| 1 | Wednesday, 11 November 2015 | 1 | tis |
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| 2 | (10.30 am) | 2 | two central features, in fact they are the |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Good | 3 | tw |
| 4 | Opening submissions by MR ZACAROLI (continued) | 4 | We identify those features not because they are |
| 5 | MR ZACARO | 5 | features of borrowing, but because they are features |
| 6 | My Lord, I finished off yesterday with the first of | 6 | di |
| 7 | my three points in rela | 7 | of calculating the time value of money. |
| 8 | th | 8 | mertain or may |
| 9 | limited to borrowing and the reason for the use of the | 9 | be |
| 10 | languag | 10 | of default is irrelevant. The definition is predicated |
| 11 | language, was because no benchmark rate was available in | 11 | on |
| 12 | the multiple currencies that were to be used in the | 12 | funding is no longer required. In submissions I think |
| 13 | multicurrency form of master agreement | 13 | on Monday my learned friend Mr Dicker misunderstood our |
| 14 | a strong indication that the draftsman, we say, intended | 14 | case on this. He set up we suggest an Aunt Sally to be |
| 15 | to reference borrowing when he used the term "funding | 15 | shot down, what he said that our case was, this is |
| 16 | The second point focuses on the context of the | 16 | p's no |
| 17 | wording of the definition within the master agree | 17 | if |
| 18 | itself | 18 | "We say that the definition impliedly requires the |
| 19 | T | 19 | funding that is obtained to be repaid at the end of the |
| 20 | inter | 20 |  |
| 21 | agreement. Two subsidiary points, cost of funding | 21 | That is not what we say. We don't say you have to |
| 22 | to be | 22 | b |
| 23 | rate, because the defaul | 23 | rowing for this precise period th |
| 24 | based upon the cost of f | 24 | nding. Indeed, it is common ground |
| 25 | tir | 25 | ( |
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| 1 | Secondly, a trite point perhaps but wherever the reference to interest is found it is always with the words "it is to be daily compounded based on the number of days elapsed". It is clearly referencing interest payable over time. <br> Stepping back, the essential purpose of interest is payment by time for the use of money. It is an old concept, we have referenced Blackstone's commentaries, Mann's legal aspects of money in the skeleton, I needn't take my Lord to those, they are well-known concepts. Indeed it is accepted, the Senior Creditor Group's skeleton and oral submissions accept that the function and purpose of the default rate is to compensate the payee for the lost time value of money. <br> The "cost of funding" language must be read in the light of its purpose, ie to produce a rate reflective of the time value of money. It is inherent in a payment for the use of money that it is used for a period or periods, ie one is looking at the price to be paid in exchange for having that money, in this case a sum equal to the relevant amount, for a period of time. <br> Two things follow from that. First of all it is necessarily something which after a period of time you will have to give back. <br> Secondly, the cost of that must be relative to the Page 2 | 1 | m of the borrowing which you are allowed to rely |
| 2 |  | 2 | upon, is not fixed as matter of definition, that |
| 3 |  | 3 | controlled by the good faith and rationality test. |
| 4 |  | 4 | What we do say is the definition implies that |
| 5 |  | 5 | funding is something that is inherently repayable, |
| 6 |  | 6 | however. That is the essence of the definition. The |
| 7 |  | 7 | rd point on the meaning of funding as borrowing f |
| 8 |  | 8 | back on the general law. We say that under the general |
| 9 |  | 9 | law time value of money is to be assessed by what it |
| 10 |  | 10 | rrow that money in the market. We have |
| 11 |  | 11 | erenced in the skeleton the case of Tate \& Lyle, the |
| 12 |  | 12 | dge was Mr Justice Forbes at first instance on the |
| 13 |  | 13 | estion of interest. We set out the entire relevant |
| 14 |  | 14 | ssage in the skeleton, and unless my Lord wants me to |
| 15 |  | 15 | s |
| 16 |  | 16 | well-known passage, which underlies the entire |
| 17 |  | 17 | proach of the Commercial Court to the payment of |
| 18 |  | 18 | interes |
| 19 |  | 19 | Namely that it is to be assessed by the cost of wh |
| 20 |  | 20 | would cost to borrow the sum, not in that case what |
| 21 |  | 21 | would cost the particular claimant to borrow the sum, |
| 22 |  | 22 | ut someone having the attributes of the claimant in the |
| 23 |  | 23 | arket to borrow the sum. There is a difference between |
| 24 |  | 24 | d the default rate and indeed the cost of funding |
| 25 |  | 25 | tes throughout the master agreement, because those do |
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| 1 | reference the cost to one or other or both of the | 1 | payable under section 6(e), whether you were the |
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| 2 | parties, but we say that is the only difference between | 2 | defaulting party or not, if you have chosen second |
| 3 | what is identified as a cost of funding in the | 3 | method under the 2002 agreement in any event. |
| 4 | master agreement and the general law. | 4 | In that very case the court commented that the |
| 5 | The general law we submit is indeed part of the | 5 | agreement uses phrases that are intended to be |
| 6 | relevant factual matrix in which any agreement made | 6 | illuminated by reference to the common law. The case is |
| 7 | under English law is to be construed. | 7 | the Anthracite decision of Mr Justice Briggs. It is in |
| 8 | A question was raised, I think again on Monday, | 8 | authorities bundle 2, tab 49, the relevant passage is on |
| 9 | about whether my Lord is allowed to look at this case | 9 | paragraphs 116 and 117. |
| 10 | through English spectacles. We submit my Lord is | 10 | Paragraph 116, my Lord could perhaps read that to |
| 11 | allowed and indeed must look at the case through English | 11 | himself, it just describes the body of case law that has |
| 12 | spectacles, there are no other spectacles that would fit | 12 | grown up around the definition of "loss and market |
| 13 | my Lord in a court in England when you are construing an | 13 | quotation", in particular noting subparagraph 3. |
| 14 | agreement governed by English law, which we are here. | 14 | (Pause) |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I must accommodate the fact that the | 15 | The part I rely on is paragraph 117, which again if |
| 16 | parties, both or either, may be foreign incorporated or | 16 | my Lord would read. (Pause) |
| 17 | otherwise foreign? | 17 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Indeed, but that doesn't chang | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Of course we don't say that where the |
| 19 | construction of the terms of the agreement | 19 | agreement uses the word "interest" it has to have the |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Can I just while I remember it, and | 20 | meaning under common law, of course not, but we do say |
| 21 | I raise this with diffidence, I decided a case called | 21 | that the terms such as interest are illuminated by |
| 22 | Bellis v Challinor, which was a case on interest. | 22 | reference to the common law, and that is why it is |
| 23 | was a supplemental judgment to a judgment which was | 23 | important to see what the general background of the |
| 24 | reversed in the Court of Appeal, but I can't remember |  | common law approach to the valuation of the time use of |
| 25 | whether this one passed muster or was simply never | 25 | money is. |
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| 1 | tested. But I can't remember whether it has anything of | 1 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I mean it is a contract, it has |
| 2 | importance or at least even relevance to either side of | 2 | lected English law, it would be bizarre if having done |
| 3 | the court. I felt I should mention it because it | 3 | so it required the judge to tread blind. He is bound to |
| 4 | carries forward or at least deals with | 4 | be informed by the law he is charged to administer. |
| 5 | Mr Justice Forbes's classic statement, so that you have | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, yes. |
| 6 | a go at it if you want to. It is Bellis v Challinor in | 6 | That deals with the first of my sub-headings under |
| 7 | about 2013 or so. | 7 | issue 11, focusing on the word "funding" in the phrase |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, I am grateful | 8 | "cost of funding". I am now going to turn to the word |
| 9 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It might have been Challinor v Bellis, | 9 | cost, but also in context of "cost of funding". There |
| 10 | actual | 10 | are a number of sub-points here, I think ultimately |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: We will find that, I am grateful, my Lord. | 11 | there will be six but whether it looks like that at the |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 12 | end we will see. |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: I was going to take my Lord to one authority, | 13 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Can I just ask this, and tell me if |
| 14 | it is one of the authorities that is often cited for the | 14 | I am speaking out of turn. Do you place any reliance on |
| 15 | proposition that when you are dealing with the ISDA | 15 | the 1 per cent spread in the case of default as |
| 16 | master agreement, concepts of the general common law are | 16 | indicating or tending to suggest an interest rate rather |
| 17 | not relevant because it is a self-contained code, and in | 17 | than recovery, which is a proxy in that way, rather than |
| 18 | particular -- and we would say not just in particular | 18 | a full recovery in commercial terms? |
| 19 | but actually what this point is focused on entirely is | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I will come to the 1 per cent spread in due |
| 20 | the fact that the ISDA master agreement operates by way | 20 | course, which we say is -- just to preview what we say |
| 21 | of two-way closeout, so traditional concepts of damages | 21 | about it, which is not an answer to my Lord's point |
| 22 | for breach don't apply to the extent that those only | 22 | I don't think. What we say about it is that is there |
| 23 | apply in favour of a non-defaulting party. In the | 23 | because it is the compensation for having to deal with |
| 24 | master agreement you get the closeout amount, although | 24 | the defaulting party, there is again English common law |
| 25 | that is not the definition, but whatever the sums | 25 | which tells us that 1 per cent added to an interest rate |
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14 MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. 15 MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, turning then to cost. The first 16 point is a simple one, namely that we rely upon what we
in cases of default is justifiable and doesn't offend
the principle on penalties, because it compensates you
for the additional cost of having to deal with the defaulter.

In part it is an answer because the additional cost is reflected in that 1 per cent, so to that extent we do rely upon that, but let me think further about whether I can say anything more about that.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It may be a neutral point, because
1 per cent may be a proxy for the, let's call them,
administration or difficulty costs, over and above whatever measure you choose.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes. say is the ordinary meaning of "cost" according to its dictionary definition of being the price paid for something. I should preface this by saying the point I am aiming at here is that cost is limited to the price of transacting with your counterparty in raising the relevant sum.

For that reason it excludes any consequential losses, financial detriments, benefits given elsewhere, which is the SCG's case and excludes -- which may be Page 9
subsumed within that -- things like professional fees paid to third parties for a service, namely a professional service. One is focusing on the price you pay to the counterparty for raising the sum. That, as we say, is consistent with the definition in the dictionary of cost, price to be paid for something, particularly when used in conjunction with a transaction, which it is here.

To get one point out of the way, the definition of cost of default rate undoubtedly depends upon a transaction. "Cost of funding", that means entering into a transaction to raise the sum. It does not mean allocating some part of your own assets already to, "Well I will use that to fill the gap". It is talking about going to a third party to raise the money.

That is of funding, "if it were to fund" raises exactly the same concept, but hypothetically rather than actually.

The second point is just to hark back briefly to my earlier point about the context when the cost of funding phrase was first introduced. That is as the alternative to a benchmark rate of interest in cases where there is no available benchmark, you are identifying multicurrency contracts.

That suggests that it is limited to what you pay the Page 10
counterparty, because a rate clearly is limited to what you are paying the other side to the transaction of borrowing. There is an indication there that it is not meant to go further and include extraneous losses and detriments, et cetera.

The third point is the absence in any literature, ISDA guide or authority that refers to the cost of funding the relevant amount meaning the expanded definition relied on by the Senior Creditor Group and Goldmans. It is fair to say that there is little by way of commentary on the meaning of the phrase in any text, and certainly no case in England -- or as we have been able to find in the United States -- has actually considered the meaning. We do say it would be very surprising, particularly given the common law background to how you calculate the time value of money, if under this agreement there was such an expansive meaning which brought into play such complicated concepts such as WACC, CAPM, consequential losses, et cetera.

I make this point by way of aside really, but it is notable that insofar as there is evidence of claims having been asserted in the Lehmans' worldwide estate to date, those rates are generally consistent with being reliant on borrowing rates as opposed to the expansive higher rate you will get by cost of equity.

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The cross-reference is to Mr Lomas's 11th witness statement, paragraphs 80 to 92 , where he analyses various claims that had been put in in the early days of the Lehman collapse under ISDA claims, where people had referenced a rate of interest under the ISDA master agreement. He also notes that the similar research done by Mr Bingham on behalf of Wentworth -that is also in evidence -- is to the same effect broadly.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: What does that really go to? Commercial expectation, or --
MR ZACAROLI: I make it by way of aside.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: -- lack of ingenuity, or I mean I don't know.
MR ZACAROLI: It is clearly not relevant to construction as such, it is relevant in this sense that it would be surprising if there were this generally accepted expansive meaning of the phrase if that was not referred to in any text, article or guide or indeed reflected in any claim so far as submitted. People are holding off to make claims in the light of this court's judgment, of course, but it is helpful to that limited extent.

The fourth point, my Lord, is the consequence of our argument. I just want to expand on this a little, is that the expansive meaning of "cost" to include

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| 1 | consequential losses and payments to third parties fall | 1 | In the general run of the mill cases where thes |
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| 2 | outside the definition | 2 | n are relied upon. |
| 3 | important to remember that the expansiv | 3 | a general run of the mill case where these provisions |
| 4 | definition works in two directions. First of all it is | 4 | are relied upon, because we are looking at so far seve |
| 5 | said that the consequential effects on the relevant | 5 | years of interest. In general these provisions are |
| 6 | pa | 6 | d to work in the context of an ongoing market |
| 7 | limite | 7 | where there is a default, the parties close out and they |
| 8 | WACC, its CAPM, the expected return on its shareholders, | 8 | move on. There will be interest payments to sort out |
| 9 | the cost of maintaining that return, in the light of | 9 | within that context. We suggest it is unreal to think |
| 10 | increas | 10 | in those circumstances the question of well what if |
| 11 | I think, been something pressed much orally in argument | 11 | arges an upfront fee for the lending would be |
| 12 | but it is undoubtedly there in the position paper of the | 12 | evant, you know what rate you can borrow at without |
| 13 | Senior Creditor Group and therefore I respo | 13 | having to pay large upfront syndication or arrangement |
| 14 | - | 14 | fees. It is an unlik |
| 15 | by | 15 | ¢ |
| 16 | also sought to be included. The first of thos | 16 | ank to borrow that forms part of the cost of borrowing |
| 17 | offside we say | 17 | and no doubt you would amortise that fee over the life |
| 18 | a | 18 | the loan to arrive at an annual rate. But a fee paid |
| 19 | uses the concept of loss in various areas, as my Lor | 19 | ird party is clearly outside that concept. |
| 20 | has seen, in contradistinction to cost. Loss is a much | 20 | fifth point is that in any event the expansive |
| 21 | $\mathrm{m}$ | 21 | efinition we would say is offside or outlawed, because |
| 22 | op | 22 | introduces enormous complexities and therefore ris |
| 23 | $\mathrm{co}$ | 23 | of delay, which would have been outside the |
| 24 |  | 24 | emplation of the draftsman. It is important in this |
| 25 | is that it does not use the conce Page 13 | 25 | regard -- this will take a little time to develop -- to Page 15 |
| 1 | concept of cost of a replacement. For that reason alone | 1 | recall that the expression occurs "in all applicable |
| 2 | claims to consequential losses are outside the | 2 | multip |
| 3 | definition. | 3 | es" in the 2002 agr |
| 4 | The second direction which was payments to third | 4 | ost of funding, the relevant amount, or co |
| 5 | parties is outside the definition, we say, because it is | 5 | ding, the sum to be paid, is the same phrase used |
| 6 | not a cost of the funding at all. It is a cost of | 6 | different applicable rate under the 1992 agreement. |
| 7 | a completely separate service, of which you have had the | 7 | is expressly accepted by Goldman Sachs in their reply |
| 8 | benefit. There may well be immense complications in | 8 | on, paragraph 27.1, that the phrase ... |
| 9 | dissecting the costs you have had to pay to third | 9 | (Fire alarm sounds) |
| 10 | parties, where you are relying upon some rights issue or | 10 | (10.5 |
| 11 | syndicated loan et cetera to work out which part could | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am surprised about that, I knew tha |
| 12 | probably be referable to the claimed sum. | 12 | lock |
| 13 | In any event, it is offside because it is not a cost | 13 | (A short break) |
| 14 | of the funding. | 14 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think we were meant to observe |
| 15 | The point made against us here was well if the | 15 | nute silence, I don't know if they will tell us |
| 16 | bank's solicitors want paying by you, you the borrower, | 16 | out |
| 17 | then that would be a cost and so this doesn't work. We | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: I was saying that Goldman Sachs in their reply |
| 18 | accept that if a bank will only lend to us on the basis | 18 | leton accept that the phrase must have the same |
| 19 | that if we pay its own charges as some sort of up front | 19 | eaning wherever it occurs in the concept of defining |
| 20 | fee, that is a cost of the borrowing. It is part of the | 20 | ates of interest througho |
| 21 | price. That is entirely different, because it is part | 21 | e master agreement. We say that self-evidently must |
| 22 | of the price then. The fact that the bank wanted to be | 22 | ase, we cited authority to support th |
| 23 | paid that price because of its own external costs or | 23 | oposition in our skeleton. I don't think I have heard |
| 24 | expenses is irrelevant. Another bank might not have | 24 | express consent to that from the Senior Creditor Group, |
| 25 | charged that. | 25 | but we say it is pretty obvious that that must be the |
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| 1 | case, unless there is good reason to show that it must | 1 | defaulting party being in default may well have a higher |
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| 2 | mean something different | 2 | of funding because of its default than th |
| 3 | There was one point my learned friend Mr Dicker did | 3 | non-defaulting party. In other words, it would cost it |
| 4 | make in this context. He developed a thesis which | 4 | more to get people to lend to it given its state of |
| 5 | appeared to suggest that the cost of funding language is | 5 | ing in default, and it would be unfair to burden the |
| 6 | somehow different or the approach to it is different | 6 | non-defaulting party, insofar as it owes money to the |
| 7 | dealing with a non-default rate, because it is there | 7 | uulting party, to pay at an interest rate that was |
| 8 | concerned with disgorging the benefit that you are | 8 | flated by the reason of its counterparty's default. |
| 9 | holding on to, rather than compensation for loss. I was | 9 | That rationale ceases to apply of course when it is |
| 10 | proposing | 10 | e non-defaulting party who is failing to pay an amount |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Let's wait until | 11 | hich has now become due |
| 12 | (Two minutes silence observed) | 12 | There are two periods, from the early termination |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, we suggest that thesis is wrong, the | 13 | date to the date it becomes payable: non-default rate |
| 14 | cost of funding language is the same and has exactly th | 14 | ayable in that period because the non-defaulting party |
| 15 | same meaning where | 15 | ot at fault in not paying, you don't know what to |
| 16 | The only difference between the different exercises | 16 | until it is calculated, but thereafter it is at |
| 17 | is whether it is an actual exercise or a hypothetic | 17 | ult and therefore it is itself in a default. Although |
| 18 | one. That is one of the differences between the | 18 | it is not, capitalised term, a defaulting party. |
| 19 | non-default rate and the default rate. It is evident | 19 | The termination rate involves no fault on either |
| 20 | m the wording but it wasn't something identified when | 20 | side. The termination is as a result of an event of |
| 21 | my Lord was being taken through the definition. It may | 21 | mination, not an event of default. Therefore neither |
| 22 | be just worth turning up the definitions, in the 1992 | 22 | de should have the advantage of its funding costs |
| 23 | agreement, tab 7 of the core bundle. Page 160 for the | 23 | being the source and therefore it is the arithmetic mean |
| 24 | default | 24 | of both. |
| 25 | of funding the relevant amount". Contrasted with the Page 17 | 25 | That sum of course is payable irrespective of which Page 19 |
| 1 | non-default rate on page | 1 | of those parties is the paying party or the receiving |
| 2 | annum equal to the cost to the non-defaulting party | 2 | party, it is neutral completely as between the two |
| 3 | it were to fund the relevant amount". So the words "of | 3 | parties |
| 4 | funding" are not there | 4 | We say that itself gives the lie to the suggestion |
| 5 | vious rationale for that is because the | 5 | that the rationale of the cost if it were to fund, where |
| 6 | non-default rate applies where the non-defaulting party | 6 | you are the paying party, is the fact that you are |
| 7 | is the payer and it would therefore never need to fund | 7 | disgorging a benefit as opposed to compensating for |
| 8 | the amount. But that is the only | 8 | oss. It is a neutral mechanism for determining -- |
| 9 | difference. When one gets to the termination rate, | 9 | the determination of which party's cost of funding is |
| 10 | page 163, the "if it were to fund" language comes back | 10 | relevant does not point either to the disgorgement |
| 11 | in. | 11 | theory or to a compensating the victim theory, which |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The reason for it is the relevant party will not be out of the money? | 12 | I will come on to later, that Mr Foxton seemed to be |
| 13 |  | 13 | advancing in his submissions. |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: That is right, yes, yes. | 14 | The draftsman has of course catered for the |
| 15 | The rationale for the differences between the rates | 15 | ditional burden of the 1 per cent in the case of |
| 16 | we submit is obvious, if one just stands back and looks | 16 | a default rate for the reasons that I have already been |
| 17 | at this in the round. The default rate is the | 17 | rough. My Lord, the case that I could take my Lord |
| 18 | counterparty certifying its cost of funding, consistent | 18 | to, although it is a fairly obvious proposition, is the |
| 19 | with the original rationale being, "Well, there is no | 19 | case of Lordsvale Finance, that my learned friend |
| 20 | benchmark rate so you have to certify whatever it would | 20 | Mr Dicker took you to I think, but only briefly, for |
| 21 | cost you wherever you can get the money". | 21 | a differe |
| 22 | The non-default rate is payable to a defaulting | 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am being stupid about this. The |
| 23 | party in every case, that is where it arrises. It is | 23 | termination rate means a rate per annum equal to the |
| 24 | a reasonable assumption that the draftsman, we say, has | 24 | arithmetic mean of the cost to each party. What you say |
| 25 | made. Where a defaulting party, or rather the | 25 | that means is you look at each party's certified cost of |
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funding, add them up, and divide by two?
MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
My Lord, I was moving on then to the point about the
1 per cent addition for the default rate.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: The case in the bundle which explains this
point is Lordsvale Finance, a case my Lord was taken to briefly yesterday I think. It may be worth just turning up to see the explanation or the generally accepted explanation for 1 per cent for being not a penalty. It is at authorities bundle 1 , tab 27.

One of the issues in the case, as you will see from the top of the headnote, was the second paragraph, Interest Rate:
"Agreements providing for payment of additional 1 per cent interest while borrower in default -- Whether increase in rate of interest unenforceable as a penalty."

Mr Justice Colman begins dealing with this issue at page 164 just below letter G. He refers to the defendant's contention that 1 per cent is in terrorem, its sole function being to ensure compliance of the agreements, a particularly important point for English banking law.

Then the critical passage is at page 166, in the Page 21
break after letter F :
"Where however the loan agreement provides ..."
If my Lord could read that paragraph. (Pause)
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: Before expanding on the sort of complications that arise if the phrase is expanded in the way suggested, can I remind my Lord of the different rates which could or often would be applicable to a single sum payable under section 6(e). This is best done by reference to our skeleton and the annex to the skeleton, it is bundle 3 , tab 3 , at the very end, page 88 of the bundle is the annex.

