

The Companies Act 1985

Company limited by shares

Memorandum and articles of association

of

Lloyds TSB Group Pension Trust (No.1) Limited

(incorporated on 13th May 1912)

Registered in England & Wales No. 121965

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No. 121965



Certificate of Incorporation

I Hereby Certify, That the

*Brazilian Trust & Loan Corporation,
Limited*

is this day Incorporated under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, and that the Company is
Limited.

Given under my hand at London this *Thirteenth* day of *May* One
Thousand Nine Hundred and *twelve*

Fees and Deed Stamps £ *52.5.0*

Stamp Duty on Capital £ *2500.0.0*

Geo. Hargreaves

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

No 121965



Certificate of Incorporation on Change of Name

Whereas

THE BRAZILIAN TRUST & LOAN CORPORATION, LIMITED
was incorporated as a limited company under the
Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908,
on the thirteenth day of May, 1912

And whereas by special resolution of the Company and with the approval
of the Board of Trade it has changed its name,

Now therefore I hereby certify that the Company is a limited company
incorporated under the name of

BALFOUR, WILLIAMSON INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Given under my hand at London, this twenty-sixth day of
January One thousand nine hundred and sixty one.

Registrar of Companies



CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION ON CHANGE OF NAME

No 121965

I hereby certify that

BALFOUR, WILLIAMSON INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED

having by special resolution and with the approval of the Secretary of State changed its name, is now incorporated under the name of

BALWINCO LIMITED

Given under my hand at London the 11TH APRIL 1975

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'N. Taylor'.

N. TAYLOR

Assistant Registrar of Companies



**CERTIFICATE STATING
COMPANY IS A PRIVATE COMPANY**

No. 121965

I hereby certify that

BALWINCO LIMITED

is, with effect from15TH APRIL 1981..... a private company
within the meaning of the Companies Act 1980.

Dated at Cardiff the 15TH APRIL 1981

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to be 'J. J. Jones', written over a circular stamp.

Assistant Registrar of Companies

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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
ON CHANGE OF NAME**

No. 121965

I hereby certify that

BALWINCO LIMITED

having by special resolution changed its name,
is now incorporated under the name of

**LLOYDS BANK PENSION TRUST CORPORATION
LIMITED**

Given under my hand at the Companies Registration Office,
Cardiff the 26 JULY 1991

M Rose
M ROSE

an authorised officer



**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
ON CHANGE OF NAME**

Company No. 121965

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that

LLOYDS BANK PENSION TRUST CORPORATION LIMITED

having by special resolution changed its name, is now incorporated
under the name of

LLOYDS TSB GROUP PENSION TRUST (NO.1) LIMITED

Given at Companies House, London, the 28th June 1999

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MISS S BASHAR

For The Registrar Of Companies



C O M P A N I E S H O U S E

Company number: 121965

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COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

OF

BALWINCO LIMITED

At an annual general meeting of the Company, duly convened and held at 40-66 Queen Victoria Street, London, on 5th April 1989 the following resolution was passed as a special resolution:-

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

That having satisfied the provisions of section 252 of the Companies Act 1985, relating to dormant companies, the Company be exempt from the obligation to appoint auditors as otherwise required by section 384 of that Act.

P.J.S. HAMMONDS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ELECTIVE RESOLUTION

OF

BALWINCO LIMITED

PASSED THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 1991

At the annual general meeting of the above company held at 71 Lombard Street, London on 8th April 1991, the following elective resolution was passed:

That the company resolve as an elective resolution pursuant to section 379A of the Companies Act 1985, to:

- (i) authorise the directors for an indefinite period to allot and to make offers or agreements to allot relevant securities (as defined in section 80(2) of the Companies Act 1985), in accordance with the provisions of section 80A of the Companies Act 1985 up to an aggregate nominal amount of £600,000;
- (ii) dispense with the laying of accounts and reports before the company in general meeting;
- (iii) dispense with the holding of annual general meetings of the company; and
- (iv) dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually as permitted by section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended by the Companies Act 1989).

D.A. SAUNDERS
SECRETARY

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COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ELECTIVE RESOLUTION

OF

LLOYDS BANK PENSION TRUST CORPORATION LIMITED

PASSED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS

DATED 2ND OF AUGUST 1991

That, pursuant to section 379A of the Companies Act 1985, the company dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually, as permitted by section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, but so that nothing in this resolution shall affect the appointment of Price Waterhouse as auditors of the company.

H.W. MAIN
SECRETARY

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THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

(as altered by special resolutions passed on
the 24th day of February 1981 and the 17th day of July 1991)

OF

Lloyds TSB Group Pension Trust (No 1) Limited

- 1 The name of the company is "LLOYDS TSB GROUP PENSION TRUST (NO 1) LIMITED"
- 2 The registered office of the company will be situate in England
- 3 The company's objects are —
 - (A) To undertake and carry on alone or jointly with others the office or offices and duties of trustee, custodian trustee, attorney or nominee of, or for, any person, company, corporation, association, scheme, trust, fund or other body corporate, to undertake and execute alone or jointly with others any trust or discretion, the undertaking whereof may seem desirable and the distribution amongst the pensioners, beneficiaries, or other persons entitled thereto of any income, capital or annuity, whether periodically or otherwise and whether in money or in specie, in furtherance of any trust direction, discretion or other obligation or permission, to act as trustee, nominee or manager of, or depositary for, any investment, unit or other trusts or any fund and shares, stocks, debenture, debenture stocks, mortgages, bonds, loans, obligations and securities, and issue certificates or instruments evidencing the right or title of any person, partnership, body of persons or corporation, or the bearer of any such certificates or instruments, to a proportionate share or interest in any such shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, mortgages, bonds, loans, obligations or securities or any property, right or interest therein
 - (B) To carry on any other business or activity of any nature whatsoever which may seem to the directors to be capable of being conveniently or advantageously carried on in connection or conjunction with any business of the company hereinbefore or hereinafter authorised or to be expedient with a view directly or indirectly to enhancing the value of or to rendering profitable or more profitable any of the company's assets or utilising its skills, know-how or expertise

(C) To subscribe, underwrite, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to hold, dispose of, and deal with, any shares or other securities or investments of any nature whatsoever, and any options or rights in respect thereof, and to buy and sell foreign exchange

(D) To draw, make accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute, and issue, and to buy, sell and deal with bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable or transferable instruments or securities

(E) To purchase, or otherwise acquire for any estate or interest any property or assets or any concessions, licences, grants, patents, trade marks, copyrights or other exclusive or non-exclusive rights of any kind and to develop and turn to account and deal with the same in such manner as may be thought fit and to make experiments and tests and carry on all kinds of research work

(F) To build, construct, alter, remove, replace, equip, execute, carry out, improve, work, develop, administer, maintain, manage or control works, plants, factories, wharves, jetties, roads, buildings, structures or facilities of all kinds, whether for the purposes of the company or for sale, letting or hire to or in return for any consideration from any company, firm or person, and to contribute to or assist in or carry out any part of any such operation

(G) To amalgamate or enter into partnership or any joint venture or profit/loss-sharing arrangement or other association with any company, firm, person or body.

(H) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any company, firm, person or body carrying on any business which the company is authorised to carry on or possessed of any property suitable for the purposes of the company

(I) To promote, or join in the promotion of, any company, whether or not having objects similar to those of the company

(J) To borrow and raise money and to secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on the company in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by mortgages and charges upon all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and the uncalled capital of the company, or by the creation and issue of debentures, debenture stock or other securities of any description

(K) To advance, lend or deposit money or give credit to or with any company, firm or person on such terms as may be thought fit and with or without security

(L) To guarantee or give indemnities or provide security, whether by personal covenant or by mortgage or charge upon all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and the uncalled capital of the company, or by all or any such methods, for the performance of any contracts or obligations, and the payment of capital or principal (together with any premium) and dividends or interest on any shares, debentures or other securities, of any person, firm or company including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) any company which is for the time being a holding company of the company or another subsidiary of any such

holding company or is associated with the company in business

(M) To issue any securities which the company has power to issue for any other purpose by way of security or indemnity or in satisfaction of any liability undertaken or agreed to be undertaken by the company

(N) To sell, lease, grant licences, easements and other rights over, and in any other manner deal with or dispose of, the undertaking, property, assets, rights and effects of the company or any part thereof for such consideration as may be thought fit, and in particular for shares or other securities, whether fully or partly paid up

(O) To procure the registration, recognition or incorporation of the company in or under the laws of any territory outside England

(P) To subscribe or guarantee money for any national, charitable, benevolent, public, general or useful object or for any purpose which may be considered likely directly or indirectly to further the interests of the company or of its members

(Q) to establish and maintain or contribute to any pension or superannuation funds for the benefit of, and to give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to, any individuals who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the company or of any other company which is its holding company or in which the company or such holding company or any of the predecessors of the company or of such holding company has any interest, whether direct or indirect, or which is in any way allied to or associated with the company or of any subsidiary undertaking or of any other body, whether or not incorporated ("body"), owned by or in which an interest is owned by the company or any such other company or who are or were at any time directors or officers of the company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking or body, and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such individuals, to establish and subsidise or subscribe to any institutions, associations, clubs or funds which may be considered likely to benefit any such persons or to further the interests of the company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking or body. For the purposes of this paragraph "holding company" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the same meanings as in the Companies Act 1989

(R) (i) To purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time directors, officers, employees or auditors of the company, or of any other company which is its holding company or in which the company or such holding company or any of the predecessors of the company or of such holding company has any interest, whether direct or indirect, or which is in any way allied to or associated with the company, or of any subsidiary undertaking or of any other body, whether or not incorporated ("body"), owned by or in which an interest is owned by the company or any such other company, or who are or were at any time trustees of any pension fund in which employees of the company or any such other company or subsidiary undertaking or body are interested, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of their duties and/or the exercise or purported exercise of their

powers or offices in relation to the company or any such other company, subsidiary undertaking, body or pension fund, and

(ii) to such extent as may be permitted by law otherwise to indemnify or to exempt any such person against or from any such liability

For the purposes of this paragraph "holding company" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the same meanings as in the Companies Act 1989

(S) To establish maintain operate contribute to subsidise and support any scheme arrangements fund or trust under or pursuant to which individuals who are or were at any time directors, officers, employees, servants or agents of the company or of any other company which is its holding company or in which the company or such holding company has any interest, whether direct or indirect, or which is any way allied to or associated with the company, or of any subsidiary undertaking or of any other body, whether or not incorporated ("body"), owned by or in which an interest is owned by the company or any such other company or subsidiary undertaking or body and the wives, widows, families, dependants and personal representatives of any such individuals as aforesaid may share or participate in the profits of the company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking or body or may in any other manner whatsoever acquire rights or benefits which are referable to or dependant upon or otherwise connected with the success or prosperity of the company or subsidiary undertaking or body and (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) to such extent and in such manner as shall be legally permissible to lend or otherwise provide or procure or subsidise the lending or other provision of money to or directly or indirectly for the benefit of any such persons as aforesaid with a view to shares in or any other securities of the company or of any other such company or subsidiary undertaking or body being acquired or held by or directly or indirectly for the benefit of any such persons as aforesaid

For the purposes of this paragraph "holding company" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the same meanings as in the Companies Act 1989.

(T) To distribute among members of the company in specie or otherwise, by way of dividend or bonus or by way of reduction of capital, all or any of the property or assets of the company, or any proceeds of sale or other disposal of any property or assets of the company, with and subject to any incident authorised and consent required by law

(U) To do all or any of the things and matters aforesaid in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents, subsidiary companies or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others

(V) To do all such other things as may be considered to be incidental or conducive to any of the above objects

And it is hereby declared that the objects of the company as specified in each of the foregoing paragraphs of this clause (except only if and so far as otherwise expressly provided in any paragraph) shall be separate and distinct objects of the company and shall not be in any way limited by reference to any other paragraph or the order in which the same occur or the name of the company.

4 The liability of the members is limited

5 * The share capital of the company is (on 24th February 1981) £1,500,000 divided into 1,500,000 shares of £1 each, of which 900,000 shares, have been issued and are fully paid

* Note on 10th December 2002 the issued share capital was increased from £900,000 to £901,000 by the allotment of 1,000 shares of £1 each, fully paid.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(adopted by special resolution passed on the
29th day of September 1986 and amended by
special resolutions passed on the 15th day of August 2008
and on the 30th day of September 2008)

OF

Lloyds TSB Group Pension Trust (No 1) Limited

PRELIMINARY

1 The regulations contained in table A in the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (as amended) shall except as hereinafter provided and so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of these articles apply to the company to the exclusion of all other regulations or articles of association. Reference herein to regulations are to regulations in the said table A unless otherwise stated.

PRIVATE COMPANY

2 The company is a private company.

SHARES

3. Subject always to the provisions of section 89(1) of the Companies Act 1985 or any amendment thereof all shares up to the amount of the nominal capital of the company for the time being created and unissued shall for the period of five years from the date of adoption of these articles of association of the company and thereafter provided that this authority is renewed in accordance with section 80 of the Companies Act 1985, be under the control of the directors, who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of the same to such person or persons and on such terms and conditions and at such time or times, through the continuance of this authority (as granted or renewed), as the directors may, with the agreement in writing of any one of the Chief Executive or the Deputy Chief Executive, for the time being of Lloyds Bank Plc, think fit.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

4 Subject to the provisions of regulation 24 any share may at any time be transferred to a person who is already a member of the company. Save as aforesaid.

the directors shall have an absolute right without assigning any reason therefor to refuse to register any transfer of a share (whether fully paid or not).

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

5 A proxy shall be entitled to one vote on a show of hands and regulation 54 shall be amended accordingly

6 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by the Chairman or by any member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote Regulation 46 shall be modified accordingly

DIRECTORS

7 Subject as hereinafter provided the directors shall not be less than two in number The company may by ordinary resolution from time to time vary the minimum number and from time to time vary and/or fix the maximum number of directors Regulation 64 shall be modified accordingly

8 The ordinary remuneration of the directors shall from time to time be determined by an ordinary resolution of the company and shall (unless such resolution otherwise provides) be divisible among the directors as they may agree, or, failing agreement, equally, except that any director who shall hold office for part only of the period in respect of which such remuneration is payable shall be entitled only to rank in such division for a proportion of remuneration related to the period during which he has held office The directors may repay to any director all such reasonable expenses as he may incur in attending and returning from meetings of the directors or of any committee of the directors or general meetings or otherwise in or about the business of the company Regulations 82 and 83 shall not apply

9(1) Authorisation of directors' interests

- (a) For the purposes of section 175 of the Companies Act 2006, the directors shall have the power to authorise any matter which would or might otherwise constitute or give rise to a breach of the duty of a director under that section to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company
- (b) Authorisation of a matter under this article shall be effective only if.
 - (i) any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting the director in question and any other interested director (together the “**interested directors**”), and
 - (ii) the matter was agreed to without the interested directors voting or would have been agreed to if the votes of the interested directors had not been counted

- (c) Any authorisation of a matter under this article shall extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised
- (d) Any authorisation of a matter under this article shall be subject to such conditions or limitations as the directors may determine, whether at the time such authorisation is given or subsequently, and may be terminated by the directors at any time. A director shall comply with any obligations imposed on him by the directors pursuant to any such authorisation
- (e) A director shall not, save as otherwise agreed by him, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives from any matter authorised by the directors under this article and any contract, transaction or arrangement relating thereto shall not be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such benefit
- (f) Authorisation of a matter under this article must be proposed in writing at a meeting of the directors, in accordance with such procedures as the Directors determine from time to time (but failure to comply with those procedures shall not invalidate the authorisation)

9(2) Directors may have interests:

