# FIRST REPORT TO CREDITORS

KOBA INSURANCE PTY LTD ACN 642 789 286 / ABN 33 642 789 286

INSURTECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD

ACN 095 612 276 / ABN 21 095 612 276

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KOBA INSURANCE HOLDING PTY LTD ACN 642 787 273 / ABN 44 642 787 273 (ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

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| VA Voluntary Administration  | VA  | Voluntary Administration  |  |  |  |



# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 12 August 2024, we, Jonathon Keenan and Peter Krejci of BRI Ferrier, Level 26, 25 Bligh Street, Sydney NSW 2000, were appointed Joint and Several Administrators pursuant to Section 436A of the Act of the following companies:

- Koba Insurance Pty Ltd;
- Koba Insurance Holding Pty Ltd; and
- Insurtech Solutions Pty Ltd.

(collectively "the Companies" or "Koba Group")

This Report and the accompanying Notice of Appointment and First Meeting of Creditors advises of our appointment and explains the first stages of the VA.

The First Meeting of the Creditors of the Companies will be held concurrently at **11:00AM AEST on Thursday**, **22 August 2024**. The notice is attached as **Annexure "1"**. The meeting will be held in our offices with virtual meeting technology also made available should creditors wish to attend the meeting virtually. Details to access the virtual meeting will be provided to those who have substantiated their claim by providing a completed Proof of Debt form (**Annexure "2"**).

The Administrators are in control of the business and its operations, and we are conducting an urgent assessment of the Companies' financial position and set out our preliminary understanding below. Please note that we are working with the Directors to continue trading the business as we pursue a sale and/or restructure of its affairs, which may involve a recapitalisation within the current structure. Further information is provided herein and in future reports during this administration.

# 1.1 BACKGROUND

Founded in September 2020 with a capital injection of approximately \$525K from angel investors, Koba Group operated as a start-up providing 'personalised, real-time, data-driven, comprehensive pay-as-you-drive insurance policies, Uber Carshare policies and insurance policies crafted specifically for electric vehicles'.

In or around July 2022, we understand that Koba Insurance lost its underwriting support from Eric Insurance due to internal issues, however, was able to re-capitalise the business with the help of a \$1.2M investment from Ensurance Pty Limited. In October 2023, Koba Group signed with a new underwriting partner, Pacific Insurance International, and were reinsured through an innovative Lloyds syndicate. By January 2024, Koba Group was able to relaunch their existing products and develop a new EV product which launched in late April 2024. The product, whilst having strong product awareness and competitive quote rates, missed all conversion rate and growth forecasted over the ensuing three (3) months, causing Koba Group to miss their revenue targets. Upon reviewing the Company's cashflow projections for August and September 2024, the Directors understood that the Company would not earn sufficient revenue to meet projected liabilities and took steps to address the operational/solvency issues of the Companies via a Safe Harbour Plan. The Safe Harbour Plan considered the impending solvency issues of the Group and steps were taken by the directors to rationalise the Group's operating costs. With cash resources



depleting, the Directors sought advice in respect of Voluntary Administration which led to our appointment on 12 August 2024.

We confirm that we are seeking financial support from Pacific to fund the business's cashflow needs in order to preserve the groups business while we conduct a sale of business process. A sale may take the form of a direct sale of business or by way of a DOCA (see section 1.5 for further details on a DOCA). In the forthcoming weeks, we will be conducting an investigation into the affairs of the Companies, reviewing the options available to the Companies and its creditors, including any potential proposal for a DOCA. Further information will be provided at the upcoming concurrent meeting and future reports to creditors.

# 1.2 GROUP STRUCTURE

The Companies are part of a group structure with Koba Insurance Holding being the current Shareholder of the two entities. Below is a group structure:



Our preliminary enquiries into the primary purpose of each entity indicates the following:

- ▲ **Koba Insurance Holding Pty Ltd**: This entity raised the capital required for the formation of the business and its operation. It is the major shareholder of the other entities in the Koba Group and has 49 shareholders.
- Insurtech Solutions Pty Ltd: This entity holds the AFSL licence issued by ASIC that allows Koba Insurance to offer the insurance product to the market and the software development pool.
- **Koba Insurance Pty Ltd**: This entity is the primary trading entity that operates the business, including engaging customers, earning premiums and employing staff for trading.

Furthermore, we are advised that the Companies are grouped for tax purposes with the ATO.

Given the grouping and linked operations, we have determined it is appropriate to provide a single report to creditors regarding the affairs of the Companies. Similarly, it is appropriate for the first meetings of creditors to be held concurrently.



# 1.3 FINANCIAL POSITION

We are undertaking an urgent assessment of the respective Companies' financial and operational positions, as we explore the options available. The options include a potential sale and/or restructure of the Companies' affairs, as a recapitalisation under a DOCA proposal, as an alternative to an orderly winding-down.

We have been informed that the Companies' used Xero accounting software and we are in the process of seeking access to same from the Directors.

In respect to the known assets, the Companies had minimal cash reserves, contracts, licences and other intellectual property upon our appointment.

We will provide further information at the forthcoming creditors meeting, and in future reports through our appointment.

# 1.4 SALE OF BUSINESS

Our initial enquiries indicate that there may be a viable business to sell and/or restructure. As such, we intend to commence a public sale process offering the business for sale.

A sale of business advertisement will be published in the Australian Financial Review in the coming days. Creditors will be given more information regarding this in the upcoming First Meeting of Creditors.

# 1.5 DEED OF COMPANY ARRANGEMENT

It is also possible to explore a form of restructure of the business via a DOCA. A DOCA is an agreement with creditors to compromise their debts in return for which they receive an amount of funds, immediately or over time.

The Directors have not expressed an interest in proposing a potential DOCA for creditors' consideration at this time. We will explore this with the Director and if a proposal is forthcoming, we will provide our analysis and a recommendation as part of the Second Report to Creditors, measuring any proposal against the alternate option to liquidating the Companies.

We note that a DOCA can be proposed by any party, including creditors of the Companies and or a party interested in acquiring the Koba Group or a part of the Koba Group. Therefore, we invite any interested parties to contact our office promptly should they wish to formulate a proposal. Any proposal should be submitted without delay, and no later than **5:00PM Friday, 30 August 2024**.

