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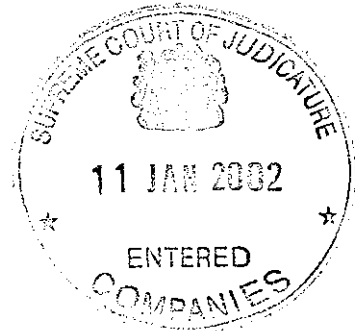
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CHANCERY DIVISION

COMPANIES COURT

MR JUSTICE COLLINS

THURSDAY ; THE 10th DAY OF JANUARY 2002



IN THE MATTER OF WIGNALL POULTRY LIMITED

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986



ORDER

UPON THE APPLICATION of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, whose address for service is the Treasury Solicitor, Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London, SW1H 9JS, the Petitioner named in the Petition presented to the Court on the day of January 2002.

AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Applicant and the Official Receiver in person

AND UPON reading the documents recorded on the Court file as having been read;

IT IS ORDERED THAT one of the Official Receivers attached to the Court be and is hereby appointed as Provisional Liquidator of the Company until the conclusion of the hearing of the said Petition or further Order.

AND IT IS ORDERED that the functions of the Provisional Liquidator extend, inter alia, to the following acts, that is to say:

- (1) To enter upon the Company's present or former premises (including but not limited to its current registered office and, for the avoidance of doubt, any other premises held out and/or utilised by the Company as a registered office and/or trading address) and to take possession of, collect in and protect the assets of the Company including any third party or trust moneys, or any assets in the possession or under the control of the Company in this country or abroad, such assets not to be distributed or parted with

until further Order except pursuant to the functions and powers hereby conferred.

- (2) To take possession of and secure the books and records of the Company including the accounting and statutory records.
- (3) To investigate the affairs of the Company insofar as it is necessary to protect the assets of the Company including any third party or trust moneys or assets in the possession of or under the control of the Company.
- (4) To investigate insofar as it is considered necessary (with a view to tracing and protecting the assets of the Company) any transactions entered into by the Company and/or any dispositions made by the Company which may have resulted in and/or involved dissipation and/or reduction in value of any or all of the Company's assets or which in the event that a Winding-up Order is made may be avoidable and/or recoverable pursuant to the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to commence such actions in this country or abroad for the protection and/or for the recovery of documents and/or assets as may be required and to seek such interlocutory relief therein as he shall think fit for the purposes set out in paragraphs (1)-(4) above.
- (6) Insofar as any part of the property or assets of the Company are held to be trust property then the Provisional Liquidator shall be at liberty to apply to the Court for directions as to the payment and retention of sums by way of remuneration, disbursements and expenses including his expenses in connection with his administration of the trusts affecting the property.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Provisional Liquidator is to have the following powers:

- (a) to be at liberty to retain and pay or dismiss employees at his discretion;
- (b) to be at liberty to terminate, complete or perfect as advised any contracts or transactions relating to the business of the Company or involving transactions relating to assets of the Company including any clients and trust moneys in the possession of or under the control of the Company;
- (c) to engage all such solicitors, prospective special managers, other agents and specialists as may be necessary to assist him in the carrying out of his duties and the exercise of his powers under this Order;
- (d) to retain and operate the existing bank accounts of the Company and to open and operate new accounts with liberty to pay therefrom any necessary expenses incurred

on behalf of the Company in carrying out his powers and duties under this Order, any balance exceeding immediate requirements to earn interest with such banks on deposit accounts;

- (e) to sell the Company's business or any part of the Company's business as a going concern and to dispose of any perishable and/or deleterious items in the possession of the Company;
- (f) to sell the Company's assets or any of them;
- (g) to redirect the Company's electronic mail accounts and/or have such accounts closed;
- (h) to continue to operate, close, redirect or otherwise control sites on the Internet, World Wide Web or other electronic media or systems; and
- (i) to be at liberty to return to the appropriate person any payment howsoever tendered and received by the Company in respect of the sale or purchase of any goods or services, real or intellectual property or interest in such goods, services, real or intellectual property which in the opinion of the Official Receiver the Company will be unable to provide.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this Order be given to the Company forthwith.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Company be at liberty to apply to the Court to vary or discharge this Order on prior written notice given to the Official Receiver and the *Petitioner's solicitor*.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of this application be costs in the Petition.

NOTICE TO THE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

You are required by Section 235 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to give the Provisional Liquidator all information as he may reasonably require relating to the Company's property and affairs and to attend upon him at such times as he may reasonably require.

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