In the third and fourth paragraphs, so the second and third possibilities that we here identify, we give examples of where the interest payable on a section 6(e) amount would involve multiple rates and multiple parties' costs of funding. The first is where, as paragraph 3 says:
"Party A suffers an event of default, the parties have opted a second method and loss and the termination amount is owed to party A."

Ie owed to the defaulting party.
The two periods are from the early termination date until the date the payment becomes due, and we have given it just about a month, and in that period interest Page 22
is payable at the non-default rate by reference to the cost, I have said "of funding", of course cost if it were to fund, of party $B$.

Then the remainder of the period until it is paid it is the default rate, ie the cost of funding or if it were to fund of party A .

That is an example where both parties' cost of funding would need to be calculated for those two different periods. Of course that is a short period, but the Lehman case has shown that in many cases it is some months before a calculation notice has been served and held to have been not unreasonable to do so.

The next possibility, over the page, is where there is a termination event rather than an event of default. In such a case interest is payable for the first period at the termination rate, that is by reference to the arithmetic mean of the cost of funding to party $A$ and the cost of funding to party $B$. For the remainder of the period it is the cost of funding of party $B$.

I am assuming my Lord will take it from me that those are correct conclusions, that the underlying explanation is in our skeleton as to how the rates work and in what circumstances. That is the conclusion of how the default rate and the non-default rate work and the termination rate work in the different

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circumstances, but you end up with that situation.
My Lord can see straight away that the calculation of the relevant rate of interest is invariably not just based on one party's cost of funding, but both and possibly an arithmetic mean of both for different periods.

We submit that if the "cost of funding" expression is to include all consequential financial detriments, benefits conferred on others, and is based on what it would cost you to raise equity as opposed to borrow the money, then substantial complications are involved, which give significant risk of delay.

First of all, it involves highly subjective judgments, for example as to causation between the fact that you have borrowed and the particular detriment or benefit conferred or expense that you are relying upon to be brought within the definition.

Secondly, there is issues about where you draw the line. How far do you go in saying a loss, a financial detriment, is consequential? What is the precise causal nexus required between the fact that you have borrowed or would have been required to borrow and that the other loss you claim, and what about offsetting benefits, for example if you have to borrow sums is there a tax advantage to you overall in that tax year?

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| 1 | Then the causation itself will be difficult to | 1 | MR DICKER: I don't know if it would help your Lordship and |
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| 2 | disentangle in any case from the detriments caused to | 2 | rhaps my learned friend if I were just to confirm the |
| 3 | you by the default itself. Ie a consequential loss not | 3 | position. Your Lordship is right in that respect, my |
| 4 | of having to borrow the sum, but a consequential loss | 4 | learned friend has raised two different situations, as |
| 5 | because you are suffering a defaulting counterparty. | 5 | I understand it. The first is where you are owed a sum |
| 6 | I believe it to be common ground that the financial | 6 | of money which has not been paid, and the question is: |
| 7 | detriment caused to you or losses caused to you by | 7 | can you take into account the consequence of that |
| 8 | reason of the default are not relevant to the cost of | 8 | defaulted debt in working out what your cost of funding |
| 9 | funding the relevant amount on any view. If it is not | 9 | is? |
| 10 | common ground it clearly must be correct that that be | 10 | We say the answer to that is yes. The practical |
| 11 | so. If only because consequential losses flowing from | 11 | reason why the answer is yes is because if you go out |
| 12 | the default would have absolutely no part to play in the | 12 | and you try and borrow money, the lender will have |
| 13 | calculation of the cost of funding or cost if it were to | 13 | a look at your assets, one of which is the defaulted sum |
| 14 | fund of the non-defaulting party, because it is | 14 | and take that into account in deciding how much to |
| 15 | certifying its cost of funding, when it owes the | 15 | charge you. |
| 16 | relevant sum. The fact of not being paid a relevant sun | 16 | There is then a second and separate question, which |
| 17 | cannot be a relevant consideration in that calculation. | 17 | is if you choose to borrow a sum of money to plug the |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Maybe I have become confused. | 18 | gap, that borrowing may itself increase the company's |
| 19 | I thought the position on that side of the court was | 19 | leverage and the cost of plugging the gap may therefore, |
| 20 | that all costs relevant to plugging the hole a | 20 | not necessarily stop simply with the interest you have |
| 21 | recoverable -- | 21 | to pay on that borrowing. The effect of borrowing may |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: That is what I understand it to be. | 22 | pe further implications, increasing further costs of |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: -- and measured by cost of funding, | 23 | borrowing, costs of equity et cetera. We say that is |
| 24 | which they say is an expansive concept. | 24 | a separate issue, can that be taken account |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, I am dealing here with what I think is Page 25 | 25 | In relation to that issue, we say the answer is also Page 27 |
| 1 | common ground, which is that it doesn't include | 1 | yes. |
| 2 | costs of the fact of you dealing with a defaulting | 2 | My Lord, so far as your Lordship's point is |
| 3 | counterparty | 3 | concerned, general opportunity costs. Your Lordship is |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Illustrate the difference for me? | 4 | absolutely right, those don't come into the calculation. |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: As I understand their case, it is if I have to | 5 | That is because the approach the draftsman has taken is |
| 6 | go out and borrow the sum, that could have consequential | 6 | to say you shouldn't be entitled to claim, as it were, |
| 7 | effects on my cost of equity, et cetera. | 7 | your opportunity loss. What you should be entitled to |
| 8 | The alternative is the fact that I am facing | 8 | im is the cost of funding to plug the gap and if you |
| 9 | a counterparty that has defaulted, ie I now have on my | 9 | can plug the gap then essentially you should have sorted |
| 10 | balance sheet a claim which is perhaps worthless or | 10 | out -- |
| 11 | worth much less than it was, that fact alone could give | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You do say that, as it were, knock or |
| 12 | rise to consequential losses to me. Those consequential | 12 | mage of the gap is recoverable? The knock on damage |
| 13 | losses are not part of, as I understand it, their case, | 13 | to, for example, your credit status? |
| 14 | because they are focusing on the losses caused by having | 14 | MR DICKER: Knock on -- consequences which increase your |
| 15 | to go out and borrow an extra sum to fill the gap. | 15 | st of funding, in other words, if it is part of your |
| 16 | I can't point to any more specific example of a loss | 16 | cost of funding, then the answer is yes. We do say |
| 17 | which would fall within the first or the second, but if | 17 | that. |
| 18 | one can imagine there being -- | 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Cost of funding generally? |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think Mr Dicker and Mr Foxton, or | 19 | MR DICKER: Yes, if you go out and -- in a sense we are on |
| 20 | both, accepted that opportunity costs was not | 20 | common ground - |
| 21 | recoverable and so your ability as an entity to | 21 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am trying to see whether you are of |
| 22 | undertake various other activities, for example, even if | 22 | aren't in common ground. |
| 23 | thwarted by the gap is not recoverable, only the gap, | 23 | MR DICKER: We are on common ground to this extent, as |
| 24 | the funding cost of the gap is recoverable, that is as | 24 | I understand it. The basic fact that your weighted |
| 25 | I understand it. | 25 | average cost of capital will remain the same, regardless |
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| 1 | of whether the business is funded entirely by debt or | 1 | level of your gaps made you into a sort of poor bank, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | entirely by equity. That is because the investor, | 2 | not a bad bank, so that you had little |
| 3 | hether he be a lender or a shareholder, | 3 | except at exorbitant rates ands costs of raisin |
| 4 | essentially be bearing exactly the same risks in those | 4 | finance. Mr Dicker says that is recoverable and you say |
| 5 | two situations. | 5 | it wouldn't b |
| 6 | That also remains true regardless of the precise mix | 6 | MR ZACAROLI: That again is not quite -- we say that is not |
| 7 | of funding. It is slightly counter intuitive. It is | 7 | overable as a head of loss. Of course if the |
| 8 | the product of two gentlemen I mentioned yesterday | 8 | question is, as we say it is: what it would cost you to |
| 9 | Miller and Modigliani, who won a Nobel prize for that, | 9 | borrow? There is an impact on what anybody else would |
| 10 | the consequence of that, it logically follows, that | 10 | be prepared to lend to you -- |
| 11 | you borrow a substantial sum and dramatically | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: To borrow that bit? |
| 12 | crease your leverage as a result, of course that has | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, that bit. Your cost of borrowing will go |
| 13 | plications elsewhere on your cost of funding. We say, | 13 | up, or it may go up because you have a defaulted asset, |
| 14 | nd this is a separate point, that cost is a cost which | 14 | if your asset is so large it will have an effect on your |
| 15 | you can also take into account. | 15 | borrowing. We accept there is an indirect consequence |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You will have another go in reply. At | 16 | or indirect effect, but it is a market question, it is: |
| 17 | m | 17 | what price would I have to pay somebody else? And that |
| 18 | st and the other sort of costs, may be clearer, but | 18 | has changed because of my poor financial state. |
| 19 | the | 19 | We accept that only, everything else, ie claiming |
| 20 | orrowing which you are entitled to measure by whatev | 20 | some sort of head of loss, consequential loss, because |
| 21 | and | 21 | of that is wrong. Also -- for reasons I will come on |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: I don't believe so. I think the position is | 22 | to -- we say relying upon your cost of funding to be the |
| 23 | is, I am grateful for my learned friend's explanation, | 23 | cost of funding the relevant amount is simply wrong. |
| 24 | but he said there were two aspects -- | 24 | I have not dealt with that yet, I will come on to that. |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: There are three aspects; aren't there? Page 29 | 25 | The point I was making before I diverted myself into Page 31 |
| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: There is the opport |  | the case they are making is that the consequential |
| 2 | sid | 2 | losses that we know they are claiming as a result of you |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: We are all agreed on that, common | 3 | having to borrow, involve substantial complications of |
| 4 | ground, that all of those things which | 4 | causation, et cetera. |
| 5 | done or you say you might have done with the benefit | 5 | Those complications are magnified where the exercise |
| 6 | no gap out of the -- it is cost rather than what else | 6 | is a hypothetical one, because you are then having to |
| 7 | you might have done? | 7 | look to see well if I was to raise this sum of money, |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: | 8 | what do I think that would have had -- what effect do |
| 9 | Then he says there are | 9 | I think that would have had on my overall cost of |
| 10 | is the consequential effec | 10 | funding, on the leverage of my assets generally. There |
| 11 | erage, because you have had to go out and borrow | 11 | are clearly multiple subjective judgments involved as to |
| 12 | funds. That was what I have been dealing with as | 12 | consequence, causation and computation. |
| 13 | understand to be their case and I am suggesting th | 13 | Again, complications are multiplied where the |
| 14 | is off | 14 | termination rate applies, because both parties have to |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: | 15 | undergo that exercise. |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: The other aspect is the effect on your balance | 16 | We do say it is counter intuitive, to say the least, |
| 17 | sheet of having a defaulted asset, it is said increases | 17 | that the paying party, where the termination rate |
| 18 | your general cost of funds | 18 | applies, would be required to certify all consequential |
| 19 | I don't understand that to | 19 | financial detriments to it if it were to have borrowed |
| 20 | loss as it were, but is encompassed within my learned | 20 | GBP 100 million, say if that is the number, in order to |
| 21 | ends' cases that you look to your general cost of | 21 | increase the effective rate of interest it has to pay. |
| 22 | borrowing as the proxy for the cost of funding the | 22 | Goldman Sachs in their reply skeleton, |
| 23 | relevant amount | 23 | paragraph 27.2, say that the answer to this point lies |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: This is probably a wrong analogy, and | 24 | in the fact that it may not be rational for the paying |
| 25 | in any event it is far too extreme, but supposing the Page 30 | 25 | party to certify its cost of equity or presumably these $\text { Page } 32$ |



| 1 | rate and currency. | 1 | The short point is one gets no help at all from the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Essential for some form of modelling to identify the | 2 | fact that the words cost of funding are used within the |
| 3 | loss this those circumstances. | 3 | finition of loss in interpreting the meaning of the |
| 4 | In contrast, the default rate is determined solely | 4 | ase "cost of funding the relevant amount". |
| 5 | by reference to the cost, if you actually entered into | 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Do you say the draftsman used the same |
| 6 | a transaction to replace the money, or if you were to | 6 | e "cost of funding" differently in this context o |
| 7 | have done so. | 7 | at although those words are invested with |
| 8 | It is much more similar to market quotation in that | 8 | different meaning according to the words they are |
| 9 | sense, it is the price of replacement rather than some | 9 | associated with? |
| 10 | modelling exercise. For that reason alone the | 10 | MR ZACAROLI: I do in this context -- |
| 11 | suggestion that because the definition of loss | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Of the relevant amount, which you |
| 12 | incorporates modelling, it must mean the draftsman | 12 | stress as investing cost of funding with a certain |
| 13 | thought that the default rate cost of funding language | 13 | meaning which looks as if it is different from cost of |
| 14 | also incorporated modelling is simply wrong. | 14 | funding in the loss |
| 15 | The second point is to note -- this point was noted | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, and the point really is that in each of |
| 16 | I think, I am going to mix my learned friends up, | 16 | , one |
| 17 | I thought it was Mr Foxton, it might have been | 17 | is the context of the use of the words is to identify |
| 18 | Mr Dicker. The point made was that the definition of | 18 | rate of interest, not here, not here, but in the |
| 19 | "loss" itself includes the words "cost of funding", and | 19 | applicable rates. |
| 20 | it does. It is perhaps worth reminding my Lord of the | 20 | Secondly, it is always defined by reference to the |
| 21 | wording. The core bundle, tab 7. Loss's definition is | 21 | cost of funding a particular amount to one or other of |
| 22 | at page 161 of the bundle. | 22 | the parties. You cannot look at the phrase "cost |
| 23 | The phrase -- first of all it is worth | 23 | meaning of its own. The |
| 24 | remembering that this definition is very broad: | 24 | re, the entire context needs to be looked at, |
| 25 | "'Loss' means with respect to this agreement or one Page 37 | 25 | cost of funding the relevant amount in each of the $\text { Page } 39$ |
| 1 | or more terminated transactions, and a party, |  | plicable rates. It has the same meaning there. That |
| 2 | termination currency equivalent of an amount that party | 2 | different from the way it is used he |
| 3 | reasonably determines in good | 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I mean, I know you have covered thi |
| 4 | losses and costs in connection with this agreement." | 4 | in part, one cannot avoid the question buzzing |
| 5 | What appears thereafter is all by way of inclusion, | 5 | around in one's mind is: why didn't they use the word |
| 6 | not by way of definition, so: | 6 | "borrow"? |
| 7 | "Including any loss of bargain, cost of funding or | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: I don't have an answer to that, other than we |
| 8 | ..." | 8 | know the reason the phrase cost of funding was used or |
| 9 | The words "cost of funding" there are in a wholly | 9 | least the strong indication of why it was used, |
| 10 | different context to the context in which they are used | 10 | ecause there wasn't an available benchmark rate, so it |
| 11 | in the definition of the default rate or indeed any of | 11 | was focusing on borrowing. |
| 12 | the applicable rates, because in all of the applicable | 12 | Beyond that I don't have an answer. But the |
| 13 | rates cost of funding is always tied to the cost of | 13 | question here is, in a sense it is not an appropriate |
| 14 | funding a particular sum, the relevant amount or the | 14 | question when considering interpretation of the contract |
| 15 | amount payable under 2(e) or whatever it might be. | 15 | to ask what other words might have been used or it is |
| 16 | Here it is at large. I don't propose to enter into | 16 | t a very helpful -- with respect to my Lord, it is not |
| 17 | an exposition of what "cost of funding" there can | 17 | very helpful way of trying to construe the words. One |
| 18 | encompass generally, but I would submit it can at least | 18 | has to look at the words that have been used and the |
| 19 | encompass things like the cost of having to fund the | 19 | context in which they have been used to identify their |
| 20 | entry into a, perhaps the provision of security in | 20 | eaning. |
| 21 | relation to a replacement collateralised transaction. | 21 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You are entitled to suppose that the |
| 22 | That is one example, perhaps, it may include | 22 | draftsmen have selected the words advisedly. |
| 23 | elements of interest it may not, but it is clearly at | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 24 | large there and not confined to cost of funding | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: If there is another obvious selection |
| 25 | a specific amount. | 25 | you assume that the choice was advised. That is as |
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| 1 | There is also another important point to pick up on | 1 | And to address some of the weaknesses in market |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | from the users' guide when we look at it on this point, | 2 | quotation. Then at the bottom of that paragraph, the |
| 3 | which is that the users' guide makes clear that the quid | 3 | last two line |
| 4 | pro quo for the more flexible test, the increas | 4 | "Balanced by the interest of increased flexibility |
| 5 | flexibility which was introduced in the 2002 agreement, | 5 | was the need to ensure that the new provisions |
| 6 | the quid pro quo was the introduction of objectivity and | 6 | incorporated certain objectivity and transparency |
| 7 | transparency. The more expansive and flexibil | 7 | requirements that were felt to be lacking, particularly |
| 8 | allowable under the 2002 agreement was matched with | 8 | in the definition of 'loss' in the 1992 agreement." |
| 9 | objective approach to calculation of your closeou | 9 | e draftsman had thought that allowing this |
| 10 | amount. | 10 | additional flexibility required some greater measure of |
| 11 | The users' gu | 11 | control, namely that they had to be reasonable, |
| 12 | My Lord, I notice the time, it would not be a | 12 | ob |
| 13 | inconvenient moment to take a break if that is suitable | 13 | is brings into play or reinforces the bigger |
| 14 | for the shorthand writers. | 14 | distinction between loss or closeout amount language and |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 15 | the cost of funding language, because the loss |
| 16 | (11.5 | 16 | calculation is by reference to market standards. It is |
| 17 | (A short break) | 17 | out what you could replace a transaction with in the |
| 18 | (11.55 | 18 | market. |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: Could I take you first to the 2002 agreement | 19 | The information necessary or relevant to that |
| 20 | just to see the definition of | 20 | calculation is essentially information as to the market. |
| 21 | we look at the users' guide. That is in the core | 21 | That is something which the payor and payee would have |
| 22 | bundle, tab 8, page 192. My Lord has seen this before, | 22 | equal access to, it is market information. The cost of |
| 23 | so | 23 | ding language is personalised to this extent, that it |
| 24 | the bottom of 192 closeout amount is defined | 24 | asks what would it cost you to fund. That information |
| 25 | "With respect to each terminated transaction or Page 45 | 25 | is exclusively within the knowledge of the relevant Page 47 |
| 1 | group of transactions the amount of the losses or costs | 1 | certifyin |
| 2 | to the determining party that would or would be incurred | 2 | That is fine when the task is a limited one: what |
| 3 | under the prevailing circumstances ... in replacing or | 3 | would it cost you to go out and borrow? Just looking at |
| 4 | providing the economic equivalent of [various things]." | 4 | how that works in conjunction with the irrationality and |
| 5 | Then the language on page 193, the fourth paragraph: | 5 | good faith test there is readily available information |
| 6 | "In determining a closeout amount the determining | 6 | the market as to what borrowing rates generally are, |
| 7 | party may consider any relevant information, including, | 7 | hat banks are generally willing to lend at. Therefore |
| 8 | without limitation, one or more of the following types | 8 | now. |
| 9 | of information ..." | 9 | will be alerted to a red flag when he sees |
| 10 | You have seen those possibilities before | 10 | a certification of a rate which is substantially more |
| 11 | the bottom of the page: | 11 | than what people generally can borrow at in the market. |
| 12 | "Commercially reasonable procedures used in | 12 | That doesn't mean that it is wrong; it means that |
| 13 | determining a closeout amount may include the | 13 | the red flag is raised and the question can be asked. |
| 14 | following ..." | 14 | The control mechanism of irrationality works within |
| 15 | You have seen that. | 15 | ose modest confines, if the concept is expanded to |
| 16 | That is described in the users' guide at bundle 5, | 16 | include cost of equity, WACC, CAPM, of the particular |
| 17 | tab 6, page 235, paragraph 5(a) headed "Closeout | 17 | entity, consequential losses caused to that entity, |
| 18 | amount": | 18 | mounts it has paid to third party by way of fees, there |
| 19 | "One of the more significant amendments is the | 19 | is no way of the counterparty knowing where an asserted |
| 20 | inclusion of a single measure of damages provision." | 20 | rate is within reasonable parameters. The information |
| 21 | The second paragraph: | 21 | is all on one side, so the test of irrationality and |
| 22 | "Closeout amount is a payment measure developed to | 22 | good faith has a lot to do. Indeed we say it is not |
| 23 | offer greater flexibility to the party making the | 23 | really workable in those context |
| 24 | determination of the amount due upon the designation of | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It would be very blunt, it would only |
| 25 | the occurrence of an early termination date ..." $\text { Page } 46$ | 25 | be a figure which was so astounding as to challenge good $\text { Page } 48$ |


