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# South Canterbury Finance Limited Information Release Release Document

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Subject: [seemail] August DGS reporting suite
Attachments: [Remainder of attachments not relevant to release]

Review SCF 31Aug09c789bfb1.doc;

# [SEEMAIL]

Please find attached the monthly reporting suite for August 2009, including:

- 1. Relative Risk ranking
- 2. Estimated loss calculations
- 3. Watchlist reports
- 4. Sector reports

**Andrew Hemphill** 

We raise your attention to the materially modified loss estimate on SCF, revised down c.\$60m. It is now our view that the value of certain assets (previously considered to have nominal value because of uncertainty) should be revised upward.

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# Review of guaranteed NBDT entity

Entity Name:	South Canterbury Finance Ltd
Assessment date:	August 2009
Assessed by:	A Hemphill
Trustee	Trustee Executors[1]
<b>Guaranteed Deposits</b>	\$1,831m (29,606)

#### **Ownership**

100% - Southbury Group (Allan Hubbard holds 70% shareholding).

Key People:

Allan Hubbard – Chairman, Lachie McLeod – CEO,[1]

#### New prospectus / Latest announcements

Summary of pertinent points as follows:

- SCF have entered into an agreement to repay USD\$100m private placement facility over various tranches the first payment of USD\$45m + USD\$15m fee is due 25 October 09.
- The arrangement with the USPP holders waives their current default rights re. credit rating downgrades
- A new NZD\$75m facility is in the process of being arranged with a new provider. This facility will hold priority over deposit holders.
- Coy plans to divest non-core assets over next 6 12 months including farming assets. It also plans to refocus on tradition fin coy business, reduced related party exposure by \$50m before June 2010.
- Company reaffirmed it hold \$485m of property finance assets with 43% secured by 2<sup>nd</sup> ranking mortgages. 52% of the past due loans are held in this asset class.

#### Liquidity

Based upon the Bank's weekly data, as at 2nd October 09, the company held  $^{\sim}$ \$70m of liquid assets and had \$92m of deposits, either on call or maturing within 30 days.

#### Estimated Loss in the event of company failure

- The estimated net claim under the DGS has been reduced to between \$450m \$500m.
- Now with a greater understanding of the "other assets" that the company report the RBNZ is of the
  view that there is some value attributed to these assets, whereas previously, the modelling
  discounted these assets by 100%.

#### **Monthly Movement**

- Guaranteed deposits declined by \$42m during the month
- Reinvestment rate at 18.8% due to prospectus not issued
- Provisions increased \$12m
- Restructured assets increased \$31m
- Loans with capitalising interest increased \$27M
- Related Party lending reduced \$9m

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# Risk ranking

- Low levels of capital.
- High level of related party lending
- Diminishing Loan book quality
- Concentration / Large exposure risk
- Property development / 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgages exposure
- Modest levels of provisions

# Entity classified as High risk.

#### **Key Graphs**





















