



**Data Republic Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)
ACN 602 442 044
(Data Republic)**

Initial Information for Creditors

Jonathan Henry, Robert Smith and I were appointed Joint and Several Voluntary Administrators (**Voluntary Administrators**) of Data Republic on 6 May 2021.

We have been appointed to represent the interests of all creditors. We are responsible for taking control of Data Republic's assets and business, investigating Data Republic's affairs, reporting and providing opinions to creditors and holding meetings of creditors to make decisions on the future of Data Republic.

According to Data Republic's records, you may be a creditor of Data Republic.

The purpose of this document is to provide you with information about the Voluntary Administration (**VA**) and your rights as a creditor.

What you should do

You should:

- read the enclosed information;
- decide whether you are going to participate in the first meeting; and if so
- complete and return your proof of debt and proxy form (if required) by **4:00pm on Monday, 17 May 2021**.

Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities (DIRRI)

We enclose our DIRRI. Our independent status and who appointed us is outlined in our DIRRI.

Meetings of creditors

As voluntary administrators, we are required to hold two meetings of creditors.

First meetings of creditors

The first meeting of creditors will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 18 May 2021

Time: 12:00pm

Address: Teleconference details will be provided upon request

While the technical meeting location will be at the offices of McGrathNicol Sydney, Level 12, 20 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000, this meeting of creditors will be held via teleconference and webinar only and creditors will not be able to attend in person.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider:

- our appointment; and
- whether to appoint a Committee of Inspection (**COI**).

We enclose a notice of meeting. To participate in this meeting, you must submit a proof of debt to substantiate your claim. If the creditor is a person and will attend the meeting, this is all that is required. However, if the creditor is another type of entity (such as a company), they must also appoint a person – a "proxy" or person authorised under a power of attorney – to vote on behalf of the creditor at the meeting. A proxy should also be appointed if the creditor is a person, but is not available to attend the meeting.

You can appoint the chairperson of the meeting as your proxy and direct the chairperson how you wish your vote to be cast. If you choose to do this, the chairperson must cast your vote as directed.



Proof of debt and proxy forms are enclosed, together with guidance notes to assist you when you complete them. Your completed proof of debt and, if applicable, proxy form must be returned to Alex Woolcott by post or by email to datarepublic@mcgrathnicol.com by **4:00pm on Monday, 17 May 2021**. Email communication is preferred given the current delays with delivery of the post. If you are using the post to return your forms, please ensure you use the 'express post' option.

We also enclose general information for attending and voting at meetings of creditors.

Committee of Inspection

At the first meeting, creditors will consider whether a Committee of Inspection (**COI**) should be appointed. The role of a COI is to consult with the voluntary administrators and receive reports on the conduct of the administration. A COI can also approve the voluntary administrators' fees.

It is our opinion that a COI is not required for this voluntary administration (VA) given the nature of the administration and relatively small number of creditors.

Second meeting of creditors

We will also, in due course, call a second meeting of creditors.

The purpose of that meeting is for creditors to consider our report and make a decision on the future of Data Republic.

Before that meeting you will be sent the notice of meeting and a detailed report which will set out the options for Data Republic's future. We will also provide our opinion as to what option we think is in the best interests of creditors.

You are encouraged to attend these meetings and participate in the Voluntary Administration process.

What do you need to know?

Question	Answer
What is a voluntary administration?	<p>A Voluntary Administration, or VA, is a process initiated by the directors of a company or a secured creditor of a company when they form the view the company is, or is likely to become, insolvent. 'Insolvent' means that the company is, or is likely to become, unable to pay its debts when they fall due. Less commonly, a VA is commenced by a liquidator of the company. In this case, the VA appointment was made by the directors of the company.</p> <p>The objective of a VA is to preserve as much as possible of the business of the company or, if that is not feasible, seek a better outcome for creditors than an immediate liquidation of the company. The process involves the appointment of a VA to the company to administer and investigate the business, property, affairs and financial circumstances of the company. A Voluntary Administrator must complete investigations, form an opinion about the company's financial position and its future and issue a detailed report to creditors of the company. Creditors are then given the opportunity to vote on the future of the company.</p>



Question	Answer
<p>What are your rights as a creditor?</p>	<p>We enclose a copy of the information sheet “Creditor Rights in Voluntary Administrations” issued by the Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association (ARITA). It includes information on your rights to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ make reasonable requests for information; ▪ give directions to the Administrators; ▪ appoint a reviewing liquidator; and ▪ replace us as Administrators.
<p>What happens to your debt?</p>	<p>All creditors of Data Republic are now creditors in the VA and your debt will be dealt with in the VA.</p> <p>It is important to note that a VA creates restrictions on creditors being able to enforce their rights. You generally cannot enforce your claim, recover your property, enforce your security, commence an action to place the company into liquidation or act on a personal guarantee.</p> <p>If you have leased property to Data Republic, have a retention of title claim or have a registered personal property security interest in relation to Data Republic, please contact Alex Woolcott on (02) 9338 2667 as soon as possible.</p> <p>We are continuing to trade the business of Data Republic. If you are a supplier or employee, you should have received a separate communication on how this appointment affects your ongoing dealings with Data Republic.</p>
<p>What is the cost of the voluntary administration?</p>	<p>We get paid out of Data Republic’s money, including realisations from assets or from money paid to us by others. If there is not enough money in the voluntary administration, we do not get paid in full.</p> <p>We enclose our Initial Remuneration Notice which provides you with information about how we propose to be paid for undertaking the VA.</p> <p>We will seek your approval of our remuneration at the second meeting of creditors, unless that remuneration is approved earlier by a COI (if one is appointed). We will provide you with detailed information about what tasks we have undertaken and the costs of those tasks.</p>
<p>What happens next with the voluntary administration?</p>	<p>We will proceed with the Voluntary Administration, which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ trading the business; ▪ undertaking an accelerated Expression of Interest campaign for the sale or recapitalisation of the business; ▪ preparing for and holding the meetings of creditors; ▪ investigating Data Republic’s affairs; ▪ analysing any offer for a Deed of Company Arrangement that is proposed; and ▪ preparing our report to creditors. <p>As discussed above, you will receive further correspondence from us before the second meeting of creditors.</p>



Question	Answer
Where can you get more information?	<p>ARITA provides information to assist creditors to understand voluntary administrations and insolvency. This information is available from ARITA's website at www.arita.com.au/creditors.</p> <p>A copy of the information sheet, "Insolvency information for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders", issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) is also enclosed for your information.</p>

If you have any queries, please contact Alex Woolcott at datarepublic@mcgrathnicol.com. For further information about this engagement, please refer to the website www.mcgrathnicol.com/creditors/data-republic-pty-ltd/.

Dated: 11 May 2021

Barry Kogan
Joint and Several Voluntary Administrator

Enclosures:

- 1 ARITA Information Sheet - Creditor Rights in Voluntary Administrations
- 2 Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities
- 3 Notice of Meeting
- 4 Proof of Debt (Form 535)
- 5 Proof of Debt Guidance Notes
- 6 Proxy Form
- 7 Proxy Form Guidance Notes
- 8 General information for attending and voting at meetings of creditors
- 9 ARITA Information Sheet – Committees of Inspection
- 10 Initial Remuneration Notice
- 11 ASIC Information Sheet - Insolvency information for directors, employees, creditors and shareholders