| 1 | sense of itself. | 1 | the moment that modelling is to be implied into this |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 2 | separate exercise, and imports an objective standard |
| 3 | Against that background, the suggestion that the | 3 | entirely inconsistent in this separate exercise. |
| 4 | draftsman must have intended the references to models | 4 | Because you would have to review all the private |
| 5 | and modelling in the 2002 definition of closeout amount | 5 | information that would lead to you being able to assess |
| 6 | to be implicitly read into the definition of default | 6 | hether the commercially objective standard had been |
| 7 | rate and for all these expansive concepts to be | 7 | fulfilled or not. |
| 8 | included, we say enters into the realms of fantasy, he | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: I would say that, but my principal answer is |
| 9 | cannot have meant it to go that broad. It becomes an | 9 | it isn't. |
| 10 | unworkable provision. | 10 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Your principal argument is that you |
| 11 | Putting it another way, the context, that it is left | 11 | don't carry over. |
| 12 | up to one party to certify its cost of funding the | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. There are additional complications if |
| 13 | relevant amount, combined with limitations on that | 13 | you do carry over, because that then creates |
| 14 | challenge, support the view that the exercise was | 14 | a difference between the 1992 agreement and the 2002 |
| 15 | intended to be within a relatively confined scope. | 15 | agreement, but I think it is common ground there is no |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I was a bit unclear about this | 16 | difference in the meaning of cost of funding language |
| 17 | yesterday, I didn't know -- I think you said they | 17 | between the two, but if as a result of some textual |
| 18 | weren't seeking to import the commercially reasonable | 18 | terpretation you are to transport the commercially |
| 19 | language into what you regard as the wholly different | 19 | reasonable measures in the 2002 agreement and the |
| 20 | exercise. | 20 | definition of default rate there, what is the basis for |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 21 | doing this under the 1992 agreement, I don't know? |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You were going to discuss whether they | 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I just lay down the marker because |
| 23 | were or weren't. I suppose you would have it both ways. | 23 | Mr Dicker and others can have another go to correct me |
| 24 | You would say if they don't, there is no justification | 24 | due course, but my understanding is that the approach |
| 25 | for a model. If they do then the model must be leavened $\text { Page } 49$ | 25 | was twofold. That is to say 2002, in respect of loss, Page 51 |
| 1 | by objectivity -- leavened by objectivity such as, query | 1 | imported language which only expressed that which was |
| 2 | Judge Chapman, to introduce review by the court. That | 2 | implicit in the earlier form. That argument appears to |
| 3 | would completely undermine the central and agreed | 3 | be not straightforward, if I can put it that way, in |
| 4 | objectivity of a reasonably limited enquiry and | 4 | light of the users' guide for 2002, which appears to |
| 5 | a certain result. | 5 | acknowledge a difference, with a different price. |
| 6 | MR ZACAROLI: I think there are two different points within | 6 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, yes. |
| 7 | this. | 7 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am partly making this point so I can |
| 8 | The first is a sort of contextual or textual one. | 8 | remind myself when reading the transcript -- I am so |
| 9 | Do the commercially reasonable procedures that one sees | 9 | sorry -- but also in order to give Mr Dicker and others |
| 10 | in the -- | 10 | a chance to re-direct me on a subsequent occasion. |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, are they to be read into the | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. That however is the first point, which |
| 12 | separate exercise, the cost of funding? | 12 | I have given my Lord the answer to that first point. |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, to which my answer is no. | 13 | The second point is a slightly broader one, which is |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say no. I think I asked you the | 14 | leaving aside these textual points, we are identifying |
| 15 | question yesterday as to whether you understood them to | 15 | a difference between the calculation process in loss and |
| 16 | be saying yes and you were going to clarify that | 16 | sseout amount being one which is dependent upon market |
| 17 | overnight, but for the moment I am thinking that they do | 17 | information, and therefore something which is -- |
| 18 | say yes. | 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I understand that. |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: I have not spoken to my learned friend. | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 20 | I looked at the transcript which gave me the same | 20 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is much easier to test fulfilment |
| 21 | thought, so ... | 21 | of an objective standard by market information than by |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think they do say yes. | 22 | purely private information. |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say that the price of that cannot | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The Judge Chapman decision, again in |
| 25 | be any different in the separate exercise, assuming for | 25 | Lehmans, was that on closeout or what -- |
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|  | MR ZACAROLI: I believe it was loss under the 1992 | 1 | on the basis that you are having to compensate your |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | agreement, yes, it is not considering the 2002 | 2 | victim. This was in the context of the default rate, |
| 3 | agreement | 3 | that you are compensating your victim, which justifies |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: She did not, I think, admit of the | 4 | an expansive view. We say that doesn't work given that |
| 5 | possibility of judicial review by reference to an | 5 | the same concept of cost of funding a particular amount |
| 6 | objective standard. | 6 | underpins other interest rates where there is no victim, |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: No, and that is the view taken here | 7 | in particular the termination rate. So that analysis |
| 8 | Mr Justice David Richards in a case called Fondazione, | 8 | doesn't justify the expa |
| 9 | earlier th | 9 | y Lord, that then is the end of the second |
| 10 | is common ground that the standard of challenge to | 10 | sub-heading of my submissions, namely focusing on the |
| 11 | a calculation statement of loss is the Wednesbury | 11 | word "cost" within the definition of cost of funding the |
| 12 | principle. Under the 1992 agreement, again not | 12 | levant amou |
| 13 | conside | 13 | Although my third heading was to revisit the word |
| 14 | The only authority on the 2002 agreement -- at least | 14 | cost from a slightly different perspective, and that is |
| 15 | on this point, so far as I am aware, is | 15 | our submission that cost means what has to be paid. |
| 16 | Mr Justice Briggs's decision at first instance in the | 16 | This has been characterised during submission by my |
| 17 | Lehman decision we have looked at | 17 | learned friends -- we say wrongly characterised -- as |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Which does import the objective | 18 | our submission is cost means lowest cost. That is not |
| 19 | standard. I mean Socimer is a case where the parties | 19 | the way we put it, and it is not the way we put it in |
| 20 | expressly or implicitly agreed that one person's | 20 | ur skeleton either |
| 21 | decision should bind the other, with the further | 21 | The way we have put it and do put it is that cost is |
| 22 | implication that the court is not to review it except on | 22 | be equated with what you have to pay, what you are |
| 23 | irrationality or good faith grounds. | 23 | required to pay. It is best illustrated in the |
| 24 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 24 | hypothetical case. It applies both to the hypothetical |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That is what Socimer says. Page 53 | 25 | and the actual, but just consider it for the moment in Page 55 |
| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 1 | the hypothetical case. Cost, if I were to fund, means |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: But to get into Socimer there has to | 2 | what I would have to pay if I went into the market to |
| 3 | be an implicit or express agreement that the judge | 3 | place the amount. To take, in a sense, the trite |
| 4 | be | 4 | example that I think we have put in the skeleton and my |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: | 5 | learned friend picked up on yesterday, if bank A is |
| 6 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: -- subject only to irrationality and | 6 | willing to lend to me at 10 per cent but bank $B$ at |
| 7 | good faith. | 7 | 2 per cent, I wouldn't have to pay 10 per cent because |
| 8 | MR ZACAROL | 8 | I could get away with paying 2 per cent. It is that |
| 9 |  | 9 | sense that we mean cost means what you have to pay. |
| 10 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The determining | 10 | ause the irrationality test |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 11 | nnot operate in a vacuum. If the question is simply: |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The court is to have no input unless | 12 | has the relevant payee acted irrationally in certifying |
| 13 | irration | 13 | its cost of funding, and cost doesn't have this |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, and in a sense and if it does have input | 14 | chorage. It just means anything amount that you have |
| 15 | what it is doing is putting itself into the shoes of the | 15 | in fact paid or in fact could have paid then you are not |
| 16 | party who was entitled to make that determination, which | 16 | acting irrationally if you certify any amount you could |
| 17 | is the difference between the two standards as -- | 17 | have paid. |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That may be the same thing really, | 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: This is not definitional, this is |
| 19 | because you have to assume that the shoes fit unless the | 19 | certificate. |
| 20 | rationality test is offended | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: We say it is definitional, cost means what you |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 21 | have to pay is definitional, I am talking about the |
| 22 | One final point on this section, where I am dealing | 22 | rationality test because there has to be a definition to |
| 23 | with the points that were raised yesterday on the loss, | 23 | ty |
| 24 | and closeout calculation matters. My learned friend | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say within a notion of cost in |
| 25 | Mr Foxton said that you could justify the expansive view | 25 | this context, is what you have to pay? |
|  | Page 54 |  | Page 56 |


| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 1 | features of equity. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | It is because cost is defined in that way that it | 2 | ast by way of a preliminary point, when it came to |
| 3 | would be irrational for the party to choose the | 3 | my learned friend Mr Dicker's submissions as to whether |
| 4 | 10 per cent as opposed to the 2 per cent from bank A or | 4 | e cost of equity is included within the definition, |
| 5 | bank B. It is because cost means what I have to pay | 5 | his submission did savour something of the bootstraps |
| 6 | that it becomes irrational. Without that anchoring | 6 | perspective, because his submission really was: |
| 7 | it is very difficult to apply the irrationality test. | 7 | "If you take our case that funding includes equity, |
| 8 | In our skeleton we illustrated this by taking away | 8 | all know that equity has a cost in the outside |
| 9 | for the purposes of argument the concept of | 9 | and therefore that must be the costs incorporated |
| 10 | certification. Because if the words have a meaning they | 10 | into the definition." |
| 11 | must have that meaning whether or not there is -- it is | 11 | We say that assumes what he needs to prove, namely |
| 12 | an objective standard or one which a party is entitled | 12 | that the cost of funding the relevant amount, as matter |
| 13 | to certify | 13 | construction, does encompass the cost of equity, the |
| 14 | If the test | 14 | cost of issuing equity. We rely on a number of reasons |
| 15 | means the cost to the relevant payee if it were to fund | 15 | to say why cost of equity is excluded, again my Lord had |
| 16 | the relevant amount, and if the relevant payee has two | 16 | an instinctive view to this. What I aim to do is to |
| 17 | options, 10 per cent and 2 per cent, then we say very | 17 | identify a number of underpinnings for that instinctive |
| 18 | clearly that the cost to it there is the 2 per cent not | 18 | view being correct. |
| 19 | the 10 per cent. | 19 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I took Mr Dicker's point to be |
| 20 | I of course am building into that analysis | 20 | negative really rather than positive, that is to say he |
| 21 | things being equal, which is a very importan | 21 | addressing any supposition on my part that equity |
| 22 | qualification on this point. This point cannot | 22 | had no cost and therefore was excluded on that ground. |
| 23 | too far and we don't try to take it too far, that you | 23 | saying of course it does have |
| 24 | have to build in other things being equal. | 24 | a cost, and my further question: yes, bu |
| 25 | If that is right when the test is purely objective, Page 57 | 25 | a measurable cost? He said yes, and that is the more Page 59 |
| 1 | the meaning doesn't change just because it is one party | 1 | difficul |
| 2 | who is obliged to certify the relevant rate. | 2 | s I understood it, it was essentially to ensu |
| 3 | When it comes to applying the test of rationality to | 3 | that I didn't strip out equity on a false basis that he |
| 4 | what you would have had to pay, of course you are | 4 | made those submission |
| 5 | entitled to take into account more than just the | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, I am prepared to accept that |
| 6 | headline rate. But that is what the rationality test | 6 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes |
| 7 | bites on. | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: We are not focusing just on cost here. We are |
| 8 | My Lord, that is in a nutshell what we say about the | 8 | cusing on whether because of the definition cos |
| 9 | meaning of cost being what you have to pay. | 9 | hat that |
| 10 | The fourth sub-heading then was equity and why we | 10 | imports, equity is within all of that |
| 11 | say equity is not included within the definition of | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say equity doesn't satisfy, it |
| 12 | default rate. | 12 | goes outside the feature |
| 13 | Just to recap the two points that we say are | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, the first point is just to identify the |
| 14 | implicit in the concept of the definition, because the | 14 | al nature of equity. I hesitate to deal with |
| 15 | definition necessarily implies the price of | 15 | this at any length, my Lord knows perfectly well what |
| 16 | a transaction to obtain replacement funding for the | 16 | equity is and what its fundamental features are. |
| 17 | period that it remains outstanding. The two particular | 17 | I propose to deal with this very shortly, unless my Lord |
| 18 | features that are implied from that are (1), that the | 18 | wants any further reference to authority. We have dealt |
| 19 | funding is something you are going to have to repay at | 19 | with it at some length in the skeleton. |
| 20 | some point. | 20 | The two essential features of equity we say are |
| 21 | Secondly, that what you are paying for it relates to | 21 | first of all it is a right to participate in the assets. |
| 22 | the time that you use that money. | 22 | To paraphrase the classic definition of a share |
| 23 | Those are obviously the core features of borrowing | 23 | Mr Justice Farwell in the Borland's Trustee case. It is |
| 24 | and our overall point -- which I will take some time to | 24 | an interest in a company measured by a sum of money. |
| 25 | develop -- is a simple one: those features are not Page 58 | 25 | Its purpose is first and foremost of liability and Page 60 |


| 1 | secondary as an interest in the company. It is made up | 1 | reference to time, the time that the investment has been |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | of the various rights contained in the articles, an | 2 | in the company. It is measured by a share of profit |
| 3 | critically for this context, it includes the right to | 3 | One authority is worth turning up just to make |
| 4 | a sum of money which may be less or more than the sum | 4 | a point, because it makes the point very neatly and that |
| 5 | invested. Because it is dependent on the fortunes of | 5 | is the Bond v Barrow Haematite Steel decision, bundle |
| 6 | the company as to what you may or may not get back on | 6 | AB 1 at tab 5. The first three lines of the headnote |
| 7 | a winding up or on a reduction of capital if that | 7 | show |
| 8 | happens. That is the first feature. | 8 | "The question whether a company has profits |
| 9 | The second feature is the return on that amount | 9 | available for distribution must be answered according to |
| 10 | invested is measured not by time but by a share in the | 10 | the circumstances of a particular case, the nature of |
| 11 | profit | 11 | the company, the evidence of competent witnesses." |
| 12 | Taking the first feature, the return of the sum | 12 | Perhaps an obvious point, but there are two passages |
| 13 | invested. You are only entitled on a winding up | 13 | just to highlight in the judgment of Mr Justice Farwell, |
| 14 | back whatever is left measured by the sum of money you | 14 | he begins the judgment on 361 . The contention that he |
| 15 | put in. So your proportionate share is measured by the | 15 | is dealing with in the first five lines of his judgment |
| 16 | nominal value of the shares you put in, but th | 16 | is that of the plaintiffs: |
| 17 | You may or may not get back that amount, you can g | 17 | hey say they are entitled by contract to be paid |
| 18 | more or less. You can only get back the capital prior | 18 | a preferential dividend out of the balance of the credit |
| 19 | to a winding up in prescribed circumstances, controlle | 19 | of the profit and loss account in each year, and that |
| 20 | circumstances, where a reduction of capital | 20 | the company cannot appropriate any part of that balance |
| 21 | permitted. | 21 | reserve or carry over one shilling until they have |
| 22 | My Lord will well know the concept of maintenance of | 22 | been paid in full." |
| 23 | capital from Trevor v Whitworth, again in the bundle, we | 23 | ust to note on page 362, I should actu |
| 24 | needn't turn it up. It has existed in our law for | 24 | out at the bottom of 361, first of all, the last five |
| 25 | a long time. As far as the additional return is Page 61 | 25 | lines of that paragraph. The first point depended on Page 63 |
| 1 | concerned, whether that be by way of divid | 1 | the construction of the original articles, the special |
| 2 | other redemption premium, that is only payable out | 2 | resolutions creating the preference shares. Over the |
| 3 | profits, it is measured by the company's profits and | 3 | ge, picking it up in the fifth line towards the end of |
| 4 | only recoverable out of them | 4 | the line |
| 5 | Those are essential features of equity. Whether | 5 | is argu |
| 6 | be ordinary or preference shares one is talking about. | 6 | declaration of a dividend do not apply to the shares on |
| 7 | That is the essential features. The only differenc | 7 | which a fixed preferential dividend is payable. In my |
| 8 | with a preference share is that measured in comparison | 8 | opinion that is not so, the necessity for the |
| 9 | to some other issue of shares -- it always must be | 9 | declaration of a dividend as a condition precedent to an |
| 10 | measured by reference to some other issue of shares -- | 10 | action to recover is stated in general terms in Lindley |
| 11 | one or more of the rights of the shareholder take | 11 | on Companies, and where the reserve fund article applies |
| 12 | precedence over the other shareholders, whether it is | 12 | is obvious that such a declaration is essential for |
| 13 | a return or profits or whatever | 13 | shareholder has no right to any payment until the |
| 14 | For my Lord's note, we have set out the particula | 14 | corporate body has determined that the money can |
| 15 | features of preference shares in our skeleton at | 15 | properly be paid away, it is urged this puts the |
| 16 | pages 63-65. Again, unless my Lord particularly wants | 16 | reference shareholders at the mercy of the company, but |
| 17 | to be taken to the underlying law I didn't propose doing | 17 | the preference shareholders come in on these terms and |
| 18 | so, these are well-known concepts, to my Lord certainly. | 18 | this argument does not carry much weight in an action |
| 19 | It is true that a fixed dividend on preference | 19 | such as this where bona fides is conceded." |
| 20 | shares may mimic a return based on interest or based on | 20 | That is just by way of note that an obvious point |
| 21 | an interest rate, because there may be a fixed | 21 | that preferential dividends depends still on the |
| 22 | percentage entitlement in each year of account. | 22 | declaration by the company. |
| 23 | Dependent on profits in that year of account. It is | 23 | The relevant passage I want to refer my Lord to is |
| 24 | fundamentally not a payment of interest, and it is | 24 | page 363. The top of the page, the second sentence of |
| 25 | fundamentally not a payment that is measured by | 25 | the first paragraph: |
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| 1 | "Stress has been laid on the word 'interest' and in | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: As I say, you can perhaps come on to the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | my opinion that word has slipped in per incuriam and | 2 | rid instrument point later, but you can draft |
| 3 | should be read as 'dividend'." | 3 | mething which in fact is borrowing, although you may |
| 4 | The next sentence: | 4 | call it something else. |
| 5 | "Interest is not an apt word to express through | 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You say it is an irreducible feature |
| 6 | a term to which a shareholder is entitled in respect of | 6 | ation in the profits of the company, |
| 7 | shares paid up in due course and not by way of advance. | 7 | always subject to a declaration by the |
| 8 | Interest is compensation for the delay in payment and is | 8 | directors -- |
| 9 | not accurately applied to the share of profits o | 9 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 10 | trading, although it may be used as an inaccurate mode | 10 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: -- they couldn't for example make |
| 11 | of expressing the measure of the share of those | 11 | claration in effect in advance, because that would |
| 12 | profits." | 12 | be to fetter their discretion and would be invalid on |
| 13 | Correspondingly, if one looks at the question of | 13 | other ground |
| 14 | cost, the company is under no obligation to pay | 14 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, that is just looking at this from the |
| 15 | a particular return, it depends upon profits and other | 15 | perspective of whether it is a cost. The other feature |
| 16 | matters, the profits have to be distributable profits | 16 | mely it is not a payment that is measurable by |
| 17 | fo | 17 | erence to time but by reference to profit, |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: There used to be an argument as to | 18 | actually a fundamental point that underlies all of this. |
| 19 | whether you could build into a preference share a right, | 19 | legal explanation and lest it |
| 20 | even without a declaration year by year, provided it | 20 | be said that my Lord shouldn't be focusing on legal |
| 21 | came out of distributable profit, which wouldn't offen | 21 | concept of equity here, because the spectacles are too |
| 22 | the statute. | 22 | ired |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: There is one case we have in the bundle if | 23 | to look at the fundamental aspects of what is borrowing |
| 24 | my Lord wants to see it, there is an Australian case, | 24 | but lest it be said. The explanation |
| 25 | the name escapes me, but I can find it in a minute -Page 65 | 25 | for why equity is simply outside of the ambit here, is Page 67 |
| 1 | Heesh and | 1 | amply explained in the textbook that my learned friend |
| 2 | is whether preference shareholders are entitled | 2 | ed yesterday called The Real Cost of Capital. Just |
| 3 | right to be paid a dividend. It comes down to | 3 | go back to that briefly, I think that is to be found |
| 4 | construction of the relevant instrument, because you can | 4 | at authorities bundle 4A, tab 139A |
| 5 | draft something which is called a preference share, but | 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Was there not a decision of |
| 6 | actually | 6 | Lady Justice Arden -- I mean for various reasons company |
| 7 | terminology that labels are the determinate here, th | 7 | lawyers sought to reduce the rights attributable to |
| 8 | cannot be rig | 8 | shares in certain circumstances whereby to render them |
| 9 | There is a Hong Kong case cited in that case, where | 9 | as close to valueless as could be. And so the |
| 10 | the court did take the view that the company was under | 10 | rticipation right would be knocked down some fraction, |
| 11 | an absolute obligation to pay dividends. That gives | 11 | voting rights would be excluded, and dividend rights |
| 12 | rise to a different problem, which wasn't resolved, | 12 | would be non-existent. The question was: was it still |
| 13 | which is: what is the remedy if the obligation | 13 | a share? I have a recollection of this, maybe I am -- |
| 14 | breached? Because the statutes and the general law | 14 | I could well be imagining, but I think she did address |
| 15 | prevents payments except out of profits and if there is | 15 | is. |
| 16 | nevertheless an absolute obligation the company is | 16 | MR ZACAROLI: We will see if we can find it. 139A. |
| 17 | breach of contract, but to remedy that by a decree | 17 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 18 | of specific performance requiring payment would | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: Starting before the introduction on page 2 , |
| 19 | contravene the statute, so that is just left hanging as | 19 | the numbering is at the top of the page. |
| 20 | it were | 20 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 21 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: If out of non-distributable profits. | 21 | MR ZACAROLI: "This chapter deals with the concepts that |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Exactly, yes | 22 | underpin the application of cost of capital, companies |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: But if restricted, then the argument | 23 | obtain capital from both shareholders' equity and |
| 24 | was put that is no difference from having a hypothecated | 24 | lenders' debt, both types of capital come at a cost. |
| 25 | fund or limited recourse? | 25 | This is because investors require a return to reflect |
|  | Page 66 |  | Page 68 |


| 1 | the opportunity costs associated with committing their | 1 | imports to what is required by the funding, two |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | money over a period of time. For debt this cost is the | 2 | features, namely it is something which has to be repaid |
| 3 | rate of interest that the lender charges. This varies | 3 | because you only have it for a period of time and the |
| 4 | with the amount of risk to which the lender is exposed. | 4 | payments for that thing being relative to the time |
| 5 | In the case of equity things are more complicated, | 5 | have it and measured by reference to that time. They |
| 6 | companies do not have a contractual obligation to reward | 6 | are simply not present in equity. |
| 7 | shareholders at a specified rate. Indeed shareholders | 7 | The second point is to pick up on my very first |
| 8 | can receive negative returns if stock prices fall an | 8 | opening comment yesterday, that what the draftsman has |
| 9 | di | 9 | undoubtedly done is rather than allowing the relevant |
| 10 | "The cost of equity is | 10 | payee to charge its lost opportunity to make profit to |
| 11 | that the shareholders expect to receive whilst not | 11 | the defaulting party or the other party, it is only |
| 12 | guaranteed, firms that do not meet these required | 12 | allowed to charge the cost to it of raising the relevant |
| 13 | returns will find it difficult to attract equity capita | 13 | amount. |
| 14 | with a damaging impact on their businesses and th | 14 | cost of equity is to be included within the cost |
| 15 | valuation of those businesses.' | 15 | of raising the relevant amount, then it either does or |
| 16 | Just in terms of what cost is, cost is, as we say | 16 | runs a very real risk in many cases, and in many cases |
| 17 | it is, the price you pay in transacting. There is | 17 | it will involve precisely that, namely compensating or |
| 18 | simply no such thing in relation to equity as exp | 18 | rather requiring the paying party to pay interest based |
| 19 | there. The price you pay to your counterparty, there | 19 | upon its profits, the profits that it was going to make |
| 20 | no obligation to pay any amount to a counterparty with | 20 | from the money. It cuts across that very clear |
| 21 | equity. Your costs are some slightly more amorphou | 21 | distinction the draftsman has dr |
| 22 | concept of well if you don't give them the return the | 22 | Let me explain that by the following. The measure |
| 23 | anticipate, they might go away. The share price mig | 23 | of anticipated return to shareholders is directly linked |
| 24 | thus fall and your business will be damaged in some way | 24 | to the profits of the company. Clearly only payable out |
| 25 | which is very difficult, if not impossible, to measure Page 69 | 25 | of profits. To take a concrete example, and these are Page 71 |
| 1 | other than by some gu | 1 | examples which are particularly apposite in the context |
| 2 | e point is reiterated at page 5 , where the authors | 2 | of hedge funds, and remember that much of the debt in |
| 3 | distinguish debt from equity at the bottom of page 5, | 3 | this case has been purchased by hedge funds, who claim |
| 4 | bullet point "Deb | 4 | of course that it is their cost of funding as |
| 5 | "The companies may drawdown bank loans or issue | 5 | purchaser that must be taken into account, I am leaving |
| 6 | bonds, a firm must promise to make payments over the | 6 | that point aside for the moment. It is particularly |
| 7 | period of the loan is outstanding ... whereas debt, | 7 | apposite in relation to hedge funds. |
| 8 | firms view shares as representing a claim on the value | 8 | A concrete example, where a company has made profits |
| 9 | of the firm after the debt has repaid, shareholders | 9 | such that it has say paid dividends of 10 per cent on |
| 10 | receive dividend payments, and the firm can benefit from | 10 | its shares to its shareholders in the previous year, |
| 11 | any increase in the value of shares. Cost of debt is | 11 | perhaps previous years. Investors therefore expect, |
| 12 | very simple, a simple proxy by the rate of interest | 12 | leaving everything aside, a 10 per cent return on their |
| 13 | paid." | 13 | investment. That is dependent on the company continuing |
| 14 | The first three lines of that paragrap | 14 | to make profits in that year such that it can pay that |
| 15 | "Why is there a cost of equity?" | 15 | dividend. That return is not a legal liability but an |
| 16 | Again the first four lines of that paragraph explain | 16 | expectation, the consequences of not meeting it though |
| 17 | the much more complex picture that because there is no | 17 | are perhaps that shareholders will walk aware, or no one |
| 18 | commitment to pay a certain level of dividend share | 18 | else will invest |
| 19 | prices can fall as well as go up | 19 | To calculate the interest payable by the defaulting |
| 20 | "... there is no clearly defined cont | 20 | party on the basis that that anticipated return is your |
| 21 | raising capital through issuing equity ... | 21 | cost of equity, in essence requires the defaulting party |
| 22 | "But while the payments ... That does not mean that | 22 | to guarantee the anticipated profit under the default |
| 23 | equity finance is free ...' | 23 | rate definition. Because you are saying that is the |
| 24 | Because of the knock-on effect it can have. To go | 24 | anticipated profit, that is therefore the anticipated |
| 25 | back to the definition of the "default rate" and what it Page 70 | 25 | return my shareholders expect, that is my cost of Page 72 |

equity, I can say my cost of equity is my cost of funds, you have to pay me my cost of funds for that period.

