I see. So the defined term "original claims"
is new to this agreement.
MR ZACAROLI: That's correct, yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But then feeds into -- it
shortens 2.1.2.
MR ZACAROLI: Sorry?
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It probably shortens 2.1.2.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes. I'm not sure about that.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I think it is, but whether
that's because --
MR ZACAROLI: It is shorter. I don't think it's because of
that.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It's not because of that, all
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right.
MR ZACAROLI: So for example, there are seven or eight words
in the fourth line of the clause in tab 7, "Including
all claims for interest costs and orders for costs",
those words are not replicated.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right.
MR ZACAROLI: I haven't done a word-for-word comparison to
see what else is missing, but you'll see broadly the
same elements of width are here.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, okay.
MR ZACAROLI: So claims not in contemplation, claims arising
under the creditor agreement are included within the
release. The creditor agreement is of course the
creditor agreement underlying the original claim.
So, so far as the argument on currency conversion
goes, there is no material difference because this has
exactly the same effect of limiting the claim to an
amount in sterling and releasing everything else that
has been transferred to this creditor.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, right. 2.2 has gone too
MR ZACAROLI: That's correct, yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Anyway, there it is.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes, although the essence of 2.2 is in any
event in what was 2.1 and is now 2.1.1:
"The creditor ...(reading to the words)... in the
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| 1 | amount equal to the agreed claim amount." | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: What we haven't got is the document by which |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: There isn't a mutual release. | 2 | the original creditor transferred its rights to the |
| 3 | The differences are beginning to become more apparent | 3 | aggregator, so one doesn't know the extent to which any |
| 4 | now. | 4 | claims may have been left behind. |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, my Lord, that's right, but that would | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see, it simply doesn't tell us |
| 6 | be -- | 6 | what's been transferred. |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Why should a transferee have arly | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: Well, it doesn't -- |
| 8 | claim anyway? | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: We know, recital B tells us it's |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, exactly. This is envisaging the | 9 | a transfer of a claim arising out of an ISDA master |
| 10 | claims -- yes, the transferee would not have transferred | 10 | agreement. |
| 11 | to it any liabilities. What this isn't doing is | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: That's right. We know what was transferred, |
| 12 | releasing claims between LBIE and the transferee, ie the | 12 | we don't know the terms of the transfer. |
| 13 | creditor, other than in relation to the transferred | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: But you, of course -- you poin |
| 14 | claims. | 14 | to the definition of "original claims" because they are |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 15 | claims including any and all claims arising under or in |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: So for example, if this creditor itself had | 16 | connection with the creditor agreement? |
| 17 | other claims -- | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Correct. Of course, the important word |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: This creditor being? | 18 | there is "transferred" from the original creditor. |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: The person entering into this CDD, the | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Quite. Yes. I think the point |
| 20 | aggregator, there is no release of any of those claims. | 20 | I was making was in relation to your case on the |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: No release of? | 21 | currency conversion claims and any claim for |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Any claims of that creditor. | 22 | non-provable interest. They are, you would say, claims |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Of the aggregator. | 23 | arising or in connection with the creditor agreement and |
| 24 | MR ZACAROLI: Of the aggregator, correct. This is only | 24 | therefore fall within original claims. |
| 25 | dealing with the release insofar as it concerns the | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
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| 1 | claims as between LBIE and the original creditor. | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Whatever the other limitations |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. | 2 | may be of this agreement. |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: It's clear enough from 2.1.2 itself. | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. In order for a currency conversion claim |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, absolutely. So in the case | 4 | to be asserted by the aggregator, one has to start from |
| 5 | of these aggregator CDDs, would the original creditor | 5 | the assumption that such right under the original |
| 6 | have itself entered into a CDD? | 6 | agreement was transferred to it. |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, I doubt it, but I don't know whether | 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Oh indeed. Yes, indeed. I'm |
| 8 | that may have happened. It's not envisaged -- I think | 8 | making that assumption. But your submission is that |
| 9 | I can say safely it's not envisaged it always happened. | 9 | that is within the definition of original claims and is |
| 10 | It's not envisaged it happened at all in the document, | 10 | therefore released by this agreement. |
| 11 | it doesn't refer to that. Whether it happened or not | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, that's it, my Lord. |
| 12 | I don't know. | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Whatever might be the positio |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So the scope of this document is | 13 | in relation to flood claims in respect of adjacent |
| 14 | rather less than the scope of the document we see at | 14 | property owners? |
| 15 | tab 7 on your submissions? | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. There was an issue, my Lord may remembe |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: As between the aggregator and LBIE, yes. | 16 | an issue that was mooted, it was in the list but then |
| 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And if there is no CDD as | 17 | taken out due to lack of ability to find a particular |
| 18 | between the original creditor and LBIE, then their | 18 | example, which was a case where the original creditor |
| 19 | rights as against each other, save under the original | 19 | had transferred less than the whole of its rights under |
| 20 | agreement, are unaffected? | 20 | the agreement. |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, this has no effect on whatever rights may | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. |
| 22 | have been left behind. | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: And then you have the question: what's left in |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Quite. | 23 | whose name? But that's been parked. |
| 24 | MR ZACAROLI: As between LBIE and the original creditor. | 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Quite. Yes, I see. | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: And it's not before the court. |
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS:Yes, I see, thank you.
MR ZACAROLI: That simply is how this works.
    There are other versions. There's no material
    difference between this and others, and I don't propose
    to take my Lord to them unless and until someone says
    there's a difference.
    MR TROWER: I have taken instructions from behind
        in relation to the aggregator CDD position. Where there
        is an aggregator CDD there is not also an original CDD
        with the original creditor. The original creditor will
        have assigned his rights and will sign an assignor
        release releasing LBIE prior to LBIE then dealing with
        the aggregator. So that's the way it worked.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
    MR ZACAROLI: I'm grateful.
        My Lord, that just leaves the CRA CDDs and there are
        two versions we need to look at here. The first is at
        tab 15, which is a CRA CDD which contains wide release
        language, ie basically the same language we've already
        seen. And remembering that our case here is related
        solely to currency conversion claims because we say
        interest has already been released by the CRA.
            But if we're wrong about that, these CDDs in any
        event make that clear.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right.
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    MR ZACAROLI: So at tab 15, looking at the recitals, B, this
    is at page 2 of the document:
        "The creditor became a signatory of the CRA on [a
    particular date]. In accordance with the CRA the
    company has returned certain trust assets to the
    creditor in satisfaction of the modified claims. The
    company and the creditor now wish to finally resolve and
    determine their remaining claims against each other.
    The company and the creditor wish to agree the quantum
    of the creditor's net financial claim but agree that
    such net financial claim qualifies for dividends from
    the estate of the company available to unsecured
    creditors. In consideration thereof the company and the
    creditor wish to release and discharge each other from
    [all those claims] howsoever arising."
    Claim is defined on page 3 in the similar broad
    language that we've seen already.
    Creditor agreement here identifies two, an ISDA
    master agreement and a master custody agreement.
    Then a new definition that we haven't seen before is
    "net financial claim amount" on page 4. That is defined
    as:
        "The sterling amount being the value of the net
        financial claim converted to pounds sterling at the
    official exchange rate set out in rule 2.86 of the
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Insolvency Rules."
Which for the purposes of converting US dollars
is that exchange rate.
Then turning on to the operative clause at clause 2,
this is similar wording about irrevocably and unconditionally agreeing that:
"... notwithstanding any terms of the contract, including the CRA and/or the creditor agreements, the creditor's aggregate net financial claim shall be limited to and in amount equal to the net financial claim amount and shall constitute the creditors' entire claim against the company. The creditor hereby irrevocably waives any and all rights to dispute the calculation of its net financial position and/or net financial claim."
2.1.3:
"The creditor's net financial claim in an amount equal to the net financial claim amount shall constitute an asset owned(?) claim and shall qualify for dividends."

Similar wording we've seen under the actual rules or under a scheme of arrangement (inaudible) arrangement

Then 2.1.4:
"Save solely for the net financial claim and subject to clauses 2.2 and 2.3, the creditor and the company and Page 99
> the administrators hereby irrevocably and unconditionally release and forever discharge each other from any and all losses, costs, charges, expenses, including ..."

> And then the wording there I think is materially the same as we've seen before, including the width of wording, such as whether arising under the CRA and/or the creditor agreements, whether in existence now, coming into existence later, whether or not in the contemplation of the creditor and/or the company and/or the administrators on the date hereof.
> MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
> MR ZACAROLI: So the argument is as follows: where the
> amount that was defined in the CRA as owing to the creditor was in dollars, this agreement crystallises now in sterling and then the creditor agrees that that sterling amount is its sole remaining claim and releases everything else including under the CRA and/or under the creditor agreements. So the argument is the same, effectively.
> MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.
> MR ZACAROLI: The position is more complicated in relatior to the other CDD example at tab 21. This CDD at tab 21 was used for circumstances where there were certain outstanding questions as between the creditor and LBIE

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| 1 | "The creditor hereby irrevocably and | 1 | to be discharged as a consequence of the CDD; but any |
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| 2 | unconditionally ..." | 2 | claim arising out of that is released by (v) on page 8. |
| 3 | Does a number of things. In (i) it waives any and | 3 | My Lord, that is all I propose to show you from the |
| 4 | all right to dispute the calculation of its net | 4 | other CDDs. But can my Lord keep open the CRA because |
| 5 | contractual position and/or net financial claim. | 5 | we're going to turn back to that for the next part of my |
| 6 | At (ii) it waives any right to require that a net | 6 | submissions, which deals with issue 38. |
| 7 | contractual position statement is served. (iii), waives | 7 | The question here is whether the entry into the CRA |
| 8 | any right it may have to be provided with access to | 8 | creates a currency conversion claim for a creditor, for |
| 9 | copies of calculations. (iv), to the extent they don't | 9 | example, who had a sterling underlying right that's now |
| 10 | compromise (inaudible) discharges and/or | 10 | agreed to be paid in dollars. And precisely the same |
| 11 | pre-administration client money claims. | 11 | issue arises in relation to the agreed claims CDD, for |
| 12 | And then (v) is the important one | 12 | example if your underlying claim is in sterling but the |
| 13 | "Irrevocably releases and discharges the certain | 13 | agreed claims CDD denominates the agreed claim amount in |
| 14 | excluded claims. And in each case howsoever those | 14 | dollars because that was the predominant underlying |
| 15 | claims or rights arise including those which arise | 15 | urrency. It's the same point but in a different |
| 16 | hereafter upon a change in the relevant law, whether | 16 | context. |
| 17 | known or unknown, whether arising in equity or under the | 17 | Going back to the CRA, and these are familiar |
| 18 | common law statute or by reason of breach of contract or | 18 | clauses, I know, one starts at 24.1 for this purpose. |
| 19 | in respect of any tortious or negligent act or omission, | 19 | Close-out amounts, and remember close-out amounts are |
| 20 | whether or not the loss and damage caused thereby has | 20 | the foundation of net contractual positions, which are |
| 21 | yet been suffered or otherwise whether arising under the | 21 | the foundation of net financial claims. |
| 22 | CRA and/or the creditor agreements or not, whether in | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 23 | existence now or coming into existence at some time | 23 | R ZACAROLI: And the close-out amounts are denominated ip |
| 24 | in the future and whether or not in contemplation of the | 24 | US dollars, so to the extent that a close-out amount is |
| 25 | creditor and/or the company and/or the administrator on Page 105 | 25 | herwise denominated it shall be converted as at the Page 107 |
| 1 | the date hereof." | 1 | date of administration. |
| 2 | Then 2.1.5 is a similar undertaking | 2 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 3 | steps to prove or otherwise claim anywhere for the | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: That becomes a net financial claim, which is |
| 4 | matters that have been released. | 4 | defined in 25.1 as: |
| 5 | Now, one difference my Lord will see again, it's not | 5 | "A claim which shall constitute an ascertained |
| 6 | a mutual release here, this is the creditor releasing | 6 | unsecured claim of that signatory in the winding-up of |
| 7 | its claims. | 7 | the company or any distribution that covers assets to |
| 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 8 | its unsecured creditors." |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: How this works in relation to currency | 9 | Our position is that that does not create a currency |
| 10 | conversion claims is as follows. The CRA gave the | 10 | conversion claim and the key distinction, for example |
| 11 | creditor a right -- one of the new claims, as you will | 11 | between that and the admitted claims CDD, is in the |
| 12 | know, is defined as the right to claim its net financial | 12 | admitted claims CDD there is an unqualified discharge of |
| 13 | claim. That is a right which was denominated in US | 13 | any right to be paid in dollars and an unqualified |
| 14 | dollars under the CRA. | 14 | acceptance that the only right hereafter is a right |
| 15 | The fourth excluded claim includes any failure on | 15 | denominated in sterling. So that part of the admitted |
| 16 | the part of the company. They are claiming for | 16 | claims CDD is unqualified. It's a forever permanent |
| 17 | a failure on the part of the company to discharge its | 17 | change of rights. |
| 18 | obligations under the CRA. So (v) in the CDD on page 8 | 18 | However, the context of the CRA, particularly from |
| 19 | releases that excluded claim to the extent that, as | 19 | the definition of net financial claim, is that the |
| 20 | provided in the definition, that claim would arise as | 20 | purposes of the conversion in the CRA are to enable the |
| 21 | a consequence of the company and the creditor entering | 21 | CRA to work its way through, and that includes, for |
| 22 | into this deed. The consequence of entering into the | 22 | example, most importantly, offsetting dollar denominated |
| 23 | deed is they're agreeing that the entitlement to be paid | 23 | trust claims against liabilities of the client, which |
| 24 | is now denominated in sterling, so to that extent the | 24 | need to be in the same currency for that purpose. But |
| 25 | right to be paid in dollars under the CRA is not going | 25 | against a background that once it becomes a net |
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| 1 | financial claim, so in other words after that process | 1 | no longer complain, as I've already submitted, it can't |
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| 2 | has been gone through, if an amount is owing to the | 2 | then complain about not being paid the full amount of |
| 3 | creditor, that shall then stand as an ascertained claim | 3 | euros (inaudible) agreed that that claim is released. |
| 4 | for the purposes of proof in the liquidation or some | 4 | In that case, we also submit that the agreement to |
| 5 | other distribution. | 5 | be paid in dollars is nevertheless not an unqualified |
| 6 | A necessary attribute of that is that it must be | 6 | agreement to denominate its claim in dollars, but it's |
| 7 | converted back into sterling. So at the time that the | 7 | qualified in exactly the same way as applies to the |
| 8 | CRA was entered into, it was known to both parties that | 8 | sterling creditor example I dealt with originally. |
| 9 | the conversion into dollars was not to be permanent and | 9 | My Lord, if we're wrong about that position, the |
| 10 | unqualified but would result in a reconversion back to | 10 | fallback position in relation to the euro or the yen |
| 11 | sterling as at exactly the same conversion date, ie the | 11 | creditor is consistent with the argument that the CRA |
| 12 | date of administration, for the purposes of it being | 12 | does not create currency conversion claims because the |
| 13 | a claim in the liquidation or the administration. So | 13 | conversion to dollars is for a qualified purpose, then |
| 14 | it's a qualified conversion, not an unqualified one as | 14 | we would accept that the original euro or yen claim |
| 15 | took place in the case of the admitted claims CDDs. | 15 | survives, not that it has created some new claim in |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. So in this agreement, in | 16 | dollars. So my first proposition is it's lost its euro |
| 17 | the CRA -- yes, I see. In order to give effect to 25.1, | 17 | currency conversion claim and it hasn't been granted |
| 18 | the claim must be converted into sterling. | 18 | a dollar currency conversion claim, but if we're wrong |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. My Lord, the same argument applies | 19 | about that the fallback is it hasn't lost its euro or |
| 20 | in the agreed claims CDD. We'll turn it up, it's at | 20 | yen currency conversion claim as opposed to being giver |
| 21 | tab 1A of bundle 11. The argument here is exactly the | 21 | the new one. |
| 22 | same but in a sense it's even clearer because the | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 23 | agreement here is -- let's assume it was an agreement, | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: That leaves just issue 35, which is the |
| 24 | agreed claim amount in dollars, whereas you had an | 24 | question whether the release of interest provisions |
| 25 | underlying part of your claim in sterling. That | 25 | in the CDDs, where there is no express language |
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| 1 | agreement to be paid in dollars is expressly on the | 1 | preserving the right to statutory interest, so where |
| 2 | basis that to become an admitted claim, it gets | 2 | that language does not appear, so it's the early group |
| 3 | reconverted into sterling. | 3 | CDDs, does the clause releasing all claims to interest |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 4 | have the consequence that when the creditor comes to |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: Paragraph 3.2 of the agreement says just that, | 5 | claim statutory interest, which we accept for reasons |
| 6 | that's page 8, tab 1A. | 6 | I've been through this morning it still has, whether |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Give me a moment. (Pause). So | 7 | that claim for statutory interest can only be at the |
| 8 | that's clause? | 8 | judgments rate. |
| 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Clause 3.2 is how you get an admitted claim, | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 10 | where the creditor has, for example, waived its entire | 10 | MR ZACAROLI: We deal with this at paragraph 170 of our |
| 11 | client money claim, then the agreed claim at the agreed | 11 | skeleton. I propose to do little more than repeat the |
| 12 | claim amount is converted into pounds sterling to be | 12 | argument there. There is not much I can add to it. |
| 13 | accepted as an admitted claim. | 13 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Let's just have a look at that. |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, I see. | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Page 53 it starts at. (Pause). |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: There's one little corner that -- I've | 15 | The crux of the argument is really an interpretation |
| 16 | recognised that none of this was dealt with in position | 16 | of 2.88.9, the words "the rates applicable apart from |
| 17 | papers as this is a slightly (inaudible) would envisage, | 17 | administration". We say that rate is now nil because |
| 18 | but the corner is this, that if you had -- take the CRA. | 18 | apart from the administration, the contractual right has |
| 19 | If you had a claim in euros that is then converted into | 19 | been waived, released, and therefore it is to be treated |
