# Lehman Commercial Mortgage Conduit Limited – In Administration

Joint Administrators' progress report for the period 30 October 2008 to 29 April 2009

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# Section 1: Purpose of the Joint Administrators' progress report

#### Introduction

This is the first progress report by the Joint Administrators of Lehman Commercial Mortgage Conduit Limited ("LCMC" or the "Company").

Creditors were sent the Joint Administrators' proposals on 23 December 2008 which were approved at a meeting of creditors held by correspondence on 6 January 2009.

This report provides details of the work we have undertaken and the progress we have made during the first six months of our appointment.

#### **Objective of the Administration**

The Joint Administrators (the "Administrators") are pursuing the objective of achieving a better result for the creditors of LCMC as a whole than would be likely if LCMC were wound up (without first being in Administration).

The specific aims of this Administration are to:

- protect and control the Company's assets, namely its portfolio of commercial mortgages;
- identify future cash flows and secure payments for the benefit of the Company;
- maximise trading income from utilisation of the assets; and
- maximise value for the Company at the time of sale or transfer of the assets.

#### **Creditors' Committee**

There were insufficient nominations to enable the formation of a Creditors' Committee.

#### Administrators' remuneration

Creditors resolved that the Administrators' remuneration should be fixed by reference to the time properly given by them and the various grades of their staff on a time cost basis and that remuneration could be drawn from time to time. Details of the Administrators' remuneration drawn to 28 February 2009 are shown at Appendix A of this report.

#### **Outcome for creditors**

At this time the Administrators are unable to provide a reliable estimate of the likely dividend

to ordinary unsecured creditors as there are uncertainties regarding future net realisations. The timing and level of any dividend, therefore, remains uncertain.

#### What steps should be taken now

The Administrators will continue to manage the Administration in accordance with the proposals approved by creditors.

Until there is more certainty regarding dividend prospects, claims agreement work will be restricted to gathering information. If you have not already submitted your claim to the Administrators, please do so by completing the enclosed statement of claim form.

#### **Future reports**

The Adminstrators' next progress report to creditors will be sent in approximately six months time.

Signed

DA Howell Joint Administrator

Lehman Commercial Mortgage Conduit Limited (in Administration)

### Section 2: Background information

#### **Background information**

LCMC is a subsidiary of LB SF No.1 ("LBSF1") and part of the Lehman Brothers group of companies (the "Lehman Group"). LBSF1 was itself a subsidiary of LB UK Financing Limited ("LBUKF"), which managed the flow of funds from Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc ("LBHI"), the ultimate US registered parent of the Lehman Group, into the LBSF1 sub group.

LCMC owns a portfolio of loans, which were purchased from Northern Rock with funding from LBSF1.

# **Events immediately preceding the Administrators' appointment**

On 15 September 2008, LBHI announced that it was preparing to file for Chapter 11 insolvency protection in the USA, precipitating the appointment of Administrators to protect the business and assets of Lehman Brothers International (Europe), and other Lehman Group companies based in the UK, on the same day.

LBUKF and LBSF1 entered Administration on 2 October 2008.

After a review of the Company's affairs by the Administrators of LBSF1, it was decided that the Company was insolvent on a balance sheet basis and was no longer able to meet its servicing and other obligations to its borrowers. Therefore, the directors took the decision to appoint Administrators to manage the Company's mortgage portfolio in order to preserve its value until a strategy for the disposal of the asset can be implemented.

The Company was placed into Administration on 30 October 2008.

### Section 3: Joint Administrators' actions to date

#### **Background**

The Company purchased a portfolio of commercial property loans from Northern Rock which, with the exception of a small sub group of loans, was securitised by the Company into a Special Purpose Vehicle ("SPV") known as "Diversity". Since the Administrators' wrote to creditors with their proposals, servicing of the loans has been transferred from Northern Rock to a third party loan servicing specialist but the Lehman team continues to have extensive day-to-day involvement in this process.

Although at the time of the Joint Administrators' appointment a balance of c\$400m of mortgages was shown in the accounts as owned by LCMC, three loans, with a book value of c\$150m, had been transferred to a third party as part of a wider group financing transaction. Therefore, the mortgage portfolio to which LCMC has title has a book value of c\$250m.

