WW REALISATION 1 LIMITED (FORMERLY WOOLWORTHS PLC) (IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION) ("the Company")

Court No. 10670 of 2008

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT TO CREDITORS PURSUANT TO RULE 4 49B OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 (AS AMENDED)

8 January 2013

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Neville Barry Kahn and Daniel Francis Butters were appointed Joint Liquidators of WW Realisation 1 Limited (Formerly Woolworths Pic) on 12 November 2010.

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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

For the purpose of this report the following abbreviations shall be used

"Act" The Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended)

"Administrators" Neville B Kahn, Nicholas J Dargan and Daniel F Butters, licensed

insolvency practitioners of Deloitte LLP

"Company" or "Woolworths" WW Realisation 1 Limited (formerly Woolworths Plc)

"Deloitte" Deloitte LLP

"EUK" Entertainment UK Limited (in liquidation)

"Liquidators" Neville B Kahn and Daniel F Butters, licensed insolvency

practitioners of Deloitte LLP

"Prescribed Part"

The amount available for distribution to unsecured creditors pursuant

to s176A of the insolvency Act and calculated on the net realisations of property subject to a floating charge up to a maximum prescribed

part of £600,000

"SIP 2 (E&W)"

Statement of Insolvency Practice 2 (England & Wales)

"SIP 7 (E&W)"

Statement of Insolvency Practice 7 (England & Wales)

"SIP 13 (E&W)"

Statement of Insolvency Practice 13 (England & Wales)

"the Group" Woolworth Group Plc, WW Realisation 1 Limited (formerly

Woolworths Ptc) and Entertainment UK Limited

"The Rules" The Insolvency Rules 1986

"Woolworths Group" Woolworths Group Plc, the ultimate parent of the Company

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Introduction

This report has been prepared in accordance with Rule 4 49B of the Rules to provide creditors with an update on the progress of the liquidation of the Company since our last report dated 11 January 2012, and covers the period 12 November 2011 to 11 November 2012

A schedule of statutory information in respect of the Company is attached at Appendix 1

### 1.2 Details of the appointment of the Liquidators

On 12 November 2010 a winding up order was made against the Company and Neville Barry Kahn and Daniel Francis Butters of Deloitte were appointed Joint Liquidators This order also immediately ended the preceding administration of the Company

For the purposes of section 231 of the Act the Liquidators confirm that they are authorised to carry out all functions, duties and powers by either of them jointly and severally

### 1.3 Electronic communication with creditors

In an effort to reduce the costs of the liquidation, all future communications (including this report) with creditors, including updates and progress reports, will be posted onto a website, which has been set up specifically for this purpose. The web address is <a href="https://www.deloitte.co.uk/wwrealisation1">www.deloitte.co.uk/wwrealisation1</a>

As a result of an application by the Liquidators, on 7 December 2012 the court granted an order that no further written correspondence with creditors is required to notify them of updates and availability of documents on the website, i.e. all future correspondence will be via the website only

Adverts have been placed in the national press to bring the effect of this court order to the attention of creditors

### 2. LIQUIDATORS' RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

#### 2.1 Introduction

Attached at Appendix 2 is a receipts and payments account covering the period from 12 November 2010 to 11 November 2012, in accordance with SIP7 (E&W) No Statement of Affairs' values has been provided, as there is no requirement for this information to be provided by the directors if the liquidation immediately follows an administration

In this section we have summansed the main asset realisations during the 12 month period since our last report and give explanations of payments made

### 2.2 Asset realisations

During the period £2,026,652 was received from a pre-appointment bank account held by the Company not previously swept over in the administration

Non-domestic rates refunds amounted to £19,248, from which the agents who assisted in the recovery of these assets received 25% commission

Insurance settlements have been received of £62,501, in relation to claims made during and prior to the Company's insolvency

Other asset realisations consisted of bank interest of £24,838 and various other refunds equating to £1,029

A freehold property interest held by the Company has been sold in the reporting period, however the proceeds of £15,000 have not yet been received

### 2.3 Estimated future realisations

We will continue to pursue further non-domestic rates and other refunds in the coming months

#### 3. DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS

#### 3.1 Secured creditors

As at the date of the proceeding administration of the company, the following amounts were owed to the secured lenders

| Secured lender | Total (£m) |
|----------------|------------|
| Senior lenders | 333 5      |
| Second lien    | 37 4       |
| Third lien     | 63 0       |
| Total          | 433 9      |
|                |            |

The senior lenders were fully repaid (including interest and fees) before the Company entered liquidation, through distributions from the Administrators of the Company and under cross-guarantees provided by connected companies. Of this repayment, distributions totalling £233 7m were made by the Company

As at 11 November 2011, £17 95m had been repaid to the second lien lenders from the Group. The Company made a distribution of £900,000 during the liquidation. In addition the Company has made intercompany loans of £1 6m to Entertainment UK Limited and Woolworth Group. Pic at the request of the second lien creditor in lieu of a distribution to the secured lender.