- (a) Subject to compliance with Article 9(2)(b), a director, notwithstanding his office, may have an interest of the following kind.
 - (i) where a director (or a person connected with him) is a director or other officer of, or employed by, or otherwise interested (including by the holding of shares) in any relevant company,
 - (ii) where a director (or a person connected with him) is a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or arrangement with a relevant company, or in which the company is otherwise interested,
 - (iii) where the director (or a person connected with him) acts (or any firm of which he is a partner, employee or member acts) in a professional capacity for any relevant company (other than as auditor) whether or not he or it is remunerated therefor,
 - (iv) an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest,
 - (v) an interest, or a transaction or arrangement giving rise to an interest, of which the director is not aware,
 - (vi) any matter authorised under article 9(1)(a),
 - (vii) where a director (or a person connected with him) is a member of an occupational pension scheme of which the company acts as trustee, or
 - (viii) any other interest authorised by shareholder resolution

Such interests are hereby authorised by these Articles and no further authorisation is required under Article 9(1) or otherwise

- (b) The director shall declare the nature and extent of any interest permitted under article 9(2)(a), and not falling within Article 9(2)(c), at a meeting of

the directors or in the manner set out in section 184 or 185 of the Companies Act 2006.

- (c) No declaration of an interest shall be required by a director in relation to an interest
 - (i) falling within articles 9(2)(a)(iv), (v) or (vi),
 - (ii) if, or to the extent that, the other directors are already aware of such interest (and for this purpose the other directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware), or
 - (iii) if, or to the extent that, it concerns the terms of his service contract (as defined in section 227 of the Companies Act 2006) that have been or are to be considered by a meeting of the directors, or by a committee of directors appointed for the purpose under these articles
- (d) A director shall not, save as otherwise agreed by him, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any relevant company or for such remuneration, each as referred to in article 9(2)(a), and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit
- (e) For the purposes of this article, “**relevant company**” shall mean
 - (i) the company,
 - (ii) a subsidiary undertaking of the company;
 - (iii) any holding company of the company or a subsidiary undertaking of any such holding company,
 - (iv) any body corporate promoted by the company, or
 - (v) any body corporate in which the company is otherwise interested.

9(3) Restrictions on quorum and voting

- (a) Save as provided in this article, a director shall not be entitled to vote on any resolution in respect of any contract, transaction or arrangement, or any other proposal, in which he (or a person connected with him) is interested. Any vote of a director in respect of a matter where he is not entitled to vote shall be disregarded
- (b) A director shall not be counted in the quorum for a meeting of the directors in relation to any resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of any law applicable to the Company, a director shall be entitled to vote, and be counted in the quorum, in respect of any resolution concerning any contract, transaction or arrangement, or any other proposal
 - (i) in which he has an interest of which he is not aware,
 - (ii) in which he has an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest,

- (iii) in which he has an interest only by virtue of interests in shares, debentures or other securities of the company, or by reason of any other interest in or through the company,
- (iv) which involves the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to the director or any other person in respect of (I) money lent or obligations incurred by him or by any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the company or any of its subsidiary undertakings, or (II) a debt or other obligation of the company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security,
- (v) concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the company or any of its subsidiary undertakings (I) in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities, or (II) in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of which he is to participate,
- (vi) concerning any other body corporate in which he is interested, directly or indirectly and whether as an officer, shareholder, creditor, employee or otherwise, provided that he (together with persons connected with him) is not the holder of, or beneficially interested in, one per cent or more of the issued equity share capital of any class of such body corporate or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant body corporate,
- (vii) relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees or former 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 or former employees to whom such arrangement relates,
- (viii) concerning the purchase or maintenance by the company of insurance for any liability for the benefit of directors or for the benefit of persons who include directors,
- (ix) concerning the giving of indemnities in favour of directors,
- (x) concerning the funding of expenditure by any director or directors on (I) defending criminal, civil or regulatory proceedings or actions against him or them, (II) in connection with an application to the court for relief, or (III) defending him or them in any regulatory investigations,
- (xi) doing anything to enable any director or directors to avoid incurring expenditure as described in article 9(3)(c)(x),
- (xii) in respect of which his interest, or the interest of directors generally, has been authorised by ordinary resolution,
- (xiii) in respect of which his interest is authorised by the directors under Article 9(1) or authorised under Article 9(2),
- (xiv) if a majority of the other directors authorise him to do so

- (d) Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment) of two or more directors to offices or employments with the company (or any body corporate in which the company is interested), the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately. In such case, each of the directors concerned (if not debarred from voting under article 9(3)(c)(vi)) shall be entitled to vote, and be counted in the quorum, in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment or the fixing or variation of the terms thereof.

If a question arises at any time as to whether any interest of a director prevents him from voting, or being counted in the quorum, under this article, and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive, except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such director (so far as is known to him) has not been fairly disclosed. If any such question shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting, the question shall be decided by resolution of the directors and the resolution shall be conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the chairman of the meeting (so far as it is known to him) has not been fairly disclosed to the directors.

9(4) Confidential information

- (a) Subject to article 9(4)(b), if a director, otherwise than by virtue of his position as director, receives information in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to a person other than the company, he shall not be required
 - (i) to disclose such information to the company or to the directors, or to any director, officer or employee of the company, or
 - (ii) otherwise use or apply such confidential information for the purpose of or in connection with the performance of his duties as a director.
- (b) Where such duty of confidentiality arises out of a situation in which the director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company, article 9(4)(a) shall apply only if the conflict arises out of a matter which has been authorised under article 9(1) above or falls within article 9(2) above.
- (c) This article is without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse or release the director from disclosing information, in circumstances where disclosure may otherwise be required under this article.
- (d) This article is also without prejudice to any equitable principle, rule of law or regulatory requirement which may, notwithstanding the other provisions of this article, require a director to disclose information.

9(5) Directors' interests – general

- (a) For the purposes of articles 9(1) to 9(5)
 - (i) an interest of a person who is connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director, and
 - (ii) section 252 of the Companies Act 2006 shall determine whether a person is connected with a director
- (b) Where a director has an interest which can reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, the director may, and shall if so requested by the directors, take such additional steps as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of managing such conflict of interest, including compliance with any procedures laid down from time to time by the directors for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest generally and/or any specific procedures approved by the directors for the purpose of or in connection with the situation or matter in question, including without limitation
 - (i) absenting himself from any meetings of the directors at which the relevant situation or matter falls to be considered, and
 - (ii) not reviewing documents or information made available to the directors generally in relation to such situation or matter and/or arranging for such documents or information to be reviewed by a professional adviser to ascertain the extent to which it might be appropriate for him to have access to such documents or information
- (c) The company may by ordinary resolution ratify any contract, transaction or arrangement, or other proposal, not properly authorised by reason of a contravention of any provisions of articles 9(1) to 9(5).

9(6) Regulations 85, 86 and 94 to 98 shall not apply

10 The office of a director shall be vacated in any of the events specified in regulation 81. The office of a director shall also be vacated if he shall in writing offer to resign and the directors shall resolve to accept such offer or if he shall have served upon him a notice in writing signed by all his co-directors (being at least two in number) removing him from office as director, but so that in the case of a managing director such removal shall be deemed an act of the company and shall have effect without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the company

11 The directors shall not be subject to retirement by rotation and references thereto in regulations 73 to 80 shall be disregarded

12 The directors may delegate any of their powers to Lloyds TSB Group plc, or to any of its directly or indirectly wholly owned subsidiaries, or to any one or more of their respective directors, employees or agents identified either by name, job title or function (any one of whom an “authorised person”) or to any committee of one or more authorised persons. Any such authorised person(s) or committee shall have the power to sub-delegate to one or more authorised persons, or to a committee of one or more authorised persons, any of the powers delegated to him, them or it, provided that

any authorised person(s) or committee to whom powers have been delegated or sub-delegated shall conform to any conditions which may from time to time be imposed by the person(s) or committee exercising the power of delegation or sub-delegation

Any reference in Table A to a committee of directors shall be construed as including a committee empowered as above.

Any delegation or sub-delegation of powers may be revoked or varied at any time by the person(s) or committee exercising the power of delegation or sub-delegation. Regulation 72 shall not apply

13 A resolution in writing signed by all the directors for the time being in the United Kingdom shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the directors Regulation 93 shall be modified accordingly

14 Regulation 84 shall extend to include the posts of deputy and assistant managing director and in these articles reference to managing director shall include a deputy or assistant managing director

THE SEAL

15 Every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by one director or some other person appointed by the directors for that purpose and countersigned by the secretary, assistant secretary or some other person appointed by the directors for that purpose.

Subject to the foregoing provisions the directors shall make such regulations as they think fit governing the custody, use and affixing of the seal

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

16 (A) Any director may at any time by writing under his hand and deposited at the registered office, or delivered at a meeting of the directors, appoint any person to be his alternate director and may in like manner at any time terminate such appointment Such appointment unless previously approved by the directors shall have effect only upon and subject to being so approved

(B) The appointment of an alternate director shall determine on the happening of any event which if he were a director would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor ceases to be a director (retirement at any general meeting at which the director is re-elected being for such purpose disregarded)

(C) An alternate director shall (except when absent from the United Kingdom) be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the directors and shall be entitled to attend and vote as a director at any such meeting at which his appointor is not personally present and generally at such meeting to perform all functions of his appointor as a director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these articles shall apply as if he were a director If his

appointor is for the time being absent from the United Kingdom or temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability his signature to any resolution in writing of the directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor. An alternate director shall not (save as aforesaid) have power to act as a director nor shall he be deemed to be a director for the purposes of these articles.

(D) An alternate director may be repaid expenses, and shall be entitled to be indemnified, by the company to the same extent "mutatis mutandis" as if he were a director but he shall not be entitled to receive from the company in respect of his appointment any remuneration except only such proportion (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the company from time to time direct.

SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

17 (A) The Chief Executive for the time being of the company, shall have the power exercisable from time to time to appoint any person to be a senior assistant director or assistant director of the company and to remove from office any senior assistant director or assistant director of the company. Any such appointment or removal as aforesaid shall be made by notice in writing and shall take effect on and from the date on which the notice is lodged or deposited at the registered office of the company.

(B) The following provisions shall apply with regard to any such appointment of a senior assistant director or assistant director -

- (i) The appointment of a person to be a senior assistant director or assistant director may be in place of or in addition to his employment by the company in any other capacity.
- (ii) A senior assistant director or assistant director shall not be or be deemed to be a director of the company within the meaning of that word as used in the Companies Act 1985 or these articles and no senior assistant director or assistant director shall be entitled to attend or be present at any meetings of the board or of any committee of directors unless the directors shall require him to be in attendance.
- (iii) A senior assistant director or assistant director shall attend meetings of the directors and of any committee of the directors whenever called upon to do so and shall at all times be ready to give the directors the benefit of his knowledge, experience and advice.

SECRETARY

18 The directors shall from time to time appoint and may remove a secretary or joint secretaries and may appoint and remove one or more assistant secretaries and regulation 99 shall be modified accordingly.

INDEMNITY

19 Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Companies Act 1985, or any amendment thereof, every director, auditor, secretary or other officer of the company shall be entitled to be indemnified by the company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto Regulation 118 shall be extended accordingly

OVER-RIDING PROVISIONS

20 Whenever Lloyds Bank Plc, or any subsidiary of Lloyds Bank Plc, shall be the holder of not less than 90 per cent, of the issued ordinary shares (hereinafter called "the parent company") the following provisions shall apply and to the extent of any inconsistency shall have over-riding effect as against all other provisions of these articles.-

(A) the parent company may at any time and from time to time appoint any person to be a director or remove from office any director howsoever appointed but so that in the case of a managing director his removal from office shall be deemed an act of the company and shall have effect without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the company,

(B) no unissued shares shall be issued or agreed to be issued or put under option without the consent of the parent company,

(C) any or all powers of the directors shall be restricted in such respects and to such extent as the parent company may by notice to the company from time to time prescribe

Any such appointment, removal, consent or notice shall be in writing served on the company and signed on behalf of the parent company by any two of its directors or by any one of its directors and its secretary or some other person duly authorised for the purpose No person dealing with the company shall be concerned to see or enquire as to whether the powers of the directors have been in any way restricted hereunder or as to whether any requisite consent of the parent company has been obtained and no obligation incurred or security given or transaction effected by the company to or with any third party shall be invalid or ineffectual unless the third party had at the time express notice that the incurring of such obligation or the giving of such security or the effecting of such transaction was in excess of the powers of the directors.

The regulations of Table A to the Companies Act 1985 apply to the Company save in so far as they are not excluded or varied by its Articles of Association

Table A as prescribed by the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985 No. 805), amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985 No. 1052), is reprinted below.

**Table A The Companies Act 1985
Regulations for Management of a Company Limited by Shares**

INTERPRETATION

1 In these regulations -

'the Act' means the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force

'the articles' means the articles of the company

'clear days' in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect

'executed' includes any mode of execution

'office' means the registered office of the company

'the holder' in relation to shares means the member whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares.

'the seal' means the common seal of the company

'secretary' means the secretary of the company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary

'the United Kingdom' means Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these regulations bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these regulations become binding on the company

SHARE CAPITAL

2 Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the company may by ordinary resolution determine

3 Subject to the provisions of the Act, shares may be issued which are to be redeemed or are to be liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by the articles

4 The company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other

5 Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust and (except as otherwise provided by the articles or by law) the company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the holder

SHARE CERTIFICATES

6 Every member, upon becoming the holder of any shares, shall be entitled without payment to one certificate for all the shares of each class held by him (and, upon transferring a part of his holding of shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of such holding) or several certificates each for one or more of his shares upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable sum as the directors may determine. Every certificate shall be sealed with the seal and shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon. The company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by several persons and delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all of them.

7 If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the company in investigating evidence as the directors may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

LIEN

8 The company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. The directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this regulation. The company's lien on a share shall extend to any amount payable in respect of it.

9 The company may sell in such manner as the directors determine any shares on which the company has a lien if a sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and is not paid within fourteen clear days after notice has been given to the holder of the share or to the person entitled to it in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.

10 To give effect to a sale the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. 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.

11 The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as is presently payable, and any residue shall (upon 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 as existed upon the shares before the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

CALLS ON SHARES AND FORFEITURE

12 Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make calls upon the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and each member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the company as required by the notice the amount called on his shares. A call may be required to be paid by installment. A call may, before receipt by the company of any sum due thereunder, be revoked in whole or part and payment of a call may be postponed in whole or part. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect whereof the call was made.

13 A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the directors authorising the call was passed

14 The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof

15 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day it became due and payable until it is paid at the rate fixed by the terms of allotment of the share or in the notice of the call, or if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by the Act) but the directors may waive payment of the interest wholly or in part

16 An amount payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an installment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call and if it is not paid the provisions of the articles shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call

17 Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make arrangements on the issue of shares for a difference between the holders in the amounts and times of payment of calls on their shares.

18 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the directors may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen clear days' notice requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued. The notice shall name the place where payment is to be made and shall state that if the notice is not complied with the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited

19 If the notice is not complied with any share in respect of which it was given may, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the directors and the forfeiture shall include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture

20 Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share maybe sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the directors determine either to the person who was before the forfeiture the holder or to any other person and at any time before sale, re-allotment or other disposition, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the directors think fit. Where for the purposes of its disposal a forfeited share is to be transferred to any person the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person

21. A person any of whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of them and shall surrender to the company for cancellation the certificate for the shares forfeited but shall remain liable to the company for all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the company in respect of those shares with interest at the rate at which interest was payable on those moneys before the forfeiture or, if no interest was so payable, at the appropriate rate (as defined in the Act) from the date of forfeiture until payment but the directors may waive payment wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal

22 A statutory declaration by a director or the secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share and the declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the share and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration, if any, nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share

TRANSFER OF SHARES

23 The instrument of transfer of a share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the directors may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee

24 The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share which is not fully paid to a person of whom they do not approve and they may refuse to register the transfer of a share on which the company has a lien. They may also refuse to register a transfer unless -

- (a) it is lodged at the office or at such other place as the directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- (b) it is in respect of only one class of shares, and
- (c) it is in favour of not more than four transferees

25 If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the company send to the transferee notice of the refusal

26 The registration of transfers of shares or of transfers of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding thirty days in any year) as the directors may determine

27 No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share

28 The company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered, but any instrument of transfer which the directors refuse to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given

TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

29 If a member dies the survivor or survivors where he was a joint holder, and his personal representatives where he was a sole holder or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the company as having any title to his interest, but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which had been jointly held by him

30 A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member may, upon such evidence being produced as the directors may properly require, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee. If he elects to become the holder he shall give notice to the company to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person. All the articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and the death or bankruptcy of the member had not occurred.

31 A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member shall have the rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to attend or vote at any meeting of the company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company

ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

32 The company may by ordinary resolution:-

- (a) increase its share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes,
- (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares,
- (c) subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from the sub-division, any of them may have any preference or advantage as compared with the others, and
- (d) cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled

33. Whenever as a result of a consolidation of shares any members would become entitled to fractions of a share, the directors may, on behalf of those members, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable to any person (including, subject to the provisions of the Act, the company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those members, and the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the direction of, the purchaser. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.

34 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way

PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

35. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) and, if it is a private company, make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its own shares otherwise than out of distributable profits of the company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

GENERAL MEETINGS

36 All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings

37 The directors may call general meetings and, on the requisition of members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, shall forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting for a date not later than eight weeks after receipt of the requisition. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or any member of the company may call a general meeting

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

38 An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution or a resolution appointing a person as a director shall be called by at least twenty-one clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least fourteen clear days' notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed -

- (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat, and

- (b) in the case of any other meeting by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right

The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and, in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such. Subject to the provisions of the articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice shall be given to all the members, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member and to the directors and auditors

39. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

40 No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation, shall be a quorum

41 If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine

42 The chairman, if any, of the board of directors or in his absence some other director nominated by the directors shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the chairman nor such other director (if any) be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman

43 If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairman

44 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 in the company

45. The chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice

46 A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded -

- (a) by the chairman, or
- (b) by at least two members having the right to vote at the meeting, or
- (c) by a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, or
- (d) by a member or members holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the

total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right,
and a demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member

47 Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution

48 The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made

49 A poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded

50 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have

51 A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made

52 No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith 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 seven clear days notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken

53 A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

54 Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative, not being himself a member entitled to vote, shall have one vote and on a poll every member shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder

55 In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register of members.

56 A member in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf appointed by that court, and any such receiver, curator bonis or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with the articles for the deposit of instruments

of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable

57 No member shall vote at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all moneys presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid

58 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive

59 On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion

60 An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, executed by or on behalf of the appointor and shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve) -

" PLC/Limited
I/We,, of, being a member/members of the above-named company, hereby appoint of or failing him, of, as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name(s) and on my/our behalf at the annual/extraordinary general meeting of the company to be held on . 19 and at any adjournment thereof

Signed on 19 "

61 Where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of instructing the proxy how he shall act the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve):-

" PLC/Limited
I/We,, of, being a member/members of the above-named company, hereby appoint of or failing him, of, as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name(s) and on my/our behalf at the annual/extraordinary general meeting of the company, to be held on . 19 and at any adjournment thereof

This form is to be used in respect of the resolutions mentioned below as follows

Resolution No.1 *for *against

Resolution No.2 *for *against

*Strike out whichever is not desired

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit or abstain from voting

Signed this day. of 19 "

62 The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notari ally or in some other way approved by the directors may:-

(a) be deposited at the office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is

specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the company in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours before the time for holding 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 deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours 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 delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman or to the secretary or to any director,

and an instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in a manner so permitted shall be invalid

63 A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the determination was received by the company at the office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll

NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

64 Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall be not less than two

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

65 Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors and willing to act, to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him

66 An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointor as a director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for his services as an alternate director. But it shall not be necessary to give notice of such a meeting to an alternate director who is absent from the United Kingdom

67 An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if his appointor ceases to be a director, but, if a director retires by rotation or otherwise but is reappointed or deemed to have been reappointed at the meeting at which he retires, any appointment of an alternate director made by him which was in force immediately prior to his retirement shall continue after his reappointment

68 Any appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice to the company signed by the director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the directors.

69 Save as otherwise provided in the articles, an alternate director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him

POWERS OF DIRECTORS

70 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the memorandum and the articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the company shall be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the company. No alteration of the memorandum or articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this regulation shall not be limited by any special power given to the directors by the articles and a meeting of directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the directors.

71 The directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the company for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

72 The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors. They may also delegate to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and maybe revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

73 At the first annual general meeting all the directors shall retire from office, and at every subsequent annual general meeting one-third of the directors who are subject to retirement by rotation or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but, if there is only one director who is subject to retirement by rotation, he shall retire.

74 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment, but as between persons who became or were last reappointed directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

75 If the company, at the meeting at which a director retires by rotation, does not fill the vacancy the retiring director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been reappointed unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the reappointment of the director is put to the meeting and lost.

76 No person other than a director retiring by rotation shall be appointed or reappointed a director at any general meeting unless -

- (a) he is recommended by the directors, or
- (b) not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice executed by a member qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or reappointment stating the particulars which would, if he were so appointed or reappointed, 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 reappointed.

77 Not less than seven nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the date appointed for

holding a general meeting notice shall be given to all who are entitled to receive notice of the meeting of any person (other than a director retiring by rotation at the meeting) who is recommended by the directors for appointment or reappointment as a director at the meeting or in respect of whom notice has been duly given to the company of the intention to propose him at the meeting for appointment or reappointment as a director. The notice shall give the particulars of that person which would, if he were so appointed or reappointed, be required to be included in the company's register of directors.

78 Subject as aforesaid, 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 additional director and may also determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire.

79 The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with the articles as the maximum number of directors. A director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation at the meeting. If not reappointed at such annual general meeting, he shall vacate office at the conclusion thereof.

80 Subject as aforesaid, a director who retires at an annual general meeting may, if willing to act, be reappointed. If he is not reappointed, he shall retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place, or if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.

DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

81 The office of a director shall be vacated if -

- (a) he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director, or
- (b) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or
- (c) he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either -
 - (i) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, or
 - (ii) an order is made by a 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, or
- (d) he resigns his office by notice to the company, or
- (e) he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors resolve that his office be vacated.

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

82 The directors shall be entitled to such remuneration as the company may by ordinary resolution determine and, unless the resolution provides otherwise, the remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

83 The directors may be paid all travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them

in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors or committees of directors or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties

DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS

84 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may appoint one or more of their number to the office of managing director or to any other executive office under the company 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. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made upon such terms as the directors determine and they may remunerate any such director for his services as they think fit. Any appointment of a director to an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the company. A managing director and a director holding any other executive office shall not be subject to retirement by rotation.

85 Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office -

- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested,
- (b) may be 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 the company or in which the company is otherwise interested, and
- (c) shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.

86 For the purposes of regulation 85 -

- (a) a general notice given to the directors that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified, and
- (b) an interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

87 The directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any director who has held but no longer holds any executive office or employment with the company or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the company or a predecessor in business of the company or of any such subsidiary, and for any member of his family (including a spouse and a former spouse) or any person who is or was dependent on him, and may (as well before as after he ceases to hold such office or employment) contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

88 Subject to the provisions of the articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a director who is absent from the United Kingdom. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman 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.

89 The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors may be fixed by the directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be two. A person who holds office only as an alternate director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum.

90 The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.

91 The directors may appoint one of their number to be the chairman of the board of directors and may at any time remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of directors at which he is present. But if there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

92 All acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.

93 A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more directors, but a resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a director who has appointed an alternate director, it need not be signed by the alternate director in that capacity.

94. Save as otherwise provided by the articles, a director shall not vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the company unless his interest or duty arises only because the case falls within one or more of the following paragraphs -

- (a) the resolution relates to the giving to him of a guarantee, security, or indemnity in respect of money lent to, or an obligation incurred by him for the benefit of the company or any of its subsidiaries,
- (b) the resolution relates to the giving to a third party of a guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of an obligation of the company or any of its subsidiaries for which the director has assumed responsibility in whole or part and whether alone or jointly with others under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security,
- (c) his interest arises by virtue of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe for any

shares, debentures or other securities of the company or any of its subsidiaries, or by virtue of his being, or intending to become, a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of an offer of any such shares, debentures, or other securities by the company or any of its subsidiaries for subscription, purchase or exchange,

- (d) the resolution relates in any way to a retirement benefits scheme which has been approved, or is conditional upon approval, by the Board of Inland Revenue for taxation purposes

For the purposes of this regulation, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Act (excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when this regulation becomes binding on the company), connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director and, 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 has otherwise

95 A director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he is not entitled to vote

96 The company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.

97 Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the company or any body corporate in which the company is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the directors concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment

98 If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive

SECRETARY

99 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the secretary shall be appointed by the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them

MINUTES

100 The directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose -

- (a) of all appointments of officers made by the directors, and
- (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the company, of the holders of any class of shares in the company, and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting

THE SEAL

101 The seal shall only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary or by a second director

DIVIDENDS

102 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the directors

103 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may pay interim dividends if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the company available for distribution. If the share capital is divided into different classes, the directors may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. The directors may also pay at intervals settled by them any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. Provided the directors act in good faith they shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

104 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts 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, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.

105 A general meeting declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the directors, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets and, where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the directors may settle the same and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of any assets and may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.

106 Any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the person entitled or, if two or more persons are the holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, to the registered address of that one of those persons who is first named in the register of members or to such person and to such address as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct. Every cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the company. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the share.

107 No dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share shall bear interest against the company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.

108 Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the company.

ACCOUNTS

109 No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by ordinary resolution of the company.

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

110 The directors may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the company:-

- (a) subject as hereinafter provided, resolve to capitalise any undivided 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 the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve,
- (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares 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 members, or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this regulation, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid,
- (c) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable under this regulation in fractions, and
- (d) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they are entitled upon such capitalisation, any agreement made under such authority being binding on all such members

NOTICES

111 Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the articles shall be in writing except that a notice calling a meeting of the directors need not be in writing

112 The company may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the company

113 A member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the company or of the holders of any class of shares in the company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called

114 Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the register of members, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title

115 Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted

116 A notice may be given by the company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by the articles for the giving of notice to a member, addressed to them by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt or by any like description at the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.

WINDING UP

117 If the company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the company and any other sanction required by the Act, 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. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he with the like sanction determines, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is a liability.

INDEMNITY

118 Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the company.