

## **Articles of Association**

Public company limited by shares

**Tribal Group plc**

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**Amended Articles of Association**

of

**Tribal Group plc**

**Preliminary**

**1. Table "A" not to apply**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no regulations for management of a company set out in any statute concerning companies or contained in any regulations, order, instrument or other subordinate legislation made pursuant to a statute (including, but not limited to, the regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (as amended from time to time) and any model articles of association prescribed pursuant to section 20, 2006 Act (to the extent that such provision is in force)), shall apply to the Company. The following shall be the Articles of Association of the Company.

**2. Interpretation**

2.1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

**"2006 Act"** the Companies Act 2006 (as amended and for the time being in force);

**"Acts"** the Companies Acts and every other statute order, regulation, or other subordinate legislation from time to time in force concerning companies and affecting the Company;

**"address"** has the meaning set out in section 1148(1) of the 2006 Act;

**"the Adjusted Capital"** as defined in Article 115.3(a);

**and Reserves"**

**"approved transfer"** in relation to any shares held by a member:

a transfer by way of or pursuant to acceptance of a takeover offer for the Company (as defined for the purposes of Part 28 of the 2006 Act); or

a transfer which is shown to the satisfaction of the Board to be made in consequence of a bona fide sale of the whole of the beneficial interest in the shares to a person who is unconnected with any member and with any other person appearing to be interested in the shares (including any such sale made through a recognised investment exchange as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or any other stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded). For the purposes of the sub-paragraph any associate (as that term is defined in Section 435, Insolvency Act 1986) shall be included amongst the persons who are connected with the member or any persons who are connected with the member or person appearing to be interested in such shares;

**"these Articles"** these Articles of Association as altered or varied from time to time (and "**Article**" means any of these Articles as altered or varied from time to time);

**"Audit Committee"** the committee set up in accordance with section D.3 of the Combined Code;

**"Auditors"** the auditors for the time being of the Company or, in the case of joint auditors, any of them;

<b>"Board"</b>	the board of Directors for the time being of the Company or the Directors present at a duly convened meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present;
<b>"cash deposited"</b>	as defined in Article 115.3(b);
<b>"certificated"</b>	in relation to a share, a share which is not an uncertificated share;
<b>"Chairman"</b>	the chairman (if any) of the Board or, where the context requires, the chairman of a general meeting of the Company;
<b>"clear days"</b>	(in relation to a period of notice of a meeting or the period before a meeting by which a request must be received or sum deposited or tendered) the period of the specified length, excluding the day when the notice is served, the request received or the sum deposited or tendered (or deemed to be served, received, deposited or tendered) and the day of the meeting, and, unless expressly provided to the contrary in these Articles, for the purposes of calculating a period of clear days, account shall be taken of all days regardless of whether or not they are working days;
<b>"Combined Code"</b>	the Principles of Good Governance and Code of Best Practice annexed to the Stock Exchange Listing Rules;
<b>"Companies Acts"</b>	the Companies Acts as defined in section 2, 2006 Act;
<b>"Company"</b>	Tribal Group plc;
<b>"Conflicted Director"</b>	in respect of a Relevant Situation, a Director who has made a submission for authorisation in respect of that Relevant Situation;
<b>"the default shares"</b>	as defined in Article 81.1;

<b>"Depository"</b>	a custodian or other person (or a nominee for such custodian or other person) appointed under contractual arrangements with the Company or other arrangements approved by the Board by which such custodian or other person or nominee holds or is interested in shares of the Company or rights or interests in shares of the Company and issues securities or other documents of title or otherwise evidencing the entitlement of their holder to or to receive such shares, rights or interests provided and to the extent that such arrangements have been approved by the Board for the purpose of these Articles, and shall include where approved by the Board the trustees (acting in their capacity as such) of any employees share scheme established by the Company or any other scheme or arrangement principally for the benefit of employees or those in the service of the Company and/or its subsidiaries or their respective businesses which the Board has approved;
<b>"Director"</b>	a director for the time being of the Company;
<b>"disenfranchisement notice"</b>	as defined in Article 81.1;
<b>"dividend"</b>	a distribution or a bonus;
<b>"document"</b>	means any document including summons, notice, order or other legal process and registers.
<b>"electronic address"</b>	any address or number used for the purposes of sending or receiving documents or information by electronic means;
<b>"electronic form"</b>	has the meaning set out in section 1168, 2006 Act;
<b>"electronic means"</b>	has the meaning set out in section

	1168(4), 2006 Act;
<b>"the elected Ordinary Shares"</b>	as defined in Article 150.1 (h);
<b>"Excepted Foreign Currency Borrowings"</b>	as defined in Article 115.4(i);
<b>"Exchange Cover Scheme"</b>	as defined in Article 115.4(i);
<b>"execution"</b>	any mode of execution (and <b>"executed"</b> shall be construed accordingly);
<b>"financial institution"</b>	has the meaning set out in section 778(2) of the 2006 Act;
<b>"Group"</b>	means the Company and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings (as such expressions are defined in sections 1159 (to be read with Schedule 6) and section 1162 (to be read with Schedule 7), 2006 Act respectively) from time to time, and <b>"Group Company"</b> means any company in the Group;
<b>"hard copy form"</b>	has the meaning set out in section 1168(2), 2006 Act;
<b>"holder"</b>	(in relation to any share) the member whose name is entered in the Register as the holder or, where the context permits, the members whose names are entered in the Register as the joint holders of that share;
<b>"Independent Directors"</b>	the Directors, other than the Conflicted Director and any other Director(s) interested in the Relevant Situation;
<b>"the London Stock Exchange"</b>	the London Stock Exchange plc or other the principal stock exchange in the United Kingdom for the time being;
<b>"member"</b>	a member of the Company or, where the context requires, a member of the

	Board or of any committee;
<b>"moneys borrowed"</b>	as defined in Article 115.3(c);
<b>"Office"</b>	the registered office for the time being of the Company;
<b>"Operator"</b>	the operator as defined in the Uncertificated Regulations of the relevant Uncertificated System;
<b>"Ordinary Shares"</b>	ordinary shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company;
<b>"Participating Security"</b>	a share or class of shares or a renounceable right of allotment of a share, title to which is permitted to be transferred by means of an Uncertificated System in accordance with the Uncertificated Regulations;
<b>"paid up"</b>	paid up or credited as paid up;
<b>"prescribed period"</b>	(a) in a case where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent in nominal value of their class, 14 days; and  (b) in any other case, 28 days;
<b>"person entitled by transmission"</b>	a person whose entitlement to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law has been noted in the Register;
<b>"the record date"</b>	as defined in Article 153;
<b>"Register"</b>	the register of members of the Company to be kept pursuant to section 113, 2006 Act or, as the case may be, any overseas branch register kept pursuant to Article 114;
<b>"relevant balance sheet"</b>	as defined in Article 115.3(f);
<b>"Relevant Situation"</b>	a situation in which a Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the

	Company (including, without limitation, in relation to the exploitation of any property, information or opportunity, whether or not the Company could take advantage of it);
<b>"Section 793 notice"</b>	a notice issued pursuant to section 793, Companies Act 2006;
<b>"Secretary"</b>	the secretary for the time being of the Company or any other person appointed to perform any of the duties of the secretary of the Company including (subject to the provisions of the Acts) a joint, temporary, assistant or deputy secretary;
<b>"sent" or "supplied"</b>	has the meaning set out in section 1148(2), 2006 Act;
<b>"share"</b>	a share of the Company;
<b>"a share warrant"</b>	as defined in Article 6.1;
<b>"subsidiary"</b>	as defined in Article 115.3(g);
<b>"uncertificated"</b>	in relation to a share, a share to which title may be transferred by means of an Uncertificated System in accordance with the Uncertificated Regulations;
<b>"Uncertificated Regulations"</b>	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001 No. 3755);
<b>"Uncertificated System"</b>	a relevant system (as such is defined in the Uncertificated Regulations);
<b>"United Kingdom"</b>	Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
<b>"a withdrawal notice"</b>	as defined in Article 81.2;
<b>"working day"</b>	a day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or any day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 in the part of the United Kingdom where the Company



is registered;

**"writing"**

printing, typewriting, lithography, photography and any other mode or modes of representing or reproducing words, symbols or other information in a legible and non-transitory form (and any combination of such forms) and "written" shall be construed accordingly.

2.2 Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (b) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender;
- (c) a reference to a person includes a body corporate and an unincorporated body of persons;
- (d) a reference to a "conflict of interest" shall include a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties; and
- (e) a reference to an Uncertificated System is a reference to the Uncertificated System in respect of which the particular share or class of shares or renounceable right of allotment of a share is a Participating Security.

2.3 A reference to any statute or provision of a statute shall include any orders, regulations or other subordinate legislation made under it and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force.

2.4 Save as otherwise provided in paragraph 2.1 of this Article 2, and unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Acts.

2.5 Where for any purpose an ordinary resolution of the Company is required, a special resolution shall also be effective.

2.6 The headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of these Articles.

2.7 References in these Articles to documents or information being sent or supplied by or to a company (including the Company) shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of section 1148(3), 2006 Act.

### **3. Constitutional matters**

- 3.1 The Office is to be situated in England and Wales.
- 3.2 The Company is to be a public company.
- 3.3 The liability of the members is limited.

### **Share capital**

#### **4. Allotment**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts and to any relevant authority of the Company in general meeting required by the Acts, unissued shares at the date of adoption of these Articles and any shares hereafter created shall be at the disposal of the Board which may allot (with or without conferring rights of renunciation), grant options over, offer or otherwise deal with or dispose of them, or grant rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares, to such persons (including the Directors themselves), at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide, provided that no share shall be issued at a discount.

#### **5. Power to attach rights and issue redeemable shares**

- 5.1 Subject to the provisions of the Acts and to any special rights for the time being attached to any existing shares, any shares may be allotted or issued with or have attached to them such preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividends, voting, transfer, return of capital or otherwise as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine or if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision as the Board may determine.
- 5.2 Subject to the provisions of the Acts and to any special rights for the time being attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued which is or at the option of the Company or of the holder of such share is liable to be redeemed.
- 5.3 Subject to the provisions of the 2006 Act and save as otherwise provided in these Articles, the Directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any redeemable shares provided they must do so before the shares are allotted.

#### **6. Share warrants**

- 6.1 The Company may with respect to any fully paid shares, issue a warrant ("**a share warrant**") stating that the bearer of the warrant is entitled to the shares specified in it and may provide

(by coupons or otherwise) for the payment of future dividends on the shares included in a share warrant.

- 6.2 The powers referred to in Article 6.1 may be exercised by the Board, which may determine and vary the conditions on which share warrants shall be issued and in particular on which:
- (a) a new share warrant or coupon will be issued in the place of one damaged, defaced, worn out or lost (provided that no new share warrant shall be issued to replace one that has been lost unless the Board is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the original has been destroyed);
  - (b) the bearer of a share warrant shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend, vote and demand a poll at general meetings;
  - (c) dividends will be paid; and
  - (d) a share warrant may be surrendered and the name of the holder entered in the Register in respect of the shares specified in it.

Subject to such conditions and to these Articles, the bearer of a share warrant shall be deemed to be a member for all purposes. The bearer of a share warrant shall be subject to the conditions for the time being in force and applicable thereto whether made before or after the issue of such share warrant.

## **7. Commission and brokerage**

The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Acts to pay commissions or brokerage to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe (whether absolutely or conditionally) for any shares in the Company, or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions (whether absolute or conditional) for any shares in the Company to the full extent permitted by the Acts. Subject to the provisions of the Acts, any such commission or brokerage may be satisfied by the payment of cash, the allotment of fully or partly paid shares, the grant of an option to call for an allotment of shares or any combination of such methods.

## **8. Trusts not to be recognised**

Except as otherwise expressly provided by these Articles, as required by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Company shall not recognise any person as holding any share on any trust and (except as aforesaid) the Company shall not be bound by or recognise (even if having notice of it) any equitable, contingent, future, partial or other

claim to or interest in any share or any interest in any fractional part of a share except an absolute right of the holder to the whole of the share.

## **9. Renunciation of shares**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts and of these Articles, the Directors may at any time after the allotment of any share but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder recognise a renunciation of it by the allottee in favour of some other person and may accord to any allottee of a share the right to effect such renunciation upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Directors may think fit to impose.

## **10. Fractions**

10.1 Whenever as the result of any consolidation, division or sub-division of shares any member would become entitled to fractions of a share, the Board may deal with the fractions as it thinks fit and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing):

- (a) the Board may determine which of the shares of such holder are to be treated as giving rise to such fractional entitlement and may decide that any of those shares shall be consolidated with any of the shares of any other holder or holders which are similarly determined by it to be treated as giving rise to a fractional entitlement for such other holder or holders into a single consolidated share and the Board may on behalf of all such holders, sell such consolidated share for the best price reasonably obtained to any person (including the Company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale after deduction of the expenses of sale in due proportion among those holders (except that any amount otherwise due to a holder, being less than £3 or such other sum as the Board may from time to time determine may be retained for the benefit of the Company); or
- (b) provided that the necessary unissued shares are available, the Board may issue to such holder, credited as fully paid, by way of capitalisation the minimum number of shares required to round up his holding to an exact multiple of the number of shares to be consolidated into a single share (such issue being deemed to have been effected prior to consolidation), and the amount required to pay up such shares shall be appropriated at the Board's discretion from any of the sums standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption

reserve) or to the credit of profit and loss account and capitalised by applying the same in paying up the share.

- 10.2 For the purposes of any sale of consolidated shares pursuant to Article 10.1, the Board may in the case of certificated shares authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to or in accordance with the directions of the purchaser or in the case of uncertificated shares exercise any power conferred on it by Article 17.5, and the transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money in respect of any such sale, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale or transfer and any instrument or exercise shall be effective as if it had been executed or exercised by the holder of the fractional entitlement to which it relates.

## **11. Purchase of own shares**

- 11.1 Subject to the provisions of the Acts and to any rights for the time being attached to any shares, the Company may enter into any contract for the purchase of any of its own shares of any class (including any redeemable shares) and any contract under which it may, subject to any conditions, become entitled or obliged to purchase all or any of such shares. Any shares to be so purchased may be selected in any manner whatsoever provided that if at the relevant date proposed for approval of the proposed purchase there shall be in issue any shares of a class entitling the holders to convert into equity share capital of the Company then no such purchase shall take place unless it has been sanctioned by a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting (or meetings if there is more than one class) of the holders of such class of convertible shares.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Articles (other than the proviso in Article 11.1), the rights attached to any class of shares shall be deemed not to be varied by anything done by the Company or the Directors pursuant to this Article.
- 11.3 Any exercise by the Company of the power to purchase any shares pursuant to this Article shall be subject to the following provisions:
- (a) purchases will be limited to a maximum price which will not exceed the average of the middle market quotations for such shares on the London Stock Exchange as derived from the Daily Official List for the 10 business days before the purchase is made or, in the case of a purchase through the market, at the market price, provided that the market price does not exceed such average by more than 5 per cent; and

- (b) if purchases are to be made by tender, the opportunity to tender will be made available on the same basis to all shareholders.

11.4 Any shares which are purchased by the Company in accordance with the Acts shall either be cancelled or held in treasury at the Company's discretion.

### **Variation of class rights**

#### **12. Sanction to variation**

12.1 Subject to the provisions of the Acts, if at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into shares of different classes any of the rights for the time being attached to any share or class of shares in the Company (and notwithstanding that the Company may be or be about to be in liquidation) may (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) be varied or abrogated in such manner (if any) as may be provided by such rights or, in the absence of any such provision, either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than 3 quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of shares of the class duly convened and held as provided in these Articles (but not otherwise).

12.2 The foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply also to the variation or abrogation of the special rights attached to some only of the shares of any class as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class the separate rights of which are to be varied. Subject to the terms of issue or the rights attached to any shares, the rights or privileges attached to any class of shares shall be deemed not to be varied or abrogated by the Board resolving that a class of shares is to become or to cease to be a Participating Security.

#### **13. Class meetings**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts, all the provisions in these Articles as to general meetings shall mutatis mutandis apply to every meeting of the holders of any class of shares, save that in the case of a meeting held in connection with the variation or abrogation of the rights attached to the shares of the class:

- (a) subject to paragraph (d) of this Article 13, the quorum at every such meeting shall be not less than 2 persons present holding or representing by proxy at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class in

question (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares);

- (b) every holder of shares of the class in question present in person or by proxy may demand a poll;
- (c) each such holder shall on a poll be entitled to one vote for every share of the class held by him;
- (d) if at any adjourned meeting of such holders, such quorum as aforesaid is not present, not less than one person holding shares of the class who is present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum; and
- (e) where a person is present by proxy or proxies, he is treated as holding only the shares in respect of which those proxies are authorised to exercise voting rights.

#### **14. Deemed variation**

Subject to the terms on which any shares may be issued, the rights or privileges attached to any class of shares shall be deemed to be varied or abrogated by the reduction of the capital paid up on such shares or by the allotment of further shares ranking in priority for the payment of a dividend or in respect of capital or howsoever or which confer on the holders voting rights more favourable than those conferred by such first mentioned shares but shall not be deemed to be varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of any new shares ranking *pari passu* in all respects (save as to the date from which such new shares shall rank for dividend) with or subsequent to those already issued or by the purchase or redemption by the Company of its own shares in accordance with the provisions of the Acts and these Articles.

#### **Share certificates**

##### **15. Right to certificates**

- 15.1 On becoming the holder of any certificated share every person (except a financial institution in respect of whom the Company is not by law required to complete and have ready for delivery a certificate) shall be entitled without charge to have issued within 2 months after allotment or lodgement of a transfer (unless the terms of issue of the shares provide otherwise) one certificate for all the certificated shares of any one class registered in his name and to a separate certificate for each class of certificated shares so registered. Such certificate shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares in respect of which it is issued and the amount or respective amounts paid up on them and shall be issued either under the

Seal (which may be affixed to it or printed on it) or in such other manner having the same effect as if issued under a seal and having regard to the provisions of the Acts and the rules and regulations of the London Stock Exchange as the Board may approve.

- 15.2 If and so long as all the issued shares of the Company or all the issued shares of a particular class are fully paid up and rank pari passu for all purposes then none of those shares shall bear a distinguishing number. In all other cases each share shall bear a distinguishing number.
- 15.3 The Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate in respect of certificated shares held jointly by 2 or more persons. Delivery of a certificate to the person first named on the register shall be sufficient delivery to all joint holders.
- 15.4 Where a member (other than a financial institution) has transferred part only of the shares comprised in a certificate he shall be entitled without charge to a certificate for the balance of such certificated shares.
- 15.5 No certificate shall be issued representing certificated shares of more than one class.

## **16. Replacement certificates**

- 16.1 Any 2 or more certificates representing shares of any one class held by any member may at his request be cancelled and a single new certificate for such shares issued in lieu, subject to the payment of such reasonable fee, if any, as the Board may determine, on surrender of the original certificates for cancellation.
- 16.2 If any member shall surrender for cancellation a share certificate representing certificated shares held by him and request the Company to issue in lieu 2 or more share certificates representing such certificated shares in such proportions as he may specify the Board may if it thinks fit comply with such request subject to the payment of such fee (if any) as it may determine.
- 16.3 Share certificates may be renewed or replaced on such terms as to provision of evidence and indemnity (with or without security) and to payment of any exceptional out of pocket expenses (including those incurred by the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity and security) as the Board may decide, and on surrender of the original certificate (where it is defaced or worn out) but without any further charge.



16.4 In the case of shares held jointly by several persons, any such request as is mentioned in this Article 16 may be made by any one of the joint holders.

## **17. Uncertificated shares**

17.1 The Board may resolve that a class of shares is to become, or is to cease to be, a Participating Security. Shares of a class shall not be treated as forming a separate class from other shares of the same class as a consequence only of such shares being held in uncertificated form. Any share of a class which is a Participating Security may be changed from an uncertificated share to a certificated share and from a certificated share to an uncertificated share in accordance with the Uncertificated Regulations. For any purpose under these Articles, the Company may treat a member's holding of uncertificated shares and of certificated shares of the same class as if they were separate holdings, unless the Board otherwise decides.

17.2 These Articles apply to uncertificated shares of a class which is a Participating Security only to the extent that these Articles are consistent with the holding of such shares in uncertificated form, with the transfer of title to such shares by means of the Uncertificated System and with the Uncertificated Regulations.

17.3 The Board may lay down regulations not included in these Articles which:

- (a) apply to the issue, holding or transfer of uncertificated shares (in addition to or in substitution for any such provisions in these Articles);
- (b) set out (where appropriate) the procedures for conversion and/or redemption of uncertificated shares,

in each case which are necessary to ensure that these Articles are consistent with the Uncertificated Regulations and/or the Operator's rules and practices and such regulations will apply instead of any relevant provisions in these Articles which relate to certificates and the transfer, conversion and redemption of shares or which are not consistent with the Uncertificated Regulations, in all cases to the extent (if any) stated in such regulations. If the Board makes any such regulations, Article 17.2 will (for the avoidance of doubt) continue to apply to these Articles, when read in conjunction with those regulations.

17.4 Any instruction given by means of an Uncertificated System as referred to in these Articles shall be a dematerialised instruction given in accordance with the Uncertificated Regulations, the facilities and requirements of the Uncertificated System and the Operator's rules and practices.

- 17.5 Where the Company is entitled (under the Acts, the Operator's rules and practices, these Articles or otherwise) to dispose of, forfeit, enforce a lien over or sell or otherwise procure the sale of any shares of a class which is a Participating Security and which are held in uncertificated form, the Board may take such steps (subject to the Uncertificated Regulations and to such rules and practices) as may be required or appropriate, by instruction by means of an Uncertificated System or otherwise, to effect such disposal, forfeiture, enforcement or sale including by (without limitation):
- (a) requesting or requiring the deletion of any computer-based entries in the Uncertificated System relating to the holding of such shares in uncertificated form;
  - (b) altering such computer-based entries so as to divest the holder of such shares of the power to transfer such shares other than to a person selected or approved by the Company for the purpose of such transfer;
  - (c) requiring any holder of such shares, by notice in writing to him, to change his holding of such uncertificated shares into certificated form within any specified period;
  - (d) requiring any holder of such shares to take such steps as may be necessary to sell or transfer such shares as directed by the Company;
  - (e) otherwise rectify or change the Register in respect of any such shares in such manner as the Board considers appropriate (including, without limitation, by entering the name of a transferee into the Register as the next holder of such shares); and/or
  - (f) appointing any person to take any steps in the name of any holder of such shares as may be required to change such shares from uncertificated form to certificated form and/or to effect the transfer of such shares (and such steps shall be effective as if they had been taken by such holder).

### **Lien on shares**

#### **18. Lien on shares not fully paid**

The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on any of its shares which are not fully paid, to the extent and in the circumstances permitted by section 670, 2006 Act. The lien shall also extend to all distributions and other moneys from time to time declared or payable in respect of such share. The Board may waive any lien which has arisen and may resolve that any

share shall for some limited period be exempt wholly or partially from the provisions of this Article. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the registration of a transfer of a share shall operate as a waiver of the Company's lien (if any) on that share.

## **19. Enforcement of lien by sale**

19.1 The Company may sell in any manner decided by the Board all or any of the shares subject to any lien at such time or times and in such manner as it may determine, save that no sale shall be made until such time as the moneys in respect of which such lien exists or some part of them are or is presently payable, or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged, and until a demand and notice in writing stating the amount due, or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding payment or fulfilment or discharge of them, and giving notice of intention to sell in default, shall have been served on the holder or the persons (if any) entitled by transmission to the shares and default in payment, fulfilment or discharge shall have been made by him or them for 14 clear days after service of such notice.

19.2 A statutory declaration in writing that the declarant is a Director or the Secretary of the Company and that a share has been duly forfeited or surrendered or sold to satisfy a lien of the Company on a date stated in the declaration shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share. In order to give effect to any such sale, the Board may in the case of certificated shares authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold in the name and on behalf of the holder or the persons entitled by transmission in favour of the purchaser or as the purchaser may direct and in the case of uncertificated shares exercise any power conferred on it by Article 17.5 to effect a transfer of the shares. The purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money in respect of any such sale and the title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale. Any instrument or exercise shall be effective as if it had been executed or exercised by the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the shares to which it relates.

## **20. Application of proceeds of sale**

The net proceeds of any sale of shares subject to any lien after payment of the costs shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of so much of the amount due to the Company or of the liability or engagement (as the case may be) as is presently payable or is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged. The balance (if any) shall (on surrender to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold and subject to a like lien for any

moneys not presently payable or any liability or engagement not liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged as existed on the shares before the sale) be paid to the holder of (or the person (if any) entitled by transmission to) the shares immediately prior to sale.

## **Calls on shares**

### **21. Calls**

Subject to the terms of allotment of shares, the Board may from time to time make calls on the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on the shares or any class of shares held by them respectively (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and not payable on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue provided that no call on any share shall be payable within one month from the date fixed for the payment of the last preceding call. Each member shall (subject to receiving at least 14 clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made and whether or not by instalments) be liable to pay the amount of every call so made on him as required by the notice. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising such call was passed or (as the case may require) any person to whom power has been delegated pursuant to these Articles serves notice of exercise of such power. A call may be required to be paid by instalments and may before receipt by the Company of any sum due under it be either revoked or postponed in whole or part as regards all or any such members as the Board may determine. A person on whom a call is made shall remain liable notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of all calls in respect of them.

### **22. Interest on calls**

If the whole of the sum payable in respect of any call is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment, the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay all reasonable costs, charges and expenses that the Company may have incurred by reason of such non-payment together with interest on the unpaid amount from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at the rate fixed by the terms of the allotment of the share or, if no rate is so fixed, at such rate, not exceeding 15 per cent per annum, as the Board shall determine and specify in the notice of the call. The Board may waive payment of such costs, charges, expenses or interest in whole or in part.

**23. Rights of member when call unpaid**

No member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or to be present and vote at any general meeting either personally or (save as proxy for another member) by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum or to exercise any other privilege as a member unless and until he shall have paid all calls for the time being due and payable on every share held by him, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any).

**24. Sums due on allotment treated as calls**

Any sum payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date whether in respect of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium or as an instalment of a call shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made, notified and payable on the date on which, by the terms of allotment or in the notice of call, it becomes payable. If it is not paid, the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if such amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

**25. Power to differentiate**

The Board may make arrangements on the allotment or issue of shares for a difference as between the allottees or holders of such shares in the amount and time of payment of calls.

**26. Payment in advance of calls**

The Board may if it thinks fit receive from any member willing to advance it all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid on the shares held by him. Such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish pro tanto the liability on the shares on which it is made. The Company may pay interest on the money paid in advance or so much of it as exceeds the amount for the time being called up on the shares in respect of which such advance has been made at such rate not exceeding 15 per cent as the Board may decide until and to the extent that it would, but for the advance, become payable. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced on giving to such member not less than 3 months' notice in writing of its intention in that regard, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced. No sum paid in advance of calls shall entitle the holder of a share in respect of them to any portion of a dividend subsequently declared in respect of any period prior to the date upon which such sum would, but for such payment, become presently payable.

## **Forfeiture of shares**

### **27. Notice if call not paid**

If any member fails to pay the whole of any call or any instalment of any call on or before the day appointed for payment the Board may at any time serve a notice in writing on such member, or on any person entitled to the shares by transmission, requiring payment, on a date not less than 14 clear days from the date of the notice, of the amount unpaid and any interest which may have accrued on it and any reasonable costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment. The notice shall name the place where the payment is to be made and state that, if the notice is not complied with, the shares in respect of which such call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

### **28. Forfeiture for non-compliance**

If the notice referred to in Article 27 is not complied with any share in respect of which it was given may at any time after the date appointed for payment pursuant to the notice, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture, and shall be deemed to occur at the time of the passing of the said resolution of the Board.

### **29. Notice after forfeiture**

When any share has been forfeited notice of the forfeiture shall be served on the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share or the person entitled to such share by transmission (as the case may be). An entry of such notice having been given and of the forfeiture with the date of it shall forthwith be made in the Register in respect of such share. However, no forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission to give such notice or to make such entry as aforesaid.

### **30. Forfeiture may be annulled**

The Board may at any time before any share so forfeited has been cancelled or sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of annul the forfeiture, on the terms that payment shall be made of all calls and interest due thereon and all expenses incurred in respect of the share and on such further terms (if any) as the Board shall see fit.

### **31. Surrender**

The Board may accept a surrender of any share liable to be forfeited under these Articles upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed and, subject to any such terms and conditions, a surrendered share shall be treated as if it had been forfeited. In such case, references in these Articles to forfeiture shall include surrender.

### **32. Disposal of forfeited shares**

Every share which shall be forfeited shall thereupon become the property of the Company. The Company shall not exercise any voting rights in respect of such a share. Subject to the provisions of the Acts, any such share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of either to the person who was before forfeiture its holder or entitled to it or to any other person on such terms and in such manner as the Board shall determine and, in the case of re-allotment, whether with or without all or any part of the amount previously paid up on the share being treated as so paid up. The Board may, for the purposes of the disposal in the case of certificated shares, authorise some person to transfer the share in question and may enter the name of the transferee in respect of the transferred share in the Register notwithstanding the absence of any share certificate being lodged in respect of it and may issue a new certificate to the transferee in respect of certificated shares transferred to it. An instrument of transfer executed by that person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the holder of or the person entitled by transmission to the share. In the case of uncertificated shares the Board may exercise any power conferred on it by Article 17.5 to effect a transfer of the shares. The Company may, if the Board considers it just and equitable to do so, receive the consideration (if any) given for the share on its disposal.

### **33. Effect of forfeiture**

A shareholder whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the shares forfeited and shall in the case of a certificated share surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for such shares. He shall nevertheless be liable (unless payment is waived in whole or in part by the Directors) to pay to the Company all calls made and not paid on such shares at the time of forfeiture, and interest on them from the date of the forfeiture to the date of payment at the rate at which interest was payable on those amounts before the forfeiture or, if no interest was so payable, at such rate not exceeding 15 per cent per annum as the Board may determine, in the same manner in all respects as if the shares had not been forfeited, and to satisfy all (if any) claims, demands and liabilities

which the Company might have enforced in respect of the shares at the time of forfeiture without any reduction or allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on the disposal.

**34. Extinction of claims**

The forfeiture of a share shall include all dividends and other payments or distributions declared in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid or distributed before forfeiture.

**35. Evidence of forfeiture**

A statutory declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited in pursuance of these Articles and stating the date on which it was forfeited shall as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share adversely to its forfeiture, be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it. The declaration, together with the receipt of the Company for the consideration (if any) given for the share on its sale or disposition and a certificate for the share delivered to the person to whom it is sold or disposed of, shall (subject if necessary to the execution of an instrument of transfer) constitute a good title to the share. Subject to the execution of any necessary transfer in the case of a certificated share, such person shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall be discharged from all calls made prior to such sale or disposition and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or other consideration (if any) nor shall his title to the share be affected by any act, omission or irregularity relating to or connected with the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share. Such person shall not (except by express agreement with the Company) become entitled to any dividend which might have accrued on the share before the completion of the sale or disposition thereof.

**Transfer of shares**

**36. Form of transfer**

Each member may transfer all or any of his shares, in the case of certificated shares, by instrument of transfer in writing in any usual form or in any form approved by the Board, or, in the case of uncertificated shares, without a written instrument in accordance with the Uncertificated Regulations. Any written instrument shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and (in the case of a transfer of a share which is not fully paid up) by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of such share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of it.



### **37. Right to refuse registration**

37.1 The Board may in its absolute discretion refuse to register any transfer of a certificated share unless:

- (a) it is in respect of a share which is fully paid up;
- (b) it is in respect of a share on which the Company has no lien;
- (c) it is in respect of only one class of shares;
- (d) it is in favour of a single transferee or not more than 4 joint transferees;
- (e) it is duly stamped (if so required); and
- (f) it is delivered for registration to the Office, or such other place as the Board may from time to time determine, accompanied (except in the case of a transfer by a financial institution where a certificate has not been issued) by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor and the due execution by him of the transfer or if the transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so,

provided that such discretion may not be exercised in such a way as to prevent dealings in such shares from taking place on an open and proper basis.

37.2 The Board shall register a transfer of title to any uncertificated share or the renunciation or transfer of any renounceable right of allotment of a share which is a Participating Security held in uncertificated form in accordance with the Uncertificated Regulations, except that the Board may refuse (subject to any relevant requirements applicable to the recognised investment exchange(s) to which the shares of the Company are admitted (or to any other stock exchange on which the Company's shares are normally traded)) to register any such transfer or renunciation which is in favour of more than 4 persons jointly or in any other circumstance permitted by the Uncertificated Regulations.

37.3 No transfer of any share shall be made:

- (a) to a minor; or
- (b) to a bankrupt; or

- (c) to any person who is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
  - (i) has been admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or any similar statute relating to mental health (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere); or
  - (ii) an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs,

and the Directors shall refuse to register the purported transfer of a share to any such person.

### **38. Notice of refusal**

If the Board refuses to register a transfer of a share it shall, within 2 months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send notice of the refusal to the transferee together with its reasons for the refusal. Any instrument of transfer which the Board refuses to register shall (except in the case of suspected fraud) be returned to the person depositing it. All instruments of transfer which are registered may be retained by the Company.

### **39. No fees on registration**

No fee shall be charged for registration of a transfer or on the registration of any probate, letters of administration, certificate of death or marriage, power of attorney, notice or other instrument relating to or affecting the title to any shares or otherwise for making any entry in the Register affecting the title to any shares.

### **40. Other powers in relation to transfers**

- 40.1 Nothing in these Articles shall preclude the Board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
- 40.2 Nothing in these Articles shall preclude the Directors, if empowered by these Articles to authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of a share, from authorising any person to transfer that share in accordance with any procedures implemented pursuant to Article 17.

## **Transmission of shares**

### **41. On death**

If a member dies the survivors or survivor where he was a joint holder and his executors or administrators where he was a sole or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his shares. Nothing in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which has been solely or jointly held by him.

### **42. Election of person entitled by transmission**

Any person entitled to a share by transmission, may, on such evidence as to his title being produced as the Board may reasonably require, elect either to become registered as a member or to have some person nominated by him registered as a member. If he elects to become registered himself he shall give written notice signed by him to the Company to that effect. If he elects to have some other person registered he shall, in the case of a certificated share, execute an instrument of transfer of such shares to that person and, in the case of an uncertificated share, either procure that all appropriate instructions are given by means of the Uncertificated System to effect the transfer of such share to such person or change the uncertificated share to certificated form and then execute an instrument of transfer of such share to such person. All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice, instrument of transfer or instructions (as the case may be) as if it were an instrument of transfer executed or instructions given by the member and his death, bankruptcy or other event had not occurred and any notice or transfer were executed by such member. Where the entitlement of a person to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law is proved to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall, within 2 months after proof, cause the entitlement of that person to be noted in the Register.

### **43. Rights on transmission**

Where a person is entitled to a share by transmission, the rights of the holder in relation to such share shall cease. However, the person so entitled may give a good discharge for any dividends and other moneys payable in respect of it and shall have the same rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share except that he shall not before he is registered as the holder of the share be entitled in respect of it to give notice of or to attend or vote at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the

Company. The Board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share. If the notice is not complied with within 60 days the Board may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends and other moneys payable in respect of such share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

## **General meetings**

### **44. Annual general meetings**

44.1 Subject to the provisions of the Acts, annual general meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine.

44.2 Subject to and in accordance with Section 340A, 2006 Act (and subject to the provisions of Section 340B, 2006 Act), where the Company is required under Section 338A, 2006 Act to include a matter in the business to be dealt with at an annual general meeting of the Company, the Company shall:

- (a) give notice of such matter to each member of the Company entitled to receive notice of the annual general meeting:
  - (i) in the same manner as notice of the meeting; and
  - (ii) at the same time as, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, it gives notice of the meeting; and

publish such matter on the same website as that on which the Company published the information required pursuant to Article 50.

### **45. Convening of general meeting**

The Board may convene a general meeting whenever it thinks fit. A general meeting shall also be convened by the Board on a member's requisition in accordance with Sections 303 and 304, 2006 Act or, in default, may be convened by the members requisitioning such meeting in accordance with Section 305, 2006 Act. At any general meeting convened no business shall be transacted except that proposed by the Board or by the members (as the case may be).

### **46. Notice of general meetings**

A general meeting of the Company (other than an adjourned meeting) shall be called by notice of:

- (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, at least 21 clear days; and
- (b) in any other case, at least 14 clear days (unless, at the relevant time, either of the conditions set out in Sub-section 307A(3) and Sub-section 307A(4), 2006 Act have not been met by the Company, in which case at least 21 clear days' notice will be required).

**47. Short notice**

Save as provided in Section 307A (7), 2006 Act and Article 63, no general meeting (whether or not an annual general meeting) of the Company shall be convened on shorter notice than that specified in Article 46.

**48. Form of notice**

Every notice convening a general meeting shall specify:

- (a) the place, the date and the time of the meeting;
- (b) the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the meeting;
- (c) if the meeting is convened to consider a special resolution, the text of the resolution and intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution;
- (d) the statements set out in Section 311(3), 2006 Act
- (e) with reasonable prominence, that a member is entitled to appoint another person (who does not have to be a member) as his proxy to exercise all or any rights of his to attend, speak and vote at the meeting and that a member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the meeting (provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him) and shall also specify any more extensive rights (if any) conferred by these Articles to appoint more than one proxy;
- (f) in the case of notice convening an annual general meeting only, the notice shall specify that the meeting will be an annual general meeting;
- (g) in the case of notice convening an annual general meeting where notice calling such meeting of the Company is given more than 6 weeks before the meeting (which period shall be construed in accordance with Section 360, 2006 Act), the notice shall include a statement of the right:

- (i) under Section 338, 2006 Act to require the Company to give notice of a resolution to be moved at the meeting; and
  - (ii) under Section 338A, 2006 Act to require the Company to include a matter in the business to be dealt with at the meeting;
- (h) in the case of an accounts meeting only (as defined in Article 160.2), the matters set out in Article 160.5.

**49. Manner in which notice to be given**

Subject to the provisions of these Articles, notice of a general meeting of the Company may be given:

- (a) in hard copy form;
- (b) in electronic form; or
- (c) by means of a website

or partly by one such means and partly by another and the provisions of Articles 163 to 170 (inclusive) shall apply accordingly.

**50. Publication of information on advance of general meeting**

- (a) Subject to and in accordance with Section 311A, 2006 Act, the Company shall ensure that the following information relating to a general meeting of the Company is made available on a website:
  - (i) the matters set out in the notice of the meeting;
  - (ii) the total numbers of:
    - (A) shares in the Company; and
    - (B) shares of each class,  
  
in respect of which members are entitled to exercise voting rights at the meeting (such numbers to be ascertained at the latest practicable time before the first date on which notice of the meeting is given);
  - (iii) the totals of the voting rights that members are entitled to exercise at the meeting in respect of the share of each class (such totals to be ascertained at the latest practicable time before the first date on which notice of the meeting is given); and

- (iv) members' statements, members' resolutions and members' matters of business received by the Company after the first date on which notice of the meeting is given.
- (b) The information referred to in paragraphs (a)(i)-(iv) shall be made available on a website that is maintained by or on behalf of the Company and that identifies the Company and shall be made available:
  - (i) in the case of the information required under paragraphs (a)(i)-(iii), on or before the first date on which notice of the meeting is given; and
  - (ii) in the case of the information required under paragraph (a)(iv), as soon as reasonably practicable,and in each case, shall (save as provided in Section 311A(5)) be kept available throughout the period of 2 years beginning with the date on which it is first made available on a website in accordance with this Article.
- (c) In complying with this Article, the Company shall have regard to the provisions of Section 360, 2006 Act.

**51. Sending documents relating to meetings in electronic form**

Subject to any conditions or limitations specified in the notice of a general meeting, where the Company has given an electronic address in a notice calling a general meeting, any document or information relating to proceedings at the general meeting may be sent by electronic means to that address.

**52. Publication of notice of general meeting on website**

If (to the extent permitted by these Articles, the Acts or otherwise) the Company gives notice of a general meeting by means of a website, it shall notify each member of the presence of the notice on the website and such notification shall (in addition to any other notification requirements regarding communication by means of a website provided pursuant to Article 165.4, by the Acts or otherwise):

- (a) state that it concerns a notice of a company meeting;
- (b) specify the place, date and time of the meeting; and
- (c) state whether the meeting will be an annual general meeting,

and the notice of the meeting shall be available on the website throughout the period beginning with the date of the notification and ending with the conclusion of the meeting.

**53. Entitlement to receive notice**

Notice of a general meeting shall be given to the members (other than any who under the provisions of these Articles or of any restrictions imposed on any shares are not entitled to receive notice from the Company), to the Directors and to the Auditors and if more than one for the time being, to each of them.

**54. Accidental failure to give notice of resolution or meeting**

The accidental failure to give notice of general meeting or, in cases where it is intended that it be sent out with the notice, an instrument of proxy, or to give notice of a resolution intended to be moved at a general meeting to, or the non-receipt of any of them by, any person or persons entitled to receive the same shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting and shall be disregarded for the purpose of determining whether the notice of the meeting, instrument of proxy or resolution were duly given.

**55. Special business**

All business that is transacted at a general meeting shall be deemed special, except the following transactions at an annual general meeting:

- (a) the declaration of dividends;
- (b) the receipt and consideration of the annual accounts and the reports of the Directors and the Auditors and other documents required to be attached or annexed to the accounts;
- (c) the receipt and consideration of the reports of the Audit and Remuneration Committees;
- (d) the election or re-election of Directors;
- (e) the fixing of the Directors fees pursuant to Article 102;
- (f) the re-appointment of the Auditors retiring (unless they were last appointed otherwise than by the Company in general meeting) and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors or the determination of the manner in which such remuneration is to be fixed;



- (g) the giving, variation or renewal of any authority of the Board for the purposes of section 549, 2006 Act, or any power pursuant to section 570, 2006 Act.

## **Proceedings at general meetings**

### **56. Quorum**

No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business but the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the choice or appointment of a Chairman which shall not be treated as part of the business of the meeting. Subject to the provisions of Article 13 and Article 57, 2 persons entitled to attend and to vote on the business to be transacted, each being a member present in person or a proxy for a member, shall be a quorum.

### **57. If quorum not present**

If within 15 minutes (or such longer interval not exceeding one hour as the Chairman in his absolute discretion thinks fit) from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. Subject to the provisions of the Acts, in any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to such other day and at such time and place as the Chairman (or, in default, the Board) may determine, being not less than 10 clear days nor more than 28 clear days thereafter. If, at such adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, one member present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum. If no such quorum is present or, if during the adjourned meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the adjourned meeting shall be dissolved.

### **58. Security and meeting place arrangements**

- 58.1 The Board may direct that members or proxies or duly authorised representatives wishing to attend any general meeting should submit to such searches or other security arrangements or restrictions as the Board shall consider appropriate in the circumstances and shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to refuse entry to such general meeting to any member, proxy or duly authorised representative who fails to submit to such searches or otherwise to comply with such security arrangements or restrictions.
- 58.2 If it appears to the Chairman that the meeting place specified in the notice convening the meeting is inadequate to accommodate all members entitled and wishing to attend, the

meeting shall nevertheless be duly constituted and its proceedings valid provided that the Chairman is satisfied that adequate facilities are available to ensure that any member who is unable to be accommodated is nonetheless able to participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened and to hear and see all persons present who speak (whether by the use of microphones, loud-speakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise), whether in the meeting place or elsewhere, and to be heard and seen by all other persons so present in the same manner.

**59. Chairman**

The Chairman of the Board shall preside as Chairman at every general meeting of the Company. If there be no such Chairman or if at any meeting he shall not be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or shall be unwilling to act as Chairman, the Deputy Chairman (if any) of the Board shall if present and willing to act preside as Chairman at such meeting. If no Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall be so present and willing to act, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act or, if there be only one Director present, he shall be Chairman if willing to act. If no Director is willing to act as Chairman of the meeting, or if no Director is present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for holding the meeting, a member may be elected to be the Chairman of such meeting by ordinary resolution of the Company passed at the meeting,.

**60. Director may attend and speak**

A Director shall notwithstanding that he is not a member be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company. The Chairman may invite any person to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company whom the Chairman considers to be equipped by knowledge or experience of the Company's business to assist in the deliberations of the meeting.

**61. Questions at meetings**

Subject to and in accordance with Section 319A, 2006 Act, at a general meeting of the Company, the Company shall cause to be answered any question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting put by a member attending the meeting. No such answer need be given if:

- (a) to do so would:

- (i) interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting; or
  - (ii) involve the disclosure of confidential information;
- (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question; or
- (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order for the meeting that the question be answered.

## **62. Power to adjourn**

The Chairman of the general meeting may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place as he shall determine. However, without prejudice to any other power which he may have under these Articles or at common law the Chairman may, without the need for the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period if he is of the opinion that it has become necessary to do so in order to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity of speaking and voting at the meeting or to ensure that the business of the meeting is otherwise properly disposed of.

## **63. Notice of adjourned meeting**

- (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (b), where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more the Board shall fix the date, time and place for the adjourned meeting and at least 7 clear days' notice, specifying the place, the date and time of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted, shall be given in the same manner as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid and subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), no member shall be entitled to any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (c), where a general meeting is adjourned for lack of quorum, such adjourned meeting shall be held at least 10 clear days after the original meeting.
- (c) The provisions of paragraph (b) do not apply in relation to a general meeting of a kind mentioned in Section 307(A1)(b), 2006 Act.

#### **64. Business of adjourned meeting**

No business shall be dealt with at any adjourned meeting, the general nature of which was not stated in the notice of the original meeting.

#### **Voting**

#### **65. Method of voting**

65.1 At any general meeting all resolutions, and any proposed amendment thereto, put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a poll unless the Chairman of the meeting determines, subject to Articles 65.2 and 65.4, that such resolution, and any proposed amendments thereto, shall be decided on a show of hands.

65.2 If, pursuant to Article 65.1, the Chairman of the meeting has determined that a resolution, and any proposed amendments thereto, shall be decided on a show of hands, a poll may be demanded before, or on, the declaration of the result of such a vote and such a poll must be held if so demanded by:

- (a) the Chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) by at least 5 members present in person or by proxy having the right to vote at the meeting; or
- (c) a member or members present in person or by proxy representing not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares); or
- (d) a member or members present in person or by proxy holding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote on the resolution, being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than 10% of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right (excluding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote on the resolution which are held as treasury shares),

and a demand for a poll by a person as proxy for a member counts:

- (a) for the purposes of paragraph (b) above, as a demand by the member;
- (b) for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, as a demand by a member representing the voting rights that the proxy is authorised to exercise; and

- (c) for the purposes of paragraph (d) above, as a demand by a member holding the shares to which those rights are attached.

65.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn before the poll is taken, but only with the consent of the Chairman of the meeting. A demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

65.4 At any general meeting, all resolutions other than resolutions of a procedural nature, and proposed amendments thereto, put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a poll.

**66. Chairman's declaration conclusive on show of hands**

Unless a poll is duly demanded and the demand is not subsequently withdrawn a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority shall be conclusive, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence thereof, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

**67. Objection to error in voting**

No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter or to the counting of or failure to count any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the Chairman decides that it is of sufficient magnitude to vitiate the resolution or may otherwise have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the Chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.

**68. Amendment to resolutions**

If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the Chairman of the meeting, any error in such ruling shall not invalidate the proceedings on the substantive resolution. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution no amendment to it (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a manifest error) may in any event be considered or voted on. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution, no amendment to it (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a manifest error) may be

considered or voted upon unless notice of such proposed amendment is given to the Office at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the absence of any such notice) the Chairman of the meeting in his absolute discretion rules that the amendment is fit for consideration at the meeting.

## **69. Procedure on a poll**

- 69.1 Any poll duly demanded on the election of a Chairman of a meeting or on any question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll duly demanded on any other matter shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) and at such time (either forthwith, or not more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded) and at such place, in each case, as the Chairman shall direct. The Chairman may, and if so directed by the Meeting shall, appoint scrutineers who need not be members and may adjourn the meeting to some place and time fixed by him for the purpose of declaring the result of the poll. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least 7 clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 69.2 The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result on a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 69.3 On a poll votes may be given in person or by proxy. A member entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 69.4 Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, where a poll is taken at a general meeting of the Company or at any meeting of the holders of a class of shares in the Company in connection with the variation of the rights attached to such shares, the Company shall make available on a website (by not later than the time specified in Section 341(1B), 2006 Act):
- (a) the date of the meeting;
  - (b) the text of the resolution, or, as the case may be, a description of the subject matter of the poll;

- (c) the number of votes validly cast;
- (d) the proportion of the Company's issued share capital (determined at the time at which the right to vote is determined under Section 360B(2), 2006 Act) represented by those votes;
- (e) the number of votes cast in favour;
- (f) the number of votes cast against; and
- (g) the number of abstentions (if counted),

and in making such information available on a website the Company shall have regard to the provisions of Section 353, 2006 Act.

## **70. Votes of members**

Subject to the provisions of the 2006 Act (including, but not limited to Section 323(3) and Section 323(4), 2006 Act) and to any special terms as to voting on which any shares may have been issued or may for the time being be held and to any suspension or abrogation of voting rights pursuant to these Articles, at any general meeting:

- (a) on a vote on a resolution on a show of hands, each member present in person shall have one vote;
- (b) on a vote on a resolution on a show of hands every proxy present who has been duly appointed by one or more members entitled to vote on the resolution shall have one vote, provided that on a vote on a resolution on a show of hands, a proxy has one vote for and one vote against the resolution if:
  - (i) the proxy has been duly appointed by more than one member entitled to vote on the resolution; and
  - (ii) the proxy has been instructed by one or more of those members to vote for the resolution and by one or more other of those members to vote against it;
- (c) on a poll:
  - (i) every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder; and
  - (ii) all or any of the voting rights of a member may be exercised by one or more duly appointed proxies,

provided that, where a member appoints more than one proxy, this does not authorise the exercise by the proxies taken together of more extensive voting rights than could be exercised by the member in person.

- 70.2 On a vote on a resolution on a show of hands, where a proxy is appointed by more than one member (provided that, where some only of those members by whom the proxy is appointed instruct the proxy to vote in a particular way, those members all instruct such proxy to vote in the same way on a resolution (either "for" or "against")) such proxy shall be entitled to cast a second vote the other way in relation to any discretionary vote(s) given to him by other members by whom such proxy is appointed.
- 70.3 In the case of joint holders of shares in the Company, only the vote of the senior holder who votes (and any proxies duly authorised by him) may be counted by the Company. For this purpose the senior holder of a share shall be determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders stand in the Register.
- 70.4 Where in England or elsewhere a receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming jurisdiction in that behalf to exercise powers with respect to the property or affairs of any member on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder, the Board may in its absolute discretion on or subject to production of such evidence of the appointment as the Board may require, permit such receiver or curator bonis or other person authorised by a court or official, to vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll) in person or by proxy on behalf of such member at any general meeting. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be sent or supplied (in any form and manner permitted for the sending or supplying of appointments of proxy pursuant to these Articles) at the Office or at such other address (including electronic address) as has been appointed for the sending or supplying of appointments of proxy, to be received no later than the time specified for the receipt of an appointment of proxy set out in Article 74 and, in default, the right to vote shall not be exercisable.

## **71. No casting vote**

In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll was demanded shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote that he may have.



**72. Restriction on voting rights for unpaid calls etc.**

No member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to vote at a general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares either in person or by proxy in respect of any share held by him or to exercise any right as a member unless all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of that share in the Company have been paid to the Company.

**73. Voting by proxy**

- (a) Any person (whether a member of the Company or not) may be appointed to act as a proxy. Deposit of an instrument of proxy shall not preclude a member from attending, speaking and voting in person at the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed or at any adjournment of it.
- (b) In accordance with Section 324A, 2006 Act but subject to the provisions of the Acts, a proxy shall vote in accordance with any instructions given by the member by whom the proxy is appointed. The Company shall be under no obligation to ensure or otherwise verify that any vote(s) cast by a proxy are done so in accordance with any such instructions given by the member by whom such proxy is appointed. In the event that a vote cast by such proxy is not done so in accordance with the instructions of the member by whom such proxy is appointed, such vote shall not be deemed to be invalid.

**74. Form of proxy**

The appointment of a proxy shall:

- (a) be in writing signed under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing (or if the appointor is a corporation under its common seal or under the hand of some officer or attorney duly authorised in that behalf) and shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve;
- (b) be deemed (subject to any contrary direction contained in the same) to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote (whether on a show of hands or a poll) on any resolution or amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given, as the proxy thinks fit;

- (c) be deemed (subject to any contrary direction contained in the same) to confer the right to speak at the meeting to which it relates (including any adjournment of it);
- (d) unless the contrary is stated in it, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates; and
- (e) where it is stated to apply to more than one meeting, be valid for all such meetings as well as for any adjournment of any such meetings.