| 20 | dollars for the purposes of the CRA on the basis it's | 20 | as if it had no right to interest. |
| 21 | converted into sterling, we do say two things. First of | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: If there was no administration |
| 22 | all, because your underlying contractual claim to be | 22 | there would be no CDDs or CRAs. |
| 23 | paid in euros has been released in its entirety by | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: I accept that. |
| 24 | clause 4.2.3, because that's how the CRA works, it | 24 | My Lord, the reason we accept that it doesn't |
| 25 | releases all of your underlying claims, the creditor can | 25 | operate where the statutory interest language was |
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| 1 | incorporated is because you've got the two propositions. | 1 | detail, so far as the CRA is concerned we say the primary purpose of the CRA was to return trust assets. |
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| 2 | One, statutory interest is implicitly allowed where | 2 |  |
| 3 | there's no such language, but that implicit acceptance | 3 | Quantifying and agreeing claims was a necessary but |
| 4 | of statutory interest is subject to the proposition that | 4 | incidental part of that exercise. And your Lordship, |
| 5 | contractually there is no right to interest. That's | 5 | I think, commented on the way in which that exercise |
| 6 | without the language. | 6 | effectively came into the process. Obviously, the |
| 7 | When the language comes in, there's an express | 7 | administrators couldn't return trust assets without |
| 8 | reference to rule 2.88, 7 to 9, and reference to 9 we | 8 | satisfying themselves that they wouldn't be prejudicing |
| 9 | accept can't really be interpreted other than as | 9 | LBIE in respect of any security it held if it turned out |
| 10 | acceptance that the contractual rate that otherwise | 10 | that the creditor actually was a debtor of LBIE. |
| 11 | would have applied is brought back in. | 11 | So that in a sense was the first stage. The second |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. | 12 | stage was, you can't work out whether a creditor is |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, unless I can assist further those are | 13 | a debtor of LBIE without ascertaining what the net |
| 14 | my submissions on issues 34,35 and 38 | 14 | position between the parties is. In other words, also |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Thank you very much, | 15 | taking account of any claims which the creditor may have |
| 16 | Mr Zacaroli. | 16 | against LBIE. I know your Lordship has the point, but |
| 17 | Mr Dicker? | 17 | can I show your Lordship one reference in Mr Pearson's |
| 18 | MR DICKER: I wonder if your Lordship would give me two | 18 | witness statement that deals with that point? It's in |
| 19 | moments just to move my files and enable me to have | 19 | bundle 2, tab 7, and it's paragraph 20. |
| 20 | Mr Fisher sitting next to me. | 20 | Paragraph 20 at the bottom of page 6. Mr Pearson |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: If I take a break now -- it's | 21 | says: |
| 22 | a little early for the transcribers -- we'll then b | 22 | "In the case of the development of the scheme, it |
| 23 | okay to continue to the end of the afternoon I hope. | 23 | soon became apparent that in order to establish |
| 24 | ( 2.45 pm ) | 24 | a claimant's entitlement to the return of trust assets |
| 25 | (A short break) | 25 | through and prior to making any distribution of trust |
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| 1 | ( 2.50 pm ) | 1 | assets in accordance with the scheme, it would be |
| 2 | Submissions by MR DICKER | 2 | necessary for any liabilities a claimant owed to LBIE |
| 3 | MR DICKER: The CRA and the CDDs were originally devised by | 3 | under any financial contracts with LBIE to be |
| 4 | the administrators to enable them to carry out their | 4 | ascertained in order to protect LBIE's position." |
| 5 | duties in the interests of creditors. The primary | 5 | Et cetera. |
| 6 | purpose, as your Lordship will see, of those agreements | 6 | So one starts with a primary purpose of returning |
| 7 | has been achieved. The question is whether they go | 7 | trust assets. To do that, you need, in the first |
| 8 | further. Wentworth's position is that the effect of | 8 | instance, to work out what claims LBIE has against, |
| 9 | those agreements was that creditors gave up claims to | 9 | I call them creditors, but counterparties is probably |
| 10 | interest and currency conversion claims, which may be | 10 | more accurate here, and also therefore claims by the |
| 11 | worth as much as 1 billion. We say that is something | 11 | counterparties against LBIE. |
| 12 | which the parties cannot sensibly have intended and | 12 | The net outcome of that process could be a net claim |
| 13 | it is not the effect of those agreements. | 13 | owed by LBIE to the signatory, and in that event |
| 14 | Such a consequence would be to bring about what the | 14 | a further incidental benefit was the claim could then be |
| 15 | Court of Appeal described in a slightly different | 15 | "fed into", to use Mr Pearson's words, any subsequent |
| 16 | context as a wholly unnecessary injustice. | 16 | distribution mechanism. Your Lordship will see later in |
| 17 | Your Lordship knows we also say that if this is what the | 17 | a little more detail how that works. |
| 18 | agreements do mean, then pursuant to the answer to | 18 | So far as the effect of the CRA is concerned, |
| 19 | question 36A, we say it would be unfair and unjust for | 19 | we have two short points, which I will develop in due |
| 20 | the administrators to be permitted to enforce them. | 20 | course. The first point concerns the currency of |
| 21 | Obviously we're dealing with that question separately. | 21 | payment. We say all obligations quantified by the CRA |
| 22 | Your Lordship, we say, needs to deal with the CRA | 22 | are quantified and agreed in US dollars, and |
| 23 | and the CDD separately because the analysis in relation | 23 | clause 4.4.2, which your Lordship has seen, goes as far |
| 24 | to each is slightly different. Just summarising our | 24 | as to state that signatories acquire the right to claim |
| 25 | position in relation to each before I get on to the | 25 | that sum as a new obligation of LBIE. |
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| 1 | That, we say, suggests that all signatories are to | 1 | they all operated in essentially the same basic way and |
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| 2 | be entitled to payment in full of the relevant US dollar | 2 | the same basic effect. They didn't result in |
| 3 | amount because that is what has been agreed. And any | 3 | creditors waiving either claims to statutory interest or |
| 4 | currency conversion claim is no more than a consequence | 4 | currency conversion claims. |
| 5 | of that. Whether or not that is right, and I'll come to | 5 | When one talks about achieving finality, we say it's |
| 6 | that, the important point we say is that a creditor | 6 | essential to be clear what finality the CDDs were |
| 7 | whose original claim was in US dollars cannot have lost | 7 | intended to achieve. If the ordinary proof process had |
| 8 | his right to payment of that sum merely by having had it | 8 | been adopted, creditors would have been entitled to |
| 9 | restated in the CRA in US dollars. Nor equally can he | 9 | challenge the administrator's adjudication, to modify |
| 10 | therefore have lost any currency conversion claim that | 10 | their proof or to submit new proofs, and the CDDs |
| 11 | he might otherwise have. You can't lose a right to | 11 | obviously prevented them from doing so. The reason for |
| 12 | payment in US dollars by having your claim restated in | 12 | that of course was to enable the administrators to know |
| 13 | US dollars. It simply doesn't make sense. | 13 | the likely quantum of the claims against LBIE so that |
| 14 | My Lord, the second point concerns statutory | 14 | they could make earlier and no doubt potentially larger |
| 15 | interest. Your Lordship has seen the CRA expressly | 15 | distributions than they might otherwise have done. |
| 16 | provides that creditors will be entitled to interest to | 16 | It's easiest to explain precisely what we mean |
| 17 | the extent provided in rule 2.88 of the Insolvency | 17 | I give your Lordship a very simple illustration. |
| 18 | Rules. We say, well, 2.88 includes 2.88 .9 , which | 18 | Imagine a creditor with ten possible claims against |
| 19 | entitles you to interest at the greater of the Judgments | 19 | LBIE, claims number 1 through to 10 . The administrators |
| 20 | Act rate and the rate applicable to the debt apart from | 20 | invite creditors to submit proofs of debt and the |
| 21 | the administration. So one asks, what is the rate | 21 | creditor chooses to missubmit a proof in relation to |
| 22 | applicable to the debt apart from the administration? | 22 | claims 1 to 10, in relation to claim 1, and for whatever |
| 23 | And the answer we say is the rate under the financial | 23 | reason he chooses not to submit a proof in relation to |
| 24 | contract, which has just been quantified and compromised | 24 | cla |
| 25 | by the CRA. | 25 | So if one just focuses on the position in relation |
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| 1 | My Lord, again I will come back to this, but | 1 | to claim 1, creditors' proof is dealt with by the |
| 2 | your Lordship, I think, noted a reference | 2 | administrators in accordance with their modified proof |
| 3 | reader's guide to signatories being entitled to interes | 3 | process. Again, we'll look at the detail later. But |
| 4 | in accordance with standard Insolvency Rules. We say it | 4 | the end result is that the amount of that claim is |
| 5 | was never suggested that the standard Insolvency Rules | 5 | agreed between the administrators and the creditor and |
| 6 | would entitle you to interest in a non-standard way. We | 6 | converted into sterling for the purposes of proof. We |
| 7 | also say the CRA did not deprive creditors of any | 7 | say there is absolutely nothing in that process so far |
| 8 | non-provable right to interest they would otherwise have | 8 | as claim 1 is concerned, in other words the claim which |
| 9 | had. The important right in this context, I'm sure | 9 | the creditor has advanced, agreed and is admitted to |
| 10 | your Lordship is aware, is the right to appropriate | 10 | proof, which has any consequence different from the |
| 11 | payments first to interest. Again, I'll develop this in | 11 | consequence that would apply to any claim advanced, |
| 12 | due course, but we say it's either within the scope of | 12 | agreed and admitted to proof in the ordinary way, save |
| 13 | the preserved right under rule 2.88 , that's effectively | 13 | that having gone through this process, the creditor |
| 14 | the argument we had in front of your Lordship as part of | 14 | can't subsequently turn round and say, "I'd like to |
| 15 | part A; alternatively, we say a signatory who acquired | 15 | amend my proof, I'd like to submit an additional proof |
| 16 | a net financial claim has the same contractual right as | 16 | or I'd like to challenge the administrator's |
| 17 | anyone else to appropriate sums that he receives first | 17 | adjudication". |
| 18 | to interest and secondly to principal. Again, I'll | 18 | So, so far as claim 1 is concerned, it did, in |
| 19 | develop that. | 19 | a slightly more rough and ready way, exactly what any |
| 20 | Turning then briefly to the effect of the CDDs, we | 20 | other claim for proof would do. If an ordinary claim |
| 21 | say the analysis is slightly different. The CDDs were | 21 | for proof would entitle you to statutory interest, so |
| 22 | no more than a simplified and more final mechanism for | 22 | too does this process. If an ordinary claim to proof |
| 23 | admitting claims to proof, which were devised to enable | 23 | would leave you with a currency conversion claim, so too |
| 24 | the administrators to make earlier distributions. | 24 | does this process. |
| 25 | Although there are a variety of different kinds of CDDs, Page 118 | 25 | Now, the position in relation to claims 2 to 10 is Page 120 |