It does, we say, immediately cut across that very clear distinction the draftsman has drawn between cost of replacing the sum as opposed to replenishing the anticipated profit you would have made.

The third point is that the inappropriateness of equity, as falling within the definition, is demonstrated by the models and modelling which underpins the Senior Creditor Group's and Goldman Sachs' case.

The reliance on models is of course critical, standing back for a moment and asking what is happening in the real world in the Lehman context, or in any other context. The notion of a company actually going out to raise equity to fill a funding gap is highly unlikely, to put it at its lowest. Certainly in the run of the mill situations which will arise under the ISDA master agreement, ie in most of the circumstances in which it is intended to be used. We are in an abnormal world where there is a default left outstanding for many years -- although in fact now paid, but it was outstanding for many years -- because of the horrendous financial circumstances surrounding Lehmans' collapse. But in the run-of-the-mill case one is having to identify the cost of funding. Perhaps in relation to Page 73
quite short periods. Sometimes required to do so at great speed, because it is necessary to determine for example a closeout amount on or as soon as after the termination date as is reasonably practicable, and one of the component elements in a closeout amount may well be an unpaid amount. An unpaid amount is defined as something that wasn't paid, plus interest, can be at the default rate.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: One can see it might be the occasion but not the reason.
MR ZACAROLI: I am not sure which way round that is being put.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: A default may be the occasion for equity funding if blended with other reasons, but it may not be likely to be the reason for equity funding.
MR ZACAROLI: I understand that. Indeed, that is another point I will come on to, it is true that many banks, or at least some banks, entered upon a substantial capital raising exercise in the immediate aftermath of the Lehmans' collapse.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: We have the evidence from Goldman Sachs.
MR ZACAROLI: Perhaps I will leave that to come on to that later.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, okay.
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MR ZACAROLI: That just explains why models are so important
to the creditors' claims. The principal model which
underpins their case is the capital asset pricing model,
CAPM. That involves three aspects. The three aspects are described in a number of places in the bundles and if my Lord wants me to take you to them I can, but just to state what they are first of all.

It involves a risk free rate, essentially Treasury
bonds' rates, combined with or multiplied by the firm's equity beta. That is a measure of the riskiness of entity compared with the market, 1 is the same, less than 1 is worse or more than 1 is better, or it may be the other way round, I am not sure, but it is relative risk.

The third element is the equity market risk premium, which is the riskiness of investing in the Stock Market as against the risk free rate. It is a market wide risk.

Each of those second and third components are subject to highly subjective judgment calls, but importantly it is very clear that they are demonstrably not linked to the time value of money, but to extraneous factors. Principally the anticipated profit levels of the relevant entity, and the risks that those profit levels may or may not be achieved by reference to that Page 75
entity's risk rating and the market risk generally. That is a very long way from a payment made in order to purchase the use of money for a period of time. Added to that for a creditor, relevant payee, to certify the cost of funding the relevant amount by reference to its cost of capital, whether that be, well, WACC, which incorporates -- it is weighted cost of debt and equity, is flawed for the simple reason that that calculation is concerned with the cost to it of funding its entire asset base, not the cost at which it could go out and raise an additional sum equal to the relevant amount.

Of course, raising that amount for the limited period that it remains outstanding. For the moment I am going to develop that point in a little while when I actually address the arguments that Goldman Sachs and the SCG make against us, but just the headline point is that their skeleton, their argument and that includes the SCG's skeleton argument, are replete with references to the ways in which entities fund themselves as being the proper proxy for the default rate.

An entity's cost of funding itself, we submit as an overarching point, has nothing to do with the cost to it of going out into the market or if it were to go into the market to raise the relevant sum. I will come back

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| 1 | to that in due course. | 1 | accurate guide to what it is or cannot be an accurate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | The next point is that that is demonstrated further, | 2 | proxy for what you would have to pay if you went to the |
| 3 | the inappropriateness of WACC as a proxy for your cost | 3 | market now and borrowed. |
| 4 | if you were to fund the relevant amount, is demonstrated | 4 | Just to give a different example, one where the term |
| 5 | by the fact that it is based at least to some extent on | 5 | early termination date does coincide with a market-wide |
| 6 | historic costs. | 6 | catastrophe such that borrowing rates perhaps have been |
| 7 | I think the point was made by my learned friend | 7 | relatively modest until that point and then the market |
| 8 | Mr Dicker that it is us that make this point that it is | 8 | falls off a cliff and borrowing rates are increased |
| 9 | based on histo | 9 | dramatically, arguing against our interests in the sense |
| 10 | Senior Creditors' Group that make the point in their | 10 | of the overall case here, but the reality is that your |
| 11 | skeleton. The skeleton is bundle 3 at tab 2. It is | 11 | costs of borrowing then would be much higher than your |
| 12 | page 27 of the bundle and it is paragraph 55.1 of the | 12 | historic costs, because actually to go out now is |
| 13 | skeleton. They | 13 | a particularly difficult time. The reverse may be true |
| 14 | "In the case of the cost of equity the most commonl | 14 | if the markets moved the other way. |
| 15 | used model is CAPM." | 15 | So the next point is that CAPM is subject to highly |
| 16 | Then the second sentence on line five starts: | 16 | subjective judgments and constant variation. |
| 17 | "CAPM calculates the cost of equity by predicting | 17 | The point here is that because of these necessary |
| 18 | the future returns required by investors through the | 18 | attributes of CAPM as a calculation measure we say it is |
| 19 | examination of historic returns.' | 19 | inherently unlikely that the draftsman would have |
| 20 | In a sense that is an obviously | 20 | contemplated that this would be a source of calculating |
| 21 | If you are relying upon your cost of funding, your WACC, | 21 | the default rate or any interest rate under the |
| 22 | let's say you are in fact certifying in the days | 22 | master agreement. |
| 23 | following an early termination date, and let's | 23 | There is a decision of Mrs Justice Gloster that I am |
| 24 | are certifying for the purposes of trying to identify | 24 | going to take my Lord to next, called Masri v |
| 25 | the interest payable as part of an unpaid amount, so Page 77 | 25 | Consolidated Contractors International which makes good Page 79 |
| 1 | this is not a catastrophic default case | 1 | that point, but also explains the circumstances in which |
| 2 | where simply your counterparty has not paid and you | 2 | CAPM might be appropriate as opposed to circumstances |
| 3 | anticipate being paid quite quickly, but part of the | 3 | where it is not. Where it might be appropriate is in |
| 4 | process is that rate of interest on the unpaid amount. | 4 | relation to investment decisions. So if you are |
| 5 | If you identify or if you rely upon your WACC in ord | 5 | deciding to make an investment then CAPM is a relevant |
| 6 | to calculate the interest rate by definition it must b | 6 | consideration, self-evidently because one of the things |
| 7 | based upon history, because you have assets and you have | 7 | that you would take account of there is, is this |
| 8 | borrowed in relation to those assets, and you have | 8 | investment a good use of my capital or could I make more |
| 9 | issued equity in the past. There is a cost associated | 9 | from it by putting it elsewhere. So I am looking at |
| 10 | with each level of borrowing, subordinated debt, equity, | 10 | models about returns for that purpose. |
| 11 | other forms of borrowing, different rates depending upon | 11 | The decision is in AB1, authorities bundle 1, at |
| 12 | the risk that the particular investor is prepared to | 12 | tab 36A. It is right at the back of the bundle. |
| 13 | take, and the weighted average then is a number which is | 13 | This is a judgment which follows on a previous |
| 14 | a product of your existing historically agreed upon | 14 | judgment in which liability had been determined. The |
| 15 | borrowing. | 15 | particular point at issue here is the rate of interest |
| 16 | On the other hand, and I will come on to this next, | 16 | that should be charged upon a running account between |
| 17 | the calculation of WACC is something which is, according | 17 | the parties that was established pursuant to an |
| 18 | to a case we will look at in a moment, something which | 18 | agreement between them. |
| 19 | has to be constantly under review. Again I suppose that | 19 | In very broad terms one of the parties contended |
| 20 | is an obvious point that the cost of your borrowing will | 20 | that the running account should be regarded as |
| 21 | change with each particular investment that you enter | 21 | essentially an investment decision and therefore the |
| 22 | into and each particular new borrowing that you incur. | 22 | appropriate measure of interest should be based upon |
| 23 | So you constantly have to review that, that calculation. | 23 | CAPM analysis. The other said, no, it is actually akin |
| 24 | But the simple point here is that it at least in | 24 | to a borrowing and therefore should be measured by |
| 25 | part depends upon history and therefore is not an | 25 | reference to an interest rate. |
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| 1 | So starting at the beginning of the judgment to give | 1 | decision on CCC's behalf to terminate it. On the |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | the context, paragrap | 2 | and |
| 3 | "There was an agreement in 1992 between M | 3 | ded to |
| 4 | the one hand and CCIC and CC Oil and Gas on the other, | 4 | , |
| 5 | wh | 5 | e debited |
| 6 | 10 per cen | 6 |  |
| 7 | a particular | 7 | ue |
| 8 | "The agreement required Mr Masri to make capit | 8 | then a |
| 9 | contributions from time to time as and when called upo | 9 | asonable rate of interest? Simpl |
| 10 | to | 10 | P |
| 11 | ash | 11 | , |
| 12 | "From November 1992 to February 1993, CCC made cash | 12 | behalf of Mr Masri -- I think it is Mr Masri -- he says: |
| 13 | calls on Mr Masri which Mr Masri did not pay, save for | 13 | "... on the other hand, on the basis of the evidenc |
| 14 | a single payment of 1.5 | 14 | , |
| 15 | in breach of contract | 15 | propriate measure of |
| 16 | further cash call on him because there was an agreemen | 16 | a reasonable rate of interest for the long-term funding |
| 17 | reached that he need not pay further cash calls on the | 17 | provided by the running account was the appropriate cost |
| 18 | promise of providing | 18 | capital for CCC for the concession. That in turn, he |
| 19 | Subparagraph (vi): | 19 | rence to a WACC |
| 20 | did not want to ti | 20 | for the concession, a calculation which combines equity |
| 21 | by paying the cash calls | 21 | d debt funding as appropriate, the equity funding |
| 22 | There | 22 | mponent being calculated by reference to a widely used |
| 23 | calls amounted to a repudiatory | 23 | etho |
| 24 | ag | 24 | ave three reasons why that was so. First: |
| 25 | Subparagraph (viii): | 25 | '... that in May 1993 CCC's funding of Mr Masri |
|  | Pag |  | Page 83 |
| 1 | "However, the counterparty decided to waive those breaches; instead acceded to a suggestion to debit Mr Masri's continuing obligations to a running account together with interest thereon, with a view subsequently to reaching some sort of amicable compromise to bring Mr Masri's interests in both the concession and the projects to an end." <br> So that is the background. That is where you see the running account created. <br> The previous judgment of Mrs Justice Gloster is summarised at paragraphs 12 and 13 relevantly of this judgment. At paragraph 12 she notes: <br> "In paragraph 108 of the earlier judgment I concluded as follows. 'In my judgment the evidence, on proper analysis, shows that although as I have held CCC was entitled to determine the 1992 agreement Mr Khoury never in fact decided to do so. Instead .... he decided to waive Mr Masri's continued failure to pay his cash calls and put up a guarantee and instead to accede to the suggestion ...'" <br> About the running account. <br> Then: <br> "Accordingly, I hold that on the evidence there was no acceptance by CCC of Mr Masri's repudiatory breach of the 1992 agreement in the sense of there being no | 1 |  |
| 2 |  | 2 | mning account, and was therefore dependent upon the |
| 3 |  | 3 | ccess of the concession; and secondly ..." |
| 4 |  | 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Where are you now |
| 5 |  | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: Perhaps my Lord could read paragraph 24, I was |
| 6 |  | 6 | going to read most of it. Paragraph 24 which sets out |
| 7 |  | 7 | $r$ Aldous's submissions about CAPM being the appropriate |
| 8 |  | 8 | e of interest. (Paus |
| 9 |  | 9 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 10 |  | 10 | MR ZACAROLI: I rely particularly on the middle of that |
| 11 |  | 11 | parag |
| 12 |  | 12 | Acording |
| 13 |  | 13 | Mr Aldous] submitted that the proper approach to |
| 14 |  | 14 | erest was to regard the funding of the running |
| 15 |  | 15 | count by CCC as CCC agreeing to 'carry' Mr Masri's |
| 16 |  | 16 | erest in the concession, rather than as a loan to |
| 17 |  | 17 | Mr Masri, with CCC taking the risk of Mr Masri's |
| 18 |  | 18 | participation, without the potential reward of |
| 19 |  | 19 | uccessful investment ... and to calculate the |
| 20 |  | 20 | propriate rate of interest accordingly, based on the |
| 21 |  | 21 | return required for an 'investment' ..." |
| 22 |  | 22 | That is one side of the argumen |
| 23 |  | 23 | First of all the learned judge rejected th |
| 24 |  | 24 | submission at paragraph 26 that it should be regarded as |
| 25 |  | 25 | short-term funding, and for that reason concluded at 27 |
|  |  |  | Page 84 |


|  | that the relevant interest should be calculated on | 1 | the Senior Creditor Group, who are essentially |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | a compound basis as opposed to simple. That is one | 2 | purchasers of other party's debt. As indeed are we, |
| 3 | point, but the important point is the next one. At 28 | 3 | I make no comment about that, that is just a fact of the |
| 4 | she sa | 4 | background. But if your cost of equity is th |
| 5 | 'The real battle between the experts and indeed th | 5 | appropriate measure, then what is actually being said |
| 6 | parties was whether in the circumstances | 6 | here is: |
| 7 | 'investment' or WACC approach incorporating the CAPM | 7 | "We, as a hedge fund, have come into buy this debt |
| 8 | element was the correct one, or whether the borrowing | 8 | off the original counterparties. We want to assert that |
| 9 | rate approach was the correct one. They agreed that if | 9 | it is our cost of equity that is the relevant rate of |
| 10 | an investment approach were the correct approach the | 10 | interest |
| 11 | method should be based on a WACC calculation." | 11 | Of course we say that is wrong because of issue 10, |
| 12 | At 29 she concludes: | 12 | but I will come on to that, but just to understand what |
| 13 | "In my judgment the investment or WACC app | 13 | is going on |
| 14 | corporating the CAPM element would not have been | 14 | As a purchaser they no doubt would have taken an |
| 15 | objectively a reasonable method for CCC and Mr Masri to | 15 | investment decision in which they would have taken |
| 16 | have | 16 | account of the likely return, applying all sorts of |
| 17 | e first reason she gives w | 17 | dels to this asset as opposed to any other assets they |
| 18 | for us, but it is the conclusion that she doesn't agre | 18 | could have entered into, including the opportunity cost |
| 19 | aracterisation of the running account as | 19 | doing this as opposed to something else. They want |
| 20 | involving a freestanding investment decision. At 31 | 20 | to then rely upon that headline number they come up |
| 21 | says | 21 | with, which we are told would be north of 8 per cent, |
| 22 |  | 22 | erwise there is no point in us being here, but |
| 23 | Paragraph 32 is the most important | 23 | bably substantially north of that. They want to rely |
| 24 | read, could my Lord read 32 to himself. (Pause) | 24 | on that as their cost of equity, as their cost of |
| 25 | RR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I have done 32. Page 85 | 25 | funds to charge the defaulting party, LBIE. $\text { Page } 87$ |
| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: | 1 | We say it is a wholly different thing for the |
| 2 | "Third, the experts themselves agreed they had never | 2 | capital cost of the hedge fund's investment decision |
| 3 | come across a situation in which contracting parties had | 3 | be turned around and charged to LBIE under those |
| 4 | been required to agree anything by reference to a CAPM | 4 | circumstances. |
| 5 | calculation." | 5 | Can I just finish this point |
| 6 | other words, they both recogn | 6 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, of course. |
| 7 | a recognised contractual tool for the calculation of | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: The effect is compounded because the hedge |
| 8 | interest rate going forward. We rely upon this case | 8 | , |
| 9 | the proposition I made a moment ago, namely the | 9 | expected returns, based on historic performance. Hedge |
| 10 | complications, the complexities, inherent in identifying | 10 | funds that purchased Lehman debt low, because that was |
| 11 | a cost of funding by reference to CAPM is simply outside | 11 | what happened of course, as debt was distressed value in |
| 12 | we say the reasonable ambit of what the draftsman in | 12 | the early years. Make an enormous profit because it |
| 13 | 1992 or 2002 or 1987 would have had in mind by cost of | 13 | turns out there is a full return on the debt. That |
| 14 | funding the relevant amount, where the purpose is | 14 | profit feeds into the investors' expectations of return |
| 15 | clearly to identify an interest rate for an amount that | 15 | and therefore the problem is compounded because those |
| 16 | is outstanding. It is much more akin to the loan -- or | 16 | great profits are turned around and LBIE is being |
| 17 | it is indeed directly akin to the loan analysis rather | 17 | charged effectively with the profits the hedge fund has |
| 18 | than the investment analysis. | 18 | managed to make on buying the Lehman deb |
| 19 | We say for similar reasons as the learned judge | 19 | I am not criticising any of that as a commercial |
| 20 | applied there, it simply would have been outside the | 20 | atter. What I am saying is that that outcome, we say, |
| 21 | contemplation of the draftsman or any parties to ISDA at | 21 | is a very long way indeed from (a), what would have been |
| 22 | the time they entered into | 22 | in the ISDA draftsman's contemplation when drafting the |
| 23 | In that context it is worth just stepping back and | 23 | agreement and (b), a very long way from identifying an |
| 24 | seeing how this is being deployed in this case. Not by | 24 | propriate proxy or measure for the time value of |
| 25 | Goldman Sachs, who are an original counterparty, but by Page 86 | 25 | money. Therefore for those reasons it is outside the <br> Page 88 |