#### **75. Deposit of proxy**

Subject always to Article 76, the appointment of a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Board, shall:

- (a) be sent or supplied in hard copy form, or (subject to any conditions and limitations which the Directors may specify) in electronic form, to the Office or such other address (including electronic address) as is specified in:
  - (i) the notice convening the meeting;
  - (ii) any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting; or
  - (iii) any invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting,

to be received at such address not less than 48 hours (excluding, in the calculation of such time period, any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or

- (b) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be sent or supplied as aforesaid, after the poll has been demanded, to be received not less than 24 hours (excluding, in the calculation of such time period, any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
- (c) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be sent and supplied as aforesaid, to be received not later than the time at which the poll is demanded,

and an appointment of a proxy not so sent or supplied or delivered or received shall be invalid. No appointment of a

proxy shall be valid after the expiry of 12 months from the date named in it as the date of its execution except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within 12 months from such date.

**76. Electronic Address - proxies**

- (a) Where the Company has given an electronic address in an instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting or in an invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting, any document or information relating to proxies for that meeting (including, but not limited to the appointment of a proxy in relation to the meeting, any document necessary to show the validity of, of otherwise relating to, the appointment of a proxy or notice of termination of the authority of a proxy) may be sent by electronic means to that address (subject to any conditions or limitations contained in the notice relating to the meeting).
- (b) Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 333A, 2006 Act, the Company shall provide an electronic address for the receipt of any document or information relating to proxies for a general meeting.

**77. More than one proxy may be appointed**

- (a) A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by the member.
- (b) When two or more valid but differing appointments of proxy are delivered in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting and in respect of the same matter, the one which is last validly delivered (regardless of its date or of the date of its execution) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others as regards that share. If the Company is unable to determine which appointment was last validly delivered, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.

**78. Board may supply proxy cards**

The Board shall at the expense of the Company send by post or otherwise forms of appointment of proxy (reply-paid or otherwise) with the notice convening any general meeting to members entitled to vote at the meeting. Such forms of appointment of proxy shall provide for voting both for and against all resolutions to be proposed at the meeting other than

the resolutions relating to the procedure of the meeting. The accidental omission to send a form of appointment of proxy or the non receipt of it by any member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

**79. Revocation of proxy**

The validity of a vote given or poll demanded in accordance with the terms of an appointment of a proxy or the validity of anything done by a proxy acting as duly appointed Chairman, or any decision determining whether a proxy counts in a quorum at a meeting, shall not be affected notwithstanding the death or mental disorder of the principal or the revocation of the appointment of the proxy, or of the authority under which the appointment of the proxy was executed or the transfer of the share in respect of which the appointment of the proxy is given unless notice in writing of such death, mental disorder, revocation or transfer shall have been received by the Company or any other person as the Company may require in the notice of the meeting, any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting or in any invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting, (in any form and manner permitted for the sending or supplying of appointments of proxy pursuant to these Articles), at the Office or at such other address (including electronic address) as has been appointed for the sending or supplying of appointments of proxy:

- (a) at least 48 hours (excluding, in the calculation of such time period, any part of a day that is not a working day) before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting; or
- (b) in the case of a poll to be taken more than 48 hours after it was demanded, at least 24 hours (excluding, in the calculation of such time period, any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time appointed for the taking of the poll at which the instrument of proxy is used; or
- (c) in the case of a poll to be taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, the time at which it was demanded.

**80. Corporate representative(s)**

- (a) A corporation (whether or not a company within the meaning of the Acts) which is a member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person or person(s) as it thinks fit to act

as its representative (or as the case may be, representatives) at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares.

- (b) The corporation shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person (or persons) so authorised is (or are) present at it and all references to attendance and voting in person shall be construed accordingly. The Company shall be under no obligation to ensure or otherwise verify that any vote(s) cast by a corporate representative are done so in accordance with any such instructions given by the member by whom such corporate representative is appointed. In the event that a vote cast by such corporate representative is not done so in accordance with the instructions of the member by whom such corporate representative is appointed, such vote shall not be deemed to be invalid.

## **81. Failure to disclose interests in shares**

81.1 If a member, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by that member, has been issued with a Section 793 notice and has failed in relation to any shares ("**the default shares**" which expression shall include any further shares which are issued in respect of such shares unless a separate notice is issued in respect of such further shares) to give the Company the information thereby required within the prescribed period from the date of service of the Section 793 notice, or, in purported compliance with such notice, has made a statement which is false or inadequate in a material particular, then the Board may serve on the holder of such default shares a notice (in this Article called a "**disenfranchisement notice**") whereupon the following sanctions shall apply:

- (a) the member shall not with effect from the service of the disenfranchisement notice be entitled in respect of the default shares to be present or to vote (either in person or by representative or proxy) at any general meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company or on any poll or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to any such meeting or poll; and
- (b) where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent. in nominal value of their class:
  - (i) any dividend or other money payable in respect of the shares shall be withheld by the Company, which shall not have any obligation to pay interest on it and the member shall not be entitled to elect

pursuant to Article 150 to receive shares instead of that dividend; and

- (ii) subject, in the case of uncertificated shares, to the Uncertificated Regulations, no transfer other than an approved transfer of any shares held by the member shall be registered unless the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information required and the member proves to the satisfaction of the Board that no person in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the shares which are the subject of the transfer.

81.2 The Company may at any time withdraw a disenfranchisement notice by serving on the holder of the shares to which the same relates a notice in writing to that effect (a "**withdrawal notice**").

81.3 Where the sanctions under Article 81.1 apply in relation to any shares they shall cease to have effect:

- (a) if the shares are transferred by means of an approved transfer;
- (b) at the end of the period of one week (or such shorter period as the Board may determine) following receipt by the Company of the information required by the notice mentioned in Article 81.1 and the Board being fully satisfied that such information is full and complete; or
- (c) on the date on which a withdrawal notice is served by the Company.

81.4 Where on the basis of information obtained from a member in respect of any share held by him the Company issues a Section 793 notice to any other person it shall at the same time send a copy of the notice to the member but the accidental omission to do so, or the non-receipt by the member of the copy, shall not invalidate or otherwise affect the application of Article 81.1.

81.5 Where default shares in which a person appears to be interested are held by a Depository, the provisions of this Article 81 shall be treated as applying only to those shares held by the Depository in which such person appears to be interested and not (insofar as such person's apparent interest is concerned) to any other shares held by the Depository.

81.6 Where the member on which a Section 793 notice is served is a Depository acting in its capacity as such, the obligations of the Depository as a member of the Company shall be limited to disclosing to the Company such information relating to any

person appearing to be interested in the shares held by it as has been recorded by it pursuant to the arrangements entered into by the Company or approved by the Board pursuant to which it was appointed as a Depository.

81.7 The Board may:

- (a) give notice in writing to any member holding default shares in uncertificated form requiring the member to change his holding of such shares from uncertificated form into certificated form within a specified period and then to hold such default shares in certificated form for so long as the default subsists; and
- (b) appoint any person to take any steps, by instruction by means of an Uncertificated System or otherwise, in the name of any holder of default shares as may be required to change such shares from uncertificated form into certificated form (and such steps shall be effective as if they had been taken by such holder).

81.8 For the purposes of this Article 81:

- (a) a person other than the member holding a share shall be treated as appearing to be interested in that share if the member has informed the Company that the person is or may be so interested or if the Company (after taking account of any information obtained from the member or, pursuant to a Section 793 notice, from anyone else) knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person is, or may be, so interested;
- (b) "**interested**" shall be construed in accordance with sections 820 to 825 (inclusive), 2006 Act;
- (c) reference to a person having failed to give the Company the information required by a notice or being in default as regards supplying such information includes reference:
  - (i) to his having failed or refused to give all or any part of it; and
  - (ii) to his having given information which he knows to be false in a material particular or having recklessly given information which is false in a material particular.

81.9 Nothing contained in this Article 81 shall be taken to limit the powers of the Company under Section 794, 2006 Act.

## **Untraced members**

### **82. Power of sale**

82.1 The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable any share of a member or any share to which a person is entitled by transmission if and provided that:

- (a) during the period of 12 years prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in paragraph (b) (or if published on different dates, the earlier or earliest of them) no cheque, order or warrant in respect of such share sent by the Company through the post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to the member or to the person entitled by transmission to the share at his address on the Register or other last known address given by the member or person to which cheques, orders or warrants in respect of such share are to be sent has been cashed and the Company has received no communications in respect of such share from such member or person provided that during such period of 12 years at least 3 cash dividends (whether interim or final) in respect of the shares in question have become payable and no such dividend during that period has been claimed by the person entitled to it;
- (b) on or after expiry of the said period of 12 years the Company has given notice of its intention to sell such share by advertisements in both a national daily newspaper published in the United Kingdom and in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the last known address of such member or person appeared;
- (c) the said advertisements, if not published on the same day, shall have been published within 30 days of each other;
- (d) during the further period of 3 months following the date of publication of the said advertisements (or, if published on different dates the later or latest of them) and prior to the exercise of the power of sale the Company has not received any communication in respect of such share from the member or person entitled by transmission; and
- (e) the Company has given notice to the London Stock Exchange of its intention to make such sale and shall have obtained the approval of the Quotations Department to the proposed form of the said advertisement, if shares of the class concerned are listed or dealt in on that exchange.



- 82.2 To give effect to any sale of shares pursuant to this Article the Board may, in the case of certificated shares, authorise some person to transfer the shares in question and may enter the name of the transferee in respect of the transferred shares in the Register notwithstanding the absence of any share certificate being lodged in respect of it and may issue a new certificate to the transferee and, in the case of uncertificated shares, exercise any power conferred on it by Article 17.5 to effect a transfer of the shares. The purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase moneys in respect of any such sale nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale or transfer. Any instrument or exercise shall be effective as if it had been executed or exercised by the holder of or the person entitled by transmission to the shares to which it relates.
- 82.3 If during the period of 12 years referred to in Article 82.1 or during any period ending on the date when all the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (d) (or (a) to (e), as the case may be) of Article 82.1 have been satisfied, any additional shares have been issued in respect of those held at the beginning of such period or of any previously so issued during such period and all the requirements of paragraphs (b) to (d) (or (b) to (e) as the case may be) of Article 82.1 have been satisfied in regard to such additional shares the Company shall also be entitled to sell the additional shares.

**83. Application of proceeds of sale**

The Company shall account to the member or other person entitled to such share for the net proceeds of such sale by carrying all moneys in respect of it to a separate account. The Company shall be deemed to be a debtor to and not a trustee for such member or other person in respect of such moneys. Moneys carried to such separate account may either be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit. No interest shall be payable to such member or other person in respect of such moneys and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on them.

**Appointment, retirement and removal of directors**

**84. Number of Directors**

Unless and until otherwise determined by the Company by ordinary resolution the number of Directors (other than any alternate Directors) shall be not less than 2 nor more than 12.

**85. Power of Company to appoint Directors**

Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director, either to fill a vacancy, or as an addition to the existing Board, but the total number of Directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles.

**86. Power of Board to appoint Directors**

Without prejudice to the power of the Company to appoint any person to be a Director pursuant to these Articles the Board shall have power at any time to appoint any person who is willing to act as a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but the total number of Directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at that meeting. If not re-appointed at such annual general meeting, he shall vacate office at the conclusion thereof. Non-executive directors shall be appointed for a maximum of 3 years.

**87. Eligibility of new Directors**

No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting (whether by rotation or otherwise) shall be appointed or re-appointed a Director at any general meeting unless:

- (a) he is recommended by the Board; or
- (b) not less than 7 nor more than 35 clear days before the date appointed for the meeting notice duly executed by a member (other than the person to be proposed) qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or re-appointment stating the particulars which would if he were so appointed or re-appointed be required to be included in the Company's register of directors together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed or re-appointed is lodged at the Office.

**88. Share qualification**

A Director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company.

**89. Resolution for appointment**

A resolution for the appointment of 2 or more persons as Directors by a single resolution shall not be moved unless an ordinary resolution that it shall be so proposed has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it and any resolution moved in contravention of this provision shall be void. For the purpose of this Article, a resolution for approving a person's appointment or for nominating a person for appointment as a Director shall be treated as a resolution for his appointment.

**90. No retirement on account of age**

Subject to the requirements of the Acts, no person is incapable of being appointed or re-appointed a director by reason of his age.

**91. Retirement by rotation**

- 91.1 At every annual general meeting each director shall retire.
- 91.2 A Director who retires shall be eligible for re-election and may, if willing to act, be re-appointed.
- 91.3 If the Company, at the meeting at which a Director retires by rotation, does not fill the vacancy created by his retirement the retiring Director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been reappointed unless at the meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the reappointment of the Director is put to the meeting and lost or if the retiring Director has given notice in writing to the Company that he is unwilling to be re-elected or where the default in filling the vacancy is due to the moving of a resolution in contravention of Article 89 or where such Director has attained any retirement age applicable to him as a Director.
- 91.4 The retirement of any Director retiring at a general meeting in accordance with this Article shall not have effect until the conclusion of the meeting except where a resolution is passed to elect some other person in the place of the retiring Director or a resolution for his re-election is put to the meeting and lost in which case the retirement shall take effect at the time of election of his replacement or the time of the losing of that resolution as the case may be. A retiring Director who is re-elected or deemed to have been re-elected will continue in office without a break.

## **92. Removal by ordinary resolution**

The Company may by ordinary resolution (of which special notice has been given in accordance with section 312, 2006 Act) remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director and, without prejudice to any claim for damages which he may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company, may (subject to these Articles) by ordinary resolution (of which special notice has been given in accordance with section 312, 2006 Act) appoint another person at that meeting who is willing to act to be a Director in his place. Any person so appointed shall be treated, for the purposes of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire by rotation, as if he had become a Director on the day on which the person in whose place he is appointed was last appointed or re-appointed a Director. In default of such appointment the vacancy arising upon the removal of a Director from office may be filled by a casual vacancy.

## **93. Vacation of office by Director**

Without prejudice to any provisions for retirement contained in these Articles the office of a Director shall be vacated if:

- (a) he resigns by notice in writing delivered to the Secretary at the Office or tendered at a Board meeting in which event he shall vacate that office on the service of that notice on the Company or at such later time as is specified in the notice or he offers in writing to resign from his office and the Directors resolve to accept such offer; or
- (b) he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Acts, is removed from office pursuant to these Articles or becomes prohibited by law from being a Director; or
- (c) he becomes bankrupt, has an interim receiving order made against him, makes any arrangement or compounds with his creditors generally or applies to the Court for an interim order under Section 253, Insolvency Act 1986 in connection with a voluntary arrangement under that Act; or
- (d) an order is made by any court of competent jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) on the ground (howsoever formulated) of mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a guardian or receiver or other person to exercise powers with respect to his

property or affairs or he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under any statute for the time being in force in the United Kingdom relating to mental disorder or, in any other territory, in pursuance of an application for admission under analogous legislation or regulations and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or

- (e) he shall be absent, without the permission of the Board from Board meetings for 6 consecutive months (whether or not an alternate director appointed by him attends) and the Board resolves that his office be vacated; or
- (f) he is requested to resign by notice in writing addressed to him at his address as shown in the register of Directors and signed by all the other Directors (without prejudice to any claim for damages which he may have for breach of any contract between him and the Company); or
- (g) he is convicted of an indictable offence and the Directors shall resolve that it is undesirable in the interests of the Company that he remains a Director of the Company.

#### **94. Resolution as to vacancy conclusive**

A resolution of the Board declaring a Director to have vacated office under the terms of Article 93 shall be conclusive as to the fact and grounds of vacation stated in the resolution.

#### **Alternate Directors**

##### **95. Appointments**

- 95.1 Each Director (other than an alternate Director) may by notice in writing under his hand delivered to the Secretary at the Office or at a meeting of the Directors or in any other manner approved by the Board appoint any other Director or any person approved for that purpose by the Board and willing to act to be his alternate and may in like manner remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him.
- 95.2 No appointment of an alternate Director shall be effective until his consent to act as a Director has been received at the Office.
- 95.3 An alternate Director need not hold a share qualification and shall not be counted in reckoning any maximum number of Directors allowed by these Articles.

##### **96. Participation in Board meetings**

- 96.1 Every alternate Director shall (subject to his giving to the Company an address within the United Kingdom or electronic

address at which notices may be sent or supplied to him) be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the Board and all committees of the Board of which his appointor is a member and, in the absence from such meetings of his appointor, to attend and vote at such meetings and to exercise all the powers, rights, duties and authorities of his appointor as a Director. A Director acting as alternate Director shall have a separate vote at Board meetings for each Director for whom he acts as alternate Director, in addition to his own vote (if any), but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.

- 96.2 Execution by an alternate director of any resolution in writing of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors shall, unless the notice of his appointment provides to the contrary, be as effective as execution by his appointor. To such extent as the Directors may from time to time determine in relation to any committees of the Directors the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall also apply mutatis mutandis to any meeting of any such committee of which his appointor is a member.

**97. Alternate Director responsible for own acts**

- 97.1 Every person acting as an alternate Director shall be an officer of the Company, shall alone be responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him.
- 97.2 Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, an alternate director shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of these Articles relating to Directors and shall be deemed for all purposes to be a Director.

**98. Interests of alternate Director**

An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements with the Company and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent mutatis mutandis as if he were a Director. However, he shall not, unless the Company by ordinary resolution otherwise determines, be entitled to receive from the Company any fees for his services as alternate except only such part (if any) of the fee payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company direct. Subject to this Article, the Company shall pay to an alternate Director such expenses as might properly have been paid to him if he had been a Director.

**99. Revocation of appointment**

An alternate Director shall cease to be an alternate Director:

- (a) if his appointor revokes his appointment; or
- (b) if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, provided that if any Director retires by rotation or otherwise but is re-appointed or deemed to be re-appointed at the same meeting at which he retires, any valid appointment of an alternate Director which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force; or
- (c) if any event happens in relation to him which, if he were a Director otherwise appointed, would cause him to vacate office.

