

# Changes in UK Insolvency Law - What Do Corporates Need to Know?

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Introduction to the webinar and panellists



## Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act



- The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act (CIGA)
  - Policy/Purpose
  - Temporary/Permanent Changes
  - Impact on non-distressed businesses
- New measures:
  - Moratorium
  - Restructuring Plan (RP)
  - Ipso facto regime
  - Temporary Measures
- Henry VIII Powers



Russ Hill – Partner

# "Ipso Facto" Termination Clauses



### Ipso Facto



- What is the ipso facto regime?
  - Non-termination for insolvency reasons
- Who will it affect?
  - Small suppliers/hardship exemptions
- What impact will this have on your business?
  - Continued supply
  - Getting paid
    - Pre-insolvency
    - During/post



John Alderton – Partner

#### The Moratorium



#### Moratorium



#### What is the new moratorium?

- Debtor in possession but independent monitor oversees
- UK's Chapter 11
- 2 month + moratorium
- Rescue the Company as a going concern

#### What impact might this have on your business?

- Customer doesn't have to pay
- Do you have to continue to supply?
- Do you get paid for continued supply?
- Can you enforce retention of title?
- What is the monitor's role?
- Can you challenge?
- What happens next?



Mark Prior – Director

# The Restructuring Plan



## Restructuring Plan (RP)



- What is a Restructuring Plan (RP)?
  - Where it sits in the overall insolvency and restructuring framework
  - Overview of process
- RP v CVA vs Scheme
  - Comparison
  - Ability to cram down dissenting/secured creditors
- When an RP might be used

### Restructuring Plan (RP)



- What impact might this have on your business?
  - Which of your debtors might consider an RP?
  - Responding to an RP
  - Consider economic interest
  - Voting
  - Rights
  - Impact during and post RP
  - Challenges?



# Devinder Singh – Partner

# **Temporary Measures**



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- Statutory Demand
  - What is it?
  - Proof of Insolvency
  - Restriction
- Winding Up Petition/Order
  - Insolvency Requirement
  - Procedure
  - Restriction

# **Temporary Measures**



- Objective/Impact of Restrictions for Corporates/Creditors
- Wrongful Trading
  - What Is It?
  - "Assumption"
  - Effect of Suspension
- Conclusion

## Any Questions?





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#### Other Useful Resources

Coronavirus Resource Hub

<u>Changes to the UK Insolvency Regime – What This Means for UK Businesses</u>

