Company number: 00556509

## **PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

## WRITTEN RESOLUTION

of

H. & T. PROPERTIES LIMITED

(the Company)

27/10/2012

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CIRCULATION DATE:

22 October 2012

(the Circulation Date)

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, the directors of the Company propose that the following resolution is passed as a special resolution of the Company (the Special Resolution) -

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

That the draft regulations contained in the document attached to this written resolution be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing articles of association of the Company.

Please read the notes at the end of this document before signifying your agreement to the **Special Resolution** 

The undersigned, being the only persons entitled to vote on the Special Resolution on the Circulation Date, hereby irrevocably agree to the Special Resolution -

Signed by

ROBERT HILLIER (DIRECTOR OF E HILLIER 2500)

(HOLDINGS) LTD) Name (Please print)

Date

### NOTES

- 1 If you agree with the Special Resolution, please indicate your agreement by signing and dating this document where indicated above and returning it to the Company's registered office address (215 Cardiff, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8HX), either by hand or by post
- 2 If you do not agree to the Special Resolution, you do not need to do anything you will not be deemed to agree if you fail to reply
- 3 Once you have indicated your agreement to the Special Resolution, you may not revoke your agreement
- Unless, by 28 days after the Circulation Date sufficient agreement has been received for the Special Resolution to pass, they will lapse if you agree to the Special Resolution, please ensure that your agreement reaches us before or during this date
- If you are signing this document on behalf of a person under a power of attorney or other authority please send a copy of the relevant power of attorney or authority when returning this document

# THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

# PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

Company Number: 00556509

Incorporated on: 27 October 1955

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

## H. & T. PROPERTIES LIMITED

(as adopted by special resolution passed on 23 October 2012)



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### **THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

### PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

OF

### H. & T. PROPERTIES LIMITED

### 1. INTERPRETATION

11 In these Articles the following words and phrases have the meanings set out opposite them below

Act the Companies Act 2006

Appointor has the meaning given in Article 11 1

Articles means the Company's articles of association for the time being

in force

Auditors means the auditors of the Company from time to time (or the

Company's accountants if no auditors have been appointed by

the relevant time)

Business Day means any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday

in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the City of

London are generally open for business.

The Company H & T Properties Limited

**Conflict** has the meaning given in Article 7 1.

Eligible Director means a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter

at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose

vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter)

Model Articles means the model articles for private companies limited by

shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to

the date of adoption of these Articles

Permitted Transferee means any one or more of Christopher Hillier and Rosemary

Hillier, and each of their children and grandchildren (including adopted children and grandchildren), Robert Edward Hillier, and E Hillier & Son (Holdings) Limited (company number 00546111) and any successor of that company approved by the directors)

Shareholder means any person who is the holder of any Share(s) and shall

include their personal representatives in the case of a deceased Shareholder

### Share(s)

means any share(s) in the capital of the Company

- Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles
- Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles
- A reference in these Articles to an "Article" is a reference to the relevant Article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise
- Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of
  - 151 any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it, and
  - any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts
- Any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms
- The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles Where there is a conflict between the Model Articles and these Articles, the provisions of these Articles shall apply
- 1 8 Articles 8, 9(1) and (3), 11(2) and (3), 13, 14(1), (2), (3) and (4), 17(2), 44(2), 52 and 53 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company
- 1 9 Article 7 of the Model Articles shall be amended by
  - 191 the insertion of the words "for the time being" at the end of Article 7(2)(a), and
  - 1 9 2 the insertion in Article 7(2) of the words "(for so long as he remains the sole director)" after the words "and the director may"
- 1 10 Article 20 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "(including alternate directors) and the secretary" before the words "properly incur"
- 1 11 In Article 25(2)(c) of the Model Articles, the words "evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "evidence and indemnity"

- 1 12 Article 27(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words ", subject to Article 10," after the word "But"
- 1 13 Article 29 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words ", or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under Article 28(2)," after the words "the transmittee's name"
- 1 14 Articles 31(a) to (d) (inclusive) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the deletion, in each case, of the words "either" and "or as the directors may otherwise decide"

#### **DIRECTORS**

#### 2. UNANIMOUS DECISIONS

- 2 1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this Article when all Eligible Directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter
- 2 2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each Eligible Director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each Eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing
- A decision may not be taken in accordance with this Article if the Eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

### 3. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice

## 4. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- Subject to Article 4 2, the quorum for the transaction of business at a Board meeting is
  - 411 any two Eligible Directors whenever the Company has two or more directors,
  - 4 1 2 one director whenever the Company only has a sole director
- For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to Article 7 to authorise a director's conflict, if there is only one Eligible Director in office other than the conflicted director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one Eligible Director
- 4 3 All or any of the members of the board of directors, or any committee of the board of directors, may participate in a meeting of the board of directors or that committee, by means of a conference telephone or any communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other. A person participating in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote or be counted in a quorum. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is

assembled, or, if there is no such group, at the location of the chairman of the meeting

### CASTING VOTE

- If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal at a meeting of directors are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote
- Article 5 1 shall not apply in respect of a particular meeting (or part of a meeting) if, in accordance with the Articles, the chairman or other director is not an Eligible Director for the purposes of that meeting (or part of a meeting)

## 6. TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

- Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company
  - 6 11 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested,
  - 6 1 2 shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such contract or proposed contract in which he is interested,
  - 6 1 3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors (or of a committee of the directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such contract or proposed contract in which he is interested,
  - 6 1 4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director,
  - 6 1 5 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested, and
  - 6 1 6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act

