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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
of
OUTOKUMPU STAINLESS LIMITED

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- 1 The name of the Company is "Outokumpu Stainless Limited"
- 2 The registered office of the Company shall be in England
- 3 The objects for which the Company is established are
 - 3 1 (a) To carry on business as importers, exporters, wholesalers, retailers, manufacturers, engineers, builders, developers, distributors and suppliers of any products, substances or materials of any nature, to act as financiers, designers, researchers, consultants, to provide services of any nature; and generally to carry any industrial, commercial, financial or other operations
 - (b) To carry on the business of an investment and holding company and to invest and deal in shares, stocks, debentures and securities of any kind issued or guaranteed by any body of whatever nature and wheresoever constituted or carrying on business
- 3 2 To carry on any other business whatsoever which can in the opinion of the directors be advantageously or conveniently carried on by the Company by way of extension of or in connection with any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or which is calculated directly or indirectly to develop any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or to increase the value of, or turn to account, any of the Company's assets, property or rights
- 3 3 To pay preliminary expenses of the Company, and of any company formed or promoted by the Company
- 3 4 To acquire the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any company or person possessed of property suitable for the purposes of the company, or carrying on or proposing to carry on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or which can be carried on in conjunction therewith, or which is capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, and to undertake and carry on or to liquidate and wind up any such business
- 3 5 To establish or promote, or concur in establishing or promoting, any company for the purposes of acquiring the whole or any part of the property, business or undertaking of the Company or for furthering any of the objects of the Company, and to acquire and hold any shares, stock, securities or debentures of, or other investments in, any such company and to issue, place, underwrite or guarantee, or

concur in issuing, placing, underwriting or guaranteeing, the subscription for any shares, stock, securities or debentures of, or other investments in, any company whatsoever

- 3 6 To acquire and hold any shares, stock, securities or debentures of, or other investments in, any company having objects wholly or in part similar to those of the Company or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company
- 3 7 To amalgamate with any other company whose objects include carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, and to re-construct the Company in any manner
- 3 8 To sell, lease, grant licences, easements and other rights over and in any other manner dispose of the undertaking, property, assets, rights and effects of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as the directors may think fit
- 3 9 To purchase, take on lease, exchange, hire or otherwise acquire for any estate or interest any real or personal property and any rights and privileges for any purpose in connection with any business which the Company is authorised to carry on
- 3 10 To construct, maintain, alter, enlarge or replace any buildings, works, plant and machinery for any purpose in connection with any business which the Company is authorised to carry on
- 3 11 To pay for any property rights or easements acquired by the Company either in cash or in exchange for any stock, shares, securities or debentures of, or other investments in, any company as the directors may think fit, and to accept any stock, shares, securities, debentures of, or other investments in, any company as the directors may think fit in payment or part payment of any obligation of any company
- 3 12 To vest any real or personal property rights or interests acquired by or belonging to the Company in any company or person on behalf of or for the benefit of the Company, and with or without any declared trust in favour of the Company
- 3 13 To apply for, take out, purchase or otherwise acquire and maintain any designs, trademarks, patent rights, inventions, copyrights or secret processes and any other intangible property and to use, exercise, develop, grant licences in respect of, or otherwise turn to account, any such property rights and information
- 3 14 To receive money on deposit or loan (with or without allowance of interest) and to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money by mortgage, charge or lien, or by the issue of debentures or debenture stock (perpetual or otherwise) or in any other manner either with or without security, and to charge all or any of the property or assets of the Company (whether present or future including its uncalled capital) to support any obligation of the Company or any other company

or person, and collaterally or further to secure any securities of the Company by a trust deed or other assurance