### 3 2 Preferential creditors

In June 2010, the former Administrators declared a preferential distribution of 100p in the £

As at the date of liquidation certain preferential claims received had not yet been agreed. These claims have now been agreed and a total of £38,936 (of which £11,282 was paid to HM Revenue and Customs) has been paid in respect of those claims.

All received preferential creditor claims have now been agreed and paid

### 3.3 Prescribed Part and Unsecured Creditors

At a hearing on 19 July 2010, whilst the Company was in administration, the court granted an order that s176A of the Act shall not apply, on the grounds that pursuant to section 176A3(b) of the Act, the cost of making a distribution of the Prescribed Part to unsecured creditors would be disproportionate to the benefits

Following this order, there is no prospect of a distribution to unsecured creditors of the Company. Therefore, creditors have not been requested to submit claims.

#### 4. OTHER MATTERS AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST CREDITORS

### 4.1 Investigation

As part of our duties as Liquidators, we reviewed all of the information available to us and have completed this review in respect of the Company in line with our obligations under SiP 2 (E&W)

If you have any information that you feel we should be made aware of in relation to the above, please contact us as a matter of urgency

# 4.2 SIP 13 (E&W) - Transactions with connected parties

In accordance with the guidance given in SIP13 (E&W), details of the Company's transactions with connected parties

| Date  | Details of transaction   | Amount<br>(£) | Name of counterparty | Connection                  |
|---|--|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2009<br>(during the<br>preceding<br>administration) | Tromax Limited was the landlord of 10 Woolworths stores The Company settled its rental liabilities for the six week trading period | 38,356        | Tromax Limited       | Common<br>parent<br>company |

We have reviewed these transactions and, as they were made by the office holders, we are of the opinion that no further investigation is required. This transaction took place prior to the formation of the creditors committee

# 4.3 EC Regulations

Council Regulation (EU) No 1346/2000 applies and these are the main proceedings as defined in Article 3(1) of that regulation

### 5. JOINT LIQUIDATORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

### 5.1 Joint Liquidators' Remuneration

### 5.11 Remuneration

At the initial creditors meeting of the administration on 3 February 2009, a creditors' committee was appointed consisting of five members. This committee was automatically transferred to the liquidation, pursuant to Rule 4 174 of the Rules. Under Rule 4 127(3) of the Rules it is the responsibility of the liquidation committee to fix the remuneration of the liquidators as either a percentage of assets realised or on a time cost basis. Please note, there are now only three members of the creditors' committee.

The Liquidators seek approval from the creditors' committee at regular intervals for their remuneration which they requested to be fixed by reference to the time properly given by the Liquidators and their staff in attending to matters arising in the liquidation calculated at the prevailing standard hourly charge out rates used by Deloitte at the time when the work is performed, plus VAT

#### 5 1.2 Remuneration

During the past 12 month period the creditors' committee agreed remuneration for the period 1 April 2011 to 20 September 2011 amounting to £208,478 and expenses of £8,293 and for the period 1 October 2011 to 31 August 2012 amounting to £167,326 and expenses of £72 During the reporting period we have drawn remuneration of £166,783 and £8,294 in expenses in relation to these approved amounts

During the past 12 month period the Liquidators have charged total remuneration of £166,239 made up of 388 of hours at an average charge out rate of £428 across all grades of staff

Full details of the Liquidators' time costs have been provided to the creditors' committee A full breakdown of the Liquidators' time costs presented in the format outlined in SIP 9, are available on request

### 5 1.3 Expenses

During the period covered by this report the Liquidators have incurred expenses of £102 relating to courier costs

Note that disclosure is required where we have incurred Category 2 expenses such as mileage and internal copying. However, Deloitte policy is to seek approval of both Category 1 and 2 expenses and therefore there is no need to distinguish between the two

# 5 2 Other professional costs

The professional fees (excluding disbursements) paid in the period are shown in Appendix 2 All professional costs are reviewed and analysed before payment is approved

# WW REALISATION 1 LIMITED (FORMERLY WOOLWORTHS PLC) (IN LIQUIDATION)

# STATUTORY INFORMATION

| Company Name              | WW Realisation 1 Limited   |
|---------------------------|--|
| Previous Names            | Woolworths plc   |
| Proceedings               | Compulsory Liquidation   |
| Court                     | High Court of Justice  |
| Court Reference           | 10670 of 2008  |
| Date of Appointment       | 12 November 2010   |
| Joint Liquidators         | N B Kahn and D F Butters<br>Deloitte LLP<br>PO Box 810<br>66 Shoe Lane<br>London<br>EC4A 3WA |
| Registered Office Address | c/o Deloitte LLP<br>Hill House<br>1 Little New Street<br>London<br>EC4A 3TR                  |
| Company Number            | 00104206   |
| Incorporation Date        | 23 July 1909   |
| Company Secretary         | C D Scott  |
| Former Bankers            | Barclays Bank<br>1 Churchill Place<br>London<br>E14 5HP                                      |
| Former Auditors           | PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP 1 Embankment Place London WC2N 6RH                                |
| Appointment by            | High Court of Justice  |
| Directors                 | S East<br>J M Huddart<br>A Page<br>P J Streatfield   |
| Shareholders              | GM Group Limited Sandelcroft Limited   |