| 1 | obviously different. Creditor never submitted proofs in | 1 | My Lord, the facts, if one looks into the detail of |
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| 2 | respect of those claims, so those claims are gone, both | 2 | WW Duncan, are slightly different from this case. We |
| 3 | the provable and the non-provable aspects of those | 3 | say it does illustrate a simple point that apparently |
| 4 | claims. | 4 | broad and, if read literally, unambiguous words don't in |
| 5 | My Lord, again, I'll deal with the language of the | 5 | fact operate to release all claims, as one might expect. |
| 6 | CDDs in due course, but as your Lordship, I think, | 6 | Your Lordship sees this from BCCI v Ali, to which my |
| 7 | observed, there are a number of reasons why, even if one | 7 | learned friend took you. Can I just refer to a couple |
| 8 | ignores the context, one cannot read the CDDs in the | 8 | of passages in that? It's bundle 1A at tab 27 if |
| 9 | literal way for which my learned friend contends. | 9 | your Lordship has that. |
| 10 | Your Lordship, I think, identified one of those points | 10 | The point I'm taking your Lordship to this case for |
| 11 | being that if you do so, you end up with a claim | 11 | is the point that context is particularly important |
| 12 | apparently not carrying interest at all, and my learned | 12 | in the context of release provisions. Starting with |
| 13 | friend accepts that that can't be right. | 13 | Lord Nicholls' speech at page 264, the relevant |
| 14 | My Lord, just to ensure our submissions are clear, | 14 | paragraphs, if your Lordship wouldn't mind glancing at |
| 15 | because some of Wentworth's written submissions I think | 15 | them, are, firstly, paragraph 23 at the bottom of 264. |
| 16 | misunderstand our case. We are not submitting that the | 16 | (Paus |
| 17 | effect of the release was essentia | 17 | And obviously the last sentence: |
| 18 | provable claims but not touch any non-provable claims. | 18 | "The question is whether the context in which the |
| 19 | That's not the distinction we are drawing. The | 19 | neral release was given is apt to cut down the |
| 20 | distinction we are drawing is between the claim which is | 20 | apparently all-embracing scope of the words or release." |
| 21 | agreed and admitted where we say both provable and | 21 | Then paragraph 27, if my Lord would remind my Lord |
| 22 | non-provable elements remain, and all other claims, what | 22 | of that. (Pause). |
| 23 | I refer to as claims 2 through to 10, which a | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 24 | released. | 24 | MR DICKER: Then 28, wher |
| 25 | My Lord, that by way of summary. Next, briefly, the Page 121 | 25 | "This approach, however, should not be pressed too Page 123 |
| 1 | law. I'm going to say very little about the law. Can | 1 | far. It does not mean that once the possibility of |
| 2 | I just make three points? The first is, context, we | 2 | further claims has been foreseen, a newly emergent claim |
| 3 | say, is particularly important in relation to the effect | 3 | would always be regarded as caught by a general lease. |
| 4 | of release provisions. It appears to be extremely | 4 | Whatever the circumstances in which it arises and |
| 5 | common for parties to express releases very widely | 5 | whatever its subject matter may be, however widely drawn |
| 6 | indeed, although they in fact only intend those releases | 6 | the language, the circumstances in which the release was |
| 7 | to operate in a particular context. There are numerous | 7 | given may suggest, and frequently do suggest, the |
| 8 | examples your Lordship has seen of cases where the | 8 | parties intended or, more precisely, the parties are |
| 9 | context has led to a construction different from that | 9 | reasonably to be taken to have intended the release |
| 10 | which one would get to if you simply followed the | 10 | ould apply only to claims known or unknown relating to |
| 11 | literal meaning | 11 | a particular subject matter." |
| 12 | WW Duncan is in fact a very, on one view, simple | 12 | And that point is repeated effectively in the last |
| 13 | example of that. Your Lordship may recall that case | 13 | two sentences of paragraph 29 just at E, if |
| 14 | involved a liquidator paying dividends which in the end | 14 | your Lordship would just glance at that. (Pause). |
| 15 | amounted to 100p in the pound on creditors' provable | 15 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 16 | debts, and when he made the final payment the creditors | 16 | MR DICKER: My Lord, my learned friend mentioned, and |
| 17 | provided him with a document that said that payment was | 17 | of course it's correct, that Lord Hoffmann dissented in |
| 18 | received in full and final settlement of their claims. | 18 | this case, but he didn't dissent on the point that |
| 19 | And Mr Justice Buckley said when it turned out there was | 19 | background is very important. Indeed, your Lordship |
| 20 | in fact a surplus, the creditors cannot conceivably have | 20 | will see that at the start of paragraph 39 of his speech |
| 21 | intended to waive their rights in a surplus and, in the | 21 | page 269. |
| 22 | circumstances of that case, went so far as to say indeed | 22 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 23 | it would have been dishonest of the liquidator | 23 | MR DICKER: Lord Clyde dealt with it rather more by |
| 24 | appreciating that the issue arose to effectively get | 24 | eference to the particular facts, but the conclusion he |
| 25 | them to agree to do so. | 25 | came to your Lordship will see at paragraph 82, |
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| 1 | page 283. He says in the last sentence, this is four | 1 | authorities bundle, if one puts them at the end. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | lines down paragraph 82: | 2 | I think I suggested the second judgment first, Privy |
| 3 | "It seems to me the context of the agreement is that | 3 | Council first and then McKillen. So that's tab 15 and |
| 4 | termination of the employment and the desire of the | 4 | McKillen is tab 16. |
| 5 | employer to finalise any contractual debts due to the | 5 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 6 | employees whose employment was being terminated together | 6 | MR DICKER: My Lord, just a couple of paragraphs from the |
| 7 | with all statutory or common law obligations arising | 7 | Court of Appeal in McKillen. If your Lordship goes to |
| 8 | from the termination of the contract." | 8 | paragraph 37, as the judge said: |
| 9 | My Lord, we say that the points in particular made | 9 | "Although the issue is to be decided by reference to |
| 10 | by Lord Nicholls as to the difficulty that release | 10 | the wording and meaning of the facilities agreement, the |
| 11 | clauses offer courts, in other words draftsmen drafting | 11 | Act is part of the admissible context when interpreting |
| 12 | over-enthusiastically, and using language which would | 12 | not least because NAMA's involvement is explicable only |
| 13 | appear to cover everything but they merely meant | 13 | by reference to its function and powers under the Act |
| 14 | everything within a particular context, also led to | 14 | and the Act contains powers and provisions which may be |
| 15 | Lord Bingham's reference to a cautionary principle. | 15 | directly relevant to the clauses to be construed." |
| 16 | Again, your Lordship's seen these from my learned | 16 | And the Court of Appeal agreed with your Lordship |
| 17 | friend's submissions, but Lord Bingham, paragraph 10, | 17 | in relation to that, and your Lordship will see |
| 18 | says: | 18 | beginning above paragraph 40, a lengthy section running |
| 19 | "The court were very slow to infer that the party | 19 | through to 48, dealing with the statutory context. |
| 20 | intended to surrender rights and claims. She was | 20 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 21 | unaware and could not have been aware." | 21 | MR DICKER: And paragraphs 42 and 43 , your Lordship will see |
| 22 | And the reference to cautionary principle halfway | 22 | the emphasis placed by the Court of Appeal on that |
| 23 | down paragraph 17 on page 263. | 23 | statutory context, particularly the last half, if |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 24 | your Lordship would just glance at that, in |
| 25 | MR DICKER: So that's the first submission on the law. | 25 | paragraph 43. (Pause). |
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| 1 | The second submission should be uncontroversial. |  | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 2 | The context includes the statutory background within | 2 | MR DICKER: My Lord, the third point is a submission about |
| 3 | which a particular contract is designed to operate. Can | 3 | ambiguity. It's simply to give your Lordship |
| 4 | I just show your Lordship two things here? Firstly, an | 4 | a reference to a decision of the Privy Council, |
| 5 | extract from Lewison on the Interpretation of Contracts, | 5 | particularly a judgment of Lord Sumption, confirming the |
| 6 | which your Lordship has in authorities bundle 2, tab 1. | 6 | point your Lordship put to my learned friend that |
| 7 | If your Lordship would perhaps read the passage on | 7 | ambiguity is not simply concerned with language. In |
| 8 | page 188 under the heading "B. Statute law", just to | 8 | other words, you aren't limited to looking for |
| 9 | the bottom of that page | 9 | linguistic ambiguity. Ambiguity is something which may |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Just that last three lines? | 10 | or may not exist when you have done the exercise |
| 11 | 188? | 11 | required by Lord Bingham, in other words looking at the |
| 12 | MR DICKER: Page 188 under the heading "Statute law" down to | 12 | background, looking at the wording of the agreement. Is |