## **Directors' remuneration, expenses and pensions**

### **100. Directors' fees**

The Directors (other than alternate Directors) shall be entitled to receive by way of fees for their services as Directors such sum as the Board may from time to time determine (not exceeding £300,000 per annum or such other sum as the Company in general meeting shall from time to time determine). Such sum (unless otherwise directed by the resolution of the Company by which it is voted) shall be divided among the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may determine or in default of such determination, equally (except that in such event any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the fees are paid shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he holds office). Any fees payable pursuant to this Article shall be distinct from any salary, remuneration or other amounts payable to a Director pursuant to any other provisions of these Articles and shall accrue from day to day.

### **101. Expenses**

Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by him in or about the performance of his duties as Director, including any expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or any committee of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company.

### **102. Additional remuneration**

If by arrangement with the Board any Director shall perform or render any special duties or services outside his ordinary duties as a Director and not in his capacity as a holder of employment or executive office, he may be paid such reasonable additional

remuneration (whether by way of a lump sum or by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may from time to time determine.

#### **103. Remuneration of executive Directors**

The salary or remuneration of any Director appointed to hold any employment or executive office may be either a fixed sum of money or may altogether or in part be governed by business done or profits made or otherwise determined by the Board and may be in addition to or in lieu of any fee payable to him for his services as Director pursuant to these Articles.

#### **104. Pensions and other benefits**

The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to provide pensions or other retirement or superannuation benefits and to provide death or disability benefits or other allowances or gratuities (whether by insurance or otherwise) for or to institute and maintain any institution, association, society, club, trust, other establishment or profit sharing, share incentive, share purchase or employees' share scheme calculated to advance the interests of the Company or to benefit any person who is or has at any time been a Director of the Company or any company which is a subsidiary company of or allied to or associated with the Company or any such subsidiary or any predecessor in business of the Company or of any such subsidiary and for any member of his family (including a spouse or former spouse or civil partner or former civil partner) and any person who is or was dependent on him. For such purpose the Board may establish, maintain, subscribe and contribute to any scheme, institution, association, club, trust or fund and pay premiums and, subject to the provisions of the Acts, lend money or make payments to, guarantee or give an indemnity in respect of, or give any financial or other assistance in connection with, any of the aforesaid matters or bodies. The Board may procure any of such matters to be done by the Company either alone or in conjunction with any other person. Any Director or former Director shall be entitled to receive and retain for his own benefit any pension or other benefit provided under this Article and shall not be obliged to account for it to the Company.

### **Powers and duties of the Board**

#### **105. Powers of the Board**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution of the Company, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, which may exercise all the powers of the Company whether relating to the management of the business or not. No



alteration of the Articles and no such direction given by the Company shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such alteration had not been made or such direction had not been given. Provisions contained elsewhere in these Articles as to any specific power of the Board shall not be deemed to limit the general powers given by this Article.

**106. Powers of Directors being less than minimum number**

If the number of Directors is less than the minimum for the time being prescribed by these Articles the remaining Director or Directors shall act only for the purposes of appointing an additional Director or Directors to make up such minimum or of convening a general meeting of the Company for the purpose of making such appointment. If there are no Director or Directors able or willing to act, any 2 members may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, any additional Director so appointed shall hold office only until the dissolution of the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment unless he is re-elected during such meeting.

**107. Powers of executive Directors**

The Board may from time to time:

- (a) delegate or entrust to and confer on any Director holding executive office (including a Managing Director) such of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) for such time on such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit; and
- (b) revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.

**108. Delegation to committees**

108.1 The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) for such time on such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit to any committee consisting of one or more Directors and (if thought fit) one or more other persons provided that:

- (a) a majority of the members of a committee shall be Directors; and
- (b) no resolution of a committee shall be effective unless a majority of those present when it is passed are Directors or alternate Directors.

Any committee so formed may exercise its power to sub-delegate by sub-delegating to any person or persons (whether or not a member or members of the Board or of the committee.

108.2 The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with or to the exclusion of and in substitution for all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary any of such powers and discharge any such committee in whole or in part. Insofar as any power, authority or discretion is so delegated any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the Board of such power, authority or discretion shall be construed as if it were a reference to the exercise of such power, authority or discretion by such committee. Subject to any terms and conditions expressly imposed by the Board, the proceedings of a committee with 2 or more members shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board so far as they are capable of applying.

#### **109. Local management**

The Board may establish any local group or divisional boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any specified locality either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere and may appoint any persons to be members of such local or divisional board or any managers or agents, may fix their remuneration and remove any person so appointed. The Board may delegate (with power to sub-delegate) to any local group or divisional board manager or agent so appointed any of its powers, authorities and discretions other than the power to borrow and make calls and may authorise the members for the time being of any such local or divisional board or any of them to fill any vacancies and to act notwithstanding vacancies, and any such appointment or delegation may be made for such time on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit. The Board may confer such powers either collectively with or to the exclusion of and in substitution for all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers. Subject to any terms and conditions expressly imposed by the Board, the proceedings of any local group or divisional board or agency with 2 or more members shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board so far as they are capable of applying.

#### **110. Power of attorney**

The Board may by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any company, firm, person or persons to be the agent or attorney of the Company and may delegate (with power to sub-delegate) to any such agent or attorney or any fluctuating body of persons,

whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, any of its powers, authorities and discretions, in each case for such purposes and for such time, on such terms (including as to remuneration) and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit. The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary any of such powers. Any such appointment or power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such agent or attorney as the Board may think fit.

**111. Associate Directors**

The Board may appoint any person (not being a Director) to any office or employment having a designation or title including the word "director" or attach to any existing office or employment with the Company such designation or title and may define, limit, vary or restrict the powers, authorities and discretions of persons so appointed and may terminate any such appointment subject to any contract between him and the Company or the use of such designation or title. The inclusion of the word "director" in the designation or title of any such office or employment shall not imply that such person is or is deemed to be or is empowered in any respect to act as a Director or a member of any committee of the Board of Directors for any of the purposes of the Acts or these Articles.

**112. Exercise of voting power**

The Board may exercise or cause to be exercised the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company or any power of appointment to be exercised by the Company in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit (including the exercise of the voting power or power of appointment in favour of the appointment of any Director as a director or other officer or employee of such company or in favour of the payment of remuneration to the directors, officers or employees of such company).

**113. Provision for employees**

The Board may exercise any power conferred on the Company by the Acts to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.

#### 114. Overseas registers

Subject to the provisions of the Acts, the Board may exercise the powers conferred on the Company with regard to the keeping of an overseas branch register and may make and vary such regulations as it thinks fit respecting the keeping of any such register.

#### 115. Borrowing powers

115.1 Subject as provided in this Article 115, the Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present or future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the provisions of the Acts, to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

115.2 The Board shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights and powers of control exercisable by the Company in respect of its subsidiaries so as to procure (as regards its subsidiaries in so far as it can procure by such exercise) that the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding in respect of moneys borrowed by the Group (exclusive of moneys borrowed by one Group company from another and after deducting cash deposited) shall not at any time without the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company exceed an amount equal to 4 times the Adjusted Capital and Reserves.

115.3 For the purposes only of this Article 115:

(a) **"the Adjusted Capital and Reserves"** means a sum equal to the aggregate from time to time of:

- (i) the amount paid up (or credited as paid up) on the allotted or issued share capital of the Company; and
- (ii) the amount standing to the credit of the capital and revenue reserves of the Group, whether or not distributable (including without limitation any share premium account, capital redemption reserve fund, and credit or debit balance on any other distributable reserve) after adding thereto or deducting therefrom any balance standing to the credit or debit of the profit and loss account,

all as shown in the latest audited balance sheet of the Group (prepared on the historical cost basis, modified to

the extent as may be stated in the accounting policies used for the preparation of such balance sheet) but after:

(iii) making such adjustments as may be appropriate to reflect:

(A) any variation in the amount of the paid up share capital, the share premium account or the capital redemption reserve or any such reserves since the date of the relevant balance sheet and so that for the purpose of making such adjustments:

(aa) if any issue or proposed allotment of shares by the Company for cash has been underwritten, then such shares shall be deemed to have been allotted and the amount (including the premium) of the subscription monies payable in respect of them (not being monies payable later than 6 months after the date of allotment) shall be deemed to have been paid up to the extent so underwritten on the date when the issue of such shares was underwritten (or, if such underwriting was conditional, the date on which it became unconditional);

(bb) subject as aforesaid, share capital (including any premium) shall be deemed to have been paid up as soon as it has been unconditionally agreed to be subscribed or taken up (within 6 months of such agreement) by any person;

(B) any variation since the date of the relevant balance sheet of the companies comprising the Group;

(C) where the calculation is required for the purposes of or in connection with a transaction under or in connection with which any company is to become or cease to be a subsidiary undertaking, such adjustments as would be appropriate if such transactions had been carried into effect;

(iv) excluding (so far as not already excluded):

- (A) amounts attributable to the proportion of the issued equity share capital of any subsidiary which is not attributable directly or indirectly to the Company;
  - (B) any sum set aside for taxation (including deferred taxation);
- (v) deducting:
  - (A) sums equivalent to the book values of goodwill (other than goodwill arising on consolidation) and other intangible assets shown in the relevant balance sheet; and
  - (B) the amount of any distribution declared, recommended or made by any Group company to a person other than a Group company out of profits accrued up to and including the date of (and not provided for in) the relevant balance sheet.
- (b) **"cash deposited"** means an amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts beneficially owned by Group companies which are deposited for the time being with any bank or other person (not being a Group company) and which are repayable to any Group company on demand or within 3 months of such demand subject, in the case of amounts deposited by a partly-owned subsidiary, to the exclusion of a proportion thereof equal to the proportion of its issued equity share capital which is not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Company;
- (c) **"moneys borrowed"** include not only moneys borrowed but also the following except in so far as otherwise taken into account:
  - (i) the nominal amount of any issued and paid up share capital and the principal amount of any debenture or borrowings of any person together with any fixed or minimum premium payable on redemption, the beneficial interest in which or right to repayment to which is not for the time being owned by a Group company but the payment or repayment of which is the subject of a guarantee or indemnity by a Group company or is secured on the assets of a Group company;
  - (ii) the principal amount raised by any Group company by acceptances or under any acceptance credit opened on its behalf by any

bank or acceptance house (not being a Group company) other than acceptances and acceptance credits relating to the purchase of goods or services in the ordinary course of trading and outstanding for 6 months or less;

- (iii) the principal amount of any debenture (whether secured or unsecured) of any Group company beneficially owned otherwise than by a Group company;
- (iv) the principal amount of any preference share capital of any subsidiary beneficially owned otherwise than by a Group company;
- (v) any fixed or minimum premium payable on final repayment of any borrowing or deemed borrowing (but any premium payable on final repayment of an amount not to be taken into account as moneys borrowed shall not be taken into account); and
- (vi) any fixed amount in respect of a hire-purchase agreement or of a finance lease payable in either case by a Group company which would be shown at the material time as an obligation in a balance sheet prepared in accordance with the accounting principles used in the preparation of the relevant balance sheet (and for the purpose of this subparagraph (vi) "**finance lease**" means a contract between a lessor and a Group company as lessee or sublessee where substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset leased or subleased are to be borne by that company and "**purchase hire-agreement**" means a contract of hire-purchase between a hire-purchase lender and a Group company as hirer);

but do not include:

- (vii) moneys borrowed by any Group company for the purpose of repaying within 6 months of being first borrowed the whole or any part of any moneys borrowed and then outstanding (including any premium payable on final repayment) of that or any other Group company pending their application for such purpose within that period;
- (viii) moneys borrowed by any Group company for the purpose of financing any contract in respect of which any payment of the price receivable under the contract by that or any other Group company is

guaranteed or insured by the Export Credits Guarantee Department or by any other institution fulfilling a similar function up to an amount equal to but not exceeding that part of the price receivable under the contract which is so guaranteed or insured;

- (ix) an amount equal to the moneys borrowed of any company outstanding immediately after it becomes a Group company provided that it became a Group company during the 6 months preceding the calculation;
- (x) an amount equal to the amount secured on an asset immediately after it was acquired by a Group company provided that it was acquired during the 6 months preceding the calculation;
- (xi) notwithstanding paragraphs (i) to (vi), the proportion of moneys borrowed by a Group company (and not owing to another Group company) which is equal to the proportion of its issued equity share capital not attributable directly or indirectly to the Company;
- (xii) amounts borrowed or raised which are for the time being deposited with H.M. Customs & Excise or any other body designated by any relevant legislation or order in connection with import deposits or any similar government scheme to the extent that a member of the group retains an interest in them;

and in paragraphs (vii) to (xii) above references to amounts of moneys borrowed include references to amounts which, but for the exclusion under those paragraphs, would fall to be included;

- (d) there shall be credited against the amount of any moneys borrowed any cash deposited;
- (e) for the avoidance of doubt it is hereby expressly provided that for the purposes of the limit set out in Article 115.2 the following sums shall be deemed not to be moneys borrowed of the Group:
  - (i) any and all sums retained by any member of the Group (or their agent or nominee) under the terms of any contract or other arrangement relating to the construction of capital projects where the retention is made for the purposes of securing satisfactory completion and entry into service of



the project for so long as and to the extent that any member of the Group is entitled to retain such sums under the relevant contract or arrangement;

- (ii) sums advanced or paid to any member of the Group (or their agent or nominee) by customers of any member of the Group as prepayments or progress payments or payments on account or by way of deposit or security in respect of any products or services or under any sales contracts or settlements systems; and
  - (iii) sums which otherwise would fall to be treated as borrowed moneys of any member of the Group which were treated with the concurrence of the auditors and in accordance with any current Statement of Standard Accounting Practice or other accountancy principle or practice generally accepted for the time being in the United Kingdom in the latest audited balance sheet of the relevant member of the Group on which such consolidation was based as otherwise than borrowed moneys of that member of the Group;
- (f) "**relevant balance sheet**" means the latest published audited consolidated balance sheet of the Group, but where the Company has no subsidiaries it means the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the Company and, where the Company has subsidiaries but there are no consolidated accounts of the Group, it means the respective balance sheets and profit and loss accounts of the companies comprising the Group; and
- (g) "**subsidiary**" has the meaning given to it in 1985 Act except that where the relevant balance sheet is in respect of an accounting reference period of the Company which commenced on or after 23 December 1989 it shall also include a subsidiary undertaking (within the meaning of the 1985 Act) (except a subsidiary undertaking which is excluded from consolidation by virtue of the provisions of Section 229, 1985 Act), and "**Group**" and "**Group company**" and references to any company which becomes a Group company or to companies comprising the Group shall in such case be construed so as to include subsidiary undertakings except a subsidiary undertaking which is excluded from consolidation as aforesaid and "**equity share capital**" shall be construed in relation to a subsidiary undertaking without a share capital in the same manner as "**shares**" are defined in

relation to an undertaking without a share capital under Section 259(2)(b) and (c), 1985 Act.

115.4 When the aggregate amount of moneys borrowed required to be taken into account for the purposes of this Article 115 on any particular day is being ascertained any of such moneys denominated or repayable in a currency other than sterling shall if not subject to a contract or arrangement determining the rate of exchange be converted for the purpose of calculating the sterling equivalent either:

- (a) with the exception of Excepted Foreign Currency Borrowings at the rate of exchange prevailing at the material time in London provided that the moneys comprising such
- (b) shall be translated (if thereby such sterling amount would be less) at the option of the Company at the rate of exchange prevailing in London 6 months before such time. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph the rate of exchange shall be taken as the middle market rate as at the close of business in London on the relevant day or, if such day is not a business day, on the last business day before the day in question;
- (c) in the case of any Excepted Foreign Currency Borrowings, at the rate of exchange which would be applicable to the moneys comprising such borrowing on their repayment to the extent that such rate of exchange is fixed under any Exchange Cover Scheme in connection with such moneys borrowed provided that where it is not possible to determine the rate of exchange applicable at the time of repayment of any such moneys borrowed they shall be translated into sterling under the terms of the applicable Exchange Cover Scheme on such basis as may be agreed with or determined by the auditors or, if this is agreed by the auditors not to be practicable, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a);

For the purpose of this Article 115.4:

- (i) **"Excepted Foreign Currency Borrowings"** means moneys borrowed denominated or repayable in a currency other than sterling which have the benefit of an Exchange Cover Scheme and **"Exchange Cover Scheme"** means any exchange cover scheme, forward currency contract, currency option, back to back loan, swap or other arrangement taken out or entered into to

reduce the risks associated with fluctuations in exchange rates; and

- (ii) where under the terms of any borrowing the amount of money which would be required to discharge the principal amount of moneys borrowed in full if it fell to be repaid (whether at the option of the company borrowing the same or by reason of default) at such material time is less than the amount which would otherwise be taken into account in respect of such moneys borrowed for the purposes of this Article, the amount of such moneys borrowed to be taken into account shall be such lesser amount.

115.5 A report or certificate of the Auditors as to the amount of the Adjusted Capital and Reserves or the amount of moneys borrowed falling to be taken into account for the purposes of this Article 115 or to the effect that the limit imposed by this Article 115 has not been or will not be exceeded at any particular time or times or as a result of any particular transaction or transactions shall be conclusive evidence of the amount or of that fact.

115.6 Nevertheless for the purposes of this Article the Directors may at any time act in reliance on a bona fide estimate of the amount of the Adjusted Capital and Reserves and if in consequence the limit set out in Article 115.2 is inadvertently exceeded, an amount borrowed equal to the excess may be disregarded until the expiration of 3 months after the date on which by reason of a determination of the auditors or otherwise the Directors become aware that such a situation has or may have arisen.

