## THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Claim No. ANUHCV 2009/0149

#### In the Matter of Stanford International Bank Limited

-and-

In the Matter of the International Business Corporations Act, Cap. 222

-and-

### MARCUS A. WIDE AND HUGH DICKSON AS JOINT LIQUIDATORS OF STANFORD **INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)**

**Applicants** 

#### ORDER

**BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GERHARD WALLBANK (Ag)** 

DATED: 21st October, 2013

ENTERED: 30t October, 2013

UPON READING the Ex-Parte Notice of Application dated 21 October 2013 and the Sixteenth Affidavit of Marcus A. Wide sworn on 18 October 2013, and the Applicants' Skeleton Argument filed on 21 October 2013, together with the authorities

AND UPON HEARING Malcolm Arthurs, Nicolette Doherty and Craig Christopher, counsel for Stanford International Bank Limited (In Liquidation) ("SIB")

AND UPON CONSIDERING the provisions of the International Business Companies Act, CAP 222 as amended 1999-2005 (the "IBC") and in particular section 204

AND UPON CONSIDERING that there is a prima facie case that SIB operated as a Ponzi scheme

**AND UPON CONSIDERING** that the management of SIB in the six months up to 23 February 2009, permitted redemptions of Certificates of Deposits ("CDs") to the unfair prejudice of the interests of other depositors and/or CD holders

**AND UPON CONSIDERING** that the Joint Liquidators of SIB have discretion to make the proposed withholding, and with regard to the fixing of the 6 month period chosen, and of the 120 day period chosen

**AND UPON CONSIDERING** that the Joint Liquidators have standing to make this application being a complainant within the meaning of the IBC Act

**AND UPON CONSIDERING** that the remedy sought is an appropriate remedy to rectify the said unfair prejudice

**AND UPON CONSIDERING** that the creditors affected by this proposed remedy should have an opportunity in the first instance to challenge this proposed remedy by means of communication with the Joint Liquidators

#### It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- SIB may make adjustments to certain creditors' claims (the "Preference Creditors") prior
  to a first distribution (and, where relevant, subsequent distributions) where such
  Preference Creditors received payments from the Estate in the final 6 months prior to
  SIB ceasing to trade on 23 February 2009.
- 2. All funds withheld from the adjusted claims shall be ring fenced in a separate account for 120 days pending any challenge to the Joint Liquidators' decision from any Preference Creditor; such 120 day period to run from the date that notification letters are sent to the Preference Creditors by the Joint Liquidators (the "120 Day Period"). Should any Preference Creditor challenge the Joint Liquidators' decision within the 120

Day Period, the said Preference Creditor's funds shall continue to be ring fenced and held in such account pending the final outcome of the challenge.

- 3. In the event that any Preference Creditors do not challenge the Joint Liquidators' claim adjustment within the 120 Day Period, the ring fenced funds relating to those particular creditors will revert back to the Estate.
- 4. The costs of this Application be costs in the Liquidation.

By the Court

✓ Registrar

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