| 1 | definition. | 1 | My Lord put to me the question this morning do I say |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | My Lord, that is a convenient moment. | 2 | it has a different meaning there. Now, I said yes, |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: 2.00 pm | 3 | use the context is differen |
| 4 | (1.00 pm) | 4 | My Lord, I would like to erase that and replace it |
| 5 | (The short adjournment) | 5 | with the following nuanced answer. The nuanced answer |
| 6 | ( 2.00 pm ) | 6 | his, we are not here to define of course the |
| 7 | MR ZACAROLI: Can I start by rounding off the point I was | 7 | definition of loss or the meaning of cost of funding |
| 8 | making just before the short adjournment about the | 8 | within that definition. There may be all sorts of |
| 9 | inappropriateness of the WACC being used in this | 9 | arguments that could be levied on both sides if one was |
| 10 | context. | 10 | focusing on that clause. |
| 11 | The point is that WACC is appropriate when you are | 11 | My principal response, however, would be this, that |
| 12 | making investment decisions, because you are comparing | 12 | insofar as cost of funding in that definition is |
| 13 | the return on that investment with what other investment | 13 | intended to identify the cost of raising money, then we |
| 14 | you might make and you obviously want to make a greater | 14 | would say its meaning would indeed be informed by the |
| 15 | investment here than you would elsewhere. That has no | 15 | meaning it has elsewhere in the agreement. So to that |
| 16 | relevance in this context because there is no question | 16 | extent it would have the same meaning as cost of funding |
| 17 | of an investment being made in the context | 17 | the relevant amount in the default rate or the other |
| 18 | the default rate, it is the opposite. You have not been | 18 | applicable rates. |
| 19 | paid something you should have been paid. It is a zero | 19 | If we are wrong about that and we don't need to |
| 20 | return. In those contexts what you are doing is going | 20 | determine that question as such, then my answer is that |
| 21 | into the market to replace that which you should have | 21 | I gave this morning. Namely to the extent that it means |
| 22 | already had and the incentive very clearly is to do so | 22 | anything different it is because it is devoid of the |
| 23 | lowest possible cost to y | 23 | ntext which arises in the definition of the various |
| 24 | It | 24 | applicable rates. That context essentially being the |
| 25 | incorporate into the calculation of what you would be Page 89 | 25 | cost of raising money for a period of time to fill a gap Page 91 |
| 1 | paying to replace that sum concepts based upon profit | 1 | caused by the non-payment of the sum, in order to arrive |
| 2 | and return that are inherent in the concept of the WACC. | 2 | at an interest rate. That context puts beyond doubt the |
| 3 | My Lord, those were the principal reasons why from | 3 | question: does it mean anything other than borrowing? |
| 4 | a legal and practical perspective the draftsman did not | 4 | That context is not there, I accept, in the |
| 5 | intend by the use of the words "cost of funding the | 5 | definition of loss, so if it does have a different |
| 6 | relevant amount" to include equity, cost of issuing | 6 | meaning that is the reason, but my first submission |
| 7 | equity. | 7 | would be to reverse what I said this morning, you would |
| 8 | I turn to deal now with arguments that do cover | 8 | expect it to have the same meaning and its meaning would |
| 9 | similar ground, but these are the arguments specifically | 9 | be informed by how it is used elsewhere in the |
| 10 | posed against us by my opponents on the other side of | 10 | ag |
| 11 | the court | 11 | R JUSTICE HILDYARD: Does that lead to a sort of double |
| 12 | The f | 12 | calculation or recovery? |
| 13 | said our construction is contrary to the plain wording. | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: No, it cannot do that. Is my Lord thinking |
| 14 | We have failed to have regard to the plain word | 14 | cause you then -- cost of funding on the loss going |
| 15 | "funding", which it is said we are reading down to mean | 15 | forward? |
| 16 | "borrowing". | 16 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 17 | I am not going to reiterate what I have said | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: It cannot do that, because it is only -- the |
| 18 | already, I hope by what I have said already my Lord | 18 | answer to that is this. The loss must be calculated as |
| 19 | understands our case to be in its context that the | 19 | of the early termination date, which would necessarily |
| 20 | expression clearly denotes borrowing and not more. | 20 | clude any suggestion that you are losing because of |
| 21 | I do, however, want to go back on something I said | 21 | time thereafter. You create the number upon which |
| 22 | this morning when I have gone too far in a concession or | 22 | interest is payable at the applicable rate going |
| 23 | a submission I made, on reflection. This is in the | 23 | rward, under the defined terms. No, no question of |
| 24 | context of the meaning of cost of funding in the loss | 24 | double-counting. |
| 25 | definition. | 25 | My Lord, there is another nuance here, which is that |
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| 1 | a point picked up by my learned friend Mr Foxton, unpaid | 1 | reasonable belief of the party making the determination |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | amounts, that is the definition unpaid amounts, includes | 2 | produce a commercially reasonable result." |
| 3 | interest from the date it wasn't paid to the early | 3 | In that context you get both loss and you still add |
| 4 | termination date. | 4 | in the unpaid amounts, because that is part of the |
| 5 | The definition of loss, if you are claiming loss as | 5 | settlement amount which is only half of the amount |
| 6 | opposed to market quotation, there is no addition of | 6 | payable under second method and market quotation. When |
| 7 | unpaid amounts. If you are claiming on the basis of the | 7 | you then look at loss, the definition of loss has to |
| 8 | market quotation that your claim is made up of two | 8 | exclude this provision about losses caused by |
| 9 | things, the settlement amount, which is based on the | 9 | non-payment of the earlier amounts where loss is |
| 10 | quotation, plus the average or the difference between | 10 | applicable because it is coming in as a default from |
| 11 | unpaid amounts either way. That second component is | 11 | market quotation. |
| 12 | missing in the calculation of loss. It is just your | 12 | That is a point of detail that is not particularly |
| 13 | loss. | 13 | levant to my argument, but I thought my Lord should |
| 14 | The loss definition includes words which make it | 14 | just see that, it is an example where double-counting is |
| 15 | clear that your loss includes any loss arising, because | 15 | specifically excluded |
| 16 | of the non-payment or nondelivery of an obligation that | 16 | We say that really my Lord gains no assistance |
| 17 | arose prior to the early termination date. That is part | 17 | either way from the fact that unpaid amounts, the |
| 18 | of the definition of unpaid amount, what was not paid | 18 | concept of previous payments that were not made, is |
| 19 | earlier. | 19 | dealt with wholly differently under the loss |
| 20 | What the definition of loss says is rather than | 20 | culation, than it is under market quotation. It is |
| 21 | having separate calculation for it, it is all wrapped up | 21 | just matter of mechanics. |
| 22 | in this broad explanation of what loss constitutes | 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Then it is all squeezed out in 2002, |
| 23 | There cannot be double-counting there, because | 23 | because you no longer have that default? |
| 24 | perhaps I will just pick up the definition. If my Lord | 24 | MR ZACAROLI: Exactly, yes. |
| 25 | takes up the definition of "loss", page 161 of the core Page 93 | 25 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Sorry, "default" is a bad word to use Page 95 |
| 1 | bundle, tab 7, just below halfway through | 1 | alte |
| 2 | definition: | 2 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 3 | "Loss includes losses and costs or gains in respect | 3 | That is the point of correction I wish to make to |
| 4 | of any payment or delivery required to have been made | 4 | my Lord on this morning's submissions. |
| 5 | assuming satisfaction of each applicable condition | 5 | There was another point just to go back on. It was |
| 6 | precedent on or before the relevant early termination | 6 | point I made to my Lord that asking what else the |
| 7 | date and not made except so as to avoid duplication if | 7 | draftsman might have used in place of the words he did |
| 8 | section 6(e)(i)(1), or (3) or 6(e)(ii)(2)(a) applies." | 8 | use, is not a helpful approach to construction. What |
| 9 | What those exceptions deal with is the case where | 9 | I had in mind then was a passage in |
| 10 | you claim loss because you have defaulted to it from | 10 | Lord Justice Lewison's book on the interpretation of |
| 11 | market quotation. | 11 | contracts. I hope my Lord has been handed a copy of |
| 12 | I don't know if my Lord has been made aware of this | 12 | that, or is about to be if not. (Handed) |
| 13 | particular aspect of the agreement, but if your claim is | 13 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: One second. (Pause) |
| 14 | based upon market quotation, then let's just follow it | 14 | Yes, thanks. |
| 15 | through, under section 6(e). If we pick up for example | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Paragraph 2.13, the heading is "Why not say |
| 16 | $6(e)(i)(3)$, the second method of market quotation, if | 16 | it?" The black bold text is: |
| 17 | that applies then your claim is equal to the sum of the | 17 | "Since almost any dispute about the interpretation |
| 18 | settlement amount plus the balance of the unpaid | 18 | of a contract involves rival meanings, it is seldom |
| 19 | amounts. | 19 | helpful to ask why the parties did not adopt one of |
| 20 | The settlement amount is itself defined on page 162, | 20 | those rival meanings in their contract." |
| 21 | the bottom of the page: | 21 | The author says: |
| 22 | "Settlement amount is the termination currency | 22 | "One question which is frequently posed for forensic |
| 23 | equivalent of the market quotations and (b), such | 23 | effect is to ask: |
| 24 | party's loss [capital L] for each transaction for which | 24 | "If the parties meant that, why did they not say |
| 25 | a quotation cannot be determined or would not in the | 25 | it?" |
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| 1 | My Lord will remember that there was a case put forward | 1 | There are two points in response to this. The first |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | at an earlier stage, and we dealt with this in our | 2 | is a more technical one, namely what is admissible |
| 3 | skeleton because we weren't entirely clear what place it | 3 | background for the purposes of construing the |
| 4 | was left, if at all in my learned friend's argument, but | 4 | master agreement. We do adopt what appeared in the |
| 5 | the case was you look at the nature of the asset, and | 5 | joint administrators' skeleton on this, the point they |
| 6 | the cost of funding is all to do with the riskiness of | 6 | took, based upon the decision of Mr Justice Briggs in |
| 7 | the particular asset | 7 | LBSF v Carlton, that the facts concerning banks' |
| 8 | That has gone, but the second basis in the McKee | 8 | regulatory capital requirements are not admissible |
| 9 | argument remains, which is actually built on the first, | 9 | background for the purposes of construing an agreement |
| 10 | it is not just the asset, it is all of your assets. | 10 | that is intended for use amongst people other than |
| 11 | The witness statement is to be found at bundle 2, | 11 | banks. |
| 12 | tab 5. | 12 | Can I remind my Lord of the two key paragraphs in |
| 13 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: This isn't his third witness | 13 | that decision which explain why. The decision is at the |
| 14 | statement? | 14 | authorities bundle 2, tab 46. |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, it is. | 15 | The passage begins at paragraph 24 , where the |
| 16 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Is it in the core bundle? | 16 | learned judge is asked to make an assumption or has made |
| 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, it is. It is the one I am looking at. | 17 | an assumption about if 2(a)(iii) were regarded as a walk |
| 18 | It is the wrong reference, it was in fact tab 4. | 18 | away clause it would give problems to banks from |
| 19 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: My note is that the second basis | 19 | a regulatory capital perspective. Then paragraphs 25 |
| 20 | calculation, that is still relied on? | 20 | d 26 are the key paragraphs. (Pause) |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, yes. | 21 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Were you arguing against or for this |
| 22 | If my Lord has the document, | 22 | in |
| 23 | I have marked up but if you look at paragraph 18 of the | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: I wasn't in this case. |
| 24 | document, it is headed "second basis of calculation". | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Weren't you? Oh, no. It is Firth |
| 25 | Page 49 of the core. Could my Lord just read Page 101 | 25 | Rixson. Page 103 |
| 1 | paragraphs 18 and 19. (Pause) | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. He is remembering a comment I had made |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 2 | t cas |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: It is very clear, it is a theory based upon | 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That is very flattering. |
| 4 | what it costs to fund all of your assets | 4 | MR ZACAROLI: I think a point he rejecte |
| 5 | It is of course not suggested by either the Senior | 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I cannot remember what level of detai |
| 6 | Creditor Group or Goldman Sachs that cost of funds has | 6 | the regulatory requirements was sought to be included |
| 7 | such a known notorious or invariable meaning in any | 7 | as part of the factual matrix. |
| 8 | particular market that that is the meaning that has to | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: That appeared in expert evidence the court had |
| 9 | be incorporated into the master agreement. That is | 9 | mitted, which is referred to on the previous page, |
| 10 | absolutely not what they are saying, there is no | 10 | aragraph 20 |
| 11 | suggestion of that. | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, 19 and 20. |
| 12 | They have simply, we say, lifted the phrase out of | 12 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, yes. |
| 13 | its context and identified that it is a phrase which has | 13 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Your point is that Mr Justice Briggs |
| 14 | a known meaning in other contexts, ie what is your cost | 14 | appears to wave that away, not on the basis of the |
| 15 | of capital for business reasons, and tried to | 15 | particular nuances or detail but simply on the basis |
| 16 | incorporate that meaning we say by an impermissible leap | 16 | that the document is addressed not to the bank but to |
| 17 | between construction and what happens in the corporate | 17 | e customer and the customer is not to be supposed to |
| 18 | finance world. | 18 | be bothered by regulatory requirements affecting the |
| 19 | as going to deal with in terms of | 19 | non-addressee? |
| 20 | response to submissions made against us is the reliance | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, yes. |
| 21 | by both the Senior Creditor Group and Goldman Sachs on | 21 | The point that was made against us was -- I am |
| 22 | the fact that banks are major ISDA users, and that banks | 22 | reminded to show my Lord paragraph 28, which reinforces |
| 23 | have regulatory capital requirements means the default | 23 | the point. |
| 24 | rate must have been intended to include the cost of | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Because if you did this |
| 25 | raising equity funding. | 25 | Mr Justice Briggs thought you would, as it were, be |
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| 1 | peering into the mindset of one of the parties rather | 1 | circumstances, so what? Because the question here is |
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| 2 | than using a matrix of fact for proper purposes. | 2 | not how they fund themselves, but how they could go out |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, what was said against us on this point | 3 | to transact to raise the amount. |
| 4 | was in essence that this is an issue which is of less | 4 | Linked to this at paragraph 47 of the skeleton |
| 5 | concern to a court where the attempt is to expand the | 5 | argument, Goldman Sachs relies on the fact that a bank |
| 6 | scope of the clause as opposed to limit the scope of the | 6 | may, as a result of the default itself, have to raise |
| 7 | clause, a point my learned friend Mr Foxton made | 7 | equity. We suggest, I think it is probably common |
| 8 | We say that is not right. The question is what does | 8 | ground, that it is highly unlikely that the entity would |
| 9 | the clause mean. An expansive construction of the | 9 | need to raise equity to fund the relevant amount. |
| 10 | clause has the potential for disadvantaging a counter | 10 | Certainly in the run-of-the-mill cases in which the ISDA |
| 11 | party, a nonbank counterparty. It is the fact that | 11 | master agreement is operating, the only times it might |
| 12 | there is a potential for disadvantage in the clause, | 12 | do is in an extreme case like this where a particular |
| 13 | the reading of the clause, which suggests why that party | 13 | unterparty has an enormous exposure to Lehmans, which |
| 14 | should not be stuck with that disadvantage through | 14 | is not going to get paid for many years. These are |
| 15 | a factual matrix not known to it, or through reliance on | 15 | the excep |
| 16 | facts n | 16 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think Mr Foxton said maybe, mayb¢ |
| 17 | Limit or expand is irrelevant. The question is just | 17 | not to that, it is perfectly possible that it could, and |
| 18 | what is the meaning, because if the meaning is X it | 18 | cular factual circumstances which did as |
| 19 | could work to our disadvantage, or a party | 19 | matter of fact arise, it is and so |
| 20 | disadvantage, and in those circumstances it shouldn't be | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: We take issue with that proposition and we say |
| 21 | arrived at through a process of construction relying | 21 | that that submission would be correct if one is using |
| 22 | upon what was known only to one of the parties. | 22 | default in a completely different sense. Banks did go |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Does that go any further than saying | 23 | out and raise capital, substantial sums of capital, |
| 24 | that the absolu | 24 | immediately in the aftermath of the Lehmans' collapse. |
| 25 | referred to is absolutely anything which would be known | 25 | It may be that that was as a consequence of the Lehman |
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| 1 | to the addressee and | 1 | default in the sense of Lehmans' collapse, but the |
| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: | 2 | suggestion that that follows from that, the completely |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is no more than that | 3 | different proposition that a counterparty who was |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: | 4 | required to raise the relevant amount or identify the |
| 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: At that stage you are not wondering | 5 | cost to it if it were to raise the relevant amount, |
| 6 | what it means, you are wonderin | 6 | would say actually for that relevant amount, because |
| 7 | determine what it means. | 7 | I need to raise it I would go and issue equity, is |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, indeed. I would say it comes to the same | 8 | completely different. |
| 9 | thing, that you are relying upon something inadmissible | 9 | conflating the concepts of default we accept that |
| 10 | to determine its meaning, a meaning which would | 10 | there may well have been counterparties raising funds in |
| 11 | prejudice a person who wasn't privy to that. | 11 | that context, but not in order to fund the relevant |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 12 | amount. |
| 13 | MR ZACAROLI: That is the sort of technical point, b | 13 | We also don't accept the prior premise, which is |
| 14 | actually our main response to this is it involves the | 14 | that the fact that banks went out to raise funds in |
| 15 | non sequitur that I have already been dealin | 15 | October and November, and September maybe, 2008, was |
| 16 | namely the mere fact that banks, let's assume everybody | 16 | a consequence of Lehmans' default. Lehmans' default was |
| 17 | did know about it. The mere fact that banks fund | 17 | a consequence of a much wider financial crisis. It may |
| 18 | themselves through a variety of instruments and variety | 18 | self have been a proximate cause of some other things, |
| 19 | of sources is irrelevant to the question of what it | 19 | ut it was also itself caused by the financial state at |
| 20 | would cost that entity or any entity to go into the | 20 | the time. My Lord well knows that the credit crunch |
| 21 | market | 21 | began before September 2008, it was already well under |
| 22 | By definition the fact that banks are required to | 22 | way. So to say that every bank's raising of capital, |
| 23 | maintain a particular ratio of equity and debt is doubly | 23 | even Goldman Sachs' raising of capital was only as |
| 24 | irrelevant, because that just explains why it is that | 24 | a response to Lehmans' default would be too simplistic. |
| 25 | they would particularly need to raise equity in certain | 25 | However, I accept there is no evidence either way on |
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|  | that, so it is speculation. But one certainly cannot | 1 | to 1 or 2 per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | make that presumption. | 2 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: My memory is going, Goldman Sachs |
| 3 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: There is a difference between the | 3 | ced quite a lot of their shares, or whatever they are |
| 4 | occasion and the cause, as I prematurely said this | 4 | lled, with Berkshire Hathaway, or is that a different |
| 5 | morning | 5 | institution, am I getting confused |
| 6 | MR ZACAROLI: | 6 | MR ZACAROLI: I am not entirely sure, it is not the entity |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is possible that because it all | 7 | elf which placed the equity, it is a parent entity |
| 8 | happened at once in a frightening sort of way, that the | 8 | aced the equity. It is also a parent entity |
| 9 | oblems under these agreements, and the problems more | 9 | sed the borrowing. It is not the entity |
| 10 | nerally, were the occasion for raising equity funding, | 10 | itself, I don't take a point about that. |
| 11 | being the only means of doing so in a difficult | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: No, I am sorry I can't remember |
| 12 | dit environment. It doesn't mean that it was the | 12 | he |
| 13 | use of that | 13 | MR FOXTON: The preferred equity was taken up by |
| 14 | MR ZACAROLI: | 14 | erksh |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: -- or | 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That was the placing documentation yo |
| 16 | was or | 16 | showed me? |
| 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Indeed, but on any view, whatever that wider | 17 | MR FOXTON: |
| 18 | cause was, it is not going to have been in anything | 18 | MR ZACAROLI: It would be really fanciful to suggest that |
| 19 | other than the most extreme case. The fact that | 19 | at raising of capital, and/or debt, in such enormous |
| 20 | a particular sum owed by a defaulting bank had not been | 20 | ms , was the consequence of not being paid the |
| 21 | pai | 21 | efaulted sum, no more than tens of millions of pounds |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I don't know -- the draftsman might | 22 | der the ISDA master agreement. It is a perfect |
| 23 | have been a particularly pessimistic sort, I don't know. | 23 | xample of there being no possible realistic connection |
| 24 | He might have contemplated that possibility, I think | 24 | between the single default here and the need to rais |
| 25 | that is the point that is left open. | 25 | equity or the need to go out and borrow such large sums. |
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| 1 | MR ZACAROLI: We would suggest it is simply too extreme ar example to play any part in the construction of the clause. | 1 | It illustrates the point that that is responsive to |
|  |  | 2 | fault in the much wider sense than we are concerned |
| 3 |  | 3 | with under the definition of the default rate. |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 4 | my Lord has Mr Weber's evidence, it is bundle 2, |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: What Goldman Sachs itself did is a good illustration of this. | 5 | tab 6. This point is a further -- I am responding now |
| 6 |  | 6 | to Mr Foxton's point that it would cause consternation |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 7 | among commercial parties if they discovered they could |
| 8 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord probably has this point from our skeleton. I make this point by way of illustration. | 8 | not use cost of equity in certifying a default rat |
| 9 |  | 9 | under the master agreement or a rate of interest under |
| 10 | Mr Weber's evidence, bundle 2, tab 6 or it will be | 10 | the master agreement. |
| 11 | in the core as well, no doubt if I can find it, but we | 11 | make this point only in response to that, to note, |
| 12 | needn't turn it up unless my Lord wants to see it. | 12 | as Mr Weber points out, that Goldmans have submitted |
| 13 | The point is this, Goldmans was owed under a single | 13 | a claim and we are told that the claim they will submit |
| 14 | ISDA master agreement a certain sum of money. I think | 14 | is going to be 10 per cent, in the order of that, or |
| 15 | we have said it is GBP 36 million in our skeleton, and | 15 | more, based on costs of equity no doubt, they have in |
| 16 | I don't think any particular response has been received, | 16 | fact -- |
| 17 | it is tens of millions, anyway. Its particular exposure | 17 | MR FOXTON: On that point, it may matter more to others |
| 18 | to Lehmans under the ISDA master agreement was that sum. | 18 | outside this courtroom, the figures that I gave |
| 19 | What it in fact did, according to its evidence, was to | 19 | your Lordship yesterday were by reference to simple |
| 20 | go out into the market around that time, so after the | 20 | interest figures, in terms of compound I think they have |
| 21 | Lehmans' collapse, and raise billions in equity. It | 21 | equivalent to a range of 6.8-11 per cent, and we are |
| 22 | also borrowed billions at extremely low rates of | 22 | going to be in the lower part of that range. |
| 23 | interest from the Federal Reserve. | 23 | That was more to correct something I had said |
| 24 | There are two different types of raising of money. | 24 | yesterday than anything that my learned friend was |
| 25 | The rates of interest ranged from less than 1 per cent | 25 | saying, but now seemed an appropriate time. |
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That is all the judge was deciding. an insolvent relevant payee, one in an insolvency an issue which we are needing to address in these would approach the certificate of a default rate by a party in liquidation. It is not an issue for today, to discuss here and explain -- of course the rate of of its own. although this time in their skeleton, but I will deal with it in case it is come back to. Paragraphs 39 and it is the skeleton bundle 3, tab 4, paragraphs 39 and 40. in Sempra Metals. (Pause)
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.
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MR ZACAROLI: What is said is that you can look at the common law to illuminate the understanding of the words in the master agreement. We accept that of course. The common law relied upon is a statement which says:
"If you are claiming damages for late payment it could be in one of three ways: (1), based on the cost of borrowing that money; (2), based on the lost opportunity of not having had the money and the profits you could have made or; (3), some other loss flowing from the non-payment."

The draftsman of the master agreement has identified a contractual remedy which adopts the first of those very expressly and only the first of those.

For reasons which I have already explained earlier on, we say that the appropriate common law reference or light that illuminates this question is the approach taken in Tate \& Lyle by Mr Justice Forbes.