| 13 | the bottom of the page. | 13 | there, taking all of that into account, doubt as to the |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I'm sorry. (Pause). | 14 | intended effect of the agreement? |
| 15 | Yes. | 15 | So if your Lordship would just look at Sans Souci |
| 16 | MR DICKER: My Lord, one other reference in this context not | 16 | Ltd v VRL Services Ltd, which was the second judgment |
| 17 | presently in the bundles, so if I can hand up a copy | 17 | I handed up to your Lordship. |
| 18 | There's one other authority I'll hand up at the same | 18 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So this goes in the same bundle |
| 19 | time, if I may. (Handed). | 19 | MR DICKER: Yes, at the end of bundle 3 . |
| 20 | The first is, if your Lordship has it, a decision | 20 | My Lord, the context is very different, although the |
| 21 | with which your Lordship will be familiar. It's | 21 | principle, I'll show your Lordship, is expressed |
| 22 | McKillen v NAMA in the Court of Appeal. | 22 | generally. The context your Lordship will see, |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 23 | paragraph 1: |
| 24 | MR DICKER: I will not take your Lordship through the facts, | 24 | "The appeal is concerned with the scope and order |
| 25 | the facts are obviously irrelevant. Bundle 3 of the | 25 | made by the Court of Appeal of Jamaica, remitting the |
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| 1 | spect of a surplus, there was no discussion about what | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Like some oil companies do |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | should happen in that situation. That's hardly | 2 | I think. |
| 3 | surprising. | 3 | MR DICKER: Yes, and, my Lord, so natural was it to think |
| 4 | My Lord, the fourth point is this: no sensible | 4 | about US dollars in the context of LBIE that the |
| 5 | reason has been provided why, although the parties never | 5 | administrators in their initial proposal to creditors |
| 6 | consciously thought about them, creditors should | 6 | indicated that they would require creditors to submit |
| 7 | nevertheless now be taken to have agreed to release | 7 | their claims in US dollars and be paid in US dollars. |
| 8 | claims to statutory interest and currency conversion | 8 | Can I just show your Lordship that? It's bundle 6 at |
| 9 | claims. Why, for example, should any creditor with | 9 | page 70. It's just an extract from joint |
| 10 | a right to interest in the event of a surplus have | 10 | administrators' proposals for achieving the purpose of |
| 11 | agreed to limit itself to interest at the Judgments Act | 11 | the administration. It starts, just so your Lordship |
| 12 | rate, and release any right to contractual interest. | 12 | sees where the document begins, at page 30 . |
| 13 | One can say that appears to be the literal effect of the | 13 | The extract I was going to show your Lordship is on |
| 14 | wording of the agreements they entered into, I'll come | 14 | page 70. It's in the top right-hand corner, (xi), where |
| 15 | to that, but that's not providing a reason as to why it | 15 | what the administrators propose is: |
| 16 | made sense for the parties to reach such an agreement. | 16 | "The primary currency for the administration will be |
| 17 | Similarly, why should any creditor with a US dollar | 17 | US dollars and funds will be maintained in US dollars |
| 18 | claim have agreed to release any currency conversion | 18 | except to the extent that monies are needed to meet |
| 19 | claims that he might otherwise have? Even more | 19 | administration expenses payable in other currencies or |
| 20 | striking, we say, why should the parties be taken to | 20 | monies are held in trust for the benefit of a third |
| 21 | have intended the entirely, and in our submission | 21 | party. The administrators will require creditors to |
| 22 | irrational, distinctions which on Wentworth's case | 22 | submit their claims in US dollars and dividends will be |
| 23 | result from the particular agreement that a creditor | 23 | paid in US dollars in the chosen exit route from the |
| 24 | happens to have entered into? And why should the | 24 | administration." |
| 25 | administrators be taken to have intended to treat | 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: The date of this is? |
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| 1 | creditors unequally in this way? In other words, why | 1 | MR DICKER: If your Lordship goes back to page 30, it's |
| 2 | did the administrators intend to get some creditors to | 2 | 28 October 2008. |
| 3 | give up rights to currency conversion claims, for | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see, right at the start. |
| 4 | example, and not others? What was the rationale for | 4 | MR DICKER: Yes. And this, to be clear, was subsequently |
| 5 | that? | 5 | modified. When the administrators sent it out to |
| 6 | My Lord, one further background point just concerns | 6 | creditors, they weren't sure whether this was |
| 7 | US dollars. There is a temptation to assume that | 7 | necessarily a sensible idea. |
| 8 | a creditor with a US dollar claim in an English | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: So what am I looking at here. |
| 9 | administration is in some way anomalous or as an | 9 | MR DICKER: This is the administrators' initial proposals |
| 10 | exception to the norm. That would obviously be entirely | 10 | for achieving the purpose of the administration. If |
| 11 | wrong in relation to LBIE. As your Lordship knows, | 11 | your Lordship goes back to page 30. |
| 12 | LBIE's functional currency before it went into | 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: This went out to creditors? |
| 13 | administration was US dollars as that was the currency | 13 | MR DICKER: Creditors then responded effectively by saying, |
| 14 | that directors considered to be the most appropriate | 14 | "We're not sure whether this is necessarily a sensible |
| 15 | currency. That's in the statement of agreed facts for | 15 | idea". |
| 16 | 34 and 35 at paragraph 49. And that's also true of | 16 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: To do it in dollars? |
| 17 | LBIE's assets, the majority of those were also in US | 17 | MR DICKER: To do it in dollars, and the issue was then left |
| 18 | dollars. | 18 | open. |
| 19 | So there is nothing remotely surprising, we say, in | 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. |
| 20 | creditors who have claims in US dollars expecting to | 20 | MR DICKER: The reason I'm showing your Lordship this is |
| 21 | have those claims satisfied in full if LBIE had | 21 | simply to illustrate how natural it was for everyone |
| 22 | sufficient money to do so. | 22 | dealing with LBIE to think in US dollar terms. |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I wonder whether LBIE drew up | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see. |
| 24 | its accounts in US dollars. | 24 | MR DICKER: It would be wrong to think of US dollar |
| 25 | MR DICKER: As I understand it, yes. | 25 | creditors as in some way anomalous or outliers in this |
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| 1 | process. | 1 | extent to which it varied the contractual position. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | I mentioned that proposal wasn't the end of it, and | 2 | My Lord, I don't think the debate matters for present |
| 3 | just so your Lordship has the reference, this is dealt | 3 | purposes. Your Lordship has seen from the CRA the |
| 4 | with in Mary Nell Browning's witness statement, | 4 | starting point and the basic valuation methodology was |
| 5 | bundle 2, tab 6. It's paragraph 12 through to 16, just | 5 | intended to mirror the valuation methodology in |
| 6 | so your Lordship knows and can see how matters | 6 | financial contracts, save in certain respects. Either |
| 7 | developed. | 7 | way that's inappropriate or impossible. |
| 8 | So having summarised our case in relation to both, | 8 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 9 | I have dealt with the law and made a few background | 9 | MR DICKER: The fourth point is to carry out the exercise of |
| 10 | points, can I now turn to the CRA? My Lord, I'm doing | 10 | determining the net contractual position, you obviously |
| 11 | it in this order because it seems appropriate to us that | 11 | need a common currency, which was also necessary to |
| 12 | your Lordship should construe the documents in the order | 12 | ensure that if there was a shortfall, everyone |
| 13 | in which they were created. It's not as if, as my | 13 | effectively got a fair share of the trust assets. And |
| 14 | learned friend might have wished, that the first | 14 | as I've already said, given the majority of LBIE's |
| 15 | document creditors ever came across was an admitted CDD. | 15 | assets and the majority of its claims were in US |
| 16 | Indeed, to the contrary. By the time they came across | 16 | dollars, US dollars was the obvious currency. |
| 17 | an admitted CDD, agreed CDDs had already been devised by | 17 | My Lord, the fifth point is that the CRA did not |
| 18 | the administrators and were being used, and the admitted | 18 | contain a distribution mechanism in respect of any net |
| 19 | CDDs were in development of that. We say it's very | 19 | financial claim that a signatory may have against LBIE. |
| 20 | important that your Lordship looks at the way matters | 20 | The idea was that a net financial claim could be "fed |
| 21 | developed. | 21 | into" the distribution process at a later date. In |
| 22 | So starting with the CRA, my Lord, I'm going to do | 22 | other words, it was yet another, further down the line, |
| 23 | three things. First of all, say a few words about the | 23 | incidental consequence of returning trust assets. |
| 24 | purpose and genesis of the CRA in the light of the | 24 | I use the phrase "fed into", and that is |
| 25 | evidence. Secondly, to deal with its terms. And then, | 25 | Mr Pearson's phrase. If your Lordship turns up |