115.7 No debt incurred or security given in respect of moneys borrowed in excess of the limit imposed by this Article 115 shall be invalid or ineffectual except in the case of express notice to the lender or recipient of the security at the time when the debt was incurred or security given that the limit had been or would thereby be exceeded but no lender or other person dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or enquire whether such limit is observed.

#### **116. Duty to exercise independent judgment**

No Director shall be in breach of his duty to exercise independent judgment pursuant to section 173, 2006 Act if acting in any way authorised by these Articles, which act may otherwise infringe such duty.

### **117. Ratification of acts of Directors**

The provisions of section 239, 2006 Act shall apply to the Company, provided that a reference to a resolution of the members of the Company in that section shall be deemed to be a reference to an ordinary resolution of such members.

### **Proceedings of Directors and Committees**

#### **118. Board meetings**

Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit.

#### **119. Notice of Board meetings**

One Director may and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall summon a Board meeting at any time. Notice of a Board Meeting shall be deemed to be properly given to a Director if is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him (whether in hard copy form or electronic form) at his last known address (including electronic address) or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose. A Director may waive the requirement that notice be given to him of any Board meeting either prospectively or retrospectively. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a Board meeting to a Director who is absent from the United Kingdom unless he has requested the Board in writing (whether in hard copy form or electronic form) that notices of Board meetings shall during his absence be given to him at any address in the United Kingdom (or electronic address) notified to the Company for this purpose but he shall not in such event be entitled to a longer period of notice than if he had been present in the United Kingdom at that address.

#### **120. Quorum**

Subject to Section 175(6), 2006 Act and the provisions of Article 127, the quorum necessary for the transaction of business may be determined by the Board and until otherwise determined shall be 2 persons, each being a Director or an alternate Director. A person who holds office only as an alternate Director shall only be counted in the quorum if his appointor is not present. A Director or other person who is present at a meeting of the Board in more than one capacity (that is to say as both Director and an alternate Director or as an alternate for more than one Director) shall not be counted as 2 or more for these purposes unless at least one other Director or alternate Director is also present. A duly convened meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all

or any of the authorities, powers and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board. Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a meeting of the Directors may continue to be present and to act as a Director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of the meeting of the Directors if no Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.

## **121. Chairman of Board and other offices**

121.1 The Board shall appoint any Chairman, joint Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board and shall determine the period for which he is or they are to hold office and may at any time remove him or them from office. If no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected or if at any meeting neither a Chairman nor a Deputy Chairman is present within 5 minutes of the time appointed for holding it, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting. In the event of 2 or more Joint Chairmen or in the absence of a Chairman, two or more Deputy Chairmen being present, the Joint Chairman or Deputy Chairman to act as Chairman of the meeting shall be decided by those Directors present. Any Chairman or Deputy Chairman may also hold executive office under the Company but shall not be the Company's Chief Executive.

121.2 Subject to the provisions of the Acts, the Directors may appoint one or more of their number to any office or employment under the Company (including, but without limitation, that of Chief Executive, Managing Director or Joint Managing Director but not including that of auditor), and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any Director for his employment by the Company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director and may also permit any person appointed to be a Director to continue in any office or employment held by him before he was so appointed. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made for such period (subject to Article 121.4) and upon such terms as the Directors determine.

121.3 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Directors may entrust to and confer upon any Director holding any such office or employment any of the powers exercisable by them as Directors with power to sub-delegate upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, authorities and discretions, and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of the revocation or variation shall be affected by it.

121.4 The Directors may also (without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any agreement between the Director and the Company) remove a Director from any such office and appoint another in his place.

121.5 A Director appointed to the office of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Managing Director, Chief Executive or any other executive office shall automatically and immediately cease to hold that office if he ceases to hold the office of Director from any cause, but he shall not (unless any agreement between him and the Company shall otherwise provide) cease to hold his office as a Director by reason only of his ceasing to be Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Managing Director, Chief Executive of the Company or to hold any other such executive office, as the case may be.

## **122. Voting**

Subject to Section 175(6), 2006 Act, and Article 127, questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of that meeting shall have a second or casting vote. A Director who is also an alternate director shall be entitled in the absence of his appointor to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor in addition to his own vote and an alternate director who is appointed by 2 or more Directors shall be entitled to a separate vote on behalf of each of his appointors, in their absence.

## **123. Participation by telephone**

Any Director or his alternate may validly participate in a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board through the medium of conference telephone or similar form of communication equipment provided that all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other throughout such meeting. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall accordingly be counted in a quorum and be entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or if there is no group which is larger than any other group where the Chairman of the meeting then is. Subject to the Acts, all business transacted in such manner by the Board or a committee of the Board shall for the purpose of these Articles be deemed to be validly and effectively transacted at a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board notwithstanding that 2 or fewer than 2 Directors or alternate Directors are physically present at the same place.

## **124. Resolution in writing**

A resolution in writing executed by all of the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a Board meeting and not being less than a quorum or by all the members of a committee of the Board for the time entitled to receive notice of such committee meeting and not being less than a quorum of that committee shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Board (or committee as the case may be). Such a resolution:

- (a) may consist of several documents in the same form each executed by one or more of the Directors or members of the relevant committee, including executions in electronic form;
- (b) need not be signed by an alternate Director if it is signed by the Director who appointed him; and
- (c) if signed by an alternate Director need not also be signed by his appointor.

For such a resolution to be effective it shall not be necessary for it to be signed by a Director who is prohibited by these Articles from voting thereon or by his alternate.

## **125. Minutes of proceedings**

125.1 The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose of recording:

- (a) all appointments of officers and committees made by the Board and of any such officer's salary or remuneration; and
- (b) the names of Directors present at every meeting of the Board, of a committee of the Board, of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares or debentures of the Company and all orders resolutions and proceedings of such meetings.

125.2 Any such minutes if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting or the Secretary, shall be prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes without any further proof.

## **126. Validity of proceedings**

All acts done by a meeting of the Board or of any committee of the local board or agency or by any person acting as a Director, alternate Director or member of a committee, local board or

agency shall, as regards all persons dealing in good faith with the Company notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any person or persons acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were or was disqualified from holding office or not entitled to vote or had in any way vacated their or his office or that the delegation to such committee, local board or agency had been annulled, varied or revoked, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed, and was duly qualified and had continued to be a Director alternate Director or member and had been entitled to vote or as if the delegation had continued in full force and effect.

## **Directors' interests**

### **127. Board authorisation of conflicts of interest**

127.1 If a Relevant Situation arises, the Directors may, subject to Article 127.2, authorise any Relevant Situation, including, without limitation, the continuing performance by the Conflicted Director of his duties and the acceptance of or continuing in any office, employment or position in addition to that of his office as a Director.

127.2 Any authorisation under Article 127.1 shall be effective only if:

- (i) the Relevant Situation arose on or after 1 October 2008 (or such other date when section 175, 2006 Act came into force);
- (ii) any requirement as to the quorum at any meeting of the Directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting either the Conflicted Director or any other interested Director; and
- (iii) the matter or situation was agreed to and any relevant resolution was passed without counting the votes of the Conflicted Director and without counting the votes of any other interested Director (or such matter or situation would have been so agreed and such relevant resolution would have been so passed if their votes had not been counted); and
- (iv) the Conflicted Director has disclosed in writing all material particulars of the matter, office, employment or position which relates to the Relevant Situation which could reasonably be expected to influence the decision of the Independent Directors as to whether to authorise such matter, office, employment or position which relates to the Relevant Situation and the



continuing performance of the Conflicted Director of his duties and/or the terms of such authorisation.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) any request for authorisation received from a Conflicted Director may be dealt with and resolved upon by the Independent Directors in such manner as any other matter may be considered and resolved upon by the Directors in accordance with these Articles.
- (c) Any authorisation made in accordance with this Article 127 may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions and/or limitations as the Independent Directors may, in their absolute discretion determine and such terms and limitations may be imposed at the time of or after the authorisation and may be subsequently varied or terminated.
- (d) In considering any request for authorisation in respect of a Relevant Situation, the Independent Directors shall be entitled to exclude the Conflicted Director from any meeting or other discussion (whether oral or written) concerning the authorisation of such Relevant Situation and they shall also be entitled to withhold from such Conflicted Director any Board or other papers concerning the authorisation of such Relevant Situation.

127.3 If a matter, office, employment or position relating to a Relevant Situation is authorised by the Independent Directors in accordance with the provisions of this Article 127, the Conflicted Director (for long as he reasonably believes such Relevant Situation subsists):

- (a) shall not be required to disclose to the Company (including the Board or any committee of it) any confidential information relating to such matter, office, employment or position which he obtains or has obtained otherwise than in his capacity as a Director, if to make such disclosure would give rise to a breach of duty or breach of obligation of confidence owed by him to another person in relation to such matter, office, employment or position;
- (b) shall be entitled to absent himself from all or any meetings of the Board (or any committee of it) at which anything relating to such matter, office, employment or position will or may be discussed; and
- (c) shall be entitled to make such arrangements as he thinks fit not to receive documents or information (including,

without limitation, Board papers (or those of any committee of it)) relating to any such matter, office, employment or position and/or for such documents or information to be received and read by a professional adviser on his behalf,

and in so doing, such Conflicted Director shall not be in breach of any general duty he owes to the Company pursuant to sections 171 to 177 (inclusive), 2006 Act and the provisions of this Article 127.3 shall be without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse the Conflicted Director from disclosing information or attending meetings or receiving documents or information, in circumstances where such disclosure, attendance or receipt would otherwise be required under these Articles.

127.4 It shall not be necessary for a Conflicted Director to seek any authorisation under this Article 127 if:

- (a) the Relevant Situation cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest;
- (b) the conflict of interest arises in relation to a proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Company in which the Conflicted Director is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested; or
- (c) the provisions of Chapter 4, Part 10, 2006 Act apply to the Relevant Situation and either approval is given in accordance with the relevant provision(s) of that Chapter or any such approval is not required (as determined in accordance with the relevant provision of that Chapter).

## **128. Director may have interests**

Provided permitted by the Acts and provided he has disclosed to the Board the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with Article 129, a Director, notwithstanding his office:

- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested, either in regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise;
- (b) may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (except that of Auditor or of auditor of a subsidiary of the Company) in conjunction with or in addition to the office of Director and may act by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for the Company and in any such case on such terms as to

remuneration and otherwise as the Remuneration Committee may arrange either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration provided for by any other Article;

- (c) may be a member of or a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by or promoting the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested or as regards which the Company has any powers of appointment;
- (d) shall not, by reason of his office, be liable to account to the Company for any dividend, profit, remuneration, superannuation payment or other benefit which he derives from:
  - (i) any matter, office, employment or position which relates to a Relevant Situation authorised in accordance with Article 127 (Board authorisation of conflicts of interest); or
  - (ii) any office, employment, contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal or other interest permitted pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) (inclusive) of this Article 128,

and no contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal shall be avoided on the grounds of any Director having any such interest or receiving any such dividend, profit, remuneration, superannuation, payment or other benefit authorised in accordance with Article 127 or permitted pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) (inclusive) of this Article 128 and the receipt of any such dividend, profit, remuneration, superannuation, payment or other benefit so authorised or permitted shall not constitute a breach of the duty not to accept benefits from third parties as set out in section 176, 2006 Act.

## **129. Disclosure of interests to Board**

129.1 A Director shall declare the nature and extent of his interest in a Relevant Situation to the other Directors and any such declaration shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 129.4 to 129.7 (inclusive).

129.2 If a Director is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company, he must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other Directors and any such declaration shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 129.4 to 129.7 (inclusive).

129.3 If a Director is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement which has already been entered into by the Company, he must declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other Directors (unless the interest has already been declared under Article 129.2 and any such declaration shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 129.4 to 129.7 (inclusive)).

129.4 The declaration of interest must (in the case of Article 129.3) and may, but need not (in the case of Article 129.1 or 129.2), be made:

- (a) at a meeting of the Directors, or
- (b) by notice to the Directors in accordance with:
  - (i) section 184, 2006 Act (notice in writing); or
  - (ii) section 185, 2006 Act (general notice).

129.5 If any declaration of interest made pursuant to Articles 129.1 to 129.3 (inclusive) proves to be, or becomes, inaccurate or incomplete, a further declaration must be made.

129.6

- (a) Any declaration of interest required by Article 129.1 must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable. Failure to comply with this requirement does not affect the underlying duty to make the declaration of interest.
- (b) Any declaration of interest required by Article 129.2 must be made before the Company enters into the transaction or arrangement.
- (c) Any declaration of interest required by Article 129.3 above must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable. Failure to comply with this requirement does not affect the underlying duty to make the declaration of interest.

129.7 No declaration of interest is required under this Article 129:

- (a) in relation to an interest of which the Director is not aware, or where the Director is not aware of the transaction or arrangement in question. For this purpose, a Director is treated as being aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware;
- (b) if the interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest;

- (c) if, or to the extent that, the other Directors are already aware of it (and for this purpose the other Directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware); or
- (d) if, or to the extent that, it concerns terms of his service contract that have been or are to be considered:
  - (i) by a meeting of the Directors; or
  - (ii) by a committee of the Directors appointed for the purpose under these Articles.

**130. Interested Director not to vote or count for quorum**

Save as provided in this Article 130, a Director shall not vote on or be counted in the quorum in relation to any resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board concerning any transaction or arrangement with the Company in which he has an interest which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, unless the resolution relates to one of the matters set out in the following sub-paragraphs in which case (subject to the terms of any authorisation granted pursuant to Article 127) he shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum:

- (a) the giving to him of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings;
- (b) the giving to a third party of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part either alone or jointly with others, under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (c) where the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings is offering securities in which offer the Director is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of which the Director is to participate;
- (d) relating to another company in which he and any persons connected with him do not to his knowledge hold an interest in shares (as that term is used in sections 820 to 825 (inclusive), 2006 Act) representing 1% or more of either any class of the equity share capital, or the voting rights, in such company;

- (e) relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates;
- (f) concerning insurance which the Company proposes to maintain or purchase for the benefit of Directors or for the benefit of persons including Directors;
- (g) the funding of expenditure by one or more Directors in defending proceedings against him or them or doing anything to enable such Director(s) to avoid incurring such expenditure provided that such funding is consistent with, or no more beneficial to him than the provisions of these Articles (and provided always such funding is permitted pursuant to the provisions of the Acts); or
- (h) the giving of an indemnity or indemnities in favour of one or more Directors which is/are consistent with, or no more beneficial to him than any such indemnities provided pursuant to these Articles (and provided always such indemnities are permitted pursuant to the provisions of the Acts).

**131. Director's interest in own appointment**

A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board or committee of the Board concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of his appointment or its termination) as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment or termination) of two or more Directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested, such proposals may be divided and a separate resolution considered in relation to each Director. In such case each of the Directors concerned (if not otherwise debarred from voting under these Articles) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

**132. Chairman's ruling conclusive on Director's interest**

If any question arises at any meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board as to whether an interest of a Director (other than the Chairman's interest) shall reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than the Chairman) to vote or be counted in a quorum and such question is not resolved by

his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum such question (unless the Director concerned is the Chairman in which case Article 133 shall apply) shall before the conclusion of the meeting be referred to the Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman's ruling in relation to the Director concerned shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director has not been fairly disclosed.

**133. Directors' resolution conclusive on Chairman's interest**

If any question arises at any meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board as to whether an interest of the Chairman shall reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest or as to the entitlement of the Chairman to vote or be counted in a quorum and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, such question shall before the conclusion of the meeting be decided by resolution of the Directors or committee members present at the meeting (excluding the Chairman) whose majority vote shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director has not been fairly disclosed.

**134. Alternate Directors**

For the purposes of Articles 127 to 133 (inclusive), in relation to an alternate Director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate Director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate Director otherwise has.

**135. Exercise by Company of voting powers**

The Board may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any company held or owned by the Company in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit (including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them directors of such company, or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors of such company).

## **The Seal**

### **136. Application of the Seal**

The Seal shall be used only by the authority of a resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board so authorised. The Board may determine whether any instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed and if it is to be signed who shall sign it. Unless otherwise so determined and subject to the provisions of these Articles regarding share certificates and warrants:

- (a) share certificates and warrants and (subject to the provisions of any instrument constituting them) certificates issued under the Seal in respect of any debentures or other securities but excluding letters of allotment or scrip certificates shall be signed by the Board but the Board may by resolution determine that any signatures may be affixed to or printed on any such certificate by any means approved by the Board (including such signature(s) being applied by any mechanical or electronic means in place of the person's actual signature) or that such certificates need not bear any signature; and
- (b) every other instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed by a Director and the Secretary or by 2 Directors or by any other person appointed by the Board for the purpose.

### **137. Deed without sealing**

A document signed by

- (a) a Director and by the Secretary; or
- (b) by 2 Directors;
- (c) by a Director in the presence of a witness who attests his signature,

and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the Company as a deed shall have the same effect as if it were executed under the Seal, provided that no instrument shall be so signed which makes it clear on its face that it is intended by the person or persons making it not to have effect as a deed without the authority of a resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board authorised in that behalf. An instrument or document which is executed by the Company as a deed shall not be deemed to be delivered by the Company solely as a result of it having been executed by the Company.



### **138. Official seal for use abroad**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts, the Company may have an official seal for use in any place abroad and the Company may by an instrument executed by the Company appoint any agent or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent or committee of the Company for the purpose of affixing and using such official seal or any seal kept by the Company by virtue of section 50, 2006 Act, and may impose such restrictions on the use thereon as it may think fit.

## **Secretary**

### **139. The Secretary**

139.1 Subject to the provisions of the Acts, the Board shall appoint a Secretary or Joint Secretaries and shall have power to appoint one or more persons to be an assistant or Deputy Secretary at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Board but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of services between him and the Company.

139.2 Any provision of the Acts or of these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as or in place of the Secretary.