As mentioned previously, the purchase of the Northern Rock loans was financed by LBSF1, resulting in an inter-company balance due from LCMC to LBSF1 totalling some \$421m. No impairments to any loans in the portfolio have been applied.

#### Administrators' actions to date

Upon their appointment, the Joint Administrators immediately set about ensuring that the servicing of the loans continued and that all queries in relation to these loans were being dealt with promptly and efficiently

The Joint Administrators arranged for the Company's cash at bank as at the date of appointment to be transferred to an account under their control and implemented a strategy to ensure that all future payments due to the Company would be properly received and accounted for.

The Administrators continue to monitor the Company's contractual interest in the loans securitised in the Diversity SPV and to date a total of c\$4.5m has been received into the estate as deferred purchase consideration.

Of the 20 loans which were not securitised by the Company through Diversity, 3 were financed to a third party and LCMC has no title to them. Therefore, the Administrators intend to return the recoveries on these loans to the third party and work on this is ongoing.

Northern Rock no longer service the remaining 17 loans in the portfolio. This function is now carried out by another third party servicer. However, the Administrators still have an extensive involvement and have retained the services of a former LCMC employee to assist in this process.

The Administrators are of the opinion that, given the current market conditions, it would not be in the best interests of creditors to sell the loan portfolio at present. This decision will be kept under review.

# Section 4: Statutory and other information

Court details for the Administration:	High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Companies Court - Court Case 9635 of 2008		
Full name:	Lehman Commercial Mortgage Conduit Limited		
Trading name:	Lehman Commercial Mortgage Conduit Limited		
Registered number:	06221756		
Registered address:	25 Bank Street, London E14 5LE.  Barry Porter and Paul Anthony Sherwood		
Company directors:			
Company secretary:	Emily Sarnia Everard Upton		
Shareholdings held by the directors and secretary:	Neither of the directors own shares in LCMC		
Date of the Administration appointment:	30 October 2008		
Administrators' names and addresses:	DA Howell, AV Lomas, DY Schwarzmann and GH Martin of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Plumtree Court, London EC4A 4HT		
Appointer's name and address:	The directors of the Company, 25 Bank Street, London E14 5LE		
Objective being pursued by the Administrators:	Achieving a better result for LCMC's creditors as a whole than would be likely if LCMC were wound up (without first being in Administration)		
Division of the Administrators' responsibilities:	In relation to paragraph 100(2) Schedule B1 IA86, during the period for which the Administration is in force, any act required or authorised under any enactment to be done by either or all of the Joint Administrators may be done by any or one or more of the persons for the time being holding that office.		
Proposed end of the Administration:	The Administrators are not yet in a position to determine the most likely exit route from the Administration and wish to retain the options available to them.		
Estimated dividend for unsecured creditors:	It is too early to estimate the likely dividend for unsecured creditors.		
Estimated values of the prescribed part and LCMC's net property:	Not applicable as there is no prescribed part.		
Whether and why the Administrators intend to apply to court under Section 176A(5) IA86:	Not applicable as there is no prescribed part.		
The European Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings (Council Regulation(EC) No 1346/2000 of 29 May 2000):	The European Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings applies to this Administration and these are the main proceedings.		

### Section 5: Financial information

#### **Statement of Affairs**

The Directors have provided their Statement of Affairs (the "Statement"). This Statement is not attached to the progress report as disclosure of the information therein may impact adversely upon future realisations.

#### Administrators' remuneration

At the meeting of creditors which was held by correspondence on 6 January 2009, creditors resolved that the Administrators remuneration be fixed by reference to the time properly given by them and the various grades of their staff. The Administrators were also authorised to draw their remuneration on account from time to time.

The Administrators' have drawn remuneration of £364,454 which reflects time costs incurred in the period 30 October 2008 to 28 February 2009. In accordance with Statement of Insolvency Practice 9, a detailed analysis of these time costs is set out in Appendix A.

The Administrators have also incurred time costs totalling £195,438 for the period 1 March 2009 to 30 April 2009. The Administrators have yet to draw any remuneration in relation to these outstanding time costs.