- 3 15 To advance and lend money with or without security and to guarantee the performance of the contracts or obligations or repayment of capital, principal, dividends, interest or premiums payable on any stock, shares, securities or debentures of, or other investments in, any company or person and in particular (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) of any company which is for the time being the Company's holding company (as defined is by section 736 Companies Act 1985) or another subsidiary (as defined by that section) of the Company's holding company and to give all kinds of indemnities
- 3 16 To invest and turn to account any monies in the acquisition or upon the security of any real or personal property of any kind, by placing the same on deposit or in any other manner
- 3 17 To draw, make, accept, endorse, negotiate, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable instruments
- 3 18 To surrender or claim group relief and make payments for group relief for the purposes of corporation or any other tax, and to surrender or claim to make payments in respect of any other like or similar relief, and to enter into and carry into effect any agreement for such purposes
- 3 19 To enter into and carry into effect any agreement or arrangement for the sharing of profits, or for the conduct of any business of the Company in association with or through the agency of any other company or person, any joint adventure, or any other agreement of a like nature with any company or person
- 3 20 To take all necessary or proper steps in parliament or with national, local, municipal or other authorities in any place in which the Company may have interests, for the purpose of furthering the interests of the Company or of its members, to oppose any steps taken by any other company or person which may be considered likely directly or indirectly to prejudice the interests of the Company or its members, and to procure the registration or incorporation of the Company in or under the laws of any place outside England
- 3 21 To subscribe or guarantee money for any national, charitable, benevolent, public, general or useful object, or for any purpose which in the opinion of the directors is likely directly or indirectly to further the objects of the Company or the interest of its members
- 3 22 To grant pensions or gratuities to, and provide for the welfare of, any persons who are or at any time have been employees, officers or directors of the Company or the predecessors in any business of the Company or of any company in which the Company is in any way interested, and the families, relations, connections or dependants of any such persons, and to establish or support associations,

institutions, clubs, funds and trusts which may be considered likely to benefit any such persons or otherwise advance the interests of the Company or of its members, and to make payments towards insurances, to institute or contribute to pension schemes, and to establish and contribute to any scheme for the purchase by trustees of shares in the Company to be held for the benefit of the Company's employees, and to lend money to the Company and to formulate and carry into effect any scheme for sharing the profits of the Company with its employees, including officers and directors

- 3 23 To undertake and carry on the office and duties of trustee, custodian trustee, executor, administrator, liquidator, receiver, attorney or nominee of or for any company or person, scheme, trust fund, state and municipal government or other such body, to undertake and execute any trust or discretion, and to distribute amongst the beneficiaries, pensioners or other persons entitled thereto any income, capital or annuity in money or specie in furtherance of any trust
- 3 24 To do all or any of the things and matters contained in this memorandum of association in any part of the world alone or in conjunction with others and as principal, agent, independent contractor, trustee, or otherwise
- 3 25 To do all such other things as the directors may think incidental or conducive to any of the above objects

The objects contained in any paragraph of this memorandum of association shall not be restrictively construed but shall be given the widest interpretation, and shall not be limited to or restricted by reference to, or inference from, any other object or by the name of the Company No paragraph or object is, or shall be deemed to be, subsidiary or ancillary to the objects or powers mentioned in any other paragraph

- 4 The liability of the members is limited
- 5 The share capital of the Company is £10,000,100 divided into 10,000,100 ordinary shares of £1 each ¹

¹ Amended by special resolution dated 31 December 1993

AMENDED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

OUTOKUMPU STAINLESS LIMITED

(Articles adopted on 28 February 2014)

1 Interpretation

In these regulations

the “Act” means the Company 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

Table A contained in the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 and any re-enactment and modification thereof shall not apply to the Company

2 Share capital

- 2 1 The shares in the capital of the Company from time to time shall be under the control of the directors who may allot, grant options over, or otherwise deal with or dispose of any relevant securities (as defined by section 80(2) of the Act) of the Company to such persons and generally on such terms and in such manner as they think fit
- 2 2 The general authority conferred by paragraph 2 1 of this Article shall extend to all relevant securities of the Company which are unissued at the date of the adoption of this Article (being 31st December 1993) and shall expire on the 31st December 1994
- 2 3 The directors shall be entitled under the general authority conferred by this regulation to make, at any time before the expiry of such authority, any offer or agreement which will or may require securities to be allotted after the expiry of such authority
- 2 4 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
- 2 5 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
- 2 6 The provisions of section 89(1) and section 90 sub-sections (1) to (6) of the Act shall not apply to the Company
- 2 7 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
- 2 8 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