Then while we are in this skeleton, just a quick reference to paragraph 34.3. I am referring simply to the point made in 34.3, but also made in a number of other places by the Senior Creditor Group but it is an appropriate point to point it out. At the bottom of page 16 of the skeleton, the last line:
"As Judge Chapman noted in Lehman Brothers v Intel Corporation in the context of the definition of loss Page 115

It is also worth noting however that where you have process, that raises particular problems of its own, not proceedings, we are not here concerned with how you but there are issues there which go beyond what we need interest was very high, because you are talking about an insolvent entity, whether that was right or wrong is for another day. It is not a matter that my Lord needs to be concerned with, but it does raise specific problems

Another point made against us by Goldman Sachs, 40 of their skeleton, could my Lord please turn that up,

Could my Lord please read those two paragraphs. It is there they quote the decision of the House of Lords

| 1 | Moreover, interest is the same, the definition of | 1 | f analysing the requirement for the definition, we |
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| 2 | interest or the components of the applicable rate ar | 2 | , and I will provide the answer to that, but |
| 3 | the same throughout the master agreement irrespective of | 3 | my Lord has what we say are the critical elements. |
| 4 | the transaction which underlies the agreement. The | 4 | example given by Goldman Sachs was the |
| 5 | nature of the transaction is irrelevant. It doesn' | 5 | ence shares that were in fact issued. They can be |
| 6 | matter that there could be all sorts of different type | 6 | , |
| 7 | of transactions, because | 7 | is is one where we do have at least the bare |
| 8 | the stage where there is a sum of money owing by one to | 8 | es of the provision, we have not seen the instrument |
| 9 | th | 9 | can see from the bare bones of this |
| 10 | incurred by a party in replac | 10 | instrument, that first of all, as my |
| 11 | I turn now then t | 11 | ned friend candidly accepted, the dividends are only |
| 12 | instruments, because our case is that the core qualities | 12 | payable if declared by the company's board of directors, |
| 13 | of equity mean that it simply plays no role in the | 13 | so they are subject to all of the restrictions on |
| 14 | calculation of the default rate. What is said is that | 14 | declaration of dividends. The return in terms of the |
| 15 | entities fund themselves through a mixture | 15 | rice, cost, if that be it, for the equity, is subject |
| 16 | instruments, some equity, some debt, some hybrid | 16 | to that requirement. |
| 17 | I can deal with this quite shortly, I think. For | 17 | You will see from the last sentence of the second |
| 18 | the reasons we have already developed as a matt | 18 | ragraph, the paragraph that begins dividends on the |
| 19 | definition, the cost of funding requires to you look | 19 | referred stock. At the very en |
| 20 | w the relevant amount in the | 20 | The preferred stock has no maturity date and will |
| 21 | market. The fact that entities fund themselves through | 21 | senior to the outstanding common stock and pari |
| 22 | a variety of instruments is irrelevant to that que | 22 | ssu with other outstanding series of preferred stock, |
| 23 | The core question is that the payments which the entit | 23 | espect to payments of dividends and distributions |
| 24 | is required to make, in consideration for the funding, | 24 | in liquidation." |
| 25 | correspond to payments in consideration for having the Page 117 | 25 | It doesn't have the feature of borrowing that the Page 119 |
| 1 | benefit of that money for a time | 1 | some |
| 2 | requirements of borrowing, to go back on what I have | 2 | poin |
| 3 | said before. | 3 | the |
| 4 | If they do, then they fulfil the requirements of the | 4 | raising of capital by preferred shares in or outside the |
| 5 | definition and they can be relied upon. If they don't, | 5 | definition? We would say the answer is very clearly |
| 6 | they cannot | 6 | tsid |
| 7 | If you identify | 7 | requirements of the definition |
| 8 | consideration for entering into a hybrid instrumen | 8 | My Lord, whatever words the draftsman had used |
| 9 | which does not by definition, because it is hybrid, | 9 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, sorry, I am wondering about the |
| 10 | fulfil the description of the definition, you cannot | 10 | turity date. I mean you could have preference shares |
| 11 | rely upon it. We made the point in our skeleton you | 11 | which fell in in the sense of being called on at |
| 12 | might be able to disentangle bits of cost, actually | 12 | fferen |
| 13 | I think the better point is that cost is simply not one | 13 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, you could |
| 14 | you can rely upon, because it doesn't relate to | 14 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You would say maturity date wasn't a |
| 15 | a payment for the time value of money. | 15 | ropriate phrase, that it is a redemption date or |
| 16 | We don't have before us every conceivable type of | 16 | what? |
| 17 | instrument through which an entity could choose to go | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, you can have preference shares which are |
| 18 | out into the market and raise the relevant sum -- it | 18 | date |
| 19 | would be a terrible hearing if we did -- but in every | 19 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: At the election of the holder for |
| 20 | case it will be a question of construction and there | 20 | example or at the election of the company or both, |
| 21 | will be matters, transactions at the borders, as in any | 21 | either of them? |
| 22 | case, as to whether a particular transaction fulfils the | 22 | MR ZACAROLI: This one is the company's election in fact, |
| 23 | necessary requirements of the definition. | 23 | - |
| 24 | I will come on later to the questions the joint | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am not sure how much to read into |
| 25 | administrators have asked in case that is a helpful way Page 118 | 25 | what you are saying. Are you saying that a provision <br> Page 120 |

for a redemption at whoever's election in the case of
a preference share is not a maturity date and it doesn't operate in the same way as a debt?
MR ZACAROLI: We say it doesn't operate in the same way as debt, because it is still subject to the requirement to be payable out of profits.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, but that could be equated to a limited recourse?
MR ZACAROLI: Yes, it could, my Lord. As I say, at the edges there may be instruments which have some similarities with what is at the core of the definition.

It may be difficult to determine whether they are inside or outside of the line. If I structured a debt or a borrowing on the basis that there was limited recourse, the reality here, my Lord, is that that is -assuming it is within the definition of borrowing, it is highly unlikely to be one which I can sensibly rely upon given the requirement of what I would have to pay if I were to go out and raise the funds, because the cost of doing so is likely to be significantly greater than if you were to offer all of her assets by way of recourse.

When one gets within the outer corners, it may be academic because actually it is something that in the real world could never be relied upon, but the fact that Page 121
there may be difficult questions at the borders is not a reason to shy away from identifying what is at the core of the definition.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am sorry, I am just trying to organise my mind. At the core really is participation, isn't it?
MR ZACAROLI: The core of?
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Of a share.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That is the single thing which is not present in what one would ordinarily call a borrowing?
MR ZACAROLI: Yes.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It doesn't sometimes look as if you
are taking much of a punt on the commercial activities of the company, in the sense you have a variable return according to it, save that you are (a), dependent on the declaration, as you have explained to me, and (b), it is the sort of characteristic of a share that you have some participation in the adventure.
MR ZACAROLI: Yes, and therefore to flip that on its head the cost, in inverted commas, for the moment of the company of that investment or that --
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Is keeping the participants sweet?
MR ZACAROLI: Yes, and it is not relevant or is not by
reference to the time you have that money in your hands
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to use. It is not a payment by reference to the time.
It goes back to two fundamental features of borrowing and equity.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, yes.
MR ZACAROLI: I was going on to say, my Lord, that whateve words a draftsman uses in a contract there is scope -given the ingenuity of parties and their legal advisers -- to argue about what they mean. One point made against us was that we are here raising questions of construction, which surely the draftsman would never have intended to be raised. Unfortunately it is beyond the draftsman's remit to prevent questions of construction over the words he or she uses.

Yes, the ISDA master agreement uses the phrase
"borrowed funds" in a completely different context.
There will be arguments there about what borrowed funds means in various context, there could well be arguments about instruments that look like borrowing but aren't or have most of the features, but maybe not some. There will always be scope for argument about the meaning of words and also about, given the variety of instruments that can be dreamt up, whether they fit within or without the definition.

That doesn't mean the court is not able to define
a term like "cost of funding the relevant amount", based Page 123
upon what the terms of that expression require as core elements within that definition.

With that, can I turn to the administrators' series of questions. It is best picked up in their skeleton, which is at bundle 3 , tab 1 .
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: Page 19, paragraph 65.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.
MR ZACAROLI: I just simply propose to run through these and I hope that the reason for the answer that I will give is clear from the submissions I have made so far, but if not I can hopefully clarify.

The first question is: whether the relevant cost must involve the incurring of an obligation, whether actual or hypothetical, to pay a sum of money?
To which we say the answer is yes. The cost is the price to be paid in exchange for the borrowing. It is the funding, to use a neutral term for the moment.

Question 2 must that obligation be incurred when obtaining the funding and as part of the bargain?

The answer follows from the answer to the first, it is part of the bargain for the transaction, so yes.

The third question: is it a cost if what is incurred is a discretionary obligation?

We say no. If I am offered funding on terms that Page 124

| 1 | I may or may not pay for it, then that is not a cos | 1 | ion |
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| 2 | Two reasons, I suppose, (1), it is simply not part of | 2 | inal one, whether it includes only the lowe |
| 3 | the price. Secondly, it wouldn't represent the amoun | 3 | e would suggest, mischaracterises the |
| 4 | I have | 4 | point. |
| 5 | The same answer therefore follows to question 4, | 5 | MR |
| 6 | the amount is discretionary, again no, not a cost. | 6 | MR ZACAROLI: It is the have to pay point, yes. I have made |
| 7 | there were a lowest amount I had to pay then maybe that | 7 | ur case on tha |
| 8 | would be, but the amount is completely discretionary | 8 | There is then the administrators' addition |
| 9 | the | 9 | ntit |
| 10 | f | 10 | borrow? |
| 11 | fu | 11 | They have raised this issue in their skeleton |
| 12 | shortfall caused by non-payment or whether it can be the | 12 | argument. Our principal response to this is that it is |
| 13 | cost of funding some other amount or other w | 13 | a question which need not be answered by the court |
| 14 | pu | 14 | the moment, because there isn't any evidence of |
| 15 | ne | 15 | unterparty |
| 16 | briefly. It touches on a discussion my Lord was having | 16 | isen. It may be dangerous to |
| 17 | w | 17 | as |
| 18 | wording of the definition very clearly requires an | 18 | not been identified as one which needs answering. |
| 19 | a | 19 | R JUSTICE HILDYARD: Where is the question |
| 20 | amount required to replenish your assets generally | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: I have not made a note, let me just find it. |
| 21 | fund yourself generally. The cost here is very | 21 |  |
| 22 | deliberate | 22 | I am hearing it might be in their position paper, in |
| 23 | hy | 23 |  |
| 24 | Just to expand on that, | 24 | told it is paragraph 52 of their |
| 25 | that because an entity in fact Page 125 | 25 | eleton, I am grateful for that. I had not made a note Page 127 |
| 1 | let's say GBP 500 million, in circumstances where it was | 1 | of where it was, I am sorry. |
| 2 | owed GBP 100 million. It doesn't mean that that | 2 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes |
| 3 | borrowing is irrelevant to the question. The question | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: That is the question. As I say, we would |
| 4 |  | 4 | rst of all submit that it may be dangerous to answer |
| 5 | in the Sal Oppenheim v LBF case, it may be that that | 5 | it without knowing what the circumstances underlying it |
| 6 | ability to draw on a facility of that amount is evidence | 6 | re |
| 7 | of what it would cost you if you were to go out and | 7 | t also that there may be different answers depending |
| 8 | borrow the relevant amount. We don't say that you cannot certify a cost of funding merely because you have | 8 | upon what reason is give for the relevant payee being |
| 9 |  | 9 | unable to borrow |
| 10 | gone out and borrowed a much greater amount. That | 10 | all deal with what we say is anothe |
| 11 | clearly can be relied upon as evidence of what it would | 11 | ischaracterisation of our case here. It was suggested |
| 12 | cost if you had gone out to borrow the relevant amount, | 12 | by my learned friend Mr Dicker that we have taken the |
| 13 | but the question must always be focused on what it would | 13 | position in correspondence that in an extreme case where |
| 14 | cost to fund the relevant amount | 14 | ere was no ability to raise money by borrowing, then |
| 15 | Clearly cost of raising equity to address an | 15 | evant payee could resort to the cost of equity. My |
| 16 | inadequate capital ratio is not allowed. | 16 | , to clarify for yet another time -- we have done |
| 17 | The sixth question, whether the cost of funding | 17 | s in correspondence and our skeleton -- what we said |
| 18 | includes any loss of profits or consequential losses | 18 | that correspondence, what we were asked to do in that |
| 19 | resulting from the non-payment of the relevant amount, | 19 | rrespondence is to confirm our position that as |
| 20 | my Lord will know our answer to that is no for the | 20 | matter of construction the default rate was limited to |
| 21 | reasons I have given at length already. | 21 | rrowing. The letter from my solicitors, I think it |
| 22 | Similarly question 7 , whether it includes the | 22 | as in June this year, gave that confirmation |
| 23 | professional or arrangement fees incurred. | 23 | went on to say if we are wrong about that it |
| 24 | No, it doesn't for the reasons that we have given. | 24 | ent be an extreme case where it would be |
| 25 | They are outside the concept of price of the | 25 | rational or in good faith for a relevant payee to rely |
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|  | upon its costs of raising equity. That was clearly | 1 | To take the example of a person that no one will |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | a fall back position in the sense that if we are wrong | 2 | lend to or an entity that no one will lend to because |
| 3 | as matter of construction, it wasn't relevant to | 3 | they are of such bad credit risk that they simply won't |
| 4 | construction. We do not suggest and have not suggested | 4 | touch them. We would suggest the problem here is a much |
| 5 | that cost of equity comes into play at all in the | 5 | broader one than trying to determine whether the clause |
| 6 | definitional context. | 6 | is limited to borrowing or equity. The reality is that |
| 7 | Turning to the reason why it may be difficult to | 7 | with someone in that position no one will advance money |
| 8 | answer this question in the abstract, let's just take | 8 | to them at all, whether it be for lending or equity. |
| 9 | two different possibilities. | 9 | Indeed, if you are willing to lend equity or advance |
| 10 | The first is that the relevant payee cannot borrow | 10 | equity you are taking a higher risk on that entity. If |
| 11 | because it is precluded from doing so at that time | 11 | you are willing to do that, why wouldn't you be willing |
| 12 | because of particular regulatory requirements about | 12 | to lend? It is actually a much broader problem and |
| 13 | capital ratios. Another example might be if it cannot | 13 | serves absolutely no useful purpose in considering that |
| 14 | borrow because commercially no one will lend to it. Two | 14 | problem to determine whether our definition is correct |
| 15 | different situations. | 15 | or not. |
| 16 | Dealing with the first situation, we say the fact | 16 | Again, we would say that we have offered two |
| 17 | that you have reached the limits of borrowing, i | 17 | potential answers. The first answer is one the joint |
| 18 | accordance with regulatory requirements to do with | 18 | administrators themselves have suggested to this |
| 19 | ratios, does not mean that you cannot borrow. It just | 19 | question, which they put forward at paragraph 25, |
| 20 | means you have to sort your ratios out first, and | 20 | subparagraph 4 of their position paper limited to issues |
| 21 | "sorting your ratios out", to use that rather loose | 21 | 11-13, volume 1 , tab 17 , page 413. What they say is in |
| 22 | phrase, can be done in a number of ways. | 22 | such a situation, if you cannot borrow you have no |
| 23 | Yes, one reaction might be to raise capital, but | 23 | funding costs and therefore the default rate is zero |
| 24 | there are other ways in which you can deal with the | 24 | plus 1 per cent, ie the spread. |
| 25 | problem. | 25 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I mean most of the questions they ask |
|  | Page 129 |  | Page 131 |
| 1 | It is not me just saying that. That | 1 | are designed to test rival contentions. This one |
| 2 | explained by Mr Ben Cohen in an article which | 2 | appears to be more a question of a possible hypothetical |
| 3 | Goldman Sachs have inserted in bundle AB4A, at tab 136. | 3 | event. |
| 4 | Within that article it is pages 26 to 27. On page 26, | 4 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 5 | in the middle of the page, a sub-heading "Channels of | 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It doesn't seem to, at present |
| 6 | adjustment". There are there set out four ways in which | 6 | advised, until redirected, doesn't immediately cast |
| 7 | a bank can seek to correct a capital ratio problem. | 7 | light on one or other of the proposed solutions? |
| 8 | Could my Lord just read to the bottom of the page | 8 | MR ZACAROLI: No, for the reason I have just given we would |
| 9 | and the second small paragraph at the top of the next | 9 | certainly say that is a correct analysis. We have |
| 10 | page. (Pause) | 10 | obviously not heard my learned friends on this yet, it |
| 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 11 | may be that I will need to reply to them if they deal |
| 12 | MR ZACAROLI: There are a number of things that a bank could | 12 | with. They didn't choose to deal with this question. |
| 13 | do. It is not that it cannot borrow, | 13 | Our primary position is you don't need to deal with |
| 14 | take certain steps to correct the rest of its position | 14 | it, it doesn't cast light and it is a hypothetical |
| 15 | before it can do so. The language of the definition is | 15 | position that has not so far arisen. As I say, the |
| 16 | capable of dealing with that by reference to the | 16 | other answer we suggest is that since the default rate |
| 17 | hypothetical. A bank may choose not to borrow for | 17 | definition incorporates within it an assumption that if |
| 18 | a variety of reasons, in which case it clearly is | 18 | you don't borrow you could have done, the assumption is |
| 19 | looking at the hypothetical. It may be temporarily | 19 | there, that if the assumed position simply doesn't exist |
| 20 | precluded from doing so because of capital ratio issues, | 20 | then you can fall back to what would have been the |
| 21 | in which case you look at the hypothetical. | 21 | position if that assumption had been correct, so you |
| 22 | There are ways around that problem which the clause | 22 | could have gone and borrowed in the market. In other |
| 23 | itself identifies, which we would suggest is at least | 23 | words, remove the disability which it is assumed you |
| 24 | one possible answer to the question if it needs to be | 24 | don't have. It is one approach, but the right answer |
| 25 | answered. | 25 | may depend upon the circumstances in which you are |
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| 1 | unable to borrow. | 1 | MR ZACAROLI: It is not part of Waterfall, because Waterfall is dealing with generic issues. That would be an issue which affects particular counterparties. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The problem is caused at that level by | 2 |  |
| 3 | the phraseology of what it could have -- | 3 |  |
| 4 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Right. |
| 5 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: If it were a generic solution, the | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: It may be most convenient to pick up on |
| 6 | blem wouldn't arise? By which I mean if you simply | 6 | ue 12, my Lord, next. Then I thought I would go to |
| 7 | adopted the English courts' ordinary approach outside | 7 | issue 10 and come back to 13 and 14 at the end because |
| 8 | the contractual framework, interest is simply a generic | 8 | 13 and 14 are rather slightly different points, but 12 |
| 9 | response. You don't have to show you would or wouldn't | 9 | goes together with 11 although I suspect and hope that |
| 10 | have or w | 10 | the answer to 12 that we give would be clear from |
| 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, I accept that is the problem and that is | 11 | everything that I have submitted so far. |
| 12 | why the question has been asked, but the response may | 12 | Issue 12 can be found in bundle 1, behind tab 1B. |
| 13 | well depend upon a myriad of circumstances in which that | 13 | It is also in the core bundle. |
| 14 | problem has arisen. | 14 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 15 | MR ZACAROLI: As phrased -- so question 12 assumes that cost |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: Is that a convenient moment for a shorthand | 16 | of funding the relevant amount means cost of borrowing, |
| 17 | writers' break? | 17 | so that is the world we are in. Then number 1 asks: |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 18 | should such borrowing be assumed to have recourse solely |
| 19 | ( 3.15 pm ) | 19 | to the relevant payee's claim against LBIE, to the rest |
| 20 | (A short break) | 20 | of relevant payee's unencumbered assets. |
| 21 | ( 3.20 pm ) | 21 | I think on our side, or my side certainly, I had |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: My Lord, that concludes the substance of my | 22 | understood this question to be a hangover from the |
| 23 | suspicions on issue 11, save to go back on one thing. | 23 | int, that was being argued, that the cost of funding |
| 24 | I have been asked to make it clear that when we accept | 24 | was related to the cost of funding the claim itself, and |
| 25 | that cost of funds, cost of equity does have a meaning | 25 | nothing more, which is a point that has clearly been |
|  | Page 133 | Page 135 |  |
| 1 | and in a sense | 1 | abandoned. |
| 2 | not to be taken to accept that the way | 2 | As phrased the question asks should you assume that |
| 3 | funding" is described in my learned friends' submissions | 3 | the recourse is limited to the claim against LBIE? We |
| 4 | and evidence is necessarily a widely understood and | 4 | suggest the answer is clearly no. No such assumption |
| 5 | known concept. It is not relevant for my Lord's | 5 | should be made. Which I think is the short answer to |
| 6 | decision, but just to make sure that that poir | 6 | it. I don't think one needs to get into the question of |
| 7 | understood. We don't accept that it necessarily | 7 | whether there is any other assumptions made about what |
| 8 | describes it correctly | 8 | assets a particular payee may or may not have available |
| 9 | I have left to deal with then issues 12 to 14, | 9 | to support borrowing, but clearly there should not be an |
| 10 | insofar as anything needs to be said about them | 10 | assumption that it is limited to the claim against LBIE. |
| 11 | addit | 11 | The second question: should the cost of borrowing |
| 12 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Why are you bothered about that, tha: | 12 | include incremental cost of incurring additional debt or |
| 13 | last point, I am just trying to weigh. I mean, they | 13 | weighted average cost on all of its borrowings? |
| 14 | have produced illustrations from textbooks as to what it | 14 | The definition requires the relevant payee to |
| 15 | means. There are measurements issues possibly. They | 15 | certify what it did or what it would have cost it to |
| 16 | say not. You say it doesn't enter the frame anyway, why | 16 | fund the relevant amount. The relevant amount is |
| 17 | are you bothered? | 17 | clearly an incremental addition to its overall |
| 18 | MR ZACAROLI: If we are wrong about that it and it does | 18 | borrowing, so in that sense the answer is the first half |
| 19 | enter the frame, then there is a question about whether | 19 | of that question. It is certainly not directing you to |
| 20 | they are appropriate models as a matter of rationality | 20 | certify what your weighted average cost of borrowing is. |
| 21 | and good faith | 21 | We would say the answer is the first of those, |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: How is that going to be dealt with? | 22 | assuming that is understood to mean what it would cost |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: It is not. If there is an issue it will be | 23 | you to go and raise the relevant sum, the relevant |
| 24 | dealt with on a case by case basis | 24 | amount in the market. |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I see, okay. | 25 | The third question: should the cost include any |
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| 1 | impact on the cost of the relevant payee's equity | 1 | split out into subparagraphs, (a) is its one that wa |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | capital attributable to such borrowing. For the reasons | 2 | already there and (b) is the new one: |
| 3 | that I have already dealt with at some length we say the | 3 | ing the transfer of any part, all or any part |
| 4 | answer to that is no. That is a consequential loss, not | 4 | of its interest in any amount payable to it from |
| 5 | n | 5 | a defaulting party under section 6(e)." |
| 6 | amount. Then 12. | 6 | par |
| 7 | ground that there is no particular limit on the nature | 7 | users' guide at tab 5 of bundle 5, page 141 of the |
| 8 | of the funding that you are entitled to rely upon. You | 8 | bundle. Under the heading "Section 7, transfer" |
| 9 | can fund overnight or from time to time | 9 | describes the clause first of all, the section. Then in |
| 10 | I then turn, my Lord, to issue 10. Issue 10 is | 10 | the last five lines of that paragraph. It refers first |
| 11 | concerned with the meaning of "relevant payee" | 11 | all to the second exception of the transferred amount |
| 12 | my Lord will know, our case is that relevant payee means | 12 | nder |
| 13 | whichever of the parties to the agreement is entitled to | 13 | ception was added to allow for |
| 14 | payı | 14 | ty |
| 15 | ean | 15 | ansfers amount payable to it from a defaulting party |
| 16 | the default rate applying to the amount payable under | 16 | under section 6(e) as part of another financing |
| 17 | section 6(e). It also applies to other amounts, but for | 17 | transaction." |
| 18 | ans. | 18 | It has been modified to make clear that granting |
| 19 | is common ground, that there is a distinction between | 19 | a security interest constitutes a transfer for the |
| 20 | a party to the agreement and | 20 | poses of section |
| 21 | right to payment under section 6(e) has been assigned, | 21 | inclusion of the new provision. |
| 22 | that person does not become a party to the agreement | 22 | JUSTICE HILDYARD: It says it has to be as part of |
| 23 | merely by that transfer of a single right. | 23 | another financing transaction. |
| 24 | The starting point is to note the general | 24 | MR ZACAROLI: It doesn't say it has to be, it says the |
| 25 | ansfer of rights and obligations under Page 137 | 25 | pose of doing it was to allow that to happen. <br> Page 139 |
| 1 | the ISDA master agreement. | 1 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, but the actual provision is no so limited, it is just limited in the way in which |
| 2 | upon what we have described as the architecture of the | 2 |  |
| 3 | agreement which requires one to start with 1987. | 3 | Mr Dicker described, is that right? Do you accept that? |
| 4 | Bundle 5, tab 1, my Lord will recall that the default rate is defined in exactly the same terms as you | 4 | MR ZACAROLI: That it is limited ... |
| 5 |  | 5 | R JUSTICE HILDYARD: To the amount owed under 6(e) by |
| 6 | find them in the 1992 agreement. At page 8, section 7 | 6 |  |
| 7 | is headed "Transfer". You will see that: | 7 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, indeed. That is because although |
| 8 | "Subject to section 6(b) and to any exception | 8 |  |
| 9 | provided in the schedule, neither this agreement nor any | 9 | paying the section 6(e), he is not a defaulting party, |
| 10 | interest or obligation in or under this agreement may be | 10 | italised |
| 11 | transferred by either party without the prior consent of | 11 | us |
| 12 | the other, other than pursuant to a consolidation or | 12 | and against |
| 13 | amalgamation with or merge into or transfer of all or | 13 | of any |
| 14 | substantial of its assets to another entity and any | 14 | rights and obligations under the master agreement. |
| 15 | purported transfer without such consent will be void." | 15 |  |
| 16 | What is missing from there that we see later on is | 16 | of any |
| 17 | any allowance of the transfer of the section 6(e) | 17 | (e) |
| 18 | amount, it was a blanket prohibition subject only to | 18 |  |
| 19 | exceptions in relation to consolidations or | 19 | ARD: In 2002 there's additional wording |
| 20 | amalgamations. | 20 | ke any, do not introduce any change so |
| 21 | The 1992 agreement, just to pick it up briefly, | 21 | far as relevant here? |
| 22 | section 7 appears in the same bundle or in the core | 22 | Z ZACAROLI: Correct. Indeed I accept that because the |
| 23 | bundle. Section 7 is at page 157 of the core. | 23 | 2002 users' guide explains that change as one saying |
| 24 | My Lord has been taken to this and there you have | 24 | "making clear that", so this agreement, the 2002 |
| 25 | the addition of subparagraph (b), or the exception is | 25 | agreement makes clear that. |
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: The words of apparent extension do not | 1 | definition before, but just to remind my Lord, this relates to the similar concept of payments that were not |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | matter, page 185, is that right? | 2 |  |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: The words "together with an amount"? | 3 | made during the life of the transaction, but which |
| 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 4 | remain unpaid at the point in time you reach an early |
| 5 | MR ZACAROLI: We say it makes no difference, no. We say the | 5 | termination date. At that point it is this definition |
| 6 | aning that the 1992 | 6 | which takes over. The unpaid amount includes interest |
| 7 | the 2002. I think both parties accept that, although | 7 | from the date the payment should have been made up unti |
| 8 | they use a reverse way of arguing the point, so my | 8 | the early termination date. You will see that over the |
| 9 | learned friend will say whatever the 2002 agreement | 9 | page at page 164: |
| 10 | eans so did the 1992. We say the reverse, that you | 10 | "The unpaid amounts paid, together with interest |
| 11 | start with the 1992 and the explanation for the addition | 11 | from and including the dates the obligations would have |
| 12 | of the 7(b) in 1992, if that has a given meaning that | 12 | been required to have been made or performed to (but |
| 13 | meaning remained the same in the 2002. | 13 | excluding) the early termination date at the applicable |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 14 | rate." |
| 15 | MR ZACAROLI: The point I was going to make was that 7(a), | 15 | Relevant payee in the definition of "default rate" |
| 16 | both in the 1992 and the 2002 agreement, that is | 16 | can there only mean one or other party to the agreement, |
| 17 | ansfer of this agreement, ie the whole thing | 17 | for the same reasons that I have given. Even though |
| 18 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. | 18 | this sum is one which is transferable, because the |
| 19 | MR ZACAROLI: With that background we go on to explain why | 19 | unpaid amount is an amount which forms part of the |
| 20 | and | 20 | settlement amount, which is the section 6(e) payment |
| 21 | we say it is rea | 21 | ich can be transferred. Nevertheless, even though |
| 22 | context in which those words are used and the purposes | 22 | it is going to be paid to somebody else, relevant payee |
| 23 | to which the relevant rate has to be applied. | 23 | can only mean the original counterparty here. |
| 24 | The fir | 24 | It would be absurd otherwise, because this rate of |
| 25 | applicable in four different circumstances under the -- <br> Page 141 | 25 | interest is used to calculate the unpaid amount forming Page 143 |
| 1 | sorry, I am focusing on the 1992 agre | 1 | part of the amount due under section 6(e) on which |
| 2 | with. | 2 | global sum interest is then payable going forwards at |
| 3 | Under the 1992 agreement it is u | 3 | the default rate itself. To change the rate of interest |
| 4 | different places or for four different purposes. | 4 | here by reference to who the payee is would mean you are |
| 5 | The first is under section 2(e) on page 149. That | 5 | changing the amount of the settlement sum, which simply |
| 6 | is unpaid amounts or failure to pay an amount due whilst | 6 | cannot be right. That is a fixed sum as of the |
| 7 | the agreement is ongoing, ie before an early termination | 7 | calculation being made. |
| 8 | date. Section 6 | 8 | The third use of the phrase is in relation to |
| 9 | "Prior to the occurrence or effective designation of | 9 | section 6(d): |
| 10 | an early termination date, if a party defaults in the | 10 | 'In circumstances where the closeout amount is due |
| 11 | performance of an obligation then interest accrues at | 11 | to the defaulting party ..." |
| 12 | the default rate." | 12 | Because, as my Lord has seen, section 6(d)(ii) under |
| 13 | Just to make the point that the word "party" is used | 13 | the heading "Payment date" the payment required under |
| 14 | there both to refer to the party who has to pay and the | 14 | section 6(e) will be paid together with interest at the |
| 15 | party who has to receive. It is the party that defaults | 15 | applicable rate." |
| 16 | is required to pay interest to the other party at the | 16 | The applicable rate, if it is the non-defaulting |
| 17 | default rate. | 17 | party who is the paying party, is still the default rate |
| 18 | The only meaning which "relevant payee" can possibly | 18 | from the period after the calculation statement became |
| 19 | have there is to one or other parties to the agreement. | 19 | effective. |
| 20 | Of course that sum is not assignable. That sum is | 20 | Here again "relevant payee" can only refer to the |
| 21 | pre-early termination and can therefore never be | 21 | original parties, the parties. Because this sum is not |
| 22 | something which is transferred. | 22 | transferable. An amount owing by a non-defaulting party |
| 23 | The second purpose or use of the phrase "default | 23 | is not transferable under section 7(b) |
| 24 | rate" is in relation to unpaid amounts. Page 163 of the | 24 | The fourth circumstance is the reverse of that, |
| 25 | same document. I know my Lord has looked at this | 25 | under section 6(d) where the amount is payable by the |
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|  | defaulting party. In that circumstance default rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | again applicable, and in that circumstance it | 2 |  |
|  | an | 3 |  |
|  | Of the four uses or four circumstances in which the |  |  |
|  | default | 5 |  |
|  | is | 6 |  |
|  |  | 7 | One point made against us is the word relevant is |
| 8 |  | 8 | surplusage, because it could just say "the party". The |
| 9 | Even | 9 | word has an operative effect, it identifies which of the |
| 10 | the | 10 |  |
| 11 | indicate that it was intended to refer to a third party | 11 | It is no more surplusage than the word "relevant" before |
| 12 | as | 12 | the word "amount" in the same definition, because there |
| 13 | re | 13 | is only one amount payable. It is a bad point in short. |
| 14 | ex | 14 |  |
| 15 | party by name, those simply wouldn't have worked and | 15 | performs a function, if not a necessary function it does |
| 16 | th | 16 |  |
| 17 | Just looking at section 6(d)(ii). The amount that | 17 |  |
| 18 | w | 18 | 俍 |
| 19 |  | 19 |  |
| 20 | th | 20 |  |
| 2 | th | 21 |  |
| 22 | st | 22 | cost of funding is to count. |
| 23 | the secon | 23 | $\mathrm{n},$ |
| 2 |  | 24 | because merely saying relevant party, "Well, which of |
| 25 | Page 145 | 25 | ng party? The receiving party? We don' Page 147 |
|  | chosen, it could be an amount owed to a non-defaulting party, or it could be owing to one or other party, small $P$, in circumstances where there has been an early termination consequent upon an early termination event, such that there is neither a defaulting party nor a non-defaulting party, because those terms don't apply where the termination is consequent upon an early termination event. The definition of defaulting party is following an event of default, a person who has defaulted. <br> There is four different possibilities, defaulting party, non-defaulting party, party A or party B, if there is a termination event. <br> The draftsman could not, therefore, have used the phrase "payable to the defaulting party" or to the non-defaulting party" because that wouldn't have worked, it could be due to one or other of them or to neither. <br> The drafter could not have used the phrase "relevant party", because there would be nothing to tell you which of the parties was relevant. The point of this definition is to explain that it is the person who is going to receive the money whose cost of funding should be taken into account. As opposed to in a different circumstance the person who is going to pay the money. That is the non-default rate. <br> Page 146 | 1 | know". |
| 2 |  | 2 |  |
| 3 |  | 3 |  |
| 4 |  | 4 | tifying which of the parties -- which of their cost |
| 5 |  | 5 | funding |
| 6 |  | 6 | rned friend Mr Dicker referred to a number of |
| 7 |  | 7 | other places where "party" is used in the |
| 8 |  | 8 | ter agreements to show that the draftsman h |
| 9 |  | 9 | deliberately used "party" where he meant to in |
| 10 |  | 10 | contrad |
| 11 |  | 11 |  |
| 12 |  | 12 | ord |
| 13 |  | 13 | use the |
| 14 |  | 14 |  |
| 15 |  | 15 |  |
| 16 |  | 16 | LDYARD: Where are you looking at? |
| 17 |  | 17 | MR ZACAROLI: The definition of "termination rates", |
| 18 |  | 18 |  |
| 19 |  | 19 | R JUSTICE HILDYARD: I have it, yes. There they -- |
| 20 |  | 20 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, that is right, yes, but it is obviously |
| 2 |  | 21 | em, the words each party, the word |
| 22 |  | 22 | bvious sense there, whereas relevant payee |
| 23 |  | 23 | ould |
| 24 |  | 24 | default rate, the previous page, page 126 |
| 25 |  | 25 | The reason that the defined term has been used there is |
|  |  |  | Page 148 |