# Section 6: Receipts and payments for the period ended 29 April 2009

RECEIPTS	GBP	
Cash at Bank on Appointment	15,288,640	
Residual Interests - Diversity	4,588,238	
Assets held on Trust	3,457,942	
Recoveries on Loan Portfolio	3,089,224	
Total Receipts	26,424,044	
PAYMENTS		
Joint Administrators' Remuneration	364,454	
Loan Portfolio Servicing Fees	204,947	
Legal Fees and Disbursements	143,306	
Loan to Group Company	51,800	
Office Holder's Category 1 Disbursements	2,355	
Statutory Advertising	462	
Bank Charges	410	
VAT Receivable	94,961	
Total Payments	862,695	
Cash at Bank	25,561,349	
Represented by		
HSBC Current Account	25,561,349	

## Appendix A: Joint Administrators' Remuneration

#### Joint Administrators' time costs for the period 30 October 2009 to 28 February 2009

	Partner /	Senior Manager /		Associate /	Total	Time	Average
Classification of work	Director	Manager	Senior Associate	Support	hours	cost	hourly rate
	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(Hrs)	(£)	(£)
Asset Disposals	52.75	156.10	71.00	102.90	382.75	132,089.42	345.11
Statutory Compliance, Accounting and Other	54.81	242.61	87.16	7.34	391.92	152,710.50	389.65
Strategy and Planning	34.58	106.85	4.87	49.36	195.67	79,654.71	407.09
Total to date	142.15	505.56	163.03	159.60	970.34	364,454.63	375.60
Total time cost: (£)	93,084.16	200,231.67	45,968.05	25,170.75			
Average hourly rate: (£)	654.83	396.06	281.97	157.71			

The Joint Administrators' policy for charging for disbursements is:	Costs to date (£)	
Photocopying is charged at 3p per sheet for creditors and bulk copying		
Mileage is charged at a maximum of 62p per mile (up to 2000cc) or 81p per mile (over 2000cc)		
All other disbursements are charged at cost		
Total	- 1	

	Business		
Current charge out rates	Recovery Services	Specialist*	The Administrators' fees are to be fixed by reference to the time properly given by the joint administrators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the administration.
Grade			These fees are to be paid as and when funds become available at the charge-out rates shown for the various grades of staff who may be involved in this administration
	Max £/hr	Max £/hr	
Partner	670	860	Specialist departments within PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, such as Tax, VAT and Pensions, do sometimes charge a small number of hours, should we require their
Director	570	770 expert advice. Their rates do vary, however, the figures shown give an indication of the maximum rate	expert advice. Their rates do vary, however, the figures shown give an indication of the maximum rate per hour.
Senior manager	425	720	In common with all professional firms, the scale rates used by the Joint Administrators from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP may periodically rise (for example to cover annual
Manager	365	406	inflationary cost increases) over the period of the Administration. Any material amendments to these rates will be advised to the creditors' committee in the next statutory
Senior Associate	220	320	report.
Associate	190	135	
Support Staff	95	85	

### Appendix A: Joint Administrators' Remuneration

Narrative in support of the Joint Administrators' time costs for the period 30 October 2008 to 29 April 2009

#### Asset Disposals - £132,089

- Reconciled loan assets to original Lehman ledgers;
- Completed portfolio review of each of the 17 LCMC loans;
- Verified ownership of three loans by a third party; and
- Identified alternative loan servicer and negotiated competitive contract

#### Statutory, compliance accounting and other - £157,710

- Circularised initial notifications to creditors and other stakeholders;
- Managed LCMC Administration database;
- Monitored claims received and liaised with the Administrators on statutory issues;
- Identified and retained key Lehman staff to assist the Administration;
- Sent letters to freeze bank accounts for LCMC;
- Ensured return of funds held in pre administration accounts
- Set up new Bank accounts; and
- Prepared Administrators' proposals.

#### Strategy and planning - £79,654

- Reviewed financial information;
- Prepared detailed fee summary;
- Performed fee analysis for Administrators' update;
- Analysed timesheets for completeness and accuracy;
- Weekly review of activity on the estate by PwC staff and retained Lehman staff; and
- Worked on options surrounding loan portfolio.