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| 1 | thirdly, to look briefly at some of the background | 1 | bundle 2, tab 7, it's paragraph 23, page 7. Again, if |
| 2 | material, including the reader's guide and the circular. | 2 | your Lordship could read paragraph 23. (Pause). |
| 3 | Starting with background facts. My Lord, they're | 3 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. It is actually talking |
| 4 | largely set out in the statement of agreed facts at | 4 | about a scheme. You say it applies equally to the CRA? |
| 5 | paragraph 29 to 49, but not exclusively. And my Lord, | 5 | MR DICKER: Which was based on the scheme. So that the CRA |
| 6 | our -- | 6 | didn't itself contain a distribution mechanism. |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Paragraphs, what was that again? | 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Is that true of the CDDs as |
| 8 | MR DICKER: Paragraphs 29 to 49 in the statement of agreed | 8 | well, actually? Because don't they contain the language |
| 9 | facts. | 9 | that Mr Zacaroli wanted me to focus on, the admitted |
| 10 | The five points which we would emphasise are these. | 10 | claim was a claim admissible in a distribution in the |
| 11 | First of all, the primary purpose of the CRA was to | 11 | administration or winding-up or in a scheme? |
| 12 | create a consensual contractual mechanism to enable the | 12 | MR DICKER: Well, the context, we say, of the CRA and the |
| 13 | administrators to return trust property to its owners. | 13 | CDDs was obviously different because the CRA was |
| 14 | That's paragraph 43. | 14 | concerned with returning trust property and the |
| 15 | The second point, one I've already made, | 15 | ascertainment of the net contractual position was all |
| 16 | ascertaining the amount of any claims that existed | 16 | part of that process. When one gets to the CDDs, what's |
| 17 | between LBIE and its counterparties was a necessary but | 17 | going on is very different. The administrators give |
| 18 | incidental part of the process of returning trust | 18 | notice of intention to make a distribution and the only |
| 19 | assets. | 19 | way, obviously, of making a distribution is to get |
| 20 | The third point is the net contractual position was | 20 | creditors to submit proofs, to ascertain the amount of |
| 21 | calculated by reference to the contractual valuation | 21 | their claims, to agree them and have them admitted. So |
| 22 | provisions subject to a number of overriding valuation | 22 | it's a different process, which is essentially -- |
| 23 | provisions. Your Lordship has seen those. | 23 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Well, it is a different one. |
| 24 | There's some debate in the evidence and in the | 24 | I think I was just making the point that even with the |
| 25 | skeleton as to what precisely this involved and the | 25 | CDDs there was express contemplation that there might be |
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| 1 | distribution by means of a scheme. |  | MR DICKER: The three rights are, firstly, (i), to have |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MR DICKER: Yes, your Lordship' | 2 | heir net contractual position, et cetera, determined on |
| 3 | CE DAVID RICHARDS: I mean, that's -- so to that | 3 | basis set out in this agreement, in other words |
| 4 | tent | 4 | , valuation mechanism operated. |
| 5 | The other point -- you may well be coming to this, | 5 | ondly, the right to claim as a new obligation |
| 6 | but it | 6 |  |
| 7 | was | 7 | rtained claim, if any, for such amount as determined |
| 8 | A was drafted in a way which, if a sufficient | 8 | under this agreement. |
| 9 | percentage of NTA signatories signed up to it, would | 9 | s. |
| 10 | provide a mechanism for ascertaining their claims or | 10 | o far as 4.4.2 (i) is concerned, the rights to have |
| 11 | their net financial positions. Now, in fact, because, | 11 | their net contractual position determined on the basis |
| 12 | as I understand it, that condition wasn't satisfied, it | 12 | t out in this agreement, as your Lordship has seen, |
| 13 | ut unlike the scheme -- | 13 | I think, from my learned friend Mr Trower's submissions, |
| 14 | I think this was the point Mr Trower got over to | 14 | that takes one to, firstly, clause 24.2.1 and 24.2.2. |
| 15 | me | 15 | So they have the right to have their net contractual |
| 16 | MR | 16 | position determined on the basis set out in this |
| 17 | as a way of agreeing their | 17 | greement, and 24.2, headed "Determining the net |
| 18 | ere is | 18 | ractual position", says that you look to the |
| 19 | ade | 19 | ose-out amount in respect of the financial contract or |
| 20 | erns the administrators' enthusiasm | 20 | the aggregate of close-out amounts. |
| 21 | for accepting such claims. Mary Nell Browning in her | 21 | Close-out amounts, and your Lordship has seen this, |
| 22 | ims which weren't trust | 22 | e dealt with in claus |
| 23 | claims in which the administrators, on her evidence, | 23 | "The close-out amount shall be determined by the |
| 24 | effectively weren't interested in dealing with. | 24 | evant determining party in accordance with the |
| 25 | ny event, it's obviously very much a subsidiary | 25 | applicable financial contract valuation methodology." |
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| 1 | matter as compared to the primary purpos | And that's then set out. So your Lordship knows, | And that's then set out. So your Lordship knows, |
| 2 | trust assets, and yo | 2 | one starts essentially with, in 20.2 , contractual |
| 3 | conditions before it would ever even take effect. | 3 | valuation methodology. Then agreed, then fallback, all |
| 4 | That's schedule 1, paragraph 9, we'll come back to | 4 | subject to the overriding valuation provisions in 20.4. |
| 5 | those | 5 | Obviously the point to note at this stage is the |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Okay | 6 | close-out amounts are denominated in US dollars. If |
| 7 | MR DICKER: So turning then to the CRA itself, | 7 | your Lordship goes back to 24, that's 24.1, again you |
| 8 | your Lordship has in bundle 3, starting at page 315, | 8 | were shown this. |
| 9 | first point, as your Lordship knows, is that the CRA had | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 10 | an effect both on signatories' claims against LBIE an | 10 | MR DICKER: "All close-out amounts denominated in US |
| 11 | also any claims which LBIE may have against signatories, | 11 | dollars. To the extent the close-out amount is |
| 12 | and they're dealt with separately in clauses 4 and 5. | 12 | denominated in a currency other than US dollars it is |
| 13 | I was going to start with the effect of the | 13 | converted into US dollars at the spot rate as of the |
| 14 | agreement on signatories' claims, which is clause 4. | 14 | relevant FX conversion time." |
| 15 | I think I can deal with this fairly quickly given that | 15 | And the relevant FX conversion time is defined on |
| 16 | your Lordship has seen these provisions before. One | 16 | page 464. |
| 17 | starts, obviously, with 4.2, in particular 4.2.3 | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I've got noted down that it the close of business on the administration date. |
| 18 | 'Signatories waive and release the following claims | 18 |  |
| 19 | against the released parties, which include all claims | 19 | MR DICKER: Correct. I think my learned friend Mr Trower said asset valuation date or date of administration. |
| 20 | apart from, for the avoidance of doubt, modified claims | 20 |  |
| 21 | in respect of any financial contract." | 21 | But your Lordship is quite right, 464 (ii) says for the purposes of clause 24.1, it's the close of business in London on the administration date. So that gives you your net contractual position. In other words, creditors have a right to have this valuation mechanism <br> Page 144 |
| 22 | And what they get in exchange is identified in | 22 |  |
| 23 | 4.4.2, namely three rights, being those identified in | 23 |  |
| 24 | (i), (ii) and (iii). | 24 |  |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 25 |  |
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| 1 | done, done in US dollars, and it produces a net | 1 | page 330. What LBIE gets in exchange is expressed in |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | contractual position denominated in US dollars. | 2 | oadly similar way to what the creditor gets, 5.2.1 |
| 3 | As I said, none of that would have been of any | 3 | the right to determine the net contractual position |
| 4 | surprise to the overwhelming majority of creditors of | 4 | allocations, appropriations, et cetera. |
| 5 | LBIE whose claims were already denominated in US | 5 | 5.2.2, the right to claim as a new obligation the |
| 6 | dollars. | 6 | signatory distribution liabilities as calculated under |
| 7 | The second right one is given under clause 4.4.2 is | 7 | is agreement from the signatory. Obviously, it |
| 8 | the right to claim as a new obligation of the company | 8 | doesn't include an ascertained claim because one |
| 9 | their net financial claim, if any. This second right is | 9 | viously isn't concerned also with LBIE proving in some |
| 10 | also reflected in the first part of 25.1, if | 10 | inding-up of a signatory. If one was, this agreement |
| 11 | your Lordship just goes on to 362. It's the first two | 11 | wasn't intending to deal with that. |
| 12 | lines: | 12 | My learned friend referred, I think, to 5 a |
| 13 | "Net contractual position in respect of a signatory | 13 | effectively the mirror image or opposite side of the |
| 14 | expressed as a positive number will represent an amount | 14 | coin to 4 , and one can certainly see the broad |
| 15 | due an | 15 | sim |
| 16 | So your second right is a right to the US dod | 16 | My Lord, so far as claims by LBIE are concerned, |
| 17 | sum, if a positive number, which will represent an | 17 | because there was no issue as to how those could be |
