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Welcome to the Nottingham Insolvency and Business Law e-Journal (NIBLeJ)

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1 Welcome to the first edition of the Nottingham Insolvency and Business Law e-Journal (NIBLeJ).¹ This is an exciting new venture by the Nottingham Law School and, particularly, the Centre for Business and Insolvency Law within the School. It is intended to complement the existing publications produced by the School, amongst which is the Nottingham Law Journal.

2 The NIBLeJ has been set up as a peer-reviewed academic journal published by the Centre. It is intended that the journal will publish, on a twice-yearly basis, contributions relevant to the research fields of insolvency and business law broadly defined. This will thus include aspects of corporate, commercial, financial and property laws as well as other related and relevant areas. Although insolvency and business law are the key themes of the journal, contributions on any aspect of these disciplines will be welcomed, including interdisciplinary work involving these themes. The scholarly rigour and the contribution that the manuscript makes to the development of legal scholarship serve as primary criteria for acceptance of submissions for publication. All such contributions will be subject to anonymous review by expert referees. Submissions that deal with the more practical aspects within the insolvency and business law fields will also be considered, as will news items, case comments and book reviews, provided the Editorial Board are satisfied of the overall quality of the material. To underpin this commitment to quality, the journal is supported and advised by an Editorial Advisory Board representing academia, the judiciary and practice from the world over.

3 The intention is that the journal serves as a departure point for outreach to insolvency law scholarship on a worldwide basis. Hence, the decision to make available content on an open-access basis, with due regard to the copyright of contributors, and to do so on an electronic platform. The aim is to encourage and promote co-operation and joint projects identified through the research published

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by the contributors. It is also intended that the journal will contain thematic issues on topics of interest to the insolvency and business community, thus ensuring that debate on the issues of the day are properly aired, debated and analysed in the journal. Postgraduate and research students across the world, whose research and writing is of a sufficiently high calibre, are also encouraged to consider submissions as part of their ambition to producing research papers and reporting on doctoral-level projects (especially in the empirical field). This also complements the mission of the NIBLeJ and the Centre for Business and Insolvency Law to encourage younger scholars and scholarship more generally.

4 The Editorial Board hopes that the appearance of the NIBLeJ will further stimulate the advance of legal scholarship and will be warmly received by the insolvency and business law communities across the globe. Those interested in submitting material for the journal should address themselves in the first instance to the Editor at: <jingchen.zhao@ntu.ac.uk>.