### THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

### A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

### MEDIAHUIS UK FINANCE LIMITED

### **PRELIMINARY**

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in these articles, the articles contained in the Model Articles shall apply to the Company. For the purposes of these articles, the Model Articles means the Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Shares contained in Schedule 1 of the *Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008* (SI 2008/3229).
- 2. (1) In these articles, unless the contrary intention appears:
  - (a) the "Statutes'\* means the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") and every other statute, statutory instrument, regulation or order for the time being in force concerning companies registered under the Act; and
  - (b) words importing the singular number include the plural number and vice versa, words importing one gender include all genders and words importing persons include bodies corporate and unincorporated associations.
  - (2) Headings to these articles are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect construction.

## **SHARE CAPITAL**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any direction to the contrary which may be given by ordinary or other resolution of the Company, any unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Directors who may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine.

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- 4. The directors are given power to allot for cash equity securities (as defined for the purposes of section 560 of the Act) pursuant to the general authority conferred on them by section 551 of the Act as if section 560(1) of that Act did not apply to the allotment. This power shall expire on the day five years after the date of the incorporation of die Company but the Company may, before this power expires, make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after it expires.
- 5. Subject to as hereinafter provided the Directors of the Company may, in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any transfer of any share whether or not it is a fully paid share and may also refuse to register a transfer unless:-
  - (a) it is lodged at the registered office or at such other place as the Directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
  - (b) it is in respect of only one class of share; and
  - (c) it is in favour of not more than four transferees.
- 6. Notwithstanding the above, the Directors of the Company may not refuse to register the transfer of any share in the Company, including a transfer of shares over which the Company has a lien, where the transfer to be registered is to the person(s) acting as security agent and/or security trustee for and on behalf of a bank, or banks, or other lenders, or noteholders, or to the person(s) acting as the nominee(s), agent(s) or purchasers) of such security agent or security trustee, provided that, on the terms of any relevant security document or deed, the security agent or security trustee is entitled to enforce the same and become registered as the owner of any such share.

# **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 7. (1) A general meeting or a meeting of any class of members of the Company may consist of a conference between members some or all of whom are in different places provided that each member who participates is able:
  - (d) to hear each of the other participating members addressing the meeting; and
  - (e) if he so wishes, to address all of the other participating members simultaneously,

whether directly, by conference telephone or by any other form of communications equipment (whether in use when these articles are adopted or not) or by a combination of those methods.

- (2) A quorum is deemed to be present if those conditions are satisfied in respect of at least the number of members required to form a quorum.
- (3) A meeting held in this way is deemed to take place at the place where the largest group of participating members is assembled or, if no such group is readily identifiable, at the place from where the chairman of the meeting participates.
- (4) A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by each member indicating to the chairman (in such manner as the chairman may direct) whether the member votes in favour of or against the resolution or abstains. Article 42 of the Model Articles shall be amended accordingly.
- (5) References in this article to members shall include their duly appointed proxies and, in the case of corporate members, their duly authorised representatives.

## SHAREHOLDERS' RESOLUTIONS

8. A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter, facsimile, telegram or telex by or on behalf of all the members of the Company who would be entitled to vote on it if it had been proposed at a general meeting or at a meeting of any class of members of the Company shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting or at such class meeting (as the case may be) duly convened and held. The resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each stating the terms of the resolution accurately and signed by or on behalf of one or more of the members. Article 44 of the Model Articles shall not apply.

# **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

- 9. (1) A proxy appointed by a member of the Company under section 324 of the Act may vote on a show of hands as well as on a poll, but no person present shall be entitled to more than one vote on a show of hands. A proxy appointed to attend and vote instead of a member shall have the same right as the member to speak at the meeting.
  - (2) The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed (or such copy of the instrument or the authority or both as the directors may approve) may be deposited at the place where the meeting or adjourned meeting is to be held at any time before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote. This provision is in addition and without prejudice to the provisions Article 46 of the Model Articles.

