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Raw Group Sunshine Plaza Pty Ltd ACN 165 477 994
(In Liquidation) ("the Company")
Formerly ATF Raw Sunshine Plaza Unit Trust ("the Trust")
Formerly Trading As Factory: The Project

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### Section 1: Introduction

#### Background

1. Nathan Landrey and Joanne Dunn were appointed as Joint and Several Liquidators of the Company pursuant to Section 491(1) of the Act at a meeting of members held on 16 February 2015.

#### Purpose of the Report

- 2. This report has been prepared pursuant to Section 508 of the Act to provide, amongst other things, the following information:
  - 2.1 An account of the acts and dealings of the Liquidators and the conduct of the winding up of the Company for the 12 months from 16 February 2015 to 15 February 2016;
  - 2.2 A description of the acts and dealings that remain to be carried out in order to complete the winding up;
  - 2.3 An estimate of when the liquidation is likely to be finalised.
- This report should be read in conjunction with the Liquidators' previous circular to Creditors dated 18 February 2015.

#### Glossary

4. A glossary of the defined terms used in this report appears at Schedule 1.

#### Disclaimer

- 5. This report is based on information sourced from the Company's books and documents and information provided to the Liquidators. The Liquidators have reviewed the books, documents and information and whilst limited independent verification of the information has been conducted, no audit has been undertaken.
- 6. The Liquidators have no reason to doubt the information contained in this report. The statements and opinions given in this report are given in good faith and in the belief that such statements and opinions are not false or misleading. The Liquidators reserve the right to alter any conclusions reached on the basis of any changed or additional information which may become available to them.
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- 10. Each Creditor must seek their own independent legal advice as to their rights and the options available to them with respect to the liquidation of the Company.

## Section 2: Company History

- 11. The Company was a trustee company for the Trust, Raw Sunshine Plaza Unit Trust. The Trust operated Factory: The Project, a restaurant / bar / nightclub, at premises leased at the Sunshine Plaza, Horton Parade, Maroochydore.
- 12. The business was operational for approximately eighteen months prior to the Liquidators' appointment, and did not trade subsequent to the Appointment Date.
- 13. The Director of the Company identified increased competition and trading losses as the reasons for failure.

## Section 3: Key Work Undertaken

- 14. During the Report Period, the Liquidators have attended to the following key matters for the winding up of the Company:
  - 14.1 Attending the trading premises to identify potential asset recoveries;
  - 14.2 Engaging an agent to provide an indicative valuation of the remaining assets;
  - 14.3 Liaising with the landlord regarding the lease, the collection of items and the bank guarantee;
  - 14.4 Liaising with Creditors to enable the collection of plant and equipment and stock subject to security interests and ROT claims;
  - 14.5 Preparing circulars to employees and Creditors and holding the first meeting of Creditors;
  - 14.6 Realisation of cash assets and plant and equipment items;
  - 14.7 Liaising with a secured creditor and their solicitors regarding the realisation of assets, and distributing funds from the realisation of the plant and equipment items;
  - 14.8 Obtaining the Company's books and records and reviewing accounting information from the Company's accounting software;
  - 14.9 Communicating and obtaining information from the Company's Director and external accountants;
  - 14.10 Attending to employee, Creditor and media enquiries;
  - 14.11 Undertaking investigations and assessing potential voidable transactions; and
  - 14.12 Statutory compliance and lodgements with ASIC and the ATO.

## Section 4: RATA and Books and Records

#### **RATA**

15. The Director provided the Liquidators with a completed Form 509 Presentation of Summary of Affairs of a Company and a completed Form 507 Report as to Affairs ("RATA") outlining the assets and liabilities of the Company.

#### **Books and Records**

- 16. Section 286 of the Act requires that a Company must keep written financial records that:
  - 16.1 Correctly record and explain its transactions and financial position and performance; and
  - 16.2 Would enable true and fair financial statements to be prepared and audited.
- 17. The books and records that have been received from the Director and the Company's external accountants include:
  - 17.1 Access to the accounting system ("**Xero**"), including monthly profit and loss statements, monthly balance sheets, aged debtors and creditors listings;
  - 17.2 The Company and Trust Registers;
  - 17.3 Bank statements;
  - 17.4 Supplier and various other correspondence; and

- 17.5 Limited payroll and taxation records.
- 18. The Liquidators are of the opinion that the Director has complied with the obligations of Section 286 of the Act.

## Section 5: Financial Position as at Appointment Date

19. A statement of financial position as at the Appointment Date is provided at Table 1. The statement of financial position is based on the RATA, the books and records received, the Liquidators' investigations and recoveries made in the liquidation.