| 1 | because the draftsman could use the defined term. Where | 1 | payee? |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | you can you presumably should do. He can do so because | 2 | The answer is clearly no. We know why the change |
| 3 | it is only ever the non-defaulting party that would be | 3 | was made, it was for the limited purpose of enabling |
| 4 | the paying | 4 | people to transact, trade, in the amount for financing |
| 5 | He contrasts that with sectio | 5 | purposes |
| 6 | section 6(d)(ii) it is true that the word "party" is not | 6 | Two supplemental points, the first is the one |
| 7 | used | 7 | my Lord noted, picking up on that about section 8 which |
| 8 | However, section 6(d)(ii) is explaining what shoul | 8 | eals with contractual currency and payments in |
| 9 | be in the calculation statements, ie the amoun | 9 | currency. Essentially a form of currency conversion |
| 10 | determined to be payable, and that amount is to be | 10 | claim. That must apply to the section 6(e) amount as |
| 11 | identified or put into the calculation statement under | 11 | nything else, and therefore is something that would |
| 12 | 6(d)(i). 6(d)(i) makes it clear that it is each party | 12 | transfer across to the transferee, and yet section 8 |
| 13 | makes the calculation on its part of the amounts if any | 13 | uses the word "party". |
| 14 | contemplated by section 6(e) and will provide to the | 14 | It is a small point but it supports the fact that |
| 15 | other party a statement showing what is due and payab | 15 | the choice of relevant payee in the default rate is |
| 16 | to it | 16 | clearly not because the amount under section 6(e) can be |
| 17 | Reading | 17 | transfe |
| 18 | devoid of reference to "parties", but it can | 18 | The other supplemental point is this, there is |
| 19 | read in conjunction with 6(d)(i), which clearl | 19 | nother instance, and I have not taken my Lord through |
| 20 | identifies it is something which passes between the two | 20 | the provisions of the 2002 agreement in detail, and |
| 21 | parties identifying the amounts payable from one to the | 21 | I don't propose to do so. It is essentially the same |
| 22 | other | 22 | aalysis, as to where relevant payee works and is needed |
| 23 | The explanation given by my learned | 23 | r the purposes of identifying who is to be receiving |
| 24 | it is that when it comes to the default rate, why the | 24 | e amount, but there is one example in that agreement |
| 25 | term relevant payee is used is because in one of the Page 149 | 25 | of the "relevant payee" being used in circumstances Page 151 |
| 1 | circumstances in which it can be used the paym | 1 | which can only mean "party". |
| 2 | transferred to third parties. He cited that as | 2 | USTICE HILDYARD: Sorry, can only wha |
| 3 | reason why "relevant paye | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: Only be used in the sense of meaning a party |
| 4 | s is where one can draw assistance from the | 4 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Right. |
| 5 | background, the history. I have shown my Lord the 1987 | 5 | MR ZACAROLI: That is under the definition of "applicable |
| 6 | agreement, which contained exactly the same definition | 6 | deferral rate", page 192 of the bund |
| 7 | of "default rate" and the same general prohibition on | 7 | is is unfortunately rather complex, because the |
| 8 | transfer without allowing the section 6(e) amount to be | 8 | applicable deferral rate applies differently in a whole |
| 9 | transferred. In that context my learned friend's | 9 | different set of circumstances. The relevant one is |
| 10 | explanation is no explanation at all. We say the reason | 10 | (c), because that applies for the purposes of, amongst |
| 11 | for why relevant payee was used is for the reasons | 11 | other things, the definition of applicable closeout rate |
| 12 | I have already explained. It needed to be used to | 12 | in (a)(iv) on page 191, you will see there is a whole |
| 13 | distinguish which party was the one receiving the | 13 | list of circumstances it applies to. One of them is |
| 14 | relevant sum and that is enough | 14 | clause (a)(iv) of the definition of applicable closeout |
| 15 | Once that explanation falls away there is no | 15 | rate. |
| 16 | explanation that supports my learned friend's case as to | 16 | That is the wrong one, it is $9(\mathrm{~h})(\mathrm{i})(\mathrm{C})$ on page 187 |
| 17 | why relevant payee was used. | 17 | What I am identifying is a circumstance which relates to |
| 18 | If that was the meaning which relevant payee had | 18 | a payment due before early termination and therefore |
| 19 | under the 1987 agreement, and it must be the meaning | 19 | cannot be part of the amount transferred under |
| 20 | there because in no circumstances could it refer to | 20 | section 6(e). You will see under 9(h)(i)(C), it is: |
| 21 | anyone else. Relevant payee clearly meant whichever | 21 | "Where a party fails to make a payment due to the |
| 22 | party was owed the money. A question would be: did the | 22 | occurrence of illegality or force majeure event." |
| 23 | change in 1992 to allow a transfer under section 7(b), | 23 | Does my Lord have page 187, clause - |
| 24 | did that mean the draftsman intended a different | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 25 | interpretation to be given to default rate, relevant Page 150 | 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Very grateful. This applies, you will see at Page 152 |


| 1 | the top of the page, prior to early termination | 1 | the cost of funding of anyone else, including an |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: | 2 | e |
| 3 | MR ZACAROLI: It relates, therefore, to payments ther | 3 | assigno |
|  | ve been made that weren't due to the occurrence of | 4 | It therefor |
|  | illegality or force majeure. You will see at the end of | 5 | therefore couldn't be assigned. |
| 6 | th | 6 | My Lord, our next point is to look at the purpose of |
| 7 | "The interes | 7 | the prohibition on assignment, transfer, and the reasons |
| 8 | e." | 8 | or the excep |
| 9 | We | 9 | Generally we say the agreement is structured so as |
| 10 | deferral rate" and for that purpose clause (c) applies | 10 | y against the risks arising from the |
| 11 | and it is | 11 | rparty. One of thos |
| 12 | he arithmetic mean of a benchmark rate owed to o | 12 | provisions that does that is the restriction |
| 13 | and the cost of funding to the rel | 13 | agreement by one or other party to |
| 14 | her | 14 | anybody else. |
| 15 | Re | 15 | I accept my learned friend's point to this extent, |
| 16 | parties | 16 | ons for that is becaus |
| 17 | My Lord, the next point we make is looking at the | 17 | agreement works on the basis of the importance of |
| 18 | words in the 1992 agreement in section 7(b), what | 18 | , |
| 19 | a party is permitted to transfer, under section 7(b), is | 19 | you set out |
| 20 | all or any part of its interest in any amount | 20 | other side of the equation, when you |
| 21 | it from a defaulting party | 21 | t |
| 22 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Will you give me one second. (Pause) | 22 | gives rise to. |
| 23 | MR ZACAROLI: | 23 | It is not limited there, because given that cost of |
| 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD | 24 | f the applicable intere |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: What is transferab Page 153 | 25 | dependent on the cost of funding to one or other of the Page 155 |
| 1 | "All or any part of a party's interest in any amount payable to it from a defaulting party." <br> We say the words "to it" are important here. <br> MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. <br> MR ZACAROLI: It is common ground that a right to interest on a sum payable under section 6(e) is transferable under this clause, it is transferable. The only clause that can have that effect is this clause, section 7(b), because nowhere else do you find a right to transfer the rights of interest separately. I think it must be common ground that it is section 7(b) which enables the amount payable by way of interest to be transferred to someone else. <br> The governing words "to it" therefore must cover both the principal sum and the interest payable on it, otherwise there is nowhere you can find the right to transfer the interest. <br> Default interest is only ever payable to the assignor when it is calculated by reference to the assignor's cost of funding, because there are no circumstances in which the rate of interest payable to the assignor could be calculated by reference to anyone else's cost of funding. It is the party, it is only its cost of funding which is relevant. <br> Put another way, interest calculated by reference to | 1 | parties, there is a risk if there was a right freely |
| 2 |  | 2 | transfer, the right to claim interest on that basis, of |
| 3 |  | 3 | being on each counterparty and each of them this works |
| 4 |  | 4 | for, each of them being exposed to unknown unagreed |
| 5 |  | 5 | risks because of the financial state of anybody to whom |
| 6 |  | 6 | rights under section 6(e) might have been transferred |
| 7 |  | 7 | to. |
| 8 |  | 8 | We do say that is an important part of the |
| 9 |  | 9 | background to construction of the phrase relevant payee. |
| 10 |  | 10 | The exceptions to the general prohibition on assignment |
| 11 |  | 11 | e consistent with that point. The first exception is |
| 12 |  | 12 | consent, well if you consent you only consent when |
| 13 |  | 13 | you know who the new counterparty will b |
| 14 |  | 14 | er 7(a), |
| 15 |  | 15 | here there is an agreement, the transfer is pursuant to |
| 16 |  | 16 | consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer into |
| 17 |  | 17 | other entity, in which case you have the protection of |
| 18 |  | 18 | e events of default or termination events. Credit |
| 19 |  | 19 | ent upon merger and merger without assumption, where |
| 20 |  | 20 | at transfer is going to or has damaged the credit |
| 21 |  | 21 | rating of your counterparty, putting it very bluntly. |
| 22 |  | 22 | The detail is in our skeleton, but the broad point |
| 23 |  | 23 | they are there -- the exceptions mean that that right |
| 24 |  | 24 | transfer does not damage the core proposition that |
| 25 |  | 25 | you don't want to be exposed to credit risk of some |
|  |  |  | Page 156 |


