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12 October 2020



### ${\bf 1.} \ \, {\bf Introduction} \ \, {\bf and} \ \, {\bf circumstances} \ \, {\bf giving} \ \, {\bf rise} \ \, {\bf to} \ \, {\bf the} \ \, {\bf appointment} \ \, {\bf of} \ \, {\bf the} \ \, {\bf Administrators}$



Section	Content	The following abbreviations may be used in this report:	
1.	the Administrators	FRP	FRP Advisory Trading Limited
•		The Companies	CGHL and CUK (Both in Administration)
2.		CGHL	Celine Group Holdings Limited
3.	The Administrators' remuneration, disbursements and pre- administration costs	сик	Celine UK Newco 1 Limited
4.	Estimated outcome for creditors	PLC	Debenhams PLC
Appendix	Content	DRL	Debenhams Retail Limited
A.	Statutory information about the Companies and the Administrations	DGHL	Debenhams Group Holdings Limited
В.	Group Structure Chart	DPL	Debenhams Properties Limited
c.	Administrators' Receipts & Payments Accounts	GTC	Glas Trust Corporation Limited
D.	Schedule of work and FRP disbursement policy	The Administrators	Philip Lewis Armstrong and Philip James Watkins of FRP Advisory Trading Limited
E.	Details of the estimated financial position of the Companies	The Insolvency Rules	The Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016
		CVL	Creditors Voluntary Liquidation
		CVA	Company Voluntary Arrangement
		SIP	Statement of insolvency practice
		QFCH	Qualifying floating charge holder
		HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs

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#### 2. Conduct of the administration

The objective of the administration

The Administrators think that objective (a), as detailed in Paragraph 3(1) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, being to rescue the Companies as a going concern, and objective (b), to achieve a better result for the Companies creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Companies had been wound-up (without first being in administration) will not be achieved due to the level of indebtedness and the value of the Companies' asset base.

As such, it is envisaged that objective (c) will be achieved, to realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.

The Administrators' actions

Details of work already undertaken or anticipated will be undertaken is set out in the schedule of work attached at **Appendix D**.

#### Premises Alcohol Licences

CGHL held a number of premises' alcohol licences in respect of the stores and distribution centre which DRL traded from.

Due to the effect of Administration on the alcohol licences, a firm of agents called Licenced Solutions were engaged by the Administrators to assist in holding the licences. This would enable the licences to be maintained for DRL. The costs incurred in respect of the transfers and any outstanding licencing costs will be settled as an expense of the DRL administration. There are no further premises alcohol licences to be surrendered or transferred.

#### Assets

The only assets in the Administrations are inter-company debtors due to CUK from DRL and DPL and investments held in CGHL.

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The realisation of assets is therefore dependent on the outcome of the DRL and DPL administrations.

Following approval of the Administrators' proposals the Administrators will continue to manage the affairs and business of the Companies and conduct the Administrations to achieve the purpose of the Administrations. Key matters to be undertaken include:

- Ensure all statutory and compliance matters are attended to;
- Investigate and, if appropriate, pursue any claims that the Companies may have against any person, firms or company whether in contract or otherwise, including any officer or former officer of the Companies, or any person, firm or company that supplies or has supplied goods or services to the Companies;
- The Administrators intend to await the outcome of the administrations of DRL and DPL, as the outcome for secured creditors is dependent on any distribution received from the subsidiary companies;
- Distribute realisations from the assets to the secured creditors (if applicable);
- Seek an extension of the Administrations if needed; and
- Pay all Administration expenses and bring the Administrations to an end when deemed appropriate by the Administrators.

Receipts and Payments Account

A copy of the Administrators' receipts and payment accounts to date are attached at **Appendix C**. There have been no realisations to date.

The directors' Statement of Affairs

The director of the Companies has been asked to submit Statements of Affairs under paragraph 47 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. These will be filed at Companies House once received. A copy of the estimated balance for sheets are attached at **Appendix E**.





Estimated Outcome Statement

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Matters requiring investigation

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The end of the administration

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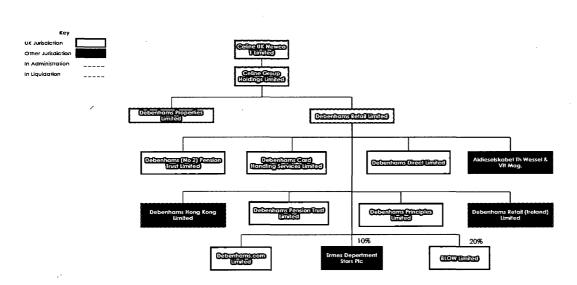
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## Appendix B

### **Group Structure Chart**



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Appendix C	*		
Administrators'	Receipts 8	& Payments	Account

Note:



#### Celine Group Holdings Limited (In Administration) Joint Administrators' Summary of Receipts & Payments

Statement of Affairs £		From 19/08/2020 To 09/10/2020 £	From 19/08/2020 To 09/10/2020 £
	REPRESENTED BY	KIL	MIL
			NII.

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The objective of the administration

The Administrators think that objective (a), as detailed in Paragraph 3(1) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, being to rescue the Companies as a going concern, and objective (b), to achieve a better result for the Companies creditors as a whole than would be likely if the Companies had been wound-up (without first being in administration) will not be achieved due to the level of indebtedness and the value of the Companies' asset base.

As such, it is envisaged that objective (c) will be achieved, to realise property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.

The Administrators' actions

Details of work already undertaken or anticipated will be undertaken is set out in the schedule of work attached at **Appendix D.** 

#### Premises Alcohol Licences

CGHL held a number of premises' alcohol licences in respect of the stores and distribution centre which DRL traded from.

Due to the effect of Administration on the alcohol licences, a firm of agents called Licenced Solutions were engaged by the Administrators to assist in holding the licences. This would enable the licences to be maintained for DRL. The costs incurred in respect of the transfers and any outstanding licencing costs will be settled as an expense of the DRL administration. There are no further premises alcohol licences to be surrendered or transferred.

#### Assets

The only assets in the Administrations are inter-company debtors due to CUK from DRL and DPL and investments held in CGHL.

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The realisation of assets is therefore dependent on the outcome of the DRL and DPL administrations.

Following approval of the Administrators' proposals the Administrators will continue to manage the affairs and business of the Companies and conduct the Administrations to achieve the purpose of the Administrations. Key matters to be undertaken include:

- Ensure all statutory and compliance matters are attended to;
- Investigate and, if appropriate, pursue any claims that the Companies may have against any person, firms or company whether in contract or otherwise, including any officer or former officer of the Companies, or any person, firm or company that supplies or has supplied goods or services to the Companies;
- The Administrators intend to await the outcome of the administrations of DRL and DPL, as the outcome for secured creditors is dependent on any distribution received from the subsidiary companies;
- Distribute realisations from the assets to the secured creditors (if applicable);
- Seek an extension of the Administrations if needed; and
- Pay all Administration expenses and bring the Administrations to an end when deemed appropriate by the Administrators.

Receipts and Payments Account

A copy of the Administrators' receipts and payment accounts to date are attached at **Appendix C**. There have been no realisations to date.

The directors' Statement of Affairs

The director of the Companies has been asked to submit Statements of Affairs under paragraph 47 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. These will be filed at Companies House once received. A copy of the estimated balance for sheets are attached at **Appendix E**.



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Appendix D

Schedule of work and FRP disbursement policy



#### FRP Advisory Trading Limited ("FRP")

#### **DISBURSEMENT POLICY**

Disbursements are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment.

There are two types of disbursements; direct disbursements (known as Category 1) and indirect disbursements (known as Category 2).

#### Category 1 disbursements:

These are payments to independent third parties where there is specific expenditure directly referable to the appointment in question, these include but are not limited to such items as case advertising, storage, bonding, searches, insurance.

Category 1 disbursements can be drawn without prior approval

#### Category 2 disbursements

These are expenses that are directly referable to the appointment in question but not to a payment to an independent third party. With the exception of mileage FRP do not charge category 2 disbursements.

Mileage payments made for expenses relating to the use of private vehicles for business travel, which is directly attributable to the insolvency estate, are paid by FRP at the HMRC approved mileage rate prevailing at the time the mileage was incurred, at the time of this report this is 45p per mile.

Category 2 disbursements require prior approval in the same manner as an office holder's remuneration.

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