## **Dividends and other payments**

### **140. Declaration of dividends**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts and of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare that out of profits available for distribution dividends be paid to members according to their respective rights and interests in the profits of the Company available for distribution. However, no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Board.

### **141. Interim dividends**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts, the Board may declare and pay such interim dividends (including any dividend payable at a fixed rate) as appear to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution and the position of the Company. If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends on shares which rank after shares conferring preferential rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares

conferring preferential rights unless at the time of payment any preferential dividend is in arrears. Provided that the Board acts in good faith it shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferential rights for any loss that they may suffer in consequence of the declaration or by the lawful payment of any interim dividend on any shares ranking after those with preferential rights.

#### **142. Entitlement to dividends**

142.1 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up (otherwise than in advance of calls) on the shares on which the dividend is paid. Subject as aforesaid, all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up or credited as paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid but if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date or be entitled to dividends declared after a particular date it shall rank for or be entitled to dividends accordingly.

142.2 All dividends and interest shall be paid (subject to any lien of the Company) to those members whose names shall be on the register at the date at which such dividend shall be declared or at the date at which such interest shall be payable respectively, or at such other date as the Company by ordinary resolution or the Board may determine, notwithstanding any subsequent transfer or transmission of shares.

142.3 The Board may pay the dividends or interest payable on shares in respect of which any person is by transmission entitled to be registered as holder to such person upon production of such certificate and evidence as would be required if such person desired to be registered as a member in respect of such shares.

#### **143. Calls or debts may be deducted from dividends**

The Board may deduct from any dividend or other money payable to any member on or in respect of a share all such sums as may be due from him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to the shares of the Company.

#### **144. Distribution in specie**

The Board may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company direct that payment of any dividend declared may be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets, and in particular, of paid fully up shares or debentures of any other company or in any one or more of such ways. Where any

difficulty arises in regard to such distribution the Board may settle it as it thinks fit. In particular, the Board may:

- (a) issue fractional certificates or authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or disregard fractions altogether;
- (b) fix the value for distribution of such assets or any part of them and determine that cash payments may be made to any members on the footing of the value so fixed, in order to adjust the rights of members; and
- (c) vest any such assets in trustees on trust for the persons entitled to the dividend.

#### **145. Dividends not to bear interest**

Unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share no dividend or other moneys payable by the Company or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company.

#### **146. Method of payment**

146.1 The Company may pay any dividend, interest or other sum payable in respect of a share in cash or by direct debit, bank transfer, cheque, dividend warrant or money order (or in respect of any uncertificated share, through the Uncertificated System) and may send it by post or other delivery service to the registered address (or in the case of a Depository subject to the approval of the Board, such persons and addresses) of the member or person entitled to it (or if 2 or more persons are holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the member or otherwise by operation of law to the registered address of such of those persons as is first named in the Register) or to such person and such address as such member or person or persons may direct in writing. Every cheque, warrant or order is sent at the risk of the person entitled to the money represented by it and shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled or, where an authority in that behalf shall have been received by the Company in such form as the Company shall consider sufficient, to such other person as the person or persons entitled may direct in writing. Payment of the cheque, warrant or order to the person entitled or the person specified in such authority shall be a good discharge to the Company. If any such cheque, warrant or order has or shall be alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed the Board may at the request of the person entitled to it issue a replacement cheque, warrant or order, subject to compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out of pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the Board may think fit. Any joint

holder or other person jointly entitled to a share may give an effective receipt for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of such share. Any such dividend, interest or other sum may also be paid by any other method as the Board considers appropriate. If the payment is made on behalf of the Company through the Uncertificated System the Company shall not be responsible for any default in accounting for such payment to the member or other person entitled to such payment by a bank or other financial intermediary of which the member or other person is a customer for settlement purposes in connection with the Uncertificated System.

146.2 The Board may, at its discretion, make provisions to enable such Depository and/or member as the Board shall from time to time determine to receive dividends duly declared in a currency or currencies other than sterling. For the purposes of the calculation of the amount receivable in respect of any dividend the rate of exchange to be used to determine the foreign currency equivalent of any sum payable as a dividend shall be such market rate selected by the Board as it shall consider appropriate ruling at the close of business in London on the date which is the business day last preceding:

- (a) in the case of a dividend to be declared by the Company in general meeting, the date on which the Board publicly announces its intention to recommend that specific dividend; and
- (b) in the case of any other dividend, the date on which the Board publicly announces its intention to pay that specific dividend, provided that where the Board considers the circumstances to be appropriate it shall determine such foreign currency equivalent by reference to such market rate or rates or the mean of such market rates prevailing at such time or times or on such other date or dates, in each case falling before the time of the relevant announcement, as the Board may select.

146.3 The Board may:

- (a) lay down procedures for making any payments in respect of uncertificated shares through the Uncertificated System;
- (b) allow any holder of uncertificated shares to elect to receive or not to receive any such payment through the Uncertificated System; and
- (c) lay down procedures to enable any such holder to make, vary or revoke any such election.

The Company may make, or procure the making of, any payment in respect of a member's uncertificated shares through the Uncertificated System in accordance with any authority given to the Company to do so (whether in writing, through the Uncertificated System or otherwise) by or on behalf of the member in a form satisfactory to the Board. The making of such payment in accordance with such authority shall be a good discharge by the Company.

**147. Uncashed dividends**

If cheques, warrants or orders for dividends or other sums payable in respect of a share sent by the Company to the person entitled thereto by post are returned to the Company undelivered or left uncashed on 2 consecutive occasions the Company shall not be obliged to send any further dividends or other moneys payable in respect of that share due to that person until he notifies the Company of an address to be used for the purpose.

**148. Unclaimed dividends**

All dividends, interest or other sum payable and unclaimed for 12 months after having become payable may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof. All dividends unclaimed for a period of 12 years after having become due for payment shall (if the Board so resolves) be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

**149. Waiver of dividends**

The waiver in whole or in part of any dividend on any share by any document (whether or not under seal) shall be effective only if such document is signed by the shareholder (or the person entitled to the share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or mental disorder of the holder or otherwise by operation of law) and delivered to the Company and only if or to the extent that the same is accepted as such or acted upon by the Company.

**150. Payment of scrip dividends**

150.1 The Board may with the prior authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company and subject to such conditions as the Board may determine, provided that the Company has sufficient undistributed profits or reserves to give effect to it, offer to any holders of Ordinary Shares the right to elect to receive Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid, in whole or in part instead of cash in respect of the whole or some part (to be determined by the

Board) of any dividend specified by the ordinary resolution. The following provisions shall apply:

- (a) the said resolution may specify a particular dividend, or may specify all or any dividends declared within a specified period or periods but such period may not end later than the beginning of the fifth annual general meeting following the date of the meeting at which such resolution is passed;
- (b) the entitlement of each holder of Ordinary Shares to new Ordinary Shares shall be such that the relevant value of the entitlement shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be as nearly as possible equal to the cash amount (disregarding any tax credit) of the dividend that such holder would have received by way of dividend. For this purpose "**relevant value**" shall be calculated by reference to the average of the middle market quotations for the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange, as derived from the Daily Official List, for the day on which the Ordinary Shares are first quoted "**ex**" the relevant dividend and the 4 subsequent dealing days, or in such other manner as the Board may determine on such basis as it considers to be fair and reasonable. A certificate or report by the Auditors as to the amount of the relevant value in respect of any dividend shall be conclusive evidence of that amount and in giving such a certificate or report the Auditors may rely on advice or information from such brokers or other sources of information as they think fit;
- (c) no fractions of a share shall be allotted and the Directors may make such provision as they think fit for dealing with the case of shares otherwise becoming distributable in fractions including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, the benefit of the fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the members concerned;
- (d) the Directors may specify a minimum number of Ordinary Shares in respect of which the right of election may be exercised;
- (e) the Board shall, after determining the basis of allotment, notify the holders of Ordinary Shares in writing of the right of election offered to them and specify the procedure to be followed and place at which and the latest time by which (being at least 21 clear days after the despatch of the notice) elections must be lodged in order to be effective. A form of election lodged in respect of a particular dividend in relation to which the Directors have announced their intention to offer elections may not be

revoked as regards the said dividend unless prior to the latest time specified by the Directors for lodgement of elections in respect of the said dividend written notice of revocation is lodged at the place specified by the Directors as aforesaid;

- (f) the Board may exclude from any offer or impose any restrictions on any holders of Ordinary Shares or any Ordinary Shares held by a Depository or any Ordinary Shares on which dividends are payable in foreign currency as they think necessary or desirable where the Board considers that the making of the offer to them or in respect of such shares would or might involve the contravention of the laws of any territory or that such exclusions or restrictions are necessary or expedient;
- (g) the Board may determine that every duly effected election in respect of any Ordinary Shares shall be binding on every successor in title to their holder;
- (h) the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been offered) shall not be payable on Ordinary Shares in respect of which an election has been duly made ("**the elected Ordinary Shares**") and instead additional Ordinary Shares shall be allotted to the holders of the elected Ordinary Shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid. For such purpose the Board may capitalise out of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve) or of any of the profits which could otherwise have been applied in paying dividends in cash as the Board may determine a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the additional Ordinary Shares to be allotted on that basis and apply it in paying up in full the appropriate number of unissued Ordinary Shares for allotment and distribution to the holders of the elected Ordinary Shares on that basis. A Board resolution capitalising any part of such reserve or fund or profits shall have the same effect as if such capitalisation had been declared by ordinary resolution of the Company in accordance with Article 152 and in relation to any such capitalisation the Board may exercise all the powers conferred on them by Article 152 without need of such ordinary resolution;
- (i) the additional Ordinary Shares so allotted shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other and with the fully paid Ordinary Shares in issue on the record date for the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been offered except that they will not rank for any dividend or

other distribution or other entitlement (including the relevant dividend and the share election in lieu of such dividend) which has been declared, paid or made by reference to such record date or any earlier record date; and

- (j) the Board may terminate, suspend or amend any offer of the right to elect to receive Ordinary Shares in lieu of any cash dividend at any time (whether temporarily or otherwise) and shall not proceed with any election unless the Company has sufficient unissued shares authorised for issue and sufficient reserves or funds that may be capitalised to give effect to it after the basis of allotment is determined.

150.2 The Board may also from time to time establish or vary a procedure for election mandates, under which a holder of Ordinary Shares may elect to receive Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid instead of cash in respect of all or certain future rights offered to that holder under this Article until the election mandate is revoked in accordance with any such procedure.

150.3 The Company shall apply to the London Stock Exchange for the additional Ordinary Shares so allotted to be admitted to the Official List of the London Stock Exchange.

150.4 The Directors shall have power to do all acts and things as they consider necessary or expedient to give effect to this Article.

## **151. Reserves**

The Board may, before recommending any dividend (whether preferential or otherwise) carry to reserve out of the profits of the Company such sums as it thinks fit. All sums standing to reserve may be applied from time to time, at the discretion of the Board, for any other purpose to which the profits of the Company may properly be applied and pending such application may either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board thinks fit and so that it shall not be necessary to keep any investment constituting the reserve separate or distinct from any other investment of the Company. The Board may divide the reserve into such special funds as it thinks fit and may consolidate into one fund any special fund or any part of any special fund into which the reserve may have been divided as it thinks fit. Any sum which the Board may carry to reserve out of the unrealised profit of the Company shall not be mixed with any reserve to which profits available for distribution have been carried. The Board may also, without placing the same to reserve, carry forward any profit which it may think prudent not to distribute.



## 152. Capitalisation of reserves

The Board may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company:

- (a) subject as provided in this Article, resolve to capitalise any profits of the Company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of any reserve or fund of the Company which is available for distribution or standing to the credit of share premium account or capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve;
- (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised on the date specified in the resolution to the holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion to the nominal amount of the shares (whether or not fully paid) held by them respectively which would entitle them to participate in a distribution of that sum if the shares were fully paid and the sum were then distributable and were distributed by way of dividend and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amount, if any, for the time being unpaid on any share held by them respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the Company of a nominal amount equal to that sum and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to those holders of Ordinary Shares or as they may direct in those proportions or partly in one way and partly in the other provided that:
  - (i) the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, any other undistributable reserve and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to holders of Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid; and
  - (ii) in a case where any sum is applied in paying amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares of the Company or in paying up in full debentures of the Company, the amount of the net assets of the Company at that time is not less than the aggregate of the called up share capital of the Company and its undistributable reserves as shown in the latest audited accounts of the Company or such other accounts as may be relevant and would not be reduced below that aggregate by the payment of it;

- (c) resolve that any shares so allotted to any member in respect of a holding by him of any partly paid shares shall, so long as such shares remain partly paid, rank for dividends only to the extent that such partly paid shares rank for dividends;
- (d) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates (or by ignoring fractions or by accruing the benefit of it to the Company rather than to the holders of Ordinary Shares concerned) or by payment in cash or otherwise as it thinks fit in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions;
- (e) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the holders of Ordinary Shares concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for either:
  - (i) the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid up, of any shares or debentures to which they may be entitled on such capitalisation; or
  - (ii) the payment up by the Company on behalf of such holders by the application to it of their respective proportions of the reserves or profits resolved to be capitalised of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares,

(any agreement made under such authority being effective and binding on all such holders); and
- (f) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to such resolution.

### 153. Record dates

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles but subject always to the Acts and without prejudice to the rights attached to any shares, the Company or the Board may fix any date ("**the record date**") as the date at the close of business of which (or such other time as the Board may determine) on which persons registered as the holders of shares or other securities shall be entitled to receipt of any dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue, notice, information, document or circular. Such record date may be on or at any time within 6 months before any date on which such dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue, notice, information, document or circular is declared, paid or made but without prejudice to the rights inter se in respect of the same of transfers and transferees of any such shares or other securities. In the absence of a record date being fixed, entitlement to any dividend, distribution, allotment or

issue shall be determined by reference to the date on which the dividend is declared or the distribution, allotment or issue is made.

## **Accounts**

### **154. Accounting records**

The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the Acts and shall keep such other books and registers as are necessary to comply with the Acts.

### **155. Inspection of records**

155.1 The accounting records shall be kept at the Office or (subject to the Acts) at such other place in Great Britain as the Board thinks fit.

155.2 No member (other than a Director) shall have any right to inspect any accounting record or other document of the Company unless he is authorised to do so by statute, by order of the Court, by the Board or by ordinary resolution of the Company. Such records shall always be open for inspection by officers of the Company.

### **156. Accounts to be sent to members**

156.1 Except as provided in Article 158 and except as provided in section 423(2), 2006 Act and subject to Article 165.7, a printed copy of the Directors' and Auditors' reports, accompanied by a copy of the annual accounts (including every document required by law to be comprised in them or annexed or attached to such accounts), shall not less than 21 clear days before the meeting of the Company before which they are to be laid, be sent or supplied to:

- (a) every member; and
- (b) every holder of debentures of the Company; and
- (c) the Auditors; and
- (d) every other person who is entitled to receive notice of general meetings,

and shall be sent or supplied in any manner in which documents or information may be sent or supplied by the Company to a member in accordance with these Articles.

156.2 Any member to whom such documents are sent or supplied shall be entitled to receive a further copy, free of charge, on application at the Office.

156.3 If all or any of the shares in or debentures of the Company are listed or dealt in on any stock exchange, there shall at the same time be forwarded such number of copies of each of those documents to such persons as the regulations of that stock exchange may from time to time require.

156.4 Subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of section 430, 2006 Act, the Company shall (in respect only of any annual accounts and reports for financial years beginning on or after 6 April 2008) make available on a website its annual accounts and reports (as defined in section 471, 2006 Act) and ensure that they remain so available until the annual accounts and reports for the Company's next following financial year are made available on a website in accordance with this Article.

#### **157. Members' approval of Directors' remuneration report**

In accordance with section 439, 2006 Act, the Company shall, prior to any meeting of the Company before which the Company's annual accounts for the financial year in question are to be laid, give to the members entitled to be sent notice of the meeting, notice of the intention to move at the meeting (as an ordinary resolution) a resolution approving the directors' remuneration report for the financial year. Such notice shall be given in any manner permitted for the service on the members of notice of the meeting. The requirement under this Article shall only apply to the extent that the Directors are obliged to prepare a directors' remuneration report pursuant to the Acts.

#### **158. Summary financial statements**

The Company may, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Sections 426 to 429 (inclusive), CA2006 (to the extent applicable to the Company) and any regulations made under it, send or supply a summary financial statement to any member instead of or in addition to the documents referred to in Article 156. Where it does so, the statement shall be sent or supplied to the member not less than 21 clear days before the meeting before which those documents are to be laid.

### **Auditors**

#### **159. Defective appointment and rights of Auditor**

159.1 Subject to the provisions of the Acts, all acts done by any person acting as an auditor of the Company shall, as regards all persons dealing in good faith with the Company, be valid, notwithstanding that there was some defect in his appointment or that he was at the time of his appointment not qualified for appointment or subsequently became disqualified.

159.2 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 502, 2006 Act, an Auditor shall be entitled to:

- (a) receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, any general meeting which a member of the Company is entitled to receive;
- (b) attend any general meeting of the Company; and
- (c) be heard at any general meeting which he attends on any part of the business of the meeting which concerns him as Auditor,

and where the Auditor is a firm, the right to attend or be heard at a meeting is exercisable by an individual authorised by the firm in writing to act as its representative at the meeting.

## **160. Website publication of audit concerns**

160.1 Pursuant to Section 527, 2006 Act, the members shall be entitled to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to:

- (a) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the next accounts meeting; or
- (b) any circumstances connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous accounts meeting,

that the members propose to raise at the next accounts meeting of the Company.

160.2 Subject to Section 153, 2006 Act, the Company shall only be required to make such a publication pursuant to Article 160.1 once it has received requests to that effect from:

- (a) members representing at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members who have a right to vote at the relevant accounts meeting of the Company (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares); or
- (b) at least one hundred members who have a right to vote at the relevant accounts meeting and hold shares in the Company on which there has been paid up an average sum, per member, of at least £100,

and the Company shall not be obliged to place on a website a statement under this Article if, on an application by the Company or another person who claims to be aggrieved, the

court is satisfied that the rights conferred by this Article are being abused. "Accounts meeting" has the meaning set out in Section 439(6), 2006 Act.

160.3 Any request made pursuant to this Article 160:

- (a) may be sent or supplied to the Company in any manner in which documents or other information may be sent or supplied to the Company by members;
- (b) must identify the statement to which it relates;
- (c) must be authenticated by the person or persons making it; and
- (d) must be received by the Company at least one week before the meeting to which it relates.

160.4 The information to be made available on a website pursuant to this Article 160 must be made available on a website that is maintained by or on behalf of the Company and identifies the company in question. Access to such information on the website, and the ability to obtain a hard copy of the information from the website, shall not be conditional on the payment of a fee or restricted in any other way. The statement shall be available within 3 working days of the Company being required to publish on a website and shall be kept available until after the accounts meeting to which it relates (provided that there shall be no liability on the Company for any failure to make such information available on a website throughout such period if the information is made available on the website for part of that period and the failure is wholly attributable to circumstance that it would not be reasonable to have expected the Company to prevent or avoid).

160.5 In the notice the Company gives of the accounts meeting, the Company shall draw attention to:

- (a) the possibility of a statement being placed on a website in pursuance of members' requests under this Article;
- (b) the fact that the Company may not require the members requesting website publication to pay its expenses in complying such requests (to the extent obliged to) or in respect of complying with Article 160.4;
- (c) the fact that the Company shall be obliged to forward any statement that it is required to place on a website under this Article 160 to its auditors not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website; and

- (d) the fact that the business which may be dealt with at the accounts meeting shall include any statement that the Company has been required, under this Article 160, to publish on a website.

## **Destruction and authentication of documents**

### **161. Destruction of documents**

#### 161.1 The Company may destroy:

- (a) any instrument of transfer after 6 years from the date on which it is registered;
- (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address after 2 years from the date on which it is recorded;
- (c) any registered certificate for debentures or representing any other form of securities after one year from the date on which it is cancelled;
- (d) any other document on the basis of which any entry in the Register is made after 6 years from the date on which an entry was first made in the Register in respect of it;
- (e) all paid dividend warrants and cheques at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of actual payment thereof; and
- (f) all instruments of proxy which have been used for the purpose of a poll at any time after the expiration of 2 years from the date of such use (or such longer period to enable the Company to comply with the provisions of section 353 of the 2006 Act, if applicable) and all instruments of proxy which have not been used for the purpose of a poll at any time after one month from the end of the meeting to which the instrument of proxy relates and at which no poll was demanded,

provided, in each case, that the Company may destroy any such type of document after such shorter period as the Board may determine if a copy of such document is retained on microfilm or other similar means which shall not be destroyed before the expiration of the relevant period and Provided that adequate precautions against falsification and to share reproduction are taken.

- 161.2 It shall be conclusively presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to have been made on the basis of a document so destroyed was duly and properly made,

that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was duly registered, that every share certificate so destroyed was a valid and effective certificate duly cancelled, that every other document so destroyed had been properly dealt with in accordance with its terms and was valid and effective in accordance with the particulars in the records of the Company, provided that:

- (a) this Article 161 shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties to it) to which the document might be relevant;
- (b) nothing in this Article 161 shall be construed as imposing on the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document or otherwise than as provided for in this Article 161 which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article 161; and
- (c) references in this Article 161 to the destruction of any document include references to the disposal of it in any manner.

## **162. Authentication of documents**

Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Directors for the purpose shall have power to authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolutions passed by the Company or the Directors or any committee and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company and to certify copies of them or extracts from them as true copies or extracts and where any books, records, documents or accounts are elsewhere than at the Office, the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody of them shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Directors as aforesaid. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or an extract from the minutes of a meeting, of the Company or of the Directors or any committee which is certified as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company in reliance on them that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that any minute so extracted is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

## **Communications**

### **163. Method of communications**

Any document or information required or authorised to be sent or supplied by the Company to any member or any person pursuant to these Articles or the Acts may be sent or supplied in



hard copy form, in electronic form, by means of a website or in any other way in which documents or information may be sent or supplied by or to the Company pursuant to the Acts. The provisions of the 2006 Act which apply to sending or supplying a document or information required or authorised to be sent or supplied by the Acts by making it available on a website shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the sending or supplying of any document or information required or authorised to be sent by the Company's Articles of Association by making it available on a website.

## **164. Communications by members to the Company**

### *164.1 Communications by members to the Company in hard copy form*

A document or information is validly sent or supplied by a member to the Company in hard copy form if it is sent or supplied by hand or by post (in a prepaid envelope containing the document or information) in either case to:

- (a) an address specified by the Company for the purpose;
- (b) the Office; or
- (c) an address to which any provision of the Acts authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied.

### *164.2 Communications by members to the Company in electronic form*

A document or information is validly sent or supplied by a member to the Company in electronic form if the Company has either agreed (generally or specifically) that the document or information may be sent or supplied in that form and has not revoked that agreement or the Company is deemed to have so agreed by a provision of the Acts provided that, where the document or information is sent or supplied:

- (a) by electronic means, it must be sent or supplied to an address specified for the purpose by the Company (generally or specifically) or deemed by a provision of the Acts to have been specified; or
- (b) by hand or by post, it must be sent or supplied to an address to which it could be validly sent if it were in hard copy form (and, if by post it must be in a prepaid envelope containing the document or information).

### *164.3 Communications by members to the Company by other means*

A document or information that is sent or supplied by a member to the Company otherwise than in hard copy form or electronic

form is validly sent or supplied if done so in a form or manner that has been agreed by the Company.

## **165. Communication by the Company to members**

### *165.1 Communications by the Company to members in hard copy form*

A document or information is validly sent or supplied by the Company to a member in hard copy form if it is:

- (a) handed to the member; or
- (b) sent or supplied by hand or by post (in a prepaid envelope containing the document or information):
  - (i) to an address specified for the purpose by the member;
  - (ii) to his address as shown in the Register; or
  - (iii) to an address to which any provision of the Acts authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied,

provided that where the Company is unable to obtain an address falling within sub-paragraph (b), the document or information may be sent or supplied to the member's last address known to the Company.

### *165.2 Communications by the Company to members in electronic form*

A document or information is validly sent or supplied by the Company to a member in electronic form if such member has agreed (generally or specifically) that the document or information may be sent or supplied in that form and has not revoked that agreement (or, being a company, is deemed to have so agreed by a provision in the Acts), provided that where such document or information is sent or supplied:

- (a) by hand or by post (in which case it must be in a prepaid envelope containing the document or information), it must be:
  - (i) handed to the member; or
  - (ii) sent or supplied to an address to which it could be validly sent if it were in hard copy form; or
- (b) by electronic means, it must be sent or supplied to an address specified for the purpose by the member (generally or specifically) (or, being a company, is

deemed to have been so specified by a provision of the Acts).

*165.3 Communications by the Company to members by means of a website*

A document or information is validly sent or supplied by the Company to a member if it is made available on a website, provided that the member has been asked individually by the Company to agree that the Company may send or supply documents or information generally, or the documents or information in question, to him by means of a website and the Company has not received a response within the period of 28 days beginning with the date in which the Company's request was sent out (provided that such request by the Company stated clearly what the effect of failure to respond would be and was not sent out less than 12 months after any previous request by the Company to such member in respect of the same or a similar class of documents or information), and provided always that such document or information is made available in a form and by a means that the Company reasonably considers will enable the recipient to read it (as construed in accordance with paragraph 12 of part 4 of Schedule 5 to the 2006 Act) and retain a copy of it.

*165.4 Notification of availability on website*

Where (to the extent permitted by these Articles, the Acts or otherwise) the Company sends or supplies a document or information to a member by making it available on a website, it must notify the intended recipient of:

- (a) the presence of the document or information on the website;
- (b) the address of the website;
- (c) the place on the website where it may be accessed; and
- (d) how to access the document or information,

and must make the document or information available on the website throughout the period specified by any applicable provision of the Acts, or, if no such provision is specified, the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the notification is sent to the person in question. This Article 165.4 must be read in conjunction with Article 46 with regard to notices of general meetings. Any failure to make a document or information available on a website throughout the period referred to in this Article shall be disregarded if it is made available on the website for part of that period and the failure to

make it available throughout that period is wholly attributable to circumstances that it would not be reasonable to have expected the Company to prevent or avoid.

#### 165.5 *Communications by the Company by other means*

A document or information sent or supplied by the Company otherwise than in hard copy form, electronic form or by means of a website is validly sent or supplied if done so in a form or manner that has been agreed by the intended recipient.

#### 165.6 *Right to hard copy version*

Where a member of the Company (or a holder of the Company's debentures) has received a document or information from the Company, otherwise than in hard copy form, he shall be entitled to require the Company to send him a version of the document or information in hard copy form free of charge within 21 days of receipt of the request from the member or debenture holder.

#### 165.7 *Joint holders*

In the case of joint holders of a share, documents or information shall be sent or supplied to the joint holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the joint holding. Documents or information so sent or supplied shall be sufficient service of such document or information on all the joint holders.

#### 165.8 *Members outside the UK*

Where a member (or in the case of joint holders the person first named in the Register) has a registered address outside the United Kingdom but has notified the Company of an address within the United Kingdom at which documents or information may be sent or supplied to him or of an electronic address to which documents or information may be sent or supplied using electronic means, he shall, subject to the provisions of these Articles and the Acts, be entitled to have documents or information sent or supplied to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any document or information from the Company.

#### 165.9 *Undelivered documents or information*

If on 3 consecutive occasions documents or information have been sent or supplied to any member at his registered address or his address (whether an electronic address or otherwise) for the service of such documents or information but have been returned undelivered (or, in the case of any document or information sent or supplied to an electronic address, a delivery

failure or other similar notification has been received), such member shall not thereafter be entitled to receive any documents or information from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new registered address or address within the United Kingdom for the service of documents or information or an electronic address to which documents or information may be sent or supplied using electronic means.

**165.10** *Record date*

Any document or information to be sent or supplied to a member may be sent or supplied by reference to the register as it stands at any time within the period of 15 days before document or information is sent or supplied (subject to the Uncertificated Regulations if the Company is then a participating issuer for the purposes of the Uncertificated Regulations) and no change in the Register after that time shall invalidate the sending or supplying of the document or information.

**166. Death, bankruptcy or mental disorder**

The Company may, on receipt of such evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show title to that share, send or supply any document or information to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or mental disorder of a member or otherwise by operation of law. Such documents or information may be sent or supplied in any manner authorised by these Articles for the sending or supplying of any document or information to a member, addressed to that person by name, or by the title of representative(s) of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt or representative(s) by operation of law or by any like description at the address (if any) within the United Kingdom or, if relevant, any electronic address supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been so supplied a document or information may be sent or supplied in any manner in which it might have been sent or supplied if the death, bankruptcy, mental disorder operation of law or other event had not occurred. Such service of a document or information shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service of such document or information on all persons interested in the share. Any reference to the bankruptcy of a person in this Article shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 17 of Part 6 of Schedule 5 to the 2006 Act.

## **167. Evidence of service**

### **167.1 *Present at meeting***

Any member present, in person or by proxy at any meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares of the Company, shall be deemed to have received due notice of such meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which such meeting was called.

### **167.2 *Deemed delivery of documents and information***

Any document or information, addressed to a member (or other person to whom such document or information is required or authorised to be sent pursuant to these Articles, the Acts or otherwise) at his registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom shall, if sent by post (whether in hard copy form or in electronic form), be deemed to have been received at the expiration of 24 hours after the envelope was posted and, if sent or supplied by electronic means, be deemed to have been received (if sent or supplied between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on a working day) at the time it was sent, or (if sent or supplied at any other time) at 9 a.m. on the next following working day, and, if sent or supplied by means of a website, be deemed to have been received when the material was first made available on the website or, if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website. In calculating a period of hours for the purpose of this Article 167.2, account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day. In proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the document or information was properly addressed and put into the post as a prepaid letter or, in the case of a document or information sent or supplied by electronic means, to prove that it was properly addressed. Any document or information not sent or supplied by post but delivered or left at a registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day on which it was so delivered or left. These provisions shall apply regardless of any such documents or information being returned undelivered and regardless of any delivery failure notification or any out of office or other similar response and the Company shall not be held responsible for any failure in transmissions beyond its reasonable control.

## **168. Notice binding on transferees**

Every person who, by operation of law, transfers or by any other means becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any document or information in respect of that share (other than a notice given by the Company under section 793, 2006 Act)

which, before his name is entered in the Register, has been duly sent or supplied to a person from whom he derives his title.

**169. Notice by advertisement**

Any document or information to be sent or supplied by the Company to the members or any of them and not otherwise provided for by these Articles shall be sufficiently sent or supplied if given by advertisement in at least one leading daily national newspaper published in the United Kingdom and, where the Company keeps an overseas branch register, in at least one leading daily newspaper published in the territory in which such register is maintained. Any document or information given by advertisement shall be deemed to have been served at noon on the day on which the advertisement first appears.

**170. Suspension of postal services**

If at any time by reason of the threat of or of the suspension, interruption or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom, the Company is or would be unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, a general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised in at least 2 leading daily national newspapers (at least one of which shall be published in London) and, where the Company keeps an overseas branch register, in at least one leading daily newspaper published in the territory in which such register is maintained. Such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto at noon on the day on which the first of such advertisements appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post if at least 7 days prior to the meeting the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom again becomes practicable.

**171. Savings**

Nothing in Articles 163 to 170 shall affect any requirements of the Acts that any particular document or information be sent or supplied in any particular manner.

**Winding up**

**172. Division of assets**

172.1 The Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up.

172.2 If the Company is wound up, the surplus assets remaining after payment of all creditors are to be divided among the members

in proportion to the capital which at the commencement of the winding up is paid up on the shares held by them respectively and, if such surplus assets are insufficient to repay the whole of the paid up capital, they are to be distributed so that as nearly as may be the losses are borne by the members in proportion to the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively. This Article 172.2 is subject to the rights attached to any shares which may be issued on special terms or conditions.

172.3 If the Company is wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by law, divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and may for that purpose value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. Any such division may be otherwise than in accordance with the existing rights of the members but if any division is resolved otherwise than in accordance with such rights the members shall have the same right of dissent and consequential rights as if such resolution were a special resolution passed pursuant to Section 110, Insolvency Act 1986. The liquidator may with the like sanction vest the whole or any part of the whole of the assets in trustees on such trusts for the benefit of the members as he with the like sanction shall determine but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets on which there is a liability.

### **173. Transfer or sale under Section 110, Insolvency Act 1986**

A special resolution sanctioning a transfer or sale to another company duly passed pursuant to Section 110, Insolvency Act 1986 may in the like manner authorise the distribution of any shares or other consideration receivable by the liquidator among the members otherwise than in accordance with their existing rights and any such determination shall be binding on all the members, subject to the right of dissent and consequential rights conferred by the said section.

## **Indemnity, Funds and Insurance**

### **174. Right to indemnity**

Subject to and to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of the Acts (but without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may be otherwise entitled), every Director and every director of any associated company, former Director, alternate Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company (other than an Auditor) shall be fully indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all or any part of any costs, charges, losses, damages and liabilities (all or any of them being a "**liability**")



incurred by him in relation to anything done, omitted or alleged to have been done by him in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or exercise of his powers in relation to the Company or in connection with the Company's activities as trustee of any occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6), 2006 Act), provided that no Director nor any director of any associated company (which shall, for the purpose of this Article 174, bear the meaning set out in section 256, 2006 Act) shall be indemnified against any liability incurred by him to the Company or any associated company in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or any associated company of which he is a director or against any liability:

- (a) of his to pay any fine imposed in criminal proceedings or a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising); or
- (b) incurred by him in defending criminal proceedings in which he is convicted, in defending civil proceedings brought by the Company (or any associated company) in which judgment is given against him or in connection with an application for relief under the provisions referred to in section 234(6), 2006 Act in which the court refuses to grant him relief (and for these purposes, a reference to a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief shall bear the meaning set out in sections 234(4) and 234(5), 2006 Act); or
- (c) incurred by him in connection with the Company's or any associated company's activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme and which is a liability:
  - (i) to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings or a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising); or
  - (ii) incurred in defending criminal proceedings in which he is convicted (within the meaning of section 235(5), 2006 Act).

#### **175. Provision of funds**

The Company shall (in each case, subject to and to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of the Acts) provide every Director and every director of the Company's holding company or other officer of the Company (other than an Auditor) with funds to meet any expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him:

- (a) in defending any criminal or civil proceedings in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or any associated company;
- (b) in connection with an application for relief under the provisions referred to in section 205(5), 2006 Act; and/or
- (c) in defending himself in an investigation by a regulatory authority or against any action proposed to be taken by a regulatory authority in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or any associated company,

or do anything to enable such person to avoid incurring such expenditure, but so that the terms set out in sections 205(2) to (4), 2006 Act shall apply to any such provision of funds or other things done.

#### **176. Power to insure**

Subject to the provisions of the Acts, the Board may purchase and maintain insurance at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any person who is or was at any time a Director or other officer or employee of the Company or of any other company which is a subsidiary, subsidiary undertaking or holding company of the Company or in which the Company has an interest whether direct or indirect or which otherwise is in any way allied to or associated with the Company or of any subsidiary undertaking or holding company of the Company or of any such company or who is or was at any time a trustee of any pension fund or employee benefits trust in which any employee of the Company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking is or has been interested in relation to any liability which may attach to him or loss or expenditure which he may incur in relation to anything done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done as a Director, officer, employee or trustee.