| 1 | third party. | 1 | proposition remains." |
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| 2 | We say to put it at its lowest it would be | 2 | ere is one decision where that principle has |
| 3 | surprising if by the introduction of the ability to | 3 | been referred to positively. That is in authorities |
| 4 | transfer any or all part of the amount payable under | 4 | bundle 2, tab 55, the case of Equitas v Walsham. It is |
| 5 | section 6(e) the draftsman had intended to expose each | 5 | a decision of Mr Justice Males in the Commercial Court |
| 6 | counterparty to that unknown and unmanageable risk. | 6 | in 2013. |
| 7 | The next point is by reference to the general law | 7 | The issue arose in the following circumstances. |
| 8 | backdrop against which the English court needs to | 8 | Equitas had taken assignment of various syndicates' |
| 9 | construe the agreement. There are three points here. | 9 | claims against brokers. The claims arose from wrongful |
| 10 | The first is that the general law provides part of | 10 | non-payment or retention of premiums or amounts payable |
| 11 | the relevant matrix against which the agreement is to be | 11 | under policies by the brokers. That retention or |
| 12 | construed. | 12 | non-payment had happened over a number of years. |
| 13 | The second is that as a principle of general law | 13 | There was a claim for damages by Equitas as assignee |
| 14 | a party should not be exposed to any additional burden | 14 | of the rights of the syndicates, and the damages were |
| 15 | by an assignment of its counterparty's rights | 15 | calculated by reference to the lost profits which the |
| 16 | Thirdly, although not conclusive, we say th | 16 | receiving party would have made had the payments been |
| 17 | general proposition of law is a strong i | 17 | made on time. My Lord can immediately see there is an |
| 18 | the parties did not intend to expose each other to | 18 | issue there about whose profits are relevant for that |
| 19 | credit risk of unknown third parties unless they had | 19 | purpose, is it the assignor or the assignee? |
| 20 | made that clear in the contract. | 20 | Just to cut to the chase, the syndicates were |
| 21 | As to the first point, it is a po | 21 | unable -- insofar as the claim related to the |
| 22 | come across already in the course of my submissions, we | 22 | e-assignment period, there was no evidence of any |
| 23 | have cited in our skeleton argument a passage from | 23 | ofits the syndicates would have made, so the court |
| 24 | Lord Justice Lewison's book on interpretation of | 24 | defaulted to a benchmark rate of interest. Equitas did |
| 25 | contracts. Unless my Lord wants to see it -- I think Page 157 | 25 | produce evidence of the profits it would have made, so Page 159 |
| 1 | my Lord has already accepted this point from | 1 | one of the questions although in the end it didn't need |
| 2 | matters, so I don't propose to take my Lord to it unless | 2 | to be decided but was considered by the judge was: could |
| 3 | you want to see it. It makes the point that you | 3 | Equitas rely upon the profits that it would have made as |
| 4 | interpret agreements in a vacuum; they are interpreted | 4 | damages against the brokers? |
| 5 | against the legal background under the system of law | 5 | he court decided that, as I say, it didn't need to |
| 6 | which | 6 | decide this point but had it had to do so it would have |
| 7 | The second point, about the general position as | 7 | decided that Equitas could not rely upon its own costs |
| 8 | concerns assignees not being entitled to burden | 8 | lost profits, because that would infringe the principle |
| 9 | counterparty with additional burdens, there are two | 9 | that that would impose an additional burden on the |
| 10 | authorities to look at there. The first is | 10 | counterparty by way of assignment. |
| 11 | Snell on Equity, authorities bundle 4, tab 81, page 42 | 11 | arting at the beginning of the judgment, |
| 12 | It is paragraph 3-027 and it is the first five lines of | 12 | paragraph 1, he says in the first sentence what the |
| 13 | that paragraph | 13 | action is about: |
| 14 | "In general an assignee cannot recover more from the | 14 | "... about the duties of Lloyd's brokers to pass on |
| 15 | debtor than the assignor would have. The purpose of the | 15 | to their reinsured principals' money received from |
| 16 | principle is to prevent the assignment from prejudicing | 16 | insurers in settlement claims and by way of return of |
| 17 | the debtor. This would happen if for example he had to | 17 | premium, and to pass to on to reinsurers payments of |
| 18 | pay damages to the assignee that he would not have had | 18 | premiums received from the reinsured." |
| 19 | to pay to the assignor if the assignment had not taken | 19 | I am going to pick up just a couple of sentence as |
| 20 | place." | 20 | we go through. Paragraph 8: |
| 21 | It goes | 21 | "It is Equitas's case that during this period |
| 22 | "It has proved problematic in cases wher | 22 | Walsham failed to remit syndicates substantial funds it |
| 23 | defendant has provided negligent building or surveying | 23 | had received, these fall broadly into two categories." |
| 24 | services to a proprietor of land and then discusses the | 24 | Then paragraph 9: |
| 25 | difficulties that arise there, but the general | 25 | "Cases where it is said that Walsham did eventually |
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| 1 | pay over the funds received, but only after substantial | 1 | damages mean? Does it mean bigger amounts or different |
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| 2 | delay, have been referred to as the settled claims. In | 2 | heads? Isn't that the point? |
| 3 | those cases Equitas's claim is for loss of investment | 3 | MR ZACAROLI: I will come on to that decision, there is |
| 4 | income during the period of delay. In round figures, | 4 | a better explanation of that point |
| 5 | the total amount said to have been paid late is about | 5 | Lord Justice Staughton's judgment in that same case that |
| 6 | 5.2 million and the loss on investment income said to | 6 | my Lord saw yesterday. |
| 7 | have been suffered as a result of the late payment is | 7 | There is an obvious difference between they Equitas |
| 8 | about GBP 9.8 million." | 8 | case and ours, in that here we are construing a contract |
| 9 | The assignment is referred briefly in the middle | 9 | which permits assignment. So I accept that. This |
| 10 | paragraph 16 towards the bottom of page 403, the | 10 | clearly cannot be determinative, because we have here |
| 11 | left-hand side. It refers to the fact that: | 11 | a contract which needs to be interpreted, whereas there |
| 12 | "... there was to be compulsory reinsurance by | 12 | was no contract permitting assignment, it is just an |
| 13 | Equitas of 100 per cent of syndicates' liabilities in | 13 | assignment which took place out of the blue so far as |
| 14 | respect of non-life business for the 1992 and all p | 14 | the counterparty was concerned, but the general |
| 15 | years of account, in return for which Equitas would take | 15 | proposition is deployed, absent that point, in |
| 16 | an assignment of all the rights, title and interest of | 16 | relatively similar circumstances. Ie looking to the |
| 17 | those syndicates in relation to that business, including | 17 | particular identity of the recipient party to determine |
| 18 | any claims that the syndicates had against brokers.' | 18 | whether its attributes, its loss of profits, in that |
| 19 | Paragraph 33, page 405 contains a summary of the | 19 | case, were the ones that were entitled to be looked at. |
| 20 | parties' positions. At the bottom of the page: | 20 | In our case it is your ability, or the cost to you of |
| 21 | summary, it is Equitas's case that it is | 21 | raisings the relevant amounts by way of funding. |
| 22 | entitled to recover funds held by Walsham p | 22 | What we say however is that that as a general |
| 23 | duties owed by Walsham to remit such funds reasonably | 23 | proposition is something which is relevant to construing |
| 24 | promptly upon receipt, such duties arising as a matter | 24 | any permission to assign, because we would say that the |
| 25 | of contract, tort and restitution, the duties were owed Page 161 | 25 | imposition of additional burdens by way of assignment on Page 163 |
| 1 | to the syndicates so that Equitas is entit |  | the counterparty is something which would only be agreed |
| 2 | a claim in its capacity | 2 | clear wording. There is nothing in the wording |
| 3 | to Equitas directly | 3 | here which suggests that was the purpose of allowing the |
| 4 | reconstruction and renew | 4 | section 6(e) amount to be assigned, indeed |
| 5 | He goes on then over the next pages to consider the | 5 | contrary, the purpose of allowing it to be assigned was |
| 6 | substance of the claims. The relevant passage | 6 | for an entirely different reason not connected with |
| 7 | upon is at the very end of the judgment or near the en | 7 | exposing each party to excessive, unknown, unmanageable |
| 8 | of the | 8 | risks of unknown counterparties. |
| 9 | under | 9 | It is probably relevant here to pick up the case |
| 10 | point | 10 | that my Lord was taken to yesterday, it is L/M |
| 11 | "Secondly, Walsham does not cont | 11 | International, authorities bundle 1, tab 24. |
| 12 | too r | 12 | My Lord was shown the passage from |
| 13 | advance a claim for breach of an obligation owed to it | 13 | Lord Justice Millett's judgment on page 31. Just to |
| 14 | directly, as distinct from a claim as assig | 14 | note that the sentence after the passage my Lord was |
| 15 | syndicates." | 15 | shown, the learned judge says: |
| 16 | T | 16 | "I prefer however not to enter upon this question." |
| 17 | "Walsham accepts that Equitas is able to advance | 17 | He expressed he wasn't deciding the point, does |
| 18 | such a claim for breach of the DAC letter, which it | 18 | your Lordship have page 31, I think you were shown the |
| 19 | acknowledges created the direct obligation owed to | 19 | passage -- |
| 20 | Equitas." | 20 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes. |
| 21 | Which is why what he then goes on to deal with is | 21 | MR ZACAROLI: The passage you were shown or read was: |
| 22 | obiter, because he didn't need to deal with it. | 22 | "We have heard much argument on ..." |
| 23 | Could my Lord then read paragraphs 131 and 132 | 23 | It is the following paragraph, because, he says, the |
| 24 | which contains the meat of the point. (Pause) | 24 | assignment was by way of security, so it was an |
| 25 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: You still have -- what does greate Page 162 | 25 | irrelevant question. <br> Page 164 |


| 1 | Lord Justice Staughton also considered this point, | 1 | more weight to be placed on one or the other, and |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | at page 22. Just to note by way of background this is | 2 | anything that fell from the lips of Lord Justice Millett |
| 3 | where there had been an assignment of an agreement, it | 3 | is taken with great respect, but the point is explained |
| 4 | wasn't just an assignment of a right to payment under | 4 | more succinctly by Lord Justice Staughton as to what the |
| 5 | the agreement, the agreement itself was assigned. | 5 | difference is between the two circumstances. |
| 6 | Lord Justice Staughton starts on page 22 in the middle | 6 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Perhaps the most telling point, is |
| 7 | of the page | 7 | this right, is the quotation from Dawson v Great |
| 8 | "When the benefit of a contract is assigned the | 8 | Northern City Railway: |
| 9 | character of the obligation is not changed. Before the | 9 | "The debtor is not to be put in any worse position |
| 10 | assignment the managers were in some respects obliged to | 10 | by reason of the assignment." |
| 11 | act on instructions and directions of the developers. | 11 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, that is the overall proposition, yes. |
| 12 | The assignment could not change that and render | 12 | As my Lord has seen, that principle was applied |
| 13 | themselves to the orders of Shire Trust. A new | 13 | obiter again, but in the decision of Mr Justice Males in |
| 14 | agreement would be needed to do that. | 14 | rcumstances which are closely aligned to this case to |
| 15 | And then the next paragraph: | 15 | explain the difference between what is and what is not |
| 16 | "It is also well established that an assignment | 16 | assignable. |
| 17 | cannot increase the damages which a contract breaker has | 17 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is a nice statement, but of course |
| 18 | to pay. That appears in Dawson v Great Northern Railway | 18 | it all depends on the contract to determine whether it |
| 19 | [and the other case there mentioned] | 19 | is in a worse position, because a contract may be |
| 20 | Then the second paragraph over the page: | 20 | pregnant with a whole load of risks which eventuate |
| 21 | "Where the breach of contract has occurred before | 21 | differently in the hands of the assignee, and that is |
| 22 | the assignment and the assignor suffered loss the | 22 | the point. |
| 23 | assignee can recover for that loss but no more. | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, which is why we place particular emphasis |
| 24 | "The question here is what the assignee can recover | 24 | on the most recent decision, the context is there |
| 25 | when the breach of contract occurs after the assignment. $\text { Page } 165$ | 25 | explained, the principles are applied in that context Page 167 |
| 1 | In my judgment the rule ought to be the same and the |  | which has a very clear resonance on the facts of this |
| 2 | assignee should have what the assign | 2 | case, subject of course to the point that we are her |
| 3 | recovered but no more. In many cases the amount would | 3 | dealing with a point of construction of the underlying |
| 4 | be the same, for example where there are defects in the | 4 | agreement. |
| 5 | construction of a building the costs will be the same | 5 | This is merely by way of background, but we do say |
| 6 | whether carried out for the assignor or the assignee, | 6 | it undoubtedly supports the view that absent something |
| 7 | but even if there is no general rule to that effec | 7 | which obviously was intended to impose these additional |
| 8 | I would reach that conclusion on the construction of the | 8 | unknowable risks on each counterparty, the court should |
| 9 | assignment in the present case in the context of the | 9 | nstrue these words in the way we say they should, |
| 10 | overall arrangements the manifest object of th | 10 | relevant payee -- |
| 11 | assignment was to allow Shire Trust to recover by way | 11 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: It is a factor in favour of your |
| 12 | security such sums as might become due to the developers | 12 | construction, because the court is ordinarily or the |
| 13 | under the management contract.' | 13 | common law is ordinarily against assumption of unknown |
| 14 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Lord Justice Staughton deals with this | 14 | and unprotected risk, but it all slightly depends on |
| 15 | in reverse order, is that right. Lord Justice Millett | 15 | whether the original contract was pregnant with the |
| 16 | deals with the second passage first, is that right, | 16 | risk. It sort of begs the question, doesn't it? It |
| 17 | I haven't quite got the hang of | 17 | would be perfectly possible to fashion a contract which |
| 18 | Lord Justice Staughton appears to deal with the | 18 | provided -- |
| 19 | general point and then says that is the general point, | 19 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 20 | but in any event if I am wrong about the general point | 20 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: -- for the assignment of a right and |
| 21 | ... | 21 | accepted that the consequences in the hands of another |
| 22 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. | 22 | might be much more dire. |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Whereas Lord Justice Millett deals | 23 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes. |
| 24 | with the second point first and says that is the ratio. | 24 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I am trying to work out in my own mind |
| 25 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, I am not suggesting that there is any | 25 | whether it is illuminating or not illuminating, perhaps |
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| 1 | I had better dwell on that. | 1 | substance -- is that relevant payee means the entity who |
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| 2 | MR ZACAROLI: We say it is, because -- it is not divorced | 2 | is or was entitled to receive payment from time to time |
| 3 | from all the other points that I have made, and in the | 3 | and to the period of such entitlement. He has to have |
| 4 | context of a clause where the explanation for why | 4 | that rather more convoluted explanation, because he |
| 5 | a permission to assign was granted in the 1992 agreement | 5 | cannot say relevant payee means whoever the sum is |
| 6 | which didn't previously exist, namely to enable | 6 | payable to. If that was his case it would mean that it |
| 7 | financing transactions on the back of it, in | 7 | meant once the transfer has been made from A to B you |
| 8 | circumstances where the agreement is generally designed | 8 | are now looking solely at B's cost of funding, whereas |
| 9 | to protect each party against unknown credit exposure of | 9 | he acce |
| 10 | third parties. In those circumstances we suggest that | 10 | it cannot have been intended to create a new |
| 11 | it is supportive, because if the contract were construed | 11 | history, entirely counter factual new history, once the |
| 12 | so as to impose such unknown burdens on each of the | 12 | assignment has been made to party B. |
| 13 | counterparty without them being able to control it | 13 | Therefore, the re-writing of the clause, which is |
| 14 | would cut across the underlying general law principle | 14 | required, in order for the Senior Creditor Group to |
| 15 | that generally assignments should not burden the other | 15 | succeed on this point is greater than merely putting an |
| 16 | counte | 16 | "s" after "relevant payee". |
| 17 | My Lord, I | 17 | If you take up the clause, |
| 18 | ue 10. I think only one more. If my Lord would lik | 18 | "default rate", page 160 of the core, in order to work |
| 19 | w I can | 19 | in the way which the Senior Creditor Group skeleton says |
| 20 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, of course, if that suits you. | 20 | it works, you would have to read the clause in this way: |
| 21 | MR ZACAROLI: Yes, it does. | 21 | "A rate per annum equal to the cost without proof or |
| 22 | at is this, | 22 | evidence of any actual cost to each of the relevant |
| 23 | definition is "relevant payee" not "rele | 23 | payees, for the period during which such payee was |
| 24 | that may sound like a small point, | 24 | entitled to payment of the relevant amount plus |
| 25 | quite significant. | 25 | 1 per cent per annum." |
|  | Page 169 |  | Page 171 |
| 1 | On the Senior Creditor Group's cas | 1 | You cannot just read it as meaning the person who |
| 2 | the assignee, the transferee, to be taken into accoun | 2 | whom the sum is payable, because that goes too far, and |
| 3 | the cost of funding to be taken into account, there must | 3 | adding the "s" doesn't help you, because you don't know |
| 4 | necessarily always be two relevant payees, transfer is | 4 | for each period each of their cost of funding is to be |
| 5 | permitted only of the amount payable under section 6(e), | 5 | relevant. You have to have reference to the plurality |
| 6 | that amount is not calculated until on or after the | 6 | and the delineation of which cost of funding is relevant |
| 7 | early termination date. The draftsman cannot have | 7 | for which period. |
| 8 | envisaged, we suggest, other than in the very rarest | 8 | I did say that was the last point, I have a couple |
| 9 | case, an assignment of transfer of that amount until it | 9 | of very small additions, if I may. One is that the |
| 10 | had been calculated and indeed it being calculated on | 10 | construction which enables each successive assignee to |
| 11 | precisely the same day as the early termination date. | 11 | certify its cost of funding introduces a whole level of |
| 12 | Certainly in the cases of automatic termination you have | 12 | complexities, which we say goes beyond what the |
| 13 | no advance warning of the event | 13 | draftsman would have intended here. |
| 14 | There is bound to be a period of time between the | 14 | A complaint is made against us that on our case it |
| 15 | early termination date and the date that the amount | 15 | means that the assignee, the transferee, is someone who |
| 16 | payable under section 6(e) is assigned, it cannot be | 16 | has to undertake the exercise of identifying the cost of |
| 17 | transferred until the amount is known. Indeed, until | 17 | funding to the transferor for the relevant period the |
| 18 | the calculation is done you don't know which party is | 18 | transferor had the debt -- sorry for the entire period, |
| 19 | the payor or the payee. There will always be a period | 19 | I am sorry, when the transferor no longer has any |
| 20 | of time where the amount is owed to the original party. | 20 | interest in it. |
| 21 | Therefore, wherever it is to operate so as to attract | 21 | That may be true, but two points in response. Their |
| 22 | the costs of funding of an assignee there will always | 22 | case also requires two entities' costs of funding to be |
| 23 | have to have been two payees. | 23 | taken into account, a complexity which we say was not |
| 24 | The way that the point is put by my learned friend | 24 | envisaged. |
| 25 | in the skeleton -- I think orally he repeated the same Page 170 | 25 | Secondly, they also still have to certify the cost <br> Page 172 |

of funds to the original party for the period the original party had it, at a time when the original party no longer has any interest in it. The problem arises even on their case. It is true that the period of time is longer when the cost of funding of the original party is relevant on our case, but nevertheless they are having to look at the original party's cost of funding and certify that in the capacity as assignee at some date down the line.

Assuming, which I am making here -- an assumption that the original assignor has not already certified its cost of funding, but then if there has been no payment and no sign of payment for a while, why would it have done so? There is no need to do so until such time as you are looking at a payment being made.

The final point on this is the fact that the construction favoured by my learned friend leads to perverse incentives. We deal with in this our skeleton, my learned friend responded orally. I will just make this point, that what was said against us -- we say that it gives an incentive to purchasers to set up an SPV which has a high cost of funding because it has no existing lenders willing to lend to it. The effect of that is to give it a very high cost of funding, which it can then charge back to the defaulting entity and in Page 173
this case get substantial sums, rates of interest way above what the market would have been looking at over the period.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I think they think that might be controlled by good faith.
MR ZACAROLI: No, because its cost of funding is genuinely high.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: On your example it is all a put-up job, isn't it?
MR ZACAROLI: It is not a put up job, it is just taking commercial advantage of a situation. I don't suggest that is bad faith; it is commercial selfishness.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Canniness, yes.
MR ZACAROLI: But it is commercial.
What is said against us is:
"Well, that doesn't really work because the purchaser has had to fund the debt. It had to buy it and in so doing has incurred the cost which it now wants to reclaim from the defaulted party."

Again, looking at this in the real world the purchaser is going to be buying this at a discount, this is a distressed debt. No doubt in most cases bought at a discount, yet the purchaser is trying to recover its cost of copying, the total nominal sum, notwithstanding it has only had to outlay a substantially smaller
amount. The response doesn't really answer the point.
We don't say it is a determinative point, we say
it is something the court ought to be wary of in allowing this open-ended certification of cost of funds of any unknown third party.

That is all I have to say on issue 10 , I do still have to deal with issues 13 and 14. I would prefer to deal with those first thing on Monday, it won't take more than a few moments, but I think I would like to consider those over the next day or so, if my Lord permits.

We are ahead of time and likely to be substantially ahead of time by the time Monday is finished, I am told with some confidence by my learned friend.

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MR TROWER: I will not take anything like the 3.75 hours that I have in the timetable.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: That was your reply, was it?
MR TROWER: Yes, the idea was that if I had any substantive submissions to make that I should go between Mr Zacaroli and Mr Dicker's reply. I have one or two things that I want to draw your Lordship's attention to, but they are not of any great length. On the assumption
Mr Zacaroli is going to finish fairly quickly on Monday morning, I think my learned friends can confidently Page 175
expect to be on their feet in reply before lunch on Monday.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Right.
MR TROWER: Whereas on the present timetable they are not
estimated to be on their feet until Tuesday. That is why Mr Zacaroli is correct to say we are well ahead of time.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes.
With apologies for losing you two days I should certainly like to defer the last bit of Mr Zacaroli's submissions until Monday, because frankly one reaches a saturation point, not of listening to Mr Zacaroli, which is an eternal pleasure, but nevertheless the full understanding slips away I think. I would much rather do that.

Is there anything that any of you want specifically to suggest that I read over the next few days? I shall be reading the transcripts in order to remind myself of the various submissions made, and poring over the core bundle, and in particular 7 and 8.

Where was Judge Chapman's decision?
MR TROWER: I think that is in bundle 4(4) of the authorities, tab 128.
MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Sorry?
MR TROWER: 4(4) of the authorities, tab 128.
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| 1 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Yes, I think I had better have a look | 1 | I N D E X |
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| 2 | at that. Is there anything else within reason that you | 2 | PAGE |
| 3 | want, particularly that you feel I should look at or | 3 | Opening submissions by MR ZACAROLI .................. 1 |
| 4 | remind myself of? |  | (continued) |
| 5 | MR TROWER: Not from our side. | 4 |  |
| 6 | MR FOXTON: Not by way of additional reading, but just by | Housekeeping .................................. 175 |  |
| 7 | way of forewarning to your Lordship, I think Mr Dicker | 5 |  |
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| 8 | and I anticipated that I might go before him in reply | 7 |  |
| 9 | order, so we would finish off as it were in reverse | 8 |  |
| 10 | order to the order in which we had all made our original | 9 |  |
| 11 | submissions. | 10 |  |
| 12 | I can't believe anyone has any great concern as to | 11 |  |
| 13 | the order in which Mr Dicker and I reply, but that is | 12 |  |
| 14 | what we were proposing to do. | 13 |  |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: There was a slight concern. | 14 |  |
| 16 | MR ZACAROLI: It is simply -- we had made the point that | 15 |  |
| 17 | Goldman Sachs came into the case on the base that they | 16 |  |
| 18 | would go second and not duplicate what the SCG had said | 17 |  |
| 19 | and not vice versa. I am not going to make a big point | 18 |  |
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| 20 | of it, we have laid our marker down, it is for my Lord | 20 |  |
| 21 | to decide, but I am not going to make any great point | 21 |  |
| 22 | about it. | 22 |  |
| 23 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: I have not really thought about it to | 23 |  |
| 24 | be honest, I am not sure I am particularly bothered. | 24 |  |
| 25 | Should I be? | 25 |  |
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| 1 | MR TROWER: I don't think the administrators have a view |  |  |
| 2 | that your Lordship should be bothered, I think it is |  |  |
| 3 | really a matter for your Lordship. |  |  |
| 4 | MR DICKER: What I can do is to assure your Lordship that if |  |  |
| 5 | that is the order I will do my level best not to |  |  |
| 6 | duplicate any comments. |  |  |
| 7 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: He had to think on his feet what you |  |  |
| 8 | were saying in his place and now he is going first and |  |  |
| 9 | you will have to do the reverse, as long as there isn't |  |  |
| 10 | repetition it doesn't really matter to me. |  |  |
| 11 | MR DICKER: It gives me at least the advantage hopefully of |  |  |
| 12 | being able to spend a little more time on German law, |  |  |
| 13 | before your Lordship has the pleasure of that in the |  |  |
| 14 | last half of next week. |  |  |
| 15 | MR JUSTICE HILDYARD: Very good, thank you very much. |  |  |
| 16 | ( 4.40 pm ) |  |  |
| 17 | (The hearing was adjourned until Monday 16 November 2015 at |  |  |
| 18 | $10.30 \mathrm{am})$ |  |  |
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