| 18 | amount due and owing by the company to that signatory. | 18 | pursued or when they would be paid, there is an express |
| 19 | My Lord, we respectfully agree with your Lordship | 19 | reference to simply payment in US dollars, which |
| 20 | that one has to be a little careful about the reference | 20 | your Lordship has seen in clause 85, page 436. |
| 21 | to a new obligation because in one sense, certainly so | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Right. Yes. |
| 22 | far as creditors whose claims are denominated in US | 22 | MR DICKER: That's the broad effect of the provisions. If |
| 23 | dollar | 23 | then turns to currency conversion claims. My Lord, |
| 24 | obligation, it's a compromise of their existing | 24 | we say that 4.4.2 (ii) |
| 25 | obligations in accordance with a specified valuation Page 145 | 25 | signatories the right to claim as a new obligation of Page 147 |
| 1 | methodology. It's not, we say, realistic to rega | 1 | the company their net financial claim, which in 25.1 is |
| 2 | as effectively an entirely new right which comes | 2 | expressed to be an amount due and owing by the company |
| 3 | existence for the first time one enters into the CRA. | 3 | to that signatory. |
| 4 | The third right under 4.4.2 is a right to a | 4 | We submit that suggests the signatory is entitled to |
| 5 | ascertained claim for such amount as is determined under | 5 | be paid the relevant US dollar amount and his claim |
| 6 | this agreement. Again, your Lordship has seen this | 6 | will not have been satisfied in full until that occurs. |
| 7 | before. 4.4.3 defines ascertained claim as an | 7 | And if it's not satisfied in full because the dividends |
| 8 | ascertained unsecured claim in the winding-up | 8 | re |
| 9 | company or any distribution of the company's assets | 9 | ould have a non-provable claim by way of a currency |
| 10 | generally to its unsecured creditors, so that's | 10 | conversion claim. |
| 11 | confirmation that you also are entitled to hav | 11 | Now, on that basis, the agreement would appear to |
| 12 | claim treated in that way, and again that's reflected in | 12 | suggest that all signatories under the agreement are |
| 13 | clause 25.1, page 362, it's lines 3 and 4. | 13 | entitled to be paid in US dollars and therefore those |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Just repeat that reference, | 14 | who are not paid, regardless of the underlying currency |
| 15 | sorry | 15 | of their claim, would have a currency conversion claim. |
| 16 | MR DICKER: My Lord, 25.1. 25.1 effectively wraps up 4.4.2, | 16 | My Lord, there are two ways of responding to that. |
| 17 | (ii) | 17 | The first point is this: for the overwhelming majority |
| 18 | lines, | 18 | signatories there's nothing remotely surprising in |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes, I see, yes | 19 | this; their claims are already denominated in US dollars |
| 20 | MR DICKER: Now, my Lord, that's claims by signatories against LBIE, but, as your Lordship knows, the CRA also dealt with claims by LBIE against signatories, and those are dealt with in clause 5 . Then my learned friend showed you these provisions. A point I draw your Lordship's attention to is in clause 5.2 at <br> Page 146 | 20 | and clause 24.1 had no substantive effect on them at |
| 21 |  | 21 | all. They would have had a currency conversion claim |
| 22 |  | 22 | absent the CRA, and the fact that the CRA simply |
| 23 |  | 23 | restated their claims in US dollars cannot possibly have |
| 24 |  | 24 | led to them releasing currency conversion claims. |
| 25 |  | 25 | We do make the point that that is particularly so if |
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| 1 | you bear in mind the position when the CRA was entered | 1 | "US dollar assumed where currency not known, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | into. Sterling, as your Lordship knows, had already | 2 | reflecting Lehman functional currency." |
| 3 | depreciated by then against the US dollar. So if this | 3 | Now, this is obviously very much later. |
| 4 | did involve creditors agreeing to convert their existing | 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 5 | US dollar claim into sterling, converted as at the date | 5 | MR DICKER: But if one looks back to the CRA and asks |
| 6 | of the administration, they were at that stage | 6 | what was its intended effect, and if one assumes that |
| 7 | effectively agreeing to take less than they were at that | 7 | either the number of creditors whose claims were not |
| 8 | stage owed. This wasn't on any basis a conversion which | 8 | denominated in US dollars was regarded as extremely |
| 9 | would take place at the exchange rate at the date of the | 9 | small or, as this suggests, it may not have been |
| 10 | agreement. So if there was an exchange, it necessarily | 10 | appreciated there were any at all, then perhaps it's not |
| 11 | involved creditors releasing value which, although not | 11 | surprising that for those tiny minority their claims are |
| 12 | realised, was reflected in the different exchange rate | 12 | denominated in US dollars with the consequences that |
| 13 | between US dollars and sterling on the date they entered | 13 | would flow. |
| 14 | into the agreement and the exchange rate on the date of | 14 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I suppose, just a practical |
| 15 | administration. | 15 | point, but do we know whether there are any creditors in |
| 16 | Now, my Lord, obviously the position is different | 16 | this position, ie who had underlying claims in |
| 17 | in relation to the minority of creditors who were not | 17 | a currency other than US dollars which were then |
| 18 | previously in US dollars. On this construction it would | 18 | converted into US dollars for the purposes of the CRA? |
| 19 | appear they would end up with a currency conversion | 19 | MR DICKER: Your Lordship, I think, correctly is looking to |
| 20 | claim, in other words a right to payment in US dollars, | 20 | my learned friend Mr Trowe |
| 21 | even if they didn't previously have one. One approach | 21 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It may be, Mr Trower, you're no |
| 22 | is to say, well, that may not be an entirely surprising | 22 | se |
| 23 | outcome for the simple reason that these were only | 23 | MR TROWER: I certainly can't answer that question for sure |
| 24 | a minority of creditors, and the extent to which anyone | 24 | now, but I'll ask over the adjournment. |
| 25 | focused on them is unclear. <br> Page 149 | 25 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: In any case, Mr Dicker, I think Page 151 |
| 1 | I say that because of this: if your Lordship goes to | 1 | we can be confident that nobody thought about this |
| 2 | bundle 6, page 1 is interestingly a recent document. | 2 | because we know that the administrators gave no thought |
| 3 | It's what's described in the skeleton argument as the | 3 | all to currency conversion claims. It just wasn't in |
| 4 | administrator's surplus entitlement proposal, dated | 4 | their minds at all. So I think your point is as |
| 5 | 10 March 2014. Your Lordship sees that from bundle 6, | 5 | a matter of evidence quite correct. |
| 6 | page 1 | 6 | MR DICKER: And I suppose I'm going slightly further in the |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 7 | sense that one's trying to determine what the parties |
| 8 | MR DICKER: The relevant page I was going to show | 8 | are to be taken as having intended. |
| 9 | your Lordship is page 26. It's headed "Claims by | 9 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Of course, in which case w |
| 10 | agreement type. Currency and termination date CRA". | 10 | can't really have regard to what the administrators' |
| 11 | And then as at 14 February 2014, those claims are | 11 | evidence is now as to what was going through their |
| 12 | identified and the currencies are set out along the top, | 12 | minds. |
| 13 | US dollars, euro, GBP, other. And what your Lordship | 13 | MR DICKER: Absolutely. On that point, objectively, one |
| 14 | will see, interestingly, is that 100 per cent of the | 14 | lable, |
| 15 | claims are referred to as being in US dollars. And if | 15 | properly available, it was obvious that the functional |
| 16 | you go down to the key assumptions, the last two key | 16 | currency of LBIE was US dollars, the overwhelming |
| 17 | assumptions are, firstly: | 17 | majority of claims against LBIE were in US dollars, the |
| 18 | "Currency refers to currency of master agreement, | 18 | assets were in US dollars, and one was only talking |
| 19 | balance, underlying net claim, not deed currency." | 19 | about a minority of creditors, one might perhaps reach |
| 20 | In other words, when it says 100 per cent of US | 20 | the conclusion that objectively, if the price of |
| 21 | dollar claims, this isn't simply because everyone | 21 | achieving a common currency which was required |
| 22 | pursuant to the CRA is entitled to US dollars, this | 22 | effectively to ensure the trust assets were fairly |
| 23 | appears to be saying, "We think everyone's underlying | 23 | distributed, et cetera, was that you had to restate |
| 24 | claim was a US dollar claim". The only exception to | 24 | everyone into a currency, you did it in US dollars and |
| 25 | that is from the last bullet point: | 25 | if the consequence of that was that a small minority got |
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a currency conversion claim, so be it.
Now, the other approach, we say the only other approach, is to say, well, although it uses the expression "new claim", you don't give full force and effect to that because this wasn't really a new, an entirely new claim, it was essentially a compromise of existing claims. And as I'll show your Lordship, there are circumstances in which the agreement certainly envisages you continuing to refer to the provisions of your underlying existing claims for the purposes of various aspects of the agreement.

So our submissions are essentially either the agreement does what it says and it's in US dollars. If it isn't, the alternative is effectively you go back to the currency of their underlying entitlements. Now, in that situation, the underlying entitlements of a US dollar claimant mean that he would have kept his US dollar currency conversion claim, but equally, in this situation, underlying entitlements of a euro or a yen creditor, which also appreciated against sterling, they would effectively retain their currency conversion claim under the CRA. That's essentially by going backwards.

What we say is impermissible, and I'll deal with this in a few moments, is essentially to say the answer is to be found in construing the CRA as effectively Page 153
rolling everyone forward, as my learned friend Mr Trower suggested, into some from of sterling claim, because it's perfectly plain, we submit, that was not what the CRA did.

So the two options are either everyone gets a US dollar claim, and for better or worse everyone has a currency conversion claim; it may in practice simply not matter given the amounts at stake so far as those not denominated in US dollars are concerned. The alternative is that's not the effect of the agreement and one can still look through to underlying entitlements.

So far as the second is concerned, it's easier, I think, to form a view on that after your Lordship has seen some more provisions of the CRA.

Now, one argument that is made in slightly different ways by the administrators and Wentworth is that any currency conversion only exists for the purposes of receiving a dividend out of the estate, and that essentially, I think, was the foundation of my learned friend Mr Trower's submission as to why everyone lost their currency conversion claims, because essentially you look forward to a sterling claim which you're only ever going to get out of the estate.

Wentworth also says in its skeleton argument
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something similar. They say at paragraph 180, sub 3 and 4, that although it is a new claim, it is granted in circumstances where it is known that the right will be converted into sterling. So the same sort of argument would run. We say that's incorrect for three reasons.

Firstly, the CRA is not limited to distributions by means of proof. It could have included a scheme of arrangement or CVA. Your Lordship's already had that point. The consequence is that when you say it's only for the purposes of proof, not necessarily. Distributions could have been made by way of a scheme. My learned friend, I think, informed you at the time of the CRA certainly the administrators were still thinking in terms of a scheme or arrangement or CVA, and obviously one possibility is that the scheme or arrangement could have been in US dollars as indeed the original trust proposed scheme was in US dollars.

The second point concerns the reverse position in relation to a net financial liability, which is owed by a signatory to LBIE. This argument essentially assumes that one is talking effectively about the other side of the coin. So it's worth looking at the nature of LBIE's claim against a signatory. Now, in that respect I've already made the point there's no provision for conversion of the net financial liability into Page 155
sterling even in any embryonic sense. There's simply clause 85 , which requires any payment to LBIE to be made in US dollars.

There is one provision which may be relevant, as I said, to the second way of approaching this, and it's clause 33 of the CRA. Your Lordship has that at page 371 .

## MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes.

MR DICKER: Dealing with non-financial contract liabilities,
I'll come back to these, but just picking up the point at this stage. It's in 33.3:
"Conversion of ascertained non-financial contract liabilities into US dollars. For the purposes of part 11 ascertained non-financial contract liabilities shall be denominated in US dollars. To the extent that any such liability is denominated in a currency other than US dollars, the company shall convert such ascertained non-financial contract liabilities into US dollars using the spot rate as at the relevant FX conversion time."

Then this:
"For the avoidance of doubt the conversion of such ascertained non-financial contract liabilities into US dollars for the purposes of part 11 shall not prejudice any of the company's rights to take any action against Page 156

| 1 | the signatory outside this agreement in respect of any | 1 | assets to reduce such signatory's distribution |
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| 2 | non-financial contract liabilities denominated in their | 2 | liabilities to the company in full or in part." |
| 3 | original currency." | 3 | And part 11 contains complicated provisions dealing |
| 4 | So that appears to envisage a situation in which | 4 | with how such appropriations towards distribution |
| 5 | LBIE, despite the provisions of clause 5, despite having | 5 | liabilities can occur. |
| 6 | released and got in exchange effectively the negative | 6 | My Lord, then if your Lordship goes to 54.3.6, 54.3: |
| 7 | net financial liability denominated in US dollars, | 7 | "Effect of appropriation of distribution assets. |
| 8 | nevertheless can take action against the signatory | 8 | The effect of appropriation of distribution assets |
| 9 | outside this agreement in respect of any non-financial | 9 | differs depending on the type of distribution asset. |
| 10 | contract liabilities denominated in their original | 10 | The effect of appropriation for each type of |
| 11 | currency. | 11 | distribution asset shall be." |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 12 | And then 54.3.6: |
| 13 | MR DICKER: My Lord, the third point concerns the | 13 | "For any net financial claim to reduce the net |
| 14 | distribution and appropriation provisions that my | 14 | financial claim of the relevant TA signatory by such |
| 15 | learned friend Mr Trower took you to. Our short point | 15 | amount as is equal to the appropriated amount of the net |
| 16 | in relation to this is, these demonstrate that the net | 16 | financial claim." |
| 17 | financial claim does not exist only for the purposes of | 17 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Just hold on. |
| 18 | receiving dividends from the estate. | 18 | (Pause) |
| 19 | Your Lordship has seen the way in which the | 19 | MR DICKER: My Lord, I think the point will become clearer |
| 20 | close-out amount produces a net contractual position, | 20 | if your Lordship goes on to 60.60 is appropriation of |
| 21 | which becomes your net financial claim, either positive | 21 | distribution assets to reduce distribution liabilities. |
| 22 | or negative. But there are then provisions dealing with | 22 | So again, this idea, the signatory |
| 23 | allocations and distributions which operate before, | 23 | a distribution asset, LBIE can apply that but |
| 24 | my learned friend Mr Trower mentioned, you ever get to | 24 | appropriate it in discharge of a distribution liability |
| 25 | the stage of an ascertained claim being fed into some | 25 | owed by the signatory to LBIE. |
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| 1 | form of winding-up or other process. | 1 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. |
| 2 | My Lord, it'll take me a couple of minutes to dea | 2 | MR DICKER: 60.1.5 at the top of 405: |
| 3 | with this. | 3 | he net financial claim exceeds the limited |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Certainly. | 4 | ascertained non-financial contract liabilities then the |
| 5 | MR DICKER: Is your Lordship happy to do it? | 5 | limited ascertained non-financial contract liabilities |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Yes. | 6 | will reduce in full in accordance with clause 60.1.4 and |
| 7 | MR DICKER: If your Lordship goes to clause 54, there's in | 7 | any remaining amount of net financial claim after |
| 8 | 54 a provision dealing with distribution assets, and the | 8 | appropriation in accordance with 60.1.4 shall become an |
| 9 | essence is that a signatory is entitled to receive | 9 | ascertained claim." |
| 10 | assets or payments from the estate, and they're called | 10 | So the concept -- what's going on here is you can |
| 11 | distribution assets. There's also a concept of | 11 | have a non-financial contract liability and effectively |
| 12 | distribution liabilities, which is clause 55. These are | 12 | that can be set off against your net financial claim to |
| 13 | obligations of a signatory to make payments to LBIE. So | 13 | produce an ascertained claim, which is then all that's |
| 14 | you have both distribution assets, which is what | 14 | eligible, obviously, for any distribution to be fed in |
| 15 | a signatory can get by way of assets from LBIE, and the | 15 | any subsequent distribution mechanism. Obviously, this |
| 16 | concept of distribution liabilities, which are | 16 | termediate stage under the CRA would also appear to be |
| 17 | obligations which the signatory owes to LBIE. | 17 | something which the CRA envisages occurring in US |
| 18 | Distribution assets are distributed to the signatory | 18 | dollars because everything under the CRA is in US |
| 19 | subject to the right of LBIE to appropriate such assets | 19 | dollars. So when Wentworth and the administrators say |
| 20 | towards the distribution liabilities. In other words, | 20 | that the only function of a net financial claim is -- |
| 21 | effectively an appropriation and discharge. | 21 | the only thing that can happen to it is that it ends up |
| 22 | Your Lordship sees that from clause 52.1, page 390: | 22 | in a winding-up, that does ignore this intermediate |
| 23 | "The company will determine distribution as | 23 | stage, which is your US dollar net financial claim can |
| 24 | a distribution asset to a signatory subject to any | 24 | effectively be set off against a limited ascertained |
| 25 | rights of the company to appropriate any distribution | 25 | non-financial contract liability. |
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MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: And they too are all converted 1
    into US dollars?
MR DICKER: As I understand it, yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS:So your point is that the net
    financial claim, being a figure denominated in US
    dollars, exists for the purposes of set-off as well as
    distribution?
MR DICKER: Yes. In other words, what comes out of -- you
    don't have your close-outs on net contractual position,
    net financial claim, and then effectively say, okay,
    I've got something, but the only thing I can ever do
    with that is convert it into sterling for the purposes
    of being fed into the subsequent distribution process.
    There's actually something in the CRA which may occur
    before you get to that stage.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Ie a set-off?
MR DICKER: Yes.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Under the Insolvency Rules, if
    you have cross-claims in that way, which happen to be in
    US dollars, do you set them off in US dollars, arrive at
    a dollar figure, and then that's the amount which is
    admitted to proof and converted into sterling? Is that
    how --
    MR DICKER: My Lord, I don't know the answer to that.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: It is the net amount, isn't it,
    MR DICKER. Yes. In other words, what comes out of -- you - 6
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    after set-off which is admitted to proof? I think I'm
    right in saying. And 2.86 says for the purpose of
    proving a debt in the currency other than sterling. I'm
    sorry, it's probably an irrelevant question.
    MR DICKER: There may also be issues given the CRA
    post-administration.
    MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: I see the point you make there,
yes.
MR DICKER: My Lord, I wonder if that might be a convenient
moment.
MR JUSTICE DAVID RICHARDS: Certainly. Very well. 10.30
tomorrow morning.
( 4.22 pm )
(The hearing adjourned until 10.30 am the following day)
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