# WW Realisation 1 Limited (In Compulsory Liquidation)

# Liquidators' Receipts and Payment for the period 12 November 2010 to 11 November 2012

|   | 12/11/2010 -<br>11/11/2011 | 12/11/2011 -<br>11/11/2012 | 12/11/2010 -<br>11/11/2012 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Receipts                                | 11/11/2011                 | 11/11/2012                 | 11/11/2012                 |
|   | £                          | £                          | £                          |
| Transfer From Administration            | 3,572,255                  | -                          | 3,572,255                  |
| Leasehold Surrender Premiums            | 10,500                     | -                          | 10,500                     |
| HMCS Payments Received                  | 3,652                      | 922                        | 4,573 96                   |
| Book Debts                              | 32                         | 34                         | 66                         |
| Corporation Tax Refund (Administration) | 46,750                     | -                          | 46,750                     |
| Insurance Refund                        | 43,933                     | 7,859                      | 51,792                     |
| Non Domestic Rates Refund               | 648,669                    | 19,248                     | 667,916                    |
| Miscellaneous                           | 2,613                      | 9                          | 2,622                      |
| Insurance Claim Settlements             | 187,438                    | 54,642                     | 242,079                    |
| Sundry Refunds                          | 3,936                      | 64                         | 4,001                      |
| Bank Interest Gross                     | -                          | 24,838                     | 24,838                     |
| Cash at Bank                            | -                          | 2,026,652                  | 2,026,651 78               |
| VAT Reclaimed from Administration       | 196,234                    |                            | 196,234                    |
|   | 4,716,012                  | 2,134,266                  | 6,850,278                  |
| Payments                                |                            |                            |                            |
| Subcontractors                          | 6, 125                     | 2,750                      | 8,875                      |
| Administration Expenses                 | 381,161                    | 1                          | 381,161                    |
| Printing Costs                          | 23,958                     | •                          | 23,958                     |
| Hire of Equipment                       | 66,407                     | -                          | 66,407                     |
| Customer Refund                         | 37                         | •                          | 37                         |
| Sundry Expenses                         | 80                         | -                          | 80                         |
| Rent & Rates                            | -                          | 1,320                      | 1,320                      |
| O R Debit Fee                           | 2,235                      | •                          | 2,235                      |
| ISA Cheque Issue Fees                   | 347                        | 35                         | 382                        |
| Sectretary of State Fees                | 80,000                     | -                          | 80,000                     |
| Administrators' Fees                    | 223,068                    | (4)                        | 223,064                    |
| Administrators' Expenses                | 1,558                      | -                          | 1,558                      |
| Liquidators' Fees                       | 287,201                    | 166,783                    | 453,984                    |
| Liquidators' Expenses                   | 37                         | 8,294                      | 8,330                      |
| Professional Fees                       | 33,465                     | 2,486                      | 35,951                     |
| Rates Agents' Fees                      | 170,790                    | 4,202                      | 174,992                    |
| Legal Fees                              | 563,660                    | 3                          | 563,662                    |
| Legal Expenses                          | 21,909                     | 450                        | 22,359                     |
| Storage Costs                           | 40, 143                    | 29,499                     | 69,642                     |
| Posting                                 | 52                         | 25,908                     | 25,960                     |
| Statutory Advertising                   | 2,370                      | -                          | 2,370                      |
| Other Property Expenses & Agents' Fees  | 425                        | -                          | 425                        |
| Insurance of Assets                     | 221                        | -                          | 221                        |
| Bank Charges                            | 72                         | 86                         | 158                        |
| PAYE/NIC on preferential dividend       | 11,282                     | -                          | 11,282                     |
| Preferential dividend payments          | 27,654                     | -                          | 27,654                     |
| Intercompany Loan                       | -                          | 1,655,141                  | 1,655,141                  |
| Corporation Tax                         | -                          | 4,968                      | 4,968                      |
| Distribution to Secured Creditor        |                            | 900,000                    | 900,000                    |
|   | 1,944,255                  | 2,801,920                  | 4,746,176                  |
| Net amount                              |                            |                            | 2,104,103                  |
| VAT Liability                           |                            |                            | <u>(78,488</u> )           |
| Balance in hand                         |                            |                            | 2,025,614                  |

 $\frac{\text{Note}}{\text{No Statement of Affairs has been provided, as there is no requirement for this information if the liquidation immediately}$ follows an administration