## **DIRECTORS**

- 10. (1) The holders of a majority of the ordinary shares in the Company in issue may appoint any person as a director of the Company and may remove any director. Any appointment or removal shall be made in writing signed by the holders of the majority of the ordinary shares in the Company in issue and, in the case of a body corporate holding any of those shares, the signature of any officer or other duly appointed representative shall suffice. Any appointment or removal shall take effect when it is lodged at the office or produced at any meeting of the directors.
  - (2) In addition to the circumstances set out in Article 18 of the Model Articles the office of a director shall be vacated if he is removed from that office in accordance with this Article 10.
  - (3) The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional director.
  - (4) The directors shall not be subject to retirement by rotation.
  - (5) No director shall vacate his office or be ineligible for re-appointment as a director, nor shall any person be ineligible for appointment as a director, by reason only of his having attained a particular age.
  - (6) No special notice is required of any resolution appointing or approving the appointment of such a director nor is any notice required to state the age of the person to whom the resolution relates.

# **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 11. (1) Any director may appoint a director of any holding company of the Company or any other subsidiary of that holding company or any person approved by a majority of the other directors to act as an alternate director.
  - (2) An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors, to attend and to vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present and at that meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a director and for the purposes of the proceedings at that meeting the provisions of these articles shall apply as if he was a director.

- (3) Every person acting as an alternate director shall have one vote for each director for whom he acts as alternate, in addition to his own vote if he is also a director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- (4) Any person appointed as an alternate director shall vacate his office as an alternate director if the director by whom he has been appointed ceases to be a director or removes him or on the happening of any event which, if he is or were a director, causes or would cause him to vacate that office.
- (5) An alternate director shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him.

### **POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

12. Without prejudice to any other of their powers, the directors may exercise any of the powers conferred by the Statutes to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

### PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 13. Provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director may vote as a director on a resolution concerning any matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty and, if he votes, his vote shall be counted and he shall be counted in the quorum when that resolution or matter is under consideration. Article 14 of the Model Articles shall not apply.
- 14. Article 8(2) of the Model Articles (written resolutions of directors) shall apply as if the word "signed" included "approved by letter, facsimile, telegram or telex".
- 15. (1) A meeting of the directors may consist of a conference between directors some or all of whom are in different places provided that each director who participates is able:
  - (a) to hear each of the other participating directors addressing the meeting; and
  - (b) if he so wishes, to address all of the other participating directors simultaneously,

whether directly, by conference telephone or by any other form of communications equipment (whether in use when these articles are adopted or not) or by a combination of those methods.

- (2) A quorum is deemed to be present if those conditions are satisfied in respect of at least the number of directors required to form a quorum, subject to the provisions of article 10.
- (3) A meeting held in this way is deemed to take place at the place where the largest group of participating directors is assembled or, if no such group is readily identifiable, at the place from where the chairman of the meeting participates.

#### **SEAL**

- 16. (1) The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Statutes with regard to having official seals and those powers shall be vested in the directors.
  - (2) The directors shall provide for the safe custody of every seal which the Company may have.
  - (3) A seal shall be used only by the authority of the directors but that authority may consist of an instruction or approval given by letter, facsimile, telegram, telex or telephone by a majority of the directors.
  - (4) The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which a seal is applied, either generally or in relation to a particular instrument or type of instrument, and may also determine, either generally or in any particular case, that such signatures shall be dispensed with or affixed by some mechanical means.
  - (5) Unless otherwise decided by the directors:
    - (a) certificates for shares, debentures or other securities of the Company to which a seal is applied need not be signed; and
    - (b) every other instrument to which a seal is applied shall be signed by at least one director and the secretary or by at least two directors.
- 17. Article 24(5) of the Model Articles shall be amended accordingly. Article 49 of the Model Articles shall not apply.

### **NOTICES**

- 18. The Company may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by prepaid first class post or facsimile transmission 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.
- 19. (1) Proof that:

- (a) an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted (by first class post, where available); or
- (b) facsimile transmission setting out the terms of a notice was properly addressed and despatched

shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiry of 24 hours after the envelope containing it was posted or, in the case of facsimile transmission, when despatched.

## INDEMNITY

- 20. (1) Subject to the provisions of and to the extent permitted by the Statutes, every director, other officer or auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office, but:
  - (a) this indemnity shall not apply to any liability to the extent that it is recovered from any other person; and
  - (b) the indemnity is subject to such officer or auditor taking all reasonable steps to effect such recovery, so that the indemnity shall not apply to the extent that an alternative right of recovery is capable of being enforced.
  - (2) Article 52 of the Model Articles shall not apply.