# 2 EFFECT OF ADMINISTRATION ON CREDITORS

# 2.1 TRADE CREDITORS

As mentioned above, the Companies are continuing to trade to preserve the value in the assets. In this regard, as the Companies are now in VA, all costs incurred by the business need to be authorised by the Joint and Several Administrators in order for payment to be made.



All claims against the Companies in respect of goods and/or services provided to the Companies prior to our appointment are effectively frozen as at the date of our appointment.

Please contact Joshua Coorey of this office on (02) 8262 2320 for instructions regarding the continued supply of services. We will not accept any responsibility or liability in respect of any goods or services provided after the date of our appointment unless express written authorisation for those goods and services has been provided. Please refer to **Annexure "5"** for a list of specimen authorised signatures.

# 2.2 EMPLOYEES

We understand there were no employees of the Group at the date of our appointment.

If any employees are identified, they will have a statutory priority of payment in respect of outstanding entitlements, such as superannuation, annual leave, long service leave and redundancy (to the extent applicable). Should the Companies ultimately be placed into Liquidation, then the Federal Government FEG scheme is available to meet these claims.

# 2.3 LANDLORD

Whilst the Companies are in VA, a moratorium is imposed on all debts outstanding as at the date of our appointment. This extends to amounts outstanding to landlords of any premises leased by the Companies.

Pursuant to Section 443B of the Act, the Administrators are not liable for rental or lease payments on goods or property for the first five (5) business days of the VA. Furthermore, landlords are not entitled to terminate leases due to any technical defaults caused by the Companies being placed into VA. Upon discussions with the Directors, we understand that the Companies do not hold any leasing arrangements as at the date of our appointment.

# 2.4 SECURED CREDITORS AND SECURITY INTERESTS

A search of the Personal Property Securities Register ("PPSR") for the Companies as at the date of this Report indicates the following security interests registered against the respective Companies as at the date of our appointment:

- Koba Insurance, three (3) registered security interests;
- ▲ Koba Insurance Holding, one (1) registered security interest;

Correspondence has been issued to these parties inviting them to prove their claim. We ask all secured parties to contact Joshua Coorey of this office to discuss the effect of our appointment further.

# 2.5 LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST THE COMPANIES

Pursuant to s440D of the Act, upon our appointment all proceedings are automatically stayed. Creditors cannot commence or continue proceedings against the Companies without our written consent or without leave of the Court.

We are not aware that any of the Companies are involved in any legal proceedings.



# 3 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, RELEVANT RELATIONSHIPS & INDEMNITIES

Attached as Annexure "4" is a copy of the DIRRI made pursuant to section 436DA of the Act.

Until the recent approach by the Companies' Directors and advisers and our subsequent appointment as Joint and Several Administrators, neither of us, nor any of our fellow Principals, have had any dealings with the Companies or its Directors, either socially or professionally, apart from those disclosed in the DIRRI.

We have undertaken a proper assessment as to the risks to our independence prior to accepting these appointments.

# 4 LIKELY RETURN TO CREDITORS

Due to the limited information received to date and the early stages of the VA process, we are not in a position to provide comments on the likelihood of return to creditors.

We note that the Directors have not advised their intention to put forward a DOCA proposal for creditors' consideration. An estimated return to creditors will be reported to creditors in subsequent reports.

# 5 EXPLANATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION PROCESS

Generally, two Meetings of Creditors are held during a VA. The purposes of the meetings are as follows.

# 5.1 FIRST MEETINGS OF CREDITORS

The meetings will determine:

- whether to appoint committees of inspection; and
- if so, who are to be the committees' members.

At the meetings, creditors may also, by resolution:

- remove the Joint and Several Administrators from office; and
- appoint someone else as Administrator(s) of the Companies.

The First Meetings are required to be held within eight (8) business days after appointment. It is not possible to provide creditors with a detailed analysis of the Companies' affairs within this time.

# 5.2 SECOND REPORT TO CREDITORS

Following a preliminary investigation into the Companies' affairs, we will convene the Second Meetings of Creditors, known as the "decision meetings". When giving Notice of those meetings, we will also send you a Second Report to Creditors under section 75-225 of the *Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations)*. The Notice and Report will be sent at least five (5) business days before the Second Meetings of Creditors.

Normally that Report covers such issues as:



- Assessment of the Companies' financial position and the estimated value of asset realisations, including any sale of business opportunities;
- Summary of any trading that has occurred during our appointment;
- Comparison of realisations under any DOCA (if proposed) as against Liquidation;
- Review of the conduct of the Companies' business including consideration of antecedent/voidable transactions which may be able to be overturned should a Liquidator be appointed; and
- Consideration of insolvent trading by officers of the Companies and other recoveries potentially available to a Liquidator.

In the Report, we are further required to recommend whether it is in the creditors' interests that:

- An arrangement be entered into between Creditors and the Companies (in the form of a DOCA); or
- The Voluntary Administrations should end; or
- The Companies should be wound up (placed in Liquidation).

Should any creditor or interested party wish to submit a proposal for a DOCA, please contact us immediately.

## 6 MEETING

# 6.1 FIRST MEETINGS OF CREDITORS

The First Meeting of the Creditors of the Companies will be held concurrently at **11:00AM AEST on Thursday**, **22 August 2024**. The notice is attached as **Annexure "1"**. The concurrent meeting will be held in our offices, with virtual meeting technology also made available should creditors wish to attend virtually.

Details to access the virtual meeting will be provided to those who have substantiated their claim by providing a completed Proof of Debt form (Annexure "2").

Please find further details in relation to the meeting provided in the table below:

| Meeting Time Thursday, 22 August 2024 at 11:00AM AEST |   |
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| Address Level 26, 25 Bligh Street Sydney NSW 2000     |   |
| Registration Link                                     | https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlce2urz4tGtLeHxSA0kWUgGD<br>P-fsUdyP4 |

The purpose of the meetings is to:

- consider the appointment of a Committee of Inspection; and
- consider removal of the Administrators from office and appointment of someone else as Administrator(s)



### 6.2 PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING

To participate as a creditor, you should:

- Provide a Proof of Debt, attached as **Annexure "2"**, detailing your claim to be a creditor if you have not already done so. A Form 535 Formal Proof of Debt is enclosed. When returning the Proof of Debt, please enclose documentation supporting your claim.
- Provide a Proxy, attached as **Annexure "3"**, or Power of Attorney if you are a company, or are a natural person who is unable to attend the meeting in person. The documentation appointing the Power of Attorney must be provided to the Joint and Several Administrators' office prior to the meeting.
- ✓ You should send your Proof and Proxy to Zachary George of this office at <a href="mailto:zgeorge@brifnsw.com.au">zgeorge@brifnsw.com.au</a> by <a href="mailto:no later than 4:00PM AEST on Wednesday">no later than 4:00PM AEST on Wednesday</a>, 21 August 2024.
- If you are owed a debt by the Companies in your capacity as a natural person and wish to attend the meeting, you are welcome to attend without the need for a proxy form, but a completed Proof of Debt is still required.
- Please see the Notice of Meeting for requirements if you wish to participate in the meeting.

# 6.3 COMMITTEE OF INSPECTION

The functions of the Committee as set out in section 80–35 of the IPS are to:

- advise and assist the Administrators;
- give directions to the Administrators;
- monitor the conduct of the VA;
- carry out such other functions as conferred on the Committee by the Act; and
- do anything incidental or conclusive to the performance of any of the above functions.

Please note, the Administrators must have regard to any directions given by the Committee but are not required to comply with such directions.

Only creditors and their representatives are able to be members of the Committee. Please also note that a creditor or group of creditors representing at least 10% in value of creditors' claims may appoint a person as a member of the Committee as may the Commonwealth if a claim for financial assistance is made or likely to be made against the FEG scheme.

In addition, an employee or group of employees representing at least 50% in value of employees' entitlements may appoint a member of the Committee to represent employees.

If a Committee is appointed at the forthcoming meeting, further information will be provided to the members of the Committee shortly thereafter.

Please note, as set out in Clause 80-55 of the IPS, a member of the Committee must not directly or indirectly derive any profit or advantage from the external administration of the Companies unless the



creditors resolve otherwise or the Court gives leave. This includes selling to, or purchasing from, the Companies during the VA.

# 7 REMUNERATION

Please find attached as **Annexure "6"** an Initial Remuneration Notice setting out the methods of calculation of remuneration available to an Insolvency Practitioner, together with the advice as to the method chosen.

This document also includes details of our Firm's hourly rates, together with any amendments to that expected remuneration and the reasons for the amendment and also includes a summary of the method for charging of disbursements.

# 8 CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Pursuant to Clauses 70-40, 70-45, 75-15, 85-5, 90-24 and 90-35 of the IPS and Rule 70-30 of the IPR, we are required to give certain information to creditors as to their rights in the VA.

Accordingly, we attach as **Annexure "7"** an Information Sheet on Creditors' Rights in a Voluntary Administration as published by ARITA for creditors' information.

Within one month of the end of the VA, we must lodge an End of Administration Return for each of the Companies in the prescribed form. Should any creditor wish to receive notice of the lodgement of this return, please advise our office of your requirements in writing.

# 9 FURTHER INFORMATION

We enclose an information sheet entitled "Insolvency information for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders". This publication provides details to access further information to assist creditors in circumstances where a company has been placed into VA. We specifically refer creditors to the Information Sheet 74 "Voluntary Administration: A Guide for Creditors" and Information Sheet 75 "Voluntary Administration: A Guide for Employees" which are available on the ASIC website at <a href="https://www.asic.gov.au.">www.asic.gov.au.</a>

Please note that we are not required to publish notices in the print media. ASIC maintains an online notices page for external administrators to publish notices in respect of the Companies. Creditors are encouraged to visit <a href="www.insolvencynotices.asic.gov.au">www.insolvencynotices.asic.gov.au</a> throughout the VA to view any notices which may be published by the Administrators in respect of the Companies. These notices include:

- notices of winding up applications
- notices relating to appointments
- notices of meetings of creditors
- notices of intention to disclaim property
- notices calling for proofs of debt and intention to declare dividends



We enclose as **Annexure "8"** a summary of Insolvency information sheets available on the ASIC website.

If you would prefer to receive communications (including any Notice of Meeting) from us by email or by facsimile, please complete the details on the POD form attached as **Annexure "2".** 

Should you have any further queries in this matter, please contact our office on (02) 8263 2333 or email to <a href="mailto:jcoorey@brifnsw.com.au">jcoorey@brifnsw.com.au</a>.

Yours faithfully

KOBA INSURANCE PTY LTD
INSURTECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD
KOBA INSURANCE HOLDINGS PTY LTD
(ALL APMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)

PETĚ MREJCI

Joint and Several Administrator

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Annexure "1"
Notice of Meeting of Creditors

# CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 Section 436E

Section 436E Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 75-10, 75-15, 75-20, 75-35

### NOTICE OF FIRST CONCURRENT MEETINGS OF CREDITORS OF COMPANIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION

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On 12 August 2024, the Companies under section 436A appointed Jonathon Keenan and Peter Krejci of BRI Ferrier (NSW) Level 26, 25 Bligh Street, Sydney NSW 2000 as the Joint and Several Voluntary Administrators of the Companies.

Notice is given that concurrent meetings of creditors will be held on Thursday, 22 August 2024 at 11:00AM AEST. This meeting will be held at the offices of BRI Ferrier, Level 26, 25 Bligh Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Virtual meeting technology will also be made available should creditors wish to attend the meeting virtually. To attend virtually, creditors will need to register their details at the following link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlce2urz4tGtLeHxSA0kWUgGDP-fsUdyP4

- 1. The purpose of the meeting is to determine:
  - a. whether to appoint a committee of inspection; and
  - b. if so, who are to be the committee's members.
- 2. At the meeting, creditors may also, by resolution:
  - a. remove the Administrators from office:
  - b. appoint someone else as administrator(s) of the Company;

Notes:

Attendance at this meeting is not compulsory. Creditors may attend and vote in person, by proxy or by

attorney\*. The appointment of a proxy must be in the approved form.

Proxy forms must be given to the Administrators or the person named as convening the meetings. An attorney of the creditor must show the instrument by which he or she is appointed to the Chairperson of

the meetings, prior to the commencement of the meetings.

**Special Instructions for Meeting** 

Attendees who wish to attend the meeting virtually are required to register to attend the meeting at the

above link.

You will also need to provide a Formal Proof of Debt Form (including documentation to support your

claim) and proxy form if you are a corporate creditor or wish to be represented by another person.

Upon receipt of a valid Formal Proof of Debt Form and Proxy, a link to access the virtual meeting will be

emailed to you. This link will be unique for each attendee and unable to be shared with other parties.

Telephone dial-in details will also be available for the virtual meeting. Those wishing to attend via

telephone will also be required to complete the above registration process.

In accordance with IPR 5-5, a vote taken on a "show of hands" includes a vote taken using any electronic mechanism that indicates the intentions of a person in respect of a vote. This may include an attendee

clicking a "raise a hand", or similar button, on a virtual meeting computer program, as well as verbally

indicating their vote if dialling in to the meeting.

This definition is necessary to ensure that a show of hands may be used at a virtual meeting as an

alternative to a poll.

DATED this 14th day of August 2024.

PETEIR KREJCI

JOINT AND SEVERAL ADMINISTRATOR

**BRI FERRIER** 

Level 26

25 Bligh Street

Sydney NSW 2000

Telephone: 02 8263 2333

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# \*Voting at a Meeting the effect of Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 75-85:

### **Entitlement to vote at meetings of creditors**

- (1) A person other than a creditor (or the creditor's proxy or attorney) is not entitled to vote at a meeting of creditors.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3), (4) and (5), each creditor is entitled to vote and has one vote.
- (3) A person is not entitled to vote as a creditor at a meeting of creditors unless:
  - (a) his or her debt or claim has been admitted wholly or in part by the external administrator; or
  - (b) he or she has lodged, with the person presiding at the meeting, or with the person named in the notice convening the meeting as the person who may receive particulars of the debt or claim:
    - (i) those particulars; or
    - (ii) if required—a formal proof of the debt or claim.
- (4) A creditor must not vote in respect of:
  - (a) an unliquidated debt; or
  - (b) a contingent debt; or
  - (c) an unliquidated or a contingent claim; or
  - (d) a debt the value of which is not established;
  - unless a just estimate of its value has been made.
- (5) A creditor must not vote in respect of a debt or a claim on or secured by a bill of exchange, a promissory note or any other negotiable instrument or security held by the creditor unless he or she is willing to do the following:
  - (a) treat the liability to him or her on the instrument or security of a person covered by subsection (6) as a security in his or her hands;
  - (b) estimate its value;
  - (c) for the purposes of voting (but not for the purposes of dividend), to deduct it from his or her debt or claim.
- (6) A person is covered by this subsection if:
  - (a) the person's liability is a debt or a claim on, or secured by, a bill of exchange, a promissory note or any other negotiable instrument or security held by the creditor; and
  - (b) the person is either liable to the company directly, or may be liable to the company on the default of another person with respect to the liability; and
  - (c) the person is not an insolvent under administration or a person against whom a winding up order is in force

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Annexure "2"
Formal Proof of Debt with Request to
Receive Electronic Communications

# FORM 535 CORPORATIONS ACT 2001

Subregulation 5.6.49(2)

# FORMAL PROOF OF DEBT OR CLAIM (GENERAL FORM)

| lo the               | Joint and  | Several Administrators of: (please tick   | one)                                    |                       |  |              |
|----------------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|--------------|
|                      | KOBA INSURANCE HOLDING PTY LTD (ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) ACN 642 787 273 INSURTECH SOLUTIONS PTY LTD (ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) ACN 095 612 276 KOBA INSURANCE PTY LTD (ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) ACN 642 789 286 |   |   |                       |  |              |
| 1.                   | This is t  | to state that the company was, on 12  | August 2024 <sup>(1)</sup> and still is | , justly and truly    | ≀ indebted to <sup>(2)</sup> (full nar                             | me):         |
|                      | ('Credite  | or')  |   |                       |  |              |
|                      |  | address)  |   |                       |  |              |
| Particul             |  | debt are:   | dollars                                 | s and                 | c  | ents.        |
| Date                 |  | Consideration <sup>(3)</sup> state how the debt arose                                   | Amount \$                               | GST<br>included<br>\$ | Remarks <sup>(4)</sup><br>include details of voucher su<br>payment | bstantiating |
|                      |  |   |   |                       |  |              |
| 2.                   |  | knowledge or belief the creditor has n<br>faction or security for the sum or any        |   |                       |  |              |
|                      |  | articulars of all securities held. Whe ecurities. If any bills or other negotial        |   |                       |  |              |
| Date                 |  | Drawer  | Acceptor                                | Amount \$ c           | Due Date   |              |
|                      |  |   |   |                       |  |              |
|                      |  | I am <b>not</b> a related creditor of the   | ne Company <sup>(5)</sup>               |                       |  |              |
|                      |  | I am a related creditor of the C relationship:  |   |                       |  |              |
| 3A. <sup>(6)</sup> * | was inc  | nployed by the creditor and authorise urred for the consideration stated and satisfied. |   |                       |  |              |
| 3B. <sup>(6)</sup> * | I am the   | e creditor's agent authorised to make<br>eration stated and that the debt, to the       |   |                       |  |              |
|                      |  | The External Administrators' (whether a electronic notification of documents. Pleas     |   |                       | tors/Liquidators) will sen   | nd and give  |
|                      |  | Contact Name:   |   | <del> </del>          |  |              |
| l                    |  | Email Address:  |   |                       |  |              |
| DATED                | this   | day of  | 2024                                    |                       |  |              |
| Signatu              | re of Sigr   | natory  |   |                       |  |              |
|                      |  | CLETTERS  |   |                       |  |              |
|                      |  |   |   |                       |  |              |
| Address              | 3  |   |   |                       |  |              |

See Directions overleaf for the completion of this form

# OFFICE USE ONLY

| POD No:                          |     | ADMIT (Voting / Dividend) - Ordinary     | \$ |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|----|
| Date Received:                   | 1 1 | ADMIT (Voting / Dividend) – Preferential | \$ |
| Entered into CORE IPS:           |     | Reject (Voting / Dividend)               | \$ |
| Amount per CRA/RATA              | \$  | Object or H/Over for Consideration       | \$ |
| Reason for Admitting / Rejection |     |  |    |
| PREP BY/AUTHORISED               |     | TOTAL PROOF                              | \$ |
| DATE AUTHORISED / /              |     |  |    |

### **Proof of Debt Form Directions**

- \* Strike out whichever is inapplicable.
- (1) Insert date of Court Order in winding up by the Court, or date of resolution to wind up, if a voluntary winding up.
- (2) Insert full name and address (including ABN) of the creditor and, if applicable, the creditor's partners. If prepared by an employee or agent of the creditor, also insert a description of the occupation of the creditor.
- (3) Under "Consideration" state how the debt arose, for example "goods sold and delivered to the company between the dates of ......", "moneys advanced in respect of the Bill of Exchange".
- (4) Under "Remarks" include details of vouchers substantiating payment.
- (5) Related Party / Entity: Director, relative of Director, related company, beneficiary of a related trust.
- (6) If the Creditor is a natural person and this proof is made by the Creditor personally. In other cases, if, for example, you are the director of a corporate Creditor or the solicitor or accountant of the Creditor, you sign this form as the Creditor's authorised agent (delete item 3A). If you are an authorised employee of the Creditor (credit manager etc), delete item 3B.

### **Annexures**

- A. If space provided for a particular purpose in a form is insufficient to contain all the required information in relation to a particular item, the information must be set out in an annexure.
- B. An annexure to a form must:
  - (a) have an identifying mark;
  - (b) and be endorsed with the words:
  - "This is the annexure of (insert number of pages) pages marked (insert an identifying mark) referred to in the (insert description of form) signed by me/us and dated (insert date of signing); and
  - (c) be signed by each person signing the form to which the document is annexed.
- C. The pages in an annexure must be numbered consecutively.
- D. If a form has a document annexed the following particulars of the annexure must be written on the form:
  - (a) the identifying mark; and
  - (b) the number of pages.
- E. A reference to an annexure includes a document that is with a form.

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Annexure "3"
Appointment of Proxy Form

# APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FIRST CONCURRENT MEETING OF CREDITORS

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(ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) (COLLECTIVELY "THE COMPANIES")

| *I/*We (1)   |
|--|
| of   |
| a creditor of the Company (please tick one)  |
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| appoint (2)  |
| or in his or her absence   |
| as *my/our *general/special proxy to vote at the concurrent meetings of creditors to be held on 22 August  |
| 2024 at 11.00AM AEST, or at any adjournment of that meeting.   |
| Please mark any boxes with an X  |
| Proxy Type: General Special  |
| DATED this day of August 2024  |
| Signature  |

# **CERTIFICATE OF WITNESS**

| This certificate is to be completed <u>only if the person giving the proxy is blind or incapable of writing</u> . The signature of the creditor, contributory, debenture holder or member must not be witnessed by the person nominated as proxy. |
|---|
| l, of   |
| certify that the above instrument appointing a proxy was completed by me in the presence of and at the request of the person appointing the proxy and read to him or her before he or she signed or marked the instrument.                        |
| Dated:  |
| Signature of Witness:   |
| Description:  |
| Place of Residence:   |

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Annexure "4"

Declaration of Independence, Relevant

Relationships and Indemnities

# Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities

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(ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED)
(COLLECTIVELY "THE COMPANIES" OR "KOBA GROUP")

14 August 2024

JONATHON KEENAN
PETER KREJCI
Joint and Several Administrators

Novabrif Pty Ltd ABN 61 643 013 610 Level 26, 25 Bligh Street, Sydney NSW 2000 GPO Box 7079, Sydney NSW 2001 Phone (02) 8263 2333 Email: info@brifnsw.com.au

Website: www.briferrier.com.au



The purpose of this document is to assist creditors with understanding any relevant relationships that we, the Joint and Several Administrators, have with parties who are closely connected to the Companies and any indemnities or upfront payments that have been provided to us. None of the relationships disclosed in this document are such that our independence is affected.

This information is provided so you have trust and confidence in our independence and, if not, you can ask for further explanation or information and can act to remove and replace us if you wish.

This declaration is made in respect of ourselves, our partners and the BRI Ferrier network.

We are Professional Members of ARITA – Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association. We acknowledge that we are bound by the ARITA Code of Professional Practice.

# A. INDEPENDENCE

We, Jonathon Keenan and Peter Krejci, of BRI Ferrier have assessed our independence prior to accepting the appointment as Joint and Several Administrators of the Companies in accordance with the law and applicable professional standards and we are not aware of any reasons that would prevent us from accepting these appointments.

There are no other known relevant relationships, including personal, business and professional relationships that should be disclosed beyond those we have disclosed in this document.

## B. CIRCUMSTANCES OF APPOINTMENT

# I. HOW WE WERE REFERRED THESE APPOINTMENTS

These appointments were referred to us by Hunter Equity Group, an investor in the Koba Group. This is our first time dealing with Hunter Equity Group.

Our first contact with Hunter Equity Group was Monday, 6 August 2024. We have not received or paid any benefit to Hunter Equity Group. Therefore, we are of the view that the referral source will not give rise to a conflict of interest.

There is no expectation, agreement or understanding between us and Hunter Equity Group regarding the conduct of the Administrators and we are free to act independently and in accordance with the law and applicable professional standards.

# II. DID WE MEET WITH THE COMPANIES, THEIR DIRECTOR OR THEIR ADVISORS BEFORE WE WERE APPOINTED?

⊠ Yes □ No

We have engaged in various discussions regarding the potential appointment, as detailed below:



- On 6 August 2024, Mr Krejci was contacted by Mr Andrew Wong who left a voicemail message asking that Mr Krejci return his call to arrange a meeting to discuss the Koba Group's financial position. Mr Wong voicemail message advised he had received Mr Krejci's contact details from the Hunter Equity Group.
- On 6 August 2024, Mr Krejci sent an email to Mr Wong confirming that he had received his voicemail and enquired about Mr Wong's availability for a zoom call the next day, 7 August 2024. Mr Krejci also asked Mr Wong to provide him with the Koba Groups financial information ahead of a zoom meeting.
- On 7 August 2024, Mr Wong replied to Mr Krejci's email advising that he and fellow director Don Rossell were available on 7 August 2024 later that afternoon. The email attached the various financial information requested by Mr Krejci.
- On 7 August 2024, Mr Krejci sent an email to Mr Wong confirming a zoom meeting later that day attaching a Zoom meeting invite.
- On 7 August 2024, Mr Krejci and Mr Keenan participated in a Zoom call with Mr Wong and Mr Forrell to discuss the Koba groups affairs and discussed options available including Voluntary Administration.
- On 9 August 2024, Mr Forrell contacted Mr Krejci by phone and asked that Voluntary Administration appointment documents be forwarded to Mr Farrell/Mr Wong. A further update was given by Mr Forrell on the Groups financial position since the last discussion on 7 August 2024.
- On 9 August 2024, Mr Krejci sent an email to Mr Wang and Mr Forrell attaching the necessary documents to place the Koba Group into Voluntary Administration.

None of us, nor our firm have received any remuneration for the abovementioned correspondence and advice.

In our opinion, the above does not affect our independence for the following reasons:

- The Courts and the ARITA Code of Professional Practice specifically recognise the need for practitioners to provide advice on the insolvency practice and the options available and do not consider that such advice in a conflict or is an impediment to accepting the appointment.
- We did not provide any advice to the Companies or current/former Directors prior to our appointment.
- The Director obtained their own advice regarding the financial position of the Companies.

We have provided no other information or advice to the Companies, its Director or advisors prior to our appointment beyond that outlined in this DIRRI.



# C. RELEVANT RELATIONSHIPS (EXCLUDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE INSOLVENT)

| Within the previous two years, we   | e, or members of our firm, have, or have had a relationship with: |
|---|---|
| The Companies?  | ☐ Yes ☒ No  |
| The directors?  | ☐ Yes ⊠ No  |
| Any associates of the Companies?  | □ Yes ⊠ No  |
| A former insolvency practitioner appointed to the Companies?  | ☐ Yes ☒ No  |
| A secured creditor entitled to enforce a security over the whole or substantially the whole of the Companies' property? | ☐ Yes ⊠ No  |
|   |   |
| Do we have any other relations independence?  | ships that we consider are relevant to creditors assessing our    |

# **Australian Taxation Office**

The records identify that the ATO is a creditor of the Companies.

The ATO is a sophisticated statutory creditor and is administratively bound to act as a Model Litigant. In our experience the ATO does not seek to exert improper pressure on insolvency practitioners in connection with the discharge of their duties to creditors generally.

Principals and Directors of BRI Ferrier around Australia, were, until its expiration at the end of 2014, members of a panel of Official Liquidators established by the ATO and accepted appointments by Australian Courts initiated by the Federal Commissioner. These Official Liquidators had undertaken to the ATO to accept appointments as Liquidator appointed by a Court under the Corporations Act where the ATO is the applicant creditor, whether the Companies has assets or not. BRI Ferrier is likely to seek inclusion in any comparable panel should one be established in future. Membership of the panel was not conditional upon any preference or benefit being conferred upon the ATO.

In addition to the above, we also note that Principals of BRI Ferrier routinely accept nominations and appointment as insolvency practitioners by the major trading banks, in addition to creditors such as the ATO (as discussed above). The nature of these relationships varies over time depending on the nature of the engagements. Such relationships do not impede our independence or give rise to a conflict of



Do we have any other relationships that we consider are relevant to creditors assessing our independence?

duties because we accept such engagements only on the basis that our independence will be maintained and the relationships are maintained on professional commercial terms.

# **Appointment to a Group of Companies**

We note our appointment to 3 entities of the Koba Group. We are not aware of any conflicts between the Companies. Should a conflict arise, we will keep creditors informed and take appropriate action to resolve the conflict including potentially appointing a Special Purpose Administrator.

Appointment to group and/or related parties are permitted under the ARITA Code of Professional Practice and should generate efficiencies in conducting the appointments. This is particularly relevant given the mixing of the financial and operational matters between the Companies.

The affairs of the Companies are closely linked given the group operation, and therefore the appointment to multiple entities will assist in seeking to maximise the outcomes for creditors.

The role undertaken by us as Joint and Several Voluntary Administrators will not influence our ability to fully comply with the statutory and fiduciary obligations associated the administration of the Companies in an objective and impartial manner.

# III. NO OTHER RELEVANT RELATIONSHIPS TO DISCLOSE

There are no other known relevant relationships, including personal, business and professional relationships, from the previous 24 months with the Companies, an associate of the Companies, a former insolvency practitioner appointed to the Companies or any person or entity that has a valid and enforceable security interest on the whole or substantially whole of the Companies' property that should be disclosed.

# D. INDEMNITIES AND UP-FRONT PAYMENTS

The Directors deposited \$30,000.00 in our firm's trust account for each of the Companies immediately prior to the appointment commencing, making the total indemnity funds received to date \$90K. A new Voluntary Administration bank account is being opened and these funds will be deposited into same. There are no conditions on the conduct or outcome of the administration attached to the provision of these funds.

Dated: 14 August 2024



Jonathon Keenan

Joint and Several Administrator

Peter Krejci

Joint and Several Administrator

# NOTE:

- 1. The assessment of independence has been made based on an evaluation of the significance of any threats to independence and in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation and professional Standards.
- 2. If circumstances change, or new information is identified, we are required under the Corporations Act 2001 and ARITA's Code of Professional Practice to update this Declaration and provide a copy to creditors with our next communication as well as table a copy of any replacement declaration at the next meeting of the insolvent's creditors. For creditors' voluntary liquidations and voluntary administrations, this document and any updated versions of this document are required to be lodged with ASIC.

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Authorised Signatories



# AUTHORISED SIGNATURES SPECIMEN SIGNATURES

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| NAME:      | DAVID COCKER    | NAME:      | ASHLEIGH ROCHE |
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Annexure "6"
Initial Remuneration Notice



# INITIAL REMUNERATION NOTICE

Insolvency Practice Schedule (Corporations) 70-50
Insolvency Practice Rules (Corporations) 70-35

Dated this 14th August 2024

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(ALL ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) (COLLECTIVELY "THE COMPANIES")

The purpose of the Initial Remuneration Notice is to provide you with information about how our remuneration for undertaking the Administrations will be set.

## A. REMUNERATION METHOD

There are four methods for calculation of remuneration that can be used to calculate the remuneration of an Insolvency Practitioner. They are:

Time based / hourly rates or "Time Cost"

This is the most common method. It provides for remuneration to be charged at an hourly rate for each person working on the matter. The hourly rate charged will reflect the level of experience each person has.

# Fixed Fee

The total remuneration for the administration is quoted at commencement of the appointment and is the total charge for the administration. Sometimes a practitioner will finalize an administration for a fixed fee.

## Percentage

The remuneration for the appointment is based on a percentage of a particular variable, such as the gross proceeds of asset realizations.

## Contingency

The total remuneration for the matter is structured to be contingent on a particular outcome being achieved.



## **B. METHOD CHOSEN**

BRI Ferrier normally charges on a Time Cost basis, because:

- It is often difficult to estimate accurately the likely cost of undertaking an appointment, as appointments differ in unforeseeable ways as to their factual or legal complexity;
- The Time Cost method reflects the opportunity cost to BRI Ferrier of the use of staff on a particular engagement;
- The Time Cost method reflects the extent of work undertaken, reflecting in turn the nature of the appointment; and
- The Time Cost method can be applied equally to all aspects of an appointment, while percentage or contingent remuneration normally only reflect parts of an appointment, such as the recovery of assets. Our duties include activities, such as reporting to creditors and ASIC, that do not directly yield asset recovery, while contributing to the overall return to creditors.

BRI Ferrier reviews its hourly rates every twelve months. The hourly rates quoted below remain current. BRI Ferrier may increase the hourly rates charged for work performed and if hourly rates are increased, we will seek creditors' approval.

## C. EXPLANATION OF HOURLY RATES

The rates applicable are set out in the table on the following page together with a general guide to the qualifications and experience of staff engaged in administration and the role they undertake in the administration. The hourly rates charged encompass the total cost of providing professional services and are not comparable to an hourly wage rate.

| Title                    | Description   | Hourly Rates<br>(ex GST)<br>NSW |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Appointee /<br>Principal | Senior member of the firm. May be a Registered Liquidator and/or Registered Trustee. A senior accountant with over 10 years' experience who brings specialist skills and experience to the appointment. Leads staff carrying out appointments.  | \$750                           |
| Director                 | An accountant with more than 10 years' experience. May be a Liquidator. Fully qualified and able to control all aspects of an appointment. May have specialist industry knowledge or skills. Assists with all facets of appointment.  | \$670                           |
| Senior Manager           | An accountant with more than 7 years' experience. Qualified and answerable to the Team Leader. Self-sufficient in completing and planning all aspects of large appointments.  | \$520                           |
| Manager                  | An accountant with at least 6 years' experience. Typically qualified with well-developed technical and commercial skills. Controls and plans all aspects of medium to larger appointments, reporting to the Team Leader.  | \$580                           |
| Supervisor               | An accountant with more than 4 years' experience. Typically qualified with sound knowledge of insolvency principles and developing commercial skill. Assists to plan and control specific tasks on medium to larger appointments. Often undertaking post qualification study specialising in Insolvency and Reconstruction. | \$510                           |
| Senior 1                 | An accountant with more than 2 years' experience. Typically a graduate undertaking study leading to professional qualification as a Chartered Accountant or CPA. Able to complete work on appointments with limited supervision.  | \$450                           |
| Senior 2                 | An accountant with less than 2 years' experience. Typically a graduate who has  | \$400                           |



| Title                    | Description  | Hourly Rates<br>(ex GST) |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                          |  | NSW                      |
|                          | commenced study leading to professional qualifications. Able to complete many tasks on medium to large appointments under supervision.   |                          |
| Intermediate 1           | An accountant with less than 2 years' experience. Typically a graduate and commencing study for qualifications. Able to complete multiple tasks on smaller to medium appointments under supervision. | \$350                    |
| Intermediate 2           | An accountant with less than 1 year's experience. A trainee undertaking degree with an accountancy major. Assists in the appointment under supervision.  | \$300                    |
| Senior<br>Administration | Appropriately skilled and undertakes support activities including but not limited to treasury, word processing and other administrative, clerical and secretarial tasks.                             | \$300                    |
| Junior<br>Administration | Appropriately skilled and undertakes support activities including but not limited to treasury, word processing and other administrative, clerical and secretarial tasks.                             | \$200                    |

## D. ESTIMATED REMUNERATION

Having received further information about the Companies' affairs, we estimate that the administrations may approximately cost between \$100K to \$200K (exclusive of GST, disbursements and legal costs, as necessary) to complete as a voluntary administration for the entire group.

This estimate is also based on a number of assumptions, including:

- Information provided to us before appointment about the respective Companies' assets, liabilities and trading performance is substantially accurate;
- The records of the Companies are made available immediately on our appointment in a form permitting examination and investigation;
- All relevant officers comply with their statutory duties to provide information about the Companies' affairs;
- No appointment is made by any secured creditors;
- There is no, or minimal, disputes regarding the conduct of the administrations, adjudication of claims and dealing with the Companies' assets;
- There is prompt engagement regarding a viable DOCA proposal;
- The Administration period does not need to be extended; and
- There will be no actions requiring the commencement of legal proceedings.

Should any of the above circumstances change, we believe that costs will likely increase from our estimate above. However, as mentioned previously, actual remuneration sought to be approved may exceed this estimate and this higher amount must be approved by the Creditors, Committee of Inspection or Court.

We also note that this estimate relates only to the conduct of a Voluntary Administration and does not relate to any later administration of a Deed of Company Arrangement or Liquidation for the Companies.



# **E. DISBURSEMENTS**

Disbursements are divided into three types:

- Externally provided professional services these are recovered at cost. An example of an externally provided service disbursement is legal fees.
- Externally provided non-professional costs such as travel, accommodation and search fees. These are recovered at cost.
- Internal disbursements such as photocopying, printing and postage. These disbursements, if charged to the Administration, would generally charged at cost; though some expenses such as telephone calls, photocopying and printing may be charged at a rate which recoups both variable and fixed costs. The recovery of these costs must be on a reasonable commercial basis.

We are not required to seek creditor approval for disbursements paid to third parties but must account to creditors. However, we must be satisfied that these disbursements are appropriate, justified and reasonable.

We are required to obtain creditors' consent for the payment of internal disbursements. Creditors will be asked to approve our internal disbursements prior to these disbursements being paid from the administrations.

Details of the basis of recovering disbursements in the administrations are provided below.

| Disbursement Type                                   | Rate (excl GST)                           |
|---|---|
|   |   |
| Externally provided professional services           | At cost                                   |
| Externally provided non-professional costs          | At cost                                   |
| Internal disbursements                              |   |
| ASIC Charges for appointments and notifiable events | At cost                                   |
| Faxes and Photocopying                              | \$0.25 per page                           |
| Postage   | At cost                                   |
| Staff vehicle use                                   | In accordance with ATO mileage allowances |

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Annexure "7"
ARITA Information Sheet: Creditor Rights
in Voluntary Administrations



# Creditor Rights in Voluntary Administrations

As a creditor, you have rights to request meetings and information or take certain actions:



# Right to request information

Information is communicated to creditors in a voluntary administration through reports and meetings.

In a voluntary administration, two meetings of creditors are automatically held. You should expect to receive reports and notice of these meetings:

- The first meeting is held within 8 business days of the voluntary administrator's appointment. A notice of meeting and other information for this meeting will be issued to all known creditors.
- The second, or decision, meeting is usually held within 6 weeks of the appointment, unless an extension is granted. At this meeting, creditors will get to make a decision about the company's future. Prior to this meeting the voluntary administrator will provide creditors with a notice of the meeting and a detailed report to assist in making your decision.

Important information will be communicated to creditors prior to and during these meetings. Creditors are unable to request additional meetings in a voluntary administration.

Creditors have the right to request information at any time. A voluntary administrator must provide a creditor with the requested information if their request is 'reasonable', the information is relevant to the voluntary administration, and the provision of the information would not cause the voluntary administrator to breach their duties.

A voluntary administrator must provide this information to a creditor within 5 business days of receiving the request, unless a longer period is agreed. If, due to the nature of the information requested, the voluntary administrator requires more time to comply with the request, they can extend the period by notifying the creditor in writing.

# Requests must be reasonable.

# They are not reasonable if:

- (a) complying with the request would prejudice the interests of one or more creditors or a third party
- (b) the information requested would be privileged from production in legal proceedings
- (c) disclosure would found an action for breach of confidence
- (d) there is not sufficient available property to comply with the request
- (e) the information has already been provided
- (f) the information is required to be provided under law within 20 business days of the request
- (g) the request is vexatious

If a request is not reasonable due to (d), (e) or (f) above, the voluntary administrator must comply if the creditor meets the cost of complying with the request.

Otherwise, a voluntary administrator must inform a creditor if their information request is not reasonable and the reason why.

Specific questions about the voluntary administration should be directed to the voluntary administrator's office.



# Right to give directions to voluntary administrator

Creditors, by resolution, may give a voluntary administrator directions in relation to a voluntary administration. A voluntary administrator must have regard to these directions, but they are not required to comply with the directions.

If a voluntary administrator chooses not to comply with a direction given by a resolution of the creditors, they must document their reasons for not complying.

An individual creditor cannot provide a direction to a voluntary administrator.

# Right to appoint a reviewing liquidator

Creditors, by resolution, may appoint a reviewing liquidator to review a voluntary administrator's remuneration or a cost or expense incurred in a voluntary administration. The review is limited to:

- remuneration approved within the six months prior to the appointment of the reviewing liquidator, and
- expenses incurred in the 12 months prior to the appointment of the reviewing liquidator.

The cost of the reviewing liquidator is paid from the assets of the voluntary administration, in priority to creditor claims.

An individual creditor can appoint a reviewing liquidator with the voluntary administrator's consent, however the cost of this reviewing liquidator must be met personally by the creditor making the appointment.

# Right to replace voluntary administrator

At the first meeting, creditors have the right to remove a voluntary administrator and appoint another registered liquidator to act as voluntary administrator.

A creditor must ensure that they have a consent from another registered liquidator prior to the first meeting if they wish to seek the removal and replacement of a voluntary administrator.

Creditors also have the opportunity to replace a voluntary administrator at the second meeting of creditors:

- If creditors vote to accept a proposed deed of company arrangement, they can appoint a different registered liquidator as the deed administrator.
- If creditors vote to place the company into liquidation, they can appoint a different registered liquidator as the liquidator.

It is however usual for the voluntary administrator to act as deed administrator or liquidator. It would be expected that additional costs would be incurred by an alternate deed administrator or liquidator to gain the level of knowledge of the voluntary administrator.

Like with the first meeting, a creditor must ensure that they have a consent from another registered liquidator prior to the second meeting if they wish to seek to appoint an alternative registered liquidator as deed administrator or liquidator.

For more information, go to <a href="www.arita.com.au/creditors">www.arita.com.au/creditors</a>.

Specific queries about the voluntary administration should be directed to the voluntary administrator's office.

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Annexure "8"
Insolvency Information Sheet

# Insolvency information for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders

This is **Information Sheet 39 (INFO 39)**. It lists ASIC's information sheets for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders affected by a company's insolvency.

We have produced these with endorsement from the Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association (ARITA).

The information sheets give a basic understanding of the three most common company insolvency procedures – liquidation, voluntary administration and receivership – as well as the independence requirements for external administrators and approving external administrator remuneration. There is also a glossary of commonly used insolvency terms.

# List of information sheets

- INFO 41 Insolvency: A glossary of terms
- INFO 42 Insolvency: A guide for directors
- INFO 43 Insolvency: A guide for shareholders
- INFO 45 Liquidation: A guide for creditors
- INFO 46 Liquidation: A guide for employees
- INFO 54 Receivership: A guide for creditors
- INFO 55 Receivership: A guide for employees
- INFO 74 Voluntary administration: A guide for creditors
- INFO 75 Voluntary administration: A guide for employees
- INFO 84 Independence of external administrators: A guide for creditors
- INFO 85 Approving fees: A guide for creditors

# Where can I get more information?

Further information is available from the <u>ARITA website</u>. The ARITA website also contains the <u>ARITA Code of Professional Practice for Insolvency Practitioners</u>.

Information sheets provide concise guidance on a specific process or compliance issue or an overview of detailed guidance.

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