			RATA	
		RATA	Estimated Realisable	FTI
		<b>Book Value</b>	Value	Realised Value
	Notes	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Assets				
Cash at Bank	20.1	2,000	2,000	8,027
Cash on Hand	20.2	3,000	3,000	3,440
Stock	20.3	9,000	9,000	0
Plant and Equipment	20.4	40,000	20,000	3,300
Bank Guarantee	20.5	137,000	137,000	0
Contingent Assets	20.6	0	0	0
		191,000	171,000	14,767
Liabilities				
Secured Creditors	20.7	89,091	89,091	17,912
Employees' Entitlements	20.8	46,889	46,889	47,546
Unsecured Creditors (Trade)	20.9	264,671	264,671	474,370
Unsecured Creditors (Related)	20.10	0	0	807,272
		400,651	400,651	1,347,100
Estimated Total Surplus/(Deficien		(209,651)	(229,651)	(1,332,333)

Source: The Director's RATA and FTI analysis

#### Notes to the Statement of Financial Position

20. The following notes should be read in conjunction with the statement of financial position.

#### 20.1 Cash at Bank

The Company held pre-appointment bank accounts with CBA and NAB. The CBA account was the Company's main operating account as at the Appointment Date. \$2,199.50 was recovered from the pre-appointment CBA bank account.

The Company held two (2) pre-appointment bank accounts with NAB, a former operating account and the term deposit securing the bank guarantee (the bank guarantee is discussed separately below at paragraph 20.5). The surplus interest on the term deposit was transferred to the NAB operating account and \$5,827.65 was realised upon the closure of this account.

#### 20.2 Cash on Hand

Upon appointment, the Liquidators arranged for members of staff to attend the trading premises. \$3,440 was recovered in cash located at the premises.

#### 20.3 Stock

The Director advised in the RATA that the Company held stock on appointment with an estimated realisable value of approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000, however also noted that the assets were subject to security interests. The majority of remaining stock located at the trading premises upon appointment

was alcohol and was collected by secured creditors shortly after the Appointment Date. No realisations are anticipated from this source.

#### 20.4 Plant and Equipment

The plant and equipment predominately related to the fit-out of the trading premises or items that were subject to security interests. The majority of the fixtures and fittings were unable to be removed from the leased trading premises. The Director informed the Liquidators of a coffee machine that was held in storage. Given one (1) of the secured creditors held a security interest over all present and afteracquired property ("ALLPAAP"), the Liquidators sought consent to sell the coffee machine and split the net proceeds with the secured creditor. The coffee machine was sold for \$3,300 including GST. No further realisations are anticipated from the sale of plant and equipment.

#### 20.5 Bank Guarantee

Pursuant to the lease for the trading premises, the Company provided the landlord with a bank guarantee from NAB for an amount of \$123,750. The bank guarantee was secured by a term deposit held by the Company with NAB. Given the rent arrears and the work required to "make-good" the premises, the landlord called on the full amount of the bank guarantee. Accordingly, apart from the surplus interest received (as discussed at paragraph 20.1) no proceeds will be received in the liquidation from this source.

#### 20.6 Contingent Assets

The Director indicated in the RATA that there was a potential insurance claim that could be pursued relating to the burnout of a cold room compressor. The Liquidators contacted the insurers to further investigate, however an insurance claim had not been made by the Company and the policy had lapsed due to non-payment. No realisations are anticipated from this source.

#### 20.7 Secured Creditors

The Liquidators identified numerous secured creditors that had security interests over stock and plant and equipment items. As previously noted, one (1) secured creditor had an ALLPAAP registration. The Liquidators, with consent from the landlord, made attempts to allow secured creditors to collect their remaining items on site. Accordingly, apart from the ALLPAAP registration, the balance of claims made by these creditors will represent an unsecured claim in the liquidation given the items that secured their claims have now been recovered or are no longer in possession of the Company and/or Trust. Further, the Liquidators are not aware of any assets that would warrant enforcement action by a secured creditor.

#### 20.8 Employee Entitlements

The outstanding employee entitlements are made up of annual leave for four (4) part-time employees of \$3,766 and superannuation contributions that were unpaid from July 2014 in the amount of \$43,780 (before interest and penalties). The Liquidators informed the former employees that some entitlements (excluding superannuation) may be recoverable under the Fair Entitlement Guarantee ("FEG") scheme. To date, the Liquidators have not been informed of any claims made under the FEG scheme.