## 7. DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 7 1 The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any director which would, if not authorised, involve a director breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest (Conflict)
- 7 2 Any authorisation under this Article will be effective only if
  - 7 2 1 the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration at a meeting of directors in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine,
  - 7 2 2 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
  - 7 2 3 the matter was agreed to without his voting or would have been agreed to if his vote had not been counted
- 7 3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this Article may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently)
  - 7 3 1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised,
  - 7 3 2 be subject to such terms and for such duration, or impose such limits or conditions as the directors may determine, and
  - 7 3 3 be terminated or varied by the directors at any time

This will not affect anything done by the director prior to such termination or variation in accordance with the terms of the authorisation

- 7 4 In authorising a Conflict the directors may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if a director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict otherwise than as a director of the Company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person, the director is under no obligation to
  - 7 4 1 disclose such information to the directors or to any director or other officer or employee of the Company, or
  - 7 4 2 use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a director,

where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence

- Where the directors authorise a Conflict they may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) provide, without limitation, that the director
  - 7 5 1 is excluded from discussions (whether at meetings of directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict,

- 7 5 2 is not given any documents or other information relating to the Conflict, and
- 7 5 3 may or may not vote (or may or may not be counted in the quorum) at any future meeting of directors in relation to any resolution relating to the Conflict

# 7 6 Where the directors authorise a Conflict

- 7 6 1 the director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the directors in relation to the Conflict, and
- 7 6 2 the director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act provided he acts in accordance with such terms, limits and conditions (if any) as the directors impose in respect of its authorisation
- A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the directors or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds

### 8. RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in permanent form, so that they may be read with the naked eye

## 9. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

9 1 Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than one

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director

# 11. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- Any director (appointor) may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors, to
  - 11 1 1 exercise that director's powers, and
  - 11 1 2 carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors, in the absence of the alternate's appointor

- Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors
- 11 3 The notice must
  - 11 3 1 identify the proposed alternate, and
  - 11 3 2 In the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice

### 12. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- An alternate director may act as alternate director to more than one director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors as the alternate's appointor
- 12.2 Except as the Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors
  - 12 2 1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors,
  - 12 2 2 are liable for their own acts and omissions,
  - 12 2 3 are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors, and
  - 12 2 4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors

and, in particular (without limitation), each 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

- 12 3 A person who is an alternate director but not a director
  - 12 3 1 may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's appointor is not participating),
  - 12 3 2 may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision, but does not participate), and
  - 12 3 3 shall not be counted as more than one director for the purposes of Articles 12 2 1 and 12 2 2
- A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors (provided that his appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision), but shall not count as more than one director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present

An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the company

### 13. TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP

An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates

- 13 1 1 when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the company in writing specifying when it is to terminate,
- 13 1 2 on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director,
- 13 1 3 on the death of the alternate's appointor, or
- 13 1 4 when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates

### 14. SECRETARY

The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act as the secretary for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and from time to time remove such person and, if the directors so decide, appoint a replacement, in each case by a decision of the directors

## **SHARES**

## 15. TRANSFER OF SHARES

- The directors shall refuse to register any transfer of Shares made in contravention with these Articles but (subject to section 770 of the Act) shall not otherwise be entitled to refuse any transfer of Shares
- In these Articles, a reference to the transfer of Shares shall include any transfer, assignment, disposition or proposed or purported transfer assignment or disposition of any
  - 15 2 1 Share or Shares of the Company,
  - 15 2 2 interest of any kind (including the grant of options or contractual rights) in or over any Share or Shares of the Company, or
  - 15 2 3 any right to receive or subscribe for any Share or Shares of the Company
- Shareholders shall not transfer nor create nor dispose of any interest in or over any of the Shares being transferred except by a transfer of the entire legal and beneficial interest in the Shares
- 15.4 No shares shall be transferred without the consents of the directors

- Subject to Articles 15 3 and 15 4, any transfer to a Permitted Transferee (a **Permitted Transfer**) may be made without restriction as to price or otherwise and any such transfers shall be registered by the directors
- 15 6 Any purported transfer of Shares otherwise than in accordance with this Article 15 shall be void and have no effect

#### **DECISION MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS**

## 16. POLL VOTES

- 16.1 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting
- Article 44(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made" as a new paragraph at the end of that Article

## 17. PROXIES

- 17 1 Article 45(1)(d) of the Model Articles shall be deleted and replaced with the words "is delivered to the company in accordance with the Articles 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 accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate"
- Article 45(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid, unless the directors, in their discretion, accept the notice at any time before the meeting" as a new paragraph at the end of that Article

### ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

## 18. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 18 1 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient
  - 18 1 1 if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, 48 hours after it was posted (or five Business Days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom, if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five Business Days was guaranteed at the time of sending and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider),
  - 18 1 2 if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address,
  - 18 1 3 If properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, one hour after the document or information was sent or supplied, and

18 14 If sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website

For the purposes of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a Business Day

- In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall be sufficient to show that the notice, document or other information was delivered to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act
- Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Act provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of the Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company

### 19. INDEMNITY

- 19 1 Subject to Article 19 2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled
  - 19 1 each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer
    - (a) In the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and
    - (b) In relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act),

including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) affairs, and

- 19 1 2 the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in Article 19 1 1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure
- 19 2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law

## 193 In this Article

- 19 3 1 companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
- 19 3 2 a "relevant officer" means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company (or associated company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor)

## 20. INSURANCE

The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss

## 20 2 In this Article

- 20 2 1 a "relevant officer" means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company (or associated company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor),
- 20 2 2 a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated company, and
- 20 2 3 companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate