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# The Companies Act 1985 Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital

# MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

of

#### THE BES ASSOCIATION LIMITED



- 1. The name of the Company (hereinafter called "the Company") is \* THE BES ASSOCIATION LIMITED
- 2. The Registered Office of the Company is to be situated in England and Wales.
- 3. The objects for which the Company is established are:
  - (i) to promote high standards by those responsible for offers under the Business Expansion Scheme ("BES"),
  - (ii) to help create a favourable financial and political climate to enable companies to raise equity capital under the BES,
  - (iii) to encourage good practice by BES companies and their advisers.

AND in furtherance of the said objects but not further or otherwise to do all or any of the following things:-

- a. To make known to the public the existence of the Company and the Business Expansion Scheme by publishing books, pamphlets or leaflets or in any other appropriate manner gratuitously or otherwise.
- b. To establish public libraries and information retrieval systems and the publication, issue and dissemination by all means of communication of material literary, artistic or otherwise of an education nature.
- c. To present, promote, organise, provide, manage and produce seminars, conferences, lectures, exhibitions and concerts.
- d. Subject to Clause 4 hereof to enter into and carry out contracts and in particular to enter into agreements and engagements with administrators, researchers, lecturers, authors, producers, artists, artistes and composers and other persons and retain advisors and to reimburse such persons and advisers by salaries or fees.
- e. To co-operate with publishers, manufacturers, dealers, traders, the press and other sources of publicity for the purpose of promoting the objects of the Company.
- \* The name of the Company was changed from Naturedale Limited on 15 May 1990

- f. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise.
- g. To take and accept any gifts of property of any description whether subject to any special conditions not, for the purposes of the Company.
- h. To purchase, lease or otherwise acquire buildings or land or any estate or interest therein.
- i. Subject to such consents as are required by law to sell, let on lease or tenancy, exchange, mortgage or otherwise dispose of buildings or land or any estate or interest therein.
- j. To repair, renovate, restore, rebuild, convert, alter and extend any building or land.
- k. To buy or otherwise acquire furniture, artifacts, works of art and other articles and equipment for use or exhibition in connection with any buildings or land, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any such furniture, artefacts, works of art, articles or equipment.

- 1. To make such arrangements as are necessary to enable the public to view and enjoy any buildings and the exhibitions therein (whether free or at a charge).
- m. To undertake and execute any Company.
- n. To co-operate with other organisations and associations having similar objects and to establish, promote or assist such organisations.
- o. To purchase, acquire or undertake all or any of the property, liabilities and engagements of such organisations and institutions with which the Company may co-operate or federate.
- p. To co-operate with any local or public authority or other body concerned to achieve the objects of the Company.
- q. Subject to such consents as may be required by law from time to time and subject as hereinafter provided, to borrow or raise money and to execute and issue security as the Company shall think fit including mortgages, charges or securities over the whole or any part of its assets, present or future.
- r. To draw, accept, endorse, issue or execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants and other negotiable, transferable or mercantile instruments, for the purpose of or in connection with the objects of the Company.
- s. To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as the Company may from time to time determine subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided.
- t. Subject to Clause 4 hereof to employ and remunerate staff; to employ and remunerate agents; and to pay or provide pensions and similar benefits to the staff of the Company and their dependents.

- u. To pay out of funds of the Company the costs of forming and registering the Company.
- v. To do all such other lawful things as shall further the attainment of the objects of the Company.

#### PROVIDED that:

- (i) In case the Company shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any Companies, the Company shall only deal with or invest the same in such manner as allowed by law, having regard to such Companies.
- (ii) The objects of the Company shall not extend to the regulation of relations between workers and employers and organisations of workers and organisations of employers.
- In case the Company shall take or hold any property subject to (iii) the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales or the Secretary of State for Education and Science, the Company shall not sell mortgage charge or lease the same without such authority, approval or consent as may be required by law, and as regards any such property, the members of the Council of Management or Governing Body of the Company shall be chargeable for any such property that may come into its hands and shall be answerable and accountable for their own acts receipts neglects and defaults, and for the due administration of such property in the same manner and to the same extent as they would have been if no incorporation had been effected and the incorporation of the Company shall not diminish or impair any control or authority exercisable by the Chancery Division the Charity Commissioners or the Secretary of State for Education and Science over such Council of Management or Governing Body but they shall, as regards any such property, be subject jointly and severally to such control or authority as if the Company were not incorporated.
- 4. Subject to Clause 7 hereof, the income and property of the Company whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Company as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Company PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith by the Company:
  - a. of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Company for any services rendered to the Company;
  - b. of interest on money lent by any member of the Company at a rate per annum not exceeding 2% less than the minimum lending rate prescribed for the time being by the Bank of England, or 3% which ever is the greater;
  - c. of reasonable and proper rent service charges and other similar payments for premises demised or let by any member of the Company; and
  - d. of repayment of reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any member, officer or servant of the Company.

- 5. The liability of the members is limited.
- 6. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of the same being wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for payments of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amounts as may be required not exceeding One pound.
- 7. If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after the satisfaction of all of its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company, or shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects which are similar to the objects of the Company and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of Clause 4 hereof, such institution or institution to be determined by the members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some other charitable object.

8. True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, of all sales and purchases of property and goods by the Company and of the property, credits and liabilities of the Company, and subject to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Company for the time being, such accounts shall be open to the inspection of the members. Once at least in every year the accounts of the Company shall be examined and the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

WE, the several persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into a Company in pursuance of this Memorandum of Association.

Names, Addresses and Descriptions of Subscribers

SUNDER MANSUKHANI Classic House 174-180 Old Street LONDON ECIV 9BP

LYNN HUGHES Classic House 174-180 Old Street LONDON ECIV 9BP

Dated the 4th day of January 1990

WITNESS to the above Signatures:-

MAURICE GRIFFIN Classic House 174-180 Old Street LONDON ECIV 9BP

# The Companies Act 1985

# Company Limited by Guarantee and Not Having a Share Capital

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of

# THE EIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

#### **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1. In these Articles:

"the Act" means the Companies Act 1985;

"Chief Executive" means in relation to a member, or a body corporate of which it is a

subsidiary, an employee of the member or that body corporate who either alone or jointly with others is responsible under the immediate authority of the directors for the conduct of the whole of the business of the member

or that body corporate;

"the Council" means the Board of Directors for the time being of the Company;

"the Seal" means the common seal of the Company;

"the Secretary" means any person appointed to perform the duties of the Secretary

of the Company;

"the United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

2. Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

3. Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act or any statutory modification of the Act in force at the date at which these Articles became binding on the Company.

# **OBJECTS**

The Company is established for the objects expressed in the Memorandum of Association.

# **MEMBERS**

- The following persons and none others shall be members of the Company:-
  - (A) Such persons as subscribed to the Memorandum and Articles of Association before the registration thereof.
  - \*(B) Such other persons or corporations as may desire to be admitted to membership

In these presents the expression "corporation" shall be deemed to include any body corporate, any county, local or other public authority and any unincorporated association whom the Council may elect to membership.

\*Article 5(B) amended by deleting "and who may be elected by the Council to be Members of the Company" by a Special Resolution of an AGM dated 17 November 2005

- 6. Any election of a person to be a member of the Company under the provisions of Article 5 Sub-Article (B) shall conform to the following regulations and condition:-
  - \*(2) Such person must sign and deliver to the Company an application for admission to membership framed in such terms as the Council shall require.

In the event of such person being elected in accordance with the above regulation he shall be entered as a member of the Company on the Register.

- 7. Any member may terminate his membership of the Company by one months notice in writing served on the Company and on the expiring of such notice period he shall be deemed to have resigned and his name shall be removed from the Register of members.
- 8. If any member shall fail in the observance of these Articles or of any regulations of the Council made under any powers vested in them or for other sufficient reason the Council may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company for the purpose of considering an extraordinary resolution for the expulsion of such member and on such extraordinary resolution being passed the name of such member shall be removed from the Register of members, and he shall thereupon cease to be a member.

## ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

- 9. Every member shall, on becoming a member, pay to the Company such entrance fee, if any, and in each year of his membership shall pay such annual subscriptions as may from time to time be determined by the Council.
- 10. A member shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership until he shall have paid all monies payable by him to the Company upon becoming a member.
- 11. In the event of a member resigning or his membership of the Company otherwise terminating his subscription shall be payable in full for the year during which such resignation or termination of membership occurs, and if he has already paid such subscription he shall not be entitled to recover such payment or any part thereof from the Company.

# **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 12. A general meeting of the Company shall be held in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time (not being more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding General Meeting) and place as the Council shall appoint Provided that so long as the Company shall hold its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months of its incorporation it need not hold in it the year of its incorporation or in the following year.
- 13. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 14. The Council may, when they think fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be convened on such requisition or, in default, may be convened by such requisitionists as provided by Section 368 of the Act.
- 15. Subject to the provisions of Section 378 (2) & (3) of the Act relating to Special Resolutions, and to the provisions of Section 369 of the Act relating to Annual General Meetings, fourteen days' notice at the least (exclusive of the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which the notice is given) specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting, and in case of special business the general nature or such business, shall be given to the members in manner hereinafter mentioned, or in such other manner (if any) as may be prescribed by the Company in General Meeting; but with the consent of all the members entitled to receive notice thereof or of such proportion thereof as is prescribed by the Act in the case of meetings other than Annual General Meetings, a meeting may be convened by such notice as those members think fit. The accidental omission to give notice to any member, or the non-receipt by any member of such notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.

<sup>\*</sup>Article 6 (1) deleted by a Special Resolution of an AGM dated 17 November 2005

# PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 16. The business of an Annual General Meeting shall be to receive and consider the accounts and balance sheets and the reports of the Council and Auditors, to elect members of the Council in place of those retiring and also additional members of the Council, and to elect Auditors and fix their remuneration. All other business transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall be deemed special.
- 17. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting, except the adjournment of the meeting, unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business, and such quorum shall consist of not less than five members personally present.
- 18. If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum be not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum be not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the member or members present shall be deemed to be a quorum and may do all business which a full quorum might have done.
- 19. The Chairman (if any) of the Council, or in his absence the Vice Chairman (if any) shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting of the Company. If there be no such Chairman or Vice Chairman, or if any meeting he be not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall choose one of the members of the Council present to be Chairman, or if no member of the Council be present and willing to take the Chair, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.
- 20. The Chairman may, with the consent of any 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 any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.
- 21. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is, before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands, demanded by the Chairman or by at least three members present in person or by proxy, or by a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing one-fifth of the total voting rights, of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, and unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting 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 minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
- 22. Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding Articles, if a poll be demanded in manner aforesaid it shall be taken at such time and place and in such manner as the Chairman of the meeting shall direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 23. No poll shall be demanded on the election of a Chairman of a meeting or on any question of adjournment.
- 24. In the case of any equality votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 25. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business in addition to the question on which a poll shall have been demanded.

# **VOTE~ OF MEMBERS**

- 26. Every member shall have one vote.
- 27. No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all moneys presently payable by him to the Association have been paid.

- 28. a. Save as herein expressly provided, no person other than a member duly registered shall be entitled to be present or to vote on any question, either personally or by proxy or as proxy for another member at any General Meeting.
- b. Any corporation which is a member of the Company may by resolution of its governing

body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same voting powers on behalf of the corporation he represents as that corporation could have exercised if it were a personal member of the Company. A corporation represented at a meeting by its authorised representative shall be deemed for all purposes to be present in person. A copy of the resolution appointing its representative which shall be certified as a correct copy by the Chairman or another recognised officer of the governing body of a corporation, shall be conclusive evidence of such appointment.

- 29. Votes may be given on a poll either personally or by proxy. On a show of hands a member present only by proxy shall have no vote, but the representative of a corporation may vote on a show of hands. Except in the case of a corporation, no person shall act as a proxy who is not entitled to be present and vote in his own right.
- 30. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing.
- 31. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy thereof shall be deposited at the office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified for the purpose in the notice convening the meeting, at least forty eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in such instrument proposed to vote, otherwise the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution.
- 32. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death of the principal or revocation of the proxy, provided that no intimation in writing of the death or revocation shall have been received at the office or other place as aforesaid one hour at least before the time fixed for holding the meeting.

33.	An instrument	appointing a	proxy sha	ll be in th	e following	form, or a	as near	thereto	as
circums	stances will adn	nit:-							

"I of
a member of
(hereinafter called "the Company") and entitled to one vote, hereby appoint
of
another member of the Company, and failing him another member of the Company
to vote for me and on my behalf of at the (Annual or Extraordinary, as the case
may be) General Meeting of the Company to be held on theday
ofand at any adjournment thereof.
As witness my hand this20 ."

### COUNCIL

34. The affairs of the Company shall be managed by the Council. The number of the members of the Council shall not be less than 4 nor more than 15.

- 35. The members of the Council shall be:-
  - (A) The Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and
  - (B) Such other persons (being members of the Company) as shall from time to time be elected thereto by the Councilor by the members of the Company in General Meeting.
- 36.(a) At the first annual general meeting all the members of the Council shall retire from office, and at the annual general meeting in every subsequent year one-half of the members of the Council for the time being, or, if their number is not two or a multiple of two, then- the number immediately above one-half, shall retire from office.
- (b) The members of the Council to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment, but as between persons who became or were last re-elected members of the Council on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.
  - (c) A retiring Council member shall be eligible for re-election.
- (d) The Association at the meeting at which a member of the Council retires in manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by electing a qualified person thereto.
- 37. A member of the Council shall be entitled to resign his or her appointment on giving to the Secretary not less than one month's notice in writing to that effect.
- 38. The Council may at any time and from time to time appoint any qualified person either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Council provided that the maximum number of members be not thereby exceeded. Any member so appointed shall retain his office until the next annual general meeting and he shall then be eligible for re-election, but he shall not be taken into account in determining the number of members of the Council who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

- 39. The Council may meet together for the dispatch of business adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise determined three shall be a quorum. Questions arising at any 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.
- 40. A member of the Council may, and on the request of a member of the Council the Secretary shall, at any time, summon a meeting of the Council by notice served upon the several members of the Council. A member of the Council who is absent from the United Kingdom and who has no registered address in the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to notice of a meeting.
- 41. The Council shall from time to time elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman who will also be respectively Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Association, and the Chairman (or failing him the Vice Chairman) shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the Council at which they shall be present, but if no such Chairman or Vice Chairman be elected or if at any meeting the Chairman or Vice Chairman be not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to preside, the members of the Council shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 42. A meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the regulations of the Company for the time being vested in the Council generally.
- 43. The Council may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Council as they think fit, and any committee so formed shall in the execution of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Council. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of these presents for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Council so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any regulations made by the Council as aforesaid and all acts and proceedings of such committees shall be reported back fully to the Council as soon as possible.

- 44. All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Council or of any committee of the Council, or by any person acting as a member of the Council shall, notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such member or person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a member of the Council.
- 45. The Council shall cause proper minutes to be made of all appointments of officers made by the Council and of the names of the Council members present at each Council meeting and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Company and of the Council and of committees of the Council, and all business transacted at such meetings, and any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of such meeting, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated.
- 45. A resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being of the council or of any committee of the Council who are duly entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Council or of such committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council or of such committee duly convened and constituted.

## **POWERS OF THE COUNCIL**

- 47. The management of the business and the control of the Company shall be vested in the Council, who, in addition to the powers and authorities conferred upon them, may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Company and are not hereby or by the Act expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Company in General Meeting. At meetings of the Council, each member of the Council shall have one vote only, except that in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall, in addition have a second or casting vote.
- 48. The members for the time being of the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided always that if at any time the members of the Council be reduced in number below the minimum prescribed by these presents, it shall be lawful for the members available to act as the Council for the purpose of admitting persons to membership of the Company, filling up vacancies in their body or of summoning a General Meeting but for no other purpose.
- 49. The Council may at any time appoint any person to be a member of the Council either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing membership (but not so as to exceed the maximum number of members prescribed by these presents). Any person so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the number of members of the Council who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

#### PAR TICULAR POWERS

- 50. Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by Article 40 and to the other powers and authorities conferred as aforesaid, it is hereby expressly declared that the Council shall be entrusted with the following powers, namely:
  - (I) To pay the costs, charges and expenses preliminary and incidental to the formation and establishment and promotion of the Company and matters incidental thereto.
  - (2) To purchase or otherwise acquire for the Company any property, rights or privileges which the Company is authorised to acquire at such price and generally on such terms and conditions as they may think fit.
  - (3) To raise or borrow money for the purposes of the Company from any person, corporation or other body and may secure the repayment of the same together with any interest and premium thereon, by Mortgage or charge upon the whole or any part of the assets and property of the Company, present and future, and to issue bonds, debentures, or debenture stock, either charged upon the whole or any part of the assets and property of the Company or not so charged, and in connection therewith to take out and keep on foot sinking fund or redemption policies.
  - (4) At their discretion to pay for any property or rights acquired by or services rendered to the Company either wholly Or partially in cash or in bonds, debentures, or other securities of the Company.

- (5) With the approval aforesaid to secure the fulfilment of any contracts or engagements entered into by the Company by Mortgage or charge of all or any of the property and rights of the Company or in such manner as they may think fit.
- (6) To appoint and at their discretion, remove or suspend such officers and other staff for permanent, temporary or special services as they may from time to time think fit, and to determine their duties and fix their salaries or emoluments, and to require security in such instances and to such amount as they think fit.
- (7) To repay to the members, officers or servants of the Council all reasonable travelling hotel or other expenses properly incurred by them in or about the business of the Company.
- (8) To institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Company or its officers or otherwise concerning the affairs of the Company and also to compound and allow time for payment or satisfaction of any debts due and of any claims or demands by or against the Company.
- (9) To refer any claims or demands by or against the Company to arbitration and observe and perform the awards.
- (10) To make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for money payable to the Company and for the claims and demands of the Company.
- (11) To determine who shall be entitled to sign on the Company's behalf, bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, cheques, releases, contracts and documents.
- (12) From time to time to make all such regulations and bye-laws as they think proper with regard to the affairs and concerns of the Company, and from time to time to repeal and alter the same or make others in lieu thereof as may seem expedient. Provided that the same do not contravene any of the provisions herein contained, and provided that no bye-laws or regulations shall be made under this power which would amount to such an addition to or modification of the Articles of Association as could only legally be made by a Special Resolution passed in accordance with the provisions of Section 378 of the Act.
- 51. The Company may by ordinary resolution, of which special notice has been given in accordance with section 379 of the Act, remove any member of the Council before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such member.
- 52. The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint another person in place of a member of the Council removed from office under the immediately preceding Article. Without prejudice to the powers of the Council under Article 42 the Company in General Meeting may appoint any person to be a member of the Council either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional member. The person appointed to fill such vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a member of the Council on the day on which the member in whose place he is appointed was last elected as a member.

## DISOUALIFICA TION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

53. The Association may by ordinary resolution, of which special notice has been given in accordance with Section 379 of the Act remove any Council member before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Association and such Council member. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such Council member may have for damages for breach of any contract or service between him and the Association. The Association may by ordinary resolution appoint another qualified person in place of a Council member removed from office under this Article. Without prejudice to the powers of the Council under Article 38, the Association in general meeting may appoint any qualified person to be a Council member either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Council member. The person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Council member on the day on which the Council member in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Council member.

- 54. The office of a member of the Council shall be vacated:-
  - (A) If he becomes bankrupt or insolvent or compounds with his creditors.
  - (B) In the case of a member being a corporation, if a receiver is appointed of all or any of its assets, or an administration order is made against it, or a resolution is passed or an order is made for its winding up (unless in the opinion of the Council such winding up is only for the purposes of reconstruction).
  - (C) If, without the consent of the Company in general meeting, he holds any office of profit under the Company.
  - (D) If he becomes of unsound mind.
  - (E) If he be convicted of an offence the commission of which by a member of the Council could bring the Company into disrepute.
- (F) If he is requested in writing by a majority of his fellow members of the Council to resign.
  - (G) If he gives to the Council notice in writing (in accordance with the provisions of Article [7] hereof) to the effect that he resigns his office.
  - (H) If he ceases to be a member by virtue of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or the Insolvency Act 1985 Section 293 of the Act.
- 55. A member of the Council who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly interested in a contract or proposed contract, arrangement, or dealing with the Company, shall declare the nature of his interest at a Meeting of the Council, and subject thereto and subject to the right of the remaining members of the Council to resolve that he withdraw and not vote on the particular matter, he may be counted in the quorum present at any meeting of the Council whereat such contract, arrangement or dealing with the Company is considered or entered into and may vote in respect thereof.

## SECRETARY AND TREASURER

- The Council shall appoint an officer who may be full time and paid to the position of Chief Executive of the Company (who need not be a member). The Chief Executive shall be entitled to attend all Council meetings and meetings of all committees.
- 57. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council on such terms as to length of service, remuneration and generally as the Council may think fit and the Council may remove any Secretary or Treasurer so appointed. The provisions of section 283 and 284 of the Act shall be observed. The Council may from time to time appoint a deputy or assistant Secretary who may act in the place of the Secretary if there be no Secretary or no Secretary available to act or capable of acting.

#### THE SEAL

58. The seal of the Company shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the express authority of a resolution of the Council or of a committee of the Council empowered thereto, and in the presence of two members of the Council and of the Secretary or such person other than the Secretary as the Council may appoint for the purpose, and such members of the Council and the Secretary or other person as aforesaid shall sign every instrument to which the seal of the Company is so affixed in their presence, and in favour of any purchaser or person bona fide dealing with the Company such signatures shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the seal has been properly affixed.

# **INCOME OF THE COMPANY**

59. The income of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of all or any of the objects of the Company as set forth in the Company's Memorandum of Association as the Council may from time to time think fit with power to the Council to create a reserve fund or reserve funds to be applicable for any such purposes, and, if the Council shall think fit, also to apply all or any part of the reserve fund appropriated to any particular purpose to any other one or more of such purposes, and, pending any such application, any reserve fund may at the discretion of the Council either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested from time to time in such investment as the Company may think fit.

# **ACCOUNTS**

- 60. The Council shall cause proper books of account to be kept:-
  - (a) Of the sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place.
  - (b) Of all sales and purchases of property and goods by the Company.
  - (c) Of the assets and liabilities of the Company.

Proper books of account shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.

- 61. The books of account shall be kept at the office or, subject to Section 227 of the Act, at such other place or places as the Council may determine, and shall always be open to the inspection of the Council. The Council may from time to time by resolution determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and on what conditions the books and accounts of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of the members not being members of the Council, and the members shall have only such rights of inspection as are given to them by the Act or by such Resolution as aforesaid.
- 62. At the Annual Meeting in every year the Council shall lay before the Company an income and expenditure account for the period since the preceding account, or in the case of the first account since the incorporation of the Company, made up to date not more than six months before such meeting. A balance sheet as at the date to which income and expenditure account is made up, shall be made out and laid before the Company at the Annual General Meeting. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Council and the Auditors. A copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Company in General Meeting, together with a copy of the Auditor's report, shall, twenty one clear days previously to such meeting, be sent to the Auditor and every member entitled to receive notices of General Meeting in the manner in which notices are hereinafter directed to be served.

# **AUDIT**

63. Auditor's shall be appointed and their duties regulated in the manner provided by Sections 384 to 392 (inclusive) of the Act or any statutory modification thereof for the time being in force, and for this purpose the said sections shall have effect as if "member of the Council" and "the Council" were substituted for "Director" and "the Directors" respectively.

#### **NOTICES**

- 64. A notice may be served by the Company upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post addressed to such member at his registered address.
- 65. No member shall be entitled to have a notice served on him at any address not within the United Kingdom, and any member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom may by notice in writing require the Company to register an address within the United Kingdom which for the purpose of the service of notices, shall be deemed to be his registered address. Any member not having a registered address within the United Kingdom, and not having given notice as aforesaid, shall be deemed to have received in due course any notice which shall have been displayed in the office and shall remain there for the space of forty eight hours, and such notice shall be deemed to have been received by such member at the expiration of twenty four hours from the time when it shall have been so first displayed.
- 66. Any notice if served by post shall be deemed to have been served at the expiration of forty eight hours after the same shall have been posted, and in providing such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and stamped and put into the post office or into any post box subject to the control of the Postmaster General.

#### DISSOLUTION

67. Clause 7 of the Memorandum of Association relating to the winding up and dissolution of the Company shall have effect as if the provisions thereof were repeated in these Articles.