3 Share certificates

- 3 1 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

- 3 2 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

4 Calls on shares and forfeiture

- 4 1 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 14 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 installments. 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 in 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.
- 4 2 A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the directors authorising the call was passed.
- 4 3 The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 4 4 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.
- 4 5 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 provision of the articles shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.
- 4 6 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.
- 4 7 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 14 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.

- 4 8 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
- 4 9 Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share may be 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 the 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
- 4 10 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
- 4 11 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

5 Transfer of shares

5 1 The instrument of transfer of a share;

- (a) may be in any usual form or in any other form which the directors may approve, and
- (b) shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee, and
- (c) shall be in respect of only one class of shares, and
- (d) shall be lodged at the office or at such other place as the directors may appoint and shall be 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

- 5 2 The transferor of a share shall be deemed to remain the holder of it until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of members in respect of such share
- 5 3 Subject to article 5 5 the directors may, in their absolute discretion, refuse to register the transfer of a share to any person, whether or not it is a fully-paid share or a share on which the Company has a lien
- 5 4 If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company send to the transferee notice of the refusal together with their reasons for the refusal
- 5 5 Notwithstanding anything contained in these articles, the directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares where such transfer is executed at the direction of, by or in favour of any bank or institution to whom such shares have been charged or mortgaged (or at the direction of, by or in favour of any nominee of such bank or institution) nor may the directors suspend registration of any member which is (a) a bank or institution (or nominee thereof) to whom such shares have been charged or mortgaged or (b) a transferee from any such bank, institution or nominee or (c) any other transferee to whom such shares have been transferred at the direction of any such bank, institution or nominee A certificate by any official of such bank or institution that the relevant shares are charged or mortgaged shall be conclusive evidence of that fact
- 5 6 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
- 5 7 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

6 Transmission of shares

- 6 1 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
- 6 2 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

- 6 3 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

7 Alteration of share capital

- 7 1 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 provision 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

- 7 2 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 directions 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.

- 7 3 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.

8 Purchase of own shares

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

9 General meetings

9 1 All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings

9 2 The directors may call general meetings and, if there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or member of the Company may call a general meeting

10 Notice of general meetings

10 1 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 21 clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least 14 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 95 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

10 2 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

11 Proceedings at general meetings

11 1 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

11 2 If, within half an hour from the time appointed for a general meeting, a quorum is not present the meeting (if convened upon the requisition of members) shall be dissolved. In any other case the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same time, place and day in the next week or otherwise as the directors may determine. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum

- 11 3 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 15 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
- 11 4 If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within 15 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
- 11 5 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
- 11 6 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 businesses which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place When a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, at least 7 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
- 11 7 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 2 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
- 11 8 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

- 11 9 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
- 11 10 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
- 11 11 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
- 11 12 A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question or 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 30 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
- 11 13 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 7 clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken
- 11 14 A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter, fax or telex by or on behalf of all the members or all the holders of a class of shares (as the case may be) for the time being entitled to vote on the relevant resolution shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a general meeting of the Company or a separate meeting of such class (as the case may be) duly convened and held and when signed or approved may consist of several documents each signed or approved by one or more of the persons aforesaid or being corporations by their duly authorised representatives or their attorneys

12 Votes of members

- 12 1 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
- 12 2 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

- 12 3 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
- 12 4 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
- 12 5 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
- 12 6 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
- 12 7 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)

“ _____ Limited I/We, _____, 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 _____, and at any adjournment thereof

Signed on _____ 20_ ”

- 12 8 The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially 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

12 9 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

12 10 If at any general meeting any votes shall be counted which ought not to have been counted or might have been rejected, or if any votes shall not be counted which ought to have been counted, the error shall not affect the result of the relevant resolution unless it be pointed out at the same meeting and not in that case unless it shall, in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting, be of sufficient magnitude to affect the result of the relevant resolution

13. Number of directors

Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting there shall be no minimum or maximum number of directors

14 Alternate directors

14 1 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

14 2 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.