#### 20.9 Unsecured Creditors (Trade)

The outstanding amount of unsecured creditor claims includes residual claims made by secured creditors, the landlord's original claim, taxation liabilities and amounts owing to trade creditors. The Liquidators did not receive updated claim amounts from all secured creditors who collected their items or from the landlord, however the Liquidators will not be pursing updated claim forms unless the likely dividend prospects change (see paragraph 29).

#### 20.10 Unsecured Creditors (Related)

The books and records show that related parties are owed approximately \$807,272 from loans made to the Company.

## Section 6: Historical Financial Position

21. A summary of the monthly historical financial position for the prior financial year up to the Appointment Date (as extracted from Xero) is shown in Table 2.

\$	Notes	Feb-15	Jan-15	Dec-14	Nov-14	Oct-14	Sep-14	Aug-14	Jul-14	Jun-14
Assets										
Current Assets	22.1	217,835	235,914	326,335	409,587	283,846	286,059	313,972	323,022	310,670
Non-Current Assets	22.2	307,706	307,706	307,706	307,706	307,706	307,706	307,706	307,706	301,070
	_	525,541	543,620	634,041	717,293	591,553	593,766	621,679	630,729	611,740
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities	22.3	415,094	365,274	429,668	477,316	318,838	346,979	310,209	237,538	162,138
Non-Current Liabilities	22.4	807,272	807,272	750,272	750,272	651,272	531,431	499,581	499,581	499,581
	_	1,222,366	1,172,546	1,179,940	1,227,588	970,110	878,410	809,790	737,119	661,719
Net Assets/Equity	22.5	(696,825)	(628,926)	(545,899)	(510,294)	(378,557)	(284,644)	(188,111)	(106,390)	(49,979

Source: Company information extracted from Xero and FTI analysis

#### Notes to the Historical Financial Position

22. The following notes should be read in conjunction with the historical financial position.

#### 22.1 Current Assets

The books and records of the Company recorded current assets including cash and cash equivalents (\$157k), stock (\$51k), trade debtors (\$7k) and prepayments (\$3k) as at the Appointment Date.

The cash and cash equivalents included cash at bank, the bank guarantee, clearing accounts and floats. Please refer to the previous section on actual cash at bank and cash on hand recovered in the liquidation.

No recoveries were made in the liquidation from stock, trade debtors or prepayments. The Company's books and records reveal that the stock balance did not vary month on month from October 2014 to the Appointment Date.

Accordingly, it appears that the current assets were overstated as at the Appointment Date, particularly in reference to the cash floats and stock.

The current assets were declining month on month from November 2014 to the Appointment Date.

#### 22.2 Non-Current Assets

Non-current assets comprised of the fit-out, computer equipment, fixtures and fittings and plant and equipment items. The non-current assets did not fluctuate month on month during the 2015 financial year up to the Appointment Date, indicating monthly depreciation was not being recorded.

#### 22.3 Current Liabilities

The current liabilities were made up of trade creditors, credit cards, accruals, taxation liabilities and payroll liabilities.

#### 22.4 Non- Current Liabilities

The non-current liabilities were comprised of loans from related parties. It is noted that the loans from related parties grew substantially in the 2015 financial year.

#### 22.5 Net Assets / Equity and Overall Summary of Historical Financial Position

The books and records of the Company show that the Company had a net asset deficiency since at least 30 June 2014 and the deficiency continued to grow month on month up to the Appointment Date. The Company also had a current ratio below one (1) from September 2014 up to the Appointment Date, indicating that the current assets were insufficient to meet current liabilities.

## Section 7: Historical Financial Performance

23. A summary of the monthly historical financial performance for the 2016 financial year up to the Appointment Date and the YTD financial performance for FY14 and FY15 (as extracted from Xero) are shown at Table 3.

Table 3: Historical Financial Performance										
\$	Feb-15	Jan-15	Dec-14	Nov-14	Oct-14	Sep-14	Aug-14	Jul-14	FY15	FY14
Sales	13,985	199,951	280,213	304,793	253,366	296,350	346,587	366,704	2,061,950	2,216,100
Cost of Sales	(4,387)	(103,209)	(104,058)	(148,968)	(129,426)	(125,915)	(149,859)	(187,010)	(952,831)	(732,618)
Expenses	(77,297)	(178,619)	(211,760)	(287,027)	(217,853)	(266,514)	(274,849)	(233,336)	(1,747,255)	(1,533,768)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(67,699)	(81,877)	(35,605)	(131,202)	(93,913)	(96,078)	(78,121)	(53,642)	(638,137)	(50,286)

Source: Company information extracted from Xero and FTI analysis

24. The books and records show that the Company had poor trading performance and did not generate a profit in either FY14 or FY15. It is noted that the Company did not trade for the full financial year in either FY14 or FY15.

## Section 8: Investigations

25. Section 533 of the Act requires a liquidator to investigate any offences which may have been committed by the directors or persons who took part in the formation, promotion, administration, management or winding up of a company and to lodge a report on the findings to ASIC. The Liquidators' report pursuant to section 533 has been lodged with ASIC.

## Section 9: Unfair Preferences

- 26. Part 5.7B of the Act allows the Liquidators to bring certain legal recovery proceedings for the benefit of the unsecured Creditors of the Company, including the recovery of unfair preference payments.
- 27. Unfair preferences are payments made to, or benefits received by a creditor in a period of (usually) six months preceding the liquidation which, if set aside, would be more than that creditor would receive if they were to lodge a Proof of Debt in the liquidation. That is, a creditor has received a benefit, or preference, over the company's other creditors.
- 28. Based on the available books and records of the Company, the Liquidators have identified a potential claim against the ATO for payments totalling \$42,000 that may represent unfair preferences. The Liquidators have written to the ATO regarding this claim and are awaiting a response.

## Section 10: Estimated Return to Unsecured Creditors

29. The estimated return to unsecured Creditors is \$NIL cents in the dollar. Creditors will be notified should the circumstances change and it becomes likely that a dividend will be paid.

## Section 11: Acts and Dealings to be Carried Out

- 30. Prior to the completion of the winding up, the following acts and dealings remain to be carried out by the Liquidators:
  - 30.1 Pursuing the potential ATO unfair preference claim and assessing whether legal proceedings are warranted: and
  - 30.2 Attending to all remaining statutory obligations, inclusive of lodgement of this report with ASIC, lodging bi-annual accounts of receipts and payments with ASIC and lodging activity statements with the ATO.
- 31. In the event that sufficient recoveries are made, the Liquidators may also convene and hold a meeting of Creditors.
- 32. Following the completion of the abovementioned matters, the Liquidators will be in a position to finalise the liquidation.

# Section 12: Estimated Timeframe for Completion of the Liquidation

33. The Liquidators intend to complete the liquidation of the Company by 31 December 2016, however finalisation is dependent upon the timing of the completion of remaining acts and dealings which may be affected by third parties.

## Section 13: Receipts and Payments

34. A statement of receipts and payments for the Company for the Report Period is provided in Table 4 below.

	Amount
	\$
Receipts	
Pre-appointment cash at bank	8,027.15
Pre-appointment cash on hand	3,440.00
Plant and equipment	3,300.00
Upfront indemnity	20,000.00
GST received	2,981.00
Interest income	11.97
	37,760.12
Payments	
Appointee disbursements	(1,194.37)
Appointee fees	(33,000.00)
Agent fees	(522.50)
Payment to secured creditor	(1,388.75)
	(36,105.62)
Reconciliation as at 15 February 2016	
Opening balance	0.00
Receipts	37,760.12
Payments	(36,105.62)
Closing balance	1,654.50

## Section 14: Queries

35. Should you have any queries in relation to this report, please contact Declan McDonnell of this office on (02) 8247 8000 or declan.mcdonnell@fticonsulting.com.

Yours faithfully Raw Group Sunshine Plaza Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)

Nathan Landrey Joint and Several Liquidator

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## Schedule 1: Glossary

Term	Definition
Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
ALLPAAP	All Present and After-Acquired Property
Appointment Date	Appointment of Liquidators on 16 February 2015
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
АТО	Australian Taxation Office
СВА	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Company / Trustee	Raw Group Sunshine Plaza Pty Ltd ACN 165 477 994
Creditors	Creditors of the Company who have an admissible claim in the liquidation
Director	Mr Zeke Rowland, the sole director and secretary of the Company
FEG	Fair Entitlement Guarantee, a government scheme for some outstanding employee entitlements
FTI Consulting	FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd
FY	Financial Year
Liquidators	Nathan Landrey and Joanne Dunn of FTI Consulting
NAB	National Australia Bank
POD	Proof of debt
RATA	Report as to Affairs
Report Period	The period from 16 February 2015 to 15 February 2016
ROT	Retention of Title
Trust	Raw Sunshine Plaza Unit Trust ABN 64 587 784 740
Xero	The Company's accounting system as at the Appointment Date
YTD	Year to Date



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