14 3 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

14 4 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

14 5 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

15 Powers of directors

15 1 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

15 2 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 condition as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers

16 Delegation of directors' powers

The directors may delegate any of their powers (with power to sub-delegate) to committees consisting of such person or persons (whether directors or not) as they think fit or to such individuals (including business unit managers) as they think fit Regulation 72 of table A shall be modified accordingly

17 Appointment and retirement of directors

17 1 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

17 2 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

17 3 Notwithstanding section 293 of the Act, a person who has attained the age of 70 shall be capable of being appointed or elected a director and a director shall not be required to vacate his office at the conclusion of the annual general meeting commencing next after he attains that age

18 Disqualification and removal of directors

The office of a director shall be vacated if the director

- (a) ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or becomes prohibited by law from being a director, or
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or
- (c) becomes in the opinion of the other directors incapable by reason of mental disorder (within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983) of discharging his duties as a director, or
- (d) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Company, or
- (e) absents himself from meetings of the directors during a continuous period of 6 months without leave of absence from the directors and within 3 months they resolve that by reason of such absence he vacates his office

19 Remuneration of directors

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

20 Directors' expenses

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

21 Directors' appointments and interests

- 21 1 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

21 2 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 grounds of any such interest or benefit, and
- (d) may vote as a director in regard to any matter, contract or arrangement in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material, and shall be included in determining the quorum for any meeting at which such matter, contract or arrangement is considered

21 3 For the purposes of regulation 22 2

- (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

22 Directors' gratuities and pensions

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

23 Proceedings of directors

23 1 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

- 23 2 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 2 directors present in person or by an alternate One alternate representing 2 directors shall not constitute a quorum
- 23 3 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
- 23 4 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 5 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting
- 23 5 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
- 23 6 A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter, fax or telex by each director or his alternate who was entitled at the relevant time to notice of a meeting of the directors shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors duly convened and held and when signed may consist of several documents each signed or approved by one or more of the persons
- 23 7 A meeting of the directors may subject to notice thereof having been given in accordance with these articles be for all purposes deemed to be held when a director is or directors are in communication by telephone or audio visual communications media with another director or other directors and all of the said directors agree to treat the meeting as so held, provided always that all directors entitled to receive notice of meetings shall have been afforded a reasonable opportunity of participating and the number of directors participating in such communication is not less than the quorum stipulated by these articles A resolution made by a majority of the said directors in pursuance of this article shall be as valid as it would have been if made by them at an actual meeting duly convened and held

- 23 8 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
- 23 9 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
- 23 10 Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of 2 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
- 23 11 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

24 Secretary

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

25 Minutes

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

26 The seal

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

27 Dividends

- 27 1 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
- 27 2 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 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
- 27 3 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
- 27 4 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
- 27 5 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
- 27 6 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

27 7 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.

28 Accounts

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

29 Capitalisation of profits

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

30 Notices

30 1 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

30 2 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 members shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Company.

- 30 3 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.
- 30 4 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.
- 30 5 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.
- 30 6 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.

31 Winding up

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.

32 Indemnity

Subject to the provisions of the Act but without affecting any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled

- (a) no director or other officer of the Company shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Company in consequence of the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto,

- (b) every director or other officer of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any losses or liabilities incurred by him,
- (i) in defending any civil or criminal proceedings in which he is acquitted or judgement is given in his favour, and
 - (ii) 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, and
 - (iii) in or about the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto