

Company Number 03317941

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

WRITTEN RESOLUTION

OF SOMERSTON HOTELS (SALFORD QUAYS) LIMITED

(THE "COMPANY")

Circulated on 30 January 2013 (the "Circulation Date")

We the undersigned, being the sole member of the Company who at the date of this resolution would be entitled to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company and in accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006 hereby resolve that the following resolution be duly passed as a written special resolution of the Company (the "Resolution")

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

THAT the articles of association attached to this Resolution in the Appendix for the purposes of identification be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing articles of association of the Company

Please read the notes overleaf before signifying your agreement to the Resolution

We, the undersigned, being the sole member of the Company entitled to vote on the Resolution on the Circulation Date hereby agree to the Resolution

SIGNED by

for and on behalf of

SOMERSTON HOTELS LIMITED

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Dated 30 January 2013



NOTES

- 1 If you agree to the Resolution, please signify your agreement by signing and dating this document where indicated above and returning it to the Company using one of the following methods
 - (a) by delivering the signed copy personally or sending it by post to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe (Europe) LLP, 9th Floor, 107 Cheapside, London, EC2V 6DN marked for the attention of Alice Edwards,
 - (b) by faxing the signed copy to 020 7862 4800 marked for the attention of Alice Edwards, or
 - (c) by sending a scanned copy of the signed document by email to alice.edwards@orrick.com
- 2 The signed copy of this document should be returned to the Company using one of the above methods as soon as possible and, in any event, so as to be received by the Company by not later than the date falling 28 days from the Circulation Date
- 3 If the Resolution has not been passed by the date falling 28 days from the Circulation Date, it will lapse
- 4 Once you have signified your agreement to the Resolution, you may not revoke your agreement
- 5 If you do not agree to the Resolution, you need not take any action, you will not be deemed to agree to the Resolution if you do not reply
- 6 If you are signing this document on behalf of a member under a power of attorney or other authority, please send a copy of the power of attorney or other authority when returning this document to the Company

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(adopted by written resolution passed on 30 January 2013)

PRELIMINARY

1 INTERPRETATION

1 1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires

"Act" means the Companies Act 2006,

"Articles" means these articles of association as altered from time to time and references to an "article" by number are to the relevant numbered paragraph of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise,

"Conflict" has the meaning given in article 9 1,

"Model Articles" means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles, and

"Parent Company" means the registered holder of not less than 90 per cent in nominal value of the issued shares giving the right to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company

1 2 Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles

1 3 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles

1 4 A reference in these Articles to any statute or statutory provision includes any orders, rules, regulations or other subordinate legislation made under that statute or provision and, if not inconsistent with the subject or the context, includes every

statutory modification or re-enactment of that statute or provision for the time being in force

1 5 In these Articles

- (a) words in the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing one gender include the other genders,
- (b) the use of the words "**including**" or "**includes**" does not limit the meaning of the words preceding it, and
- (c) a reference to a "**person**" includes a body corporate and an unincorporated body of persons

1 6 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, save insofar as they are modified or excluded by these Articles, or are inconsistent with these Articles, and subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation. A copy is set out in the schedule to these Articles

1 7 Articles 7(2), 11(2), 11(3), 12, 13, 14, 17(1), 26(5), 44(2), 52 and 53 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the company

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2. RESTRICTIONS ON EXERCISE OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

2 1 Subject to article 16, the Parent Company may from time to time restrict the exercise of all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions conferred on the directors under these Articles. The imposition of any such restriction shall be effected by the Parent Company giving notice to the Company in accordance with article 19. Any such restriction shall take effect

- (a) in the respect and to the extent specified in the notice, and
- (b) immediately upon the giving of such notice or, if later, the date specified in the notice

2 2 No restriction imposed by the Parent Company pursuant to article 2 1 shall invalidate any action taken pursuant to the exercise of any of the powers, authorities and discretions conferred on the directors under these Articles prior to the giving of the notice imposing the restriction

2 3 No person dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or enquire whether any restriction has been imposed by the Parent Company pursuant to article 2 1 and no transaction or arrangement entered into by the Company with any third party in breach of any restriction imposed by the Parent Company pursuant to

article 2 1 shall be invalid or ineffectual unless the third party had express notice of the restriction

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

3 DECISIONS OF SOLE DIRECTOR

If at any time the Company only has one director and no provision of these Articles requires it to have more than one director, the general rule about decision-making by directors set out in article 7(1) of the Model Articles does not apply and the director may, for so long as he remains the sole director, take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of these Articles relating to directors' decision-making and exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions conferred on the directors under these Articles

4 UNANIMOUS DECISIONS

4 1 Article 8(2) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the deletion of the words "a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each director" and the insertion in their place of the words "a resolution in writing which has been signed by each eligible director (and, for this purpose, the resolution may be contained in several documents in the same form each of which has been signed by one or more of the eligible directors)"

4 2 Article 8(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "(but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter)" after the words "had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting"

5. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

5 1 Subject to article 5 2, the quorum for directors' meetings shall be two

5 2 If, in relation to a directors' meeting (or part of such a meeting) held to consider a resolution to authorise a conflict of interest pursuant to article 9, there is only one director who, in accordance with that article, is entitled to be counted in the quorum in relation to, and to vote on, such resolution, the quorum for that meeting (or the relevant part of such meeting) shall be one

5 3 If at any time the total number of directors is less than the quorum required under article 5 1, the directors or director in office must not take any decision other than a decision to appoint further directors or to call a general meeting for the purpose of appointing further directors

6 CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

6 1 The Parent Company may, by giving notice to the Company in accordance with article 19

- (a) appoint a director to be chairman at directors' meetings, and
- (b) remove a director appointed pursuant to article 6 1(a) as chairman at directors' meetings

6 2 If, and so long as, the position of chairman at directors' meetings has not been filled by a director appointed by the Parent Company pursuant to article 6 1(a), the directors may appoint one of their number to be the chairman at directors' meetings or if the chairman appointed by the Parent Company pursuant to Article 6 1(a) is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair such meeting

7. CASTING VOTE AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 7 1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal at a directors' meeting are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall, subject to article 7 2, have a second or casting vote
- 7 2 Article 7 1 shall not apply if the proposal is a resolution to authorise a conflict of interest pursuant to article 9 and the chairman or other director chairing the meeting is, in accordance with that article, not entitled to be counted in the quorum in relation to, or to vote on, such resolution

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

8. TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company

- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company has a direct or indirect interest,
- (b) shall be counted as participating for voting and quorum purposes in any decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in connection with any proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Company, in which he is in any way directly or indirectly interested,
- (c) may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with his office of director and upon such terms, including as to remuneration, as the directors may decide,

- (d) may act by himself or through a firm with which he is associated in a professional capacity for the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested (otherwise than as an auditor) upon such terms, including as to remuneration, as the directors may decide,
- (e) may be or become a director or other officer of, or employed by or otherwise be interested in any holding company or subsidiary company of the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested, and
- (f) shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act

9 DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 9 1 The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any director which would, if not authorised, involve a director breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest (a "Conflict")
- 9 2 A director seeking authorisation in respect of a Conflict shall
 - (a) declare to the other directors the nature and extent of his interest in a Conflict as soon as is reasonably practicable, and
 - (b) provide the other directors with such information as is necessary to enable them to decide how to address any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of that matter
- 9 3 Any authorisation under this article 9 will be effective only if
 - (a) the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine,
 - (b) any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the director in question and any other director having an interest in the matter proposed to be authorised, and

- (c) the matter was agreed to without the director and any other director having an interest in the matter proposed to be authorised voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted
- 9 4 When the directors authorise a Conflict under this article 9, the directors may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently)
- (a) extend the authorisation to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the Conflict so authorised,
 - (b) make the authorisation subject to any terms and for such duration or impose such limits or conditions on the authorisation as the directors or the Parent Company may determine, and
 - (c) withdraw the authorisation or vary the terms or conditions to which the authorisation is subject at any time, provided that this will not affect anything done by the director in question prior to such termination or variation in accordance with the terms of the authorisation
- 9 5 In authorising a Conflict the directors or the Parent Company may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if a director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict otherwise than as a director of the Company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person the director is under no obligation to
- (a) disclose such information to the directors or to any director or other officer or employee of the Company, or
 - (b) use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a director,
- where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence
- 9 6 Where the directors authorise a Conflict they may provide or the Parent Company may provide, without limitation (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that the director
- (a) is excluded from participating in any discussions (whether at meetings of directors or otherwise) relating to the Conflict,
 - (b) is excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the directors to the extent they relate to the Conflict, and
 - (c) is excluded from participating for voting and quorum purposes in any future decision of the directors concerning any matter which gives rise or otherwise relates to the Conflict

9 7 Where the directors authorise a Conflict

- (a) the director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms, limits and/or conditions imposed by the directors in relation to the Conflict, and
- (b) the director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act provided he acts in accordance with such terms, limits and/or conditions (if any) as the directors or the Parent Company impose in respect of its authorisation

9 8 A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the directors or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds

9 9 If a question arises at a directors' meeting as to the entitlement of a director (including the chairman or other director chairing the meeting) to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for quorum and voting purposes and the question is not resolved by the director concerned voluntarily agreeing not to participate, the question shall be decided by a decision of the directors participating in the meeting (and, for this purpose, the director concerned is not to be counted as participating in the meeting, or that part of the meeting, for quorum or voting purposes) and their decision shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature and extent of the interest of the director concerned have not been fairly disclosed

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

10. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

10 1 Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed a director

- (a) by ordinary resolution, or
- (b) by the Parent Company

10 2 The appointment of a director by the Parent Company shall be effected by the Parent Company giving notice to the Company in accordance with article 19 and shall take effect immediately upon the giving of such notice or, if later, the date specified in the notice

11 REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 11 1 The Parent Company may at any time remove any director (however appointed) from office
- 11 2 The removal of a director by the Parent Company shall be effected by the Parent Company giving notice to the Company in accordance with article 19 and shall take effect immediately upon the giving of such notice or, if later, the date specified in the notice
- 11 3 The removal of a director pursuant to this article 11
- (a) shall be deemed to be the act of the Company, and
 - (b) shall be without prejudice to any claim for damages which the director may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company

COMPANY SECRETARY

12 SECRETARY

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

ALLOTMENT OF SHARES

13 DIRECTORS' POWER TO ALLOT SHARES

The directors shall not, save with the prior consent of the Parent Company given in accordance with article 19, exercise any power of the Company to allot shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into shares

14. EXCLUSION OF STATUTORY PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

In accordance with section 567 of the Act, none of the requirements set out in section 561 or section 562 of the Act shall apply to an allotment of equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) by the Company

SHARE TRANSFERS

15 TRANSFERS OF SHARES

- 15 1 Subject to article 16, the directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share if
- (a) the transfer is not lodged at the registered office of the Company or such other place as the directors have appointed,

- (b) the transfer is not 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 or the right of a person other than the transferor to make the transfer on the transferor's behalf,
- (c) the transfer is in favour of more than four transferees,
- (d) the transfer is to a minor, bankrupt or a person of unsound mind, or
- (e) the transfer is not duly stamped (if required)

15 2 If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless the directors suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent

16 SECURED LENDER ARTICLE

16 1 Notwithstanding anything contained in these articles, whether expressly or impliedly contradictory to the provisions of this article 16 (to the effect that any provision contained in this article 16 shall override any other provision of these articles)

- (a) The directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares, nor may they suspend registration thereof, where such transfer
 - (i) is to any bank, institution or other person which has been granted a security interest in respect of such shares, or to any nominee of such a bank, institution or other person (or a person acting as agent or security trustee for such person) ("**Secured Institution**") (and a certificate by any such person or an employee of any such person that a security interest over the shares was so granted and the transfer was so executed shall be conclusive evidence of such facts), or
 - (ii) is delivered to the Company for registration by a Secured Institution or its nominee in order to perfect its security over the shares, or
 - (iii) is executed by a Secured Institution or its nominee pursuant to a power of sale or other power existing under such security,

and the directors shall forthwith register any such transfer of shares upon receipt and furthermore notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these articles no transferor of any shares in the Company or proposed transferor of such shares to a Secured Institution or its nominee and no Secured Institution or its nominee shall (in either such case) be required to offer the shares which are or are to be the subject of any transfer as aforesaid to the shareholders for the time being of the Company or any of them and no such shareholder shall have any right under the articles or

otherwise howsoever to require such shares to be transferred to them whether for any valuable consideration or otherwise

- 16.2 The directors shall not issue any share certificates (whether by way of replacement or otherwise) without the prior written consent of (or on behalf of) all (if any) Secured Institutions

DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

17. DECISIONS BY SOLE MEMBER

- 17.1 For so long as the Company shall have only one member

- (a) any decision that may be taken by the Company in general meeting may be taken by the sole member acting alone, and
- (b) any such decision shall be as effective as if agreed by the Company in general meeting

- 17.2 Where a sole member takes a decision under article 17.1, it must (unless that decision is taken by way of a written resolution) provide the Company with details of that decision

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

18. DEEMED DELIVERY OF NOTICES, DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

Any notice, document or other information sent or supplied by the Company is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient

- (a) if sent by first class post, at the expiration of 24 hours after it was put in the post (or, if first class post is not used, at the expiration of 48 hours after it was put in the post) and, in proving such receipt, it will be sufficient to show that the notice, document or information was properly addressed and put into the postal system with postage paid,
- (b) if sent by hand or by courier, at the time it is left at or delivered to the relevant address,
- (c) if sent by electronic means, at the expiration of one hour after it was sent and, in proving such receipt, it will be sufficient to show that the notice, document or information was properly addressed to the intended recipient, and
- (d) if sent or supplied by being made available on a website, when it was first made available on the website or, if later, when the intended recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the notice, document or information was available on the website

19 NOTICES AND CONSENTS GIVEN BY THE PARENT COMPANY

19 1 This article 19 applies to

- (a) any notice given by the Parent Company to the Company pursuant to articles 2, 6, 10 or 11, and
- (b) any consent given by the Parent Company under article 13

19 2 To be effective, a notice or consent to which this article 19 applies must

- (a) be in writing,
- (b) if in hard copy form, be signed on behalf of the Parent Company by one of its directors or some other person duly authorised for the purpose or, if in electronic form, authenticated as specified in section 1146 of the Act, and
- (c) be given to the Company
 - (i) by being sent or supplied to the Company in any way in which the Act provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of the Act to be sent or supplied to the Company, or
 - (ii) by being produced at a directors' meeting

DIRECTORS' LIABILITIES

20 INDEMNITY

20 1 Subject to article 20 2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled

- (a) each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer
 - (i) in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them, and
 - (ii) in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act),

including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his

capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) affairs, and

- (b) the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in article 20 1(a) and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure

20 2 This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law

20 3 In this article

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

21 INSURANCE

21 1 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss

21 2 In this article

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

- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate

SCHEDULE

MODEL ARTICLES FOR PRIVATE COMPANIES

PART 1

INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1 Defined terms

In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise

"articles" means the company's articles of association,

"bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,

"chairman" has the meaning given in article 12,

"chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 39,

"Companies Acts" means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the company,

"director" means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,

"distribution recipient" has the meaning given in article 31,

"document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,

"electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006,

"fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company,

"hard copy form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006,

"holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares,

"instrument" means a document in hard copy form,

"ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006,

"paid" means paid or credited as paid,

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10,

"**proxy notice**" has the meaning given in article 45,

"**shareholder**" means a person who is the holder of a share,

"**shares**" means shares in the company,

"**special resolution**" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006,

"**subsidiary**" has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006,

"**transmittee**" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law, and

"**writing**" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise

Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the company

2 Liability of members

The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them

PART 2

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3 Directors' general authority

Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company

4 Shareholders' reserve power

4 1 The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action

4 2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution

5 Directors may delegate

5 1 Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles

- (a) to such person or committee,
- (b) by such means (including by power of attorney),
- (c) to such an extent,
- (d) in relation to such matters or territories, and
- (e) on such terms and conditions,

as they think fit

5 2 If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated

5 3 The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

6 Committees

6 1 Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors

6 2 The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

7 Directors to take decisions collectively

7 1 The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8

7 2 If

- (a) the company only has one director, and
- (b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making

8 Unanimous decisions

- 8 1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter
- 8 2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing
- 8 3 References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting
- 8 4 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

9 Calling a directors' meeting

- 9 1 Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice
- 9 2 Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate
- (a) its proposed date and time,
 - (b) where it is to take place, and
 - (c) if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting
- 9 3 Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing
- 9 4 Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it

10 Participation in directors' meetings

- 10 1 Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when
- (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and
 - (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting

- (c) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other
- 10 2 If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is
- 11 **Quorum for directors' meetings**
- 11 1 At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting
- 11 2 The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two
- 11 3 If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision
 - (a) to appoint further directors, or
 - (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors
- 12 **Chairing of directors' meetings**
- 12 1 The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings
- 12 2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman
- 12 3 The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time
- 12 4 If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it
- 13 **Casting vote**
- 13 1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote
- 13 2 But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes
- 14 **Conflicts of interest**
- 14 1 If a proposed decision of the directors is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the company in which a director is interested, that director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes

14 2 But if paragraph 14 3 applies, a director who is interested in an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the company is to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum and voting purposes

14 3 This paragraph applies when

- (a) the company by ordinary resolution disapplies the provision of the articles which would otherwise prevent a director from being counted as participating in the decision-making process,
- (b) the director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, or
- (c) the director's conflict of interest arises from a permitted cause

14 4 For the purposes of this article, the following are permitted causes

- (a) a guarantee given, or to be given, by or to a director in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the company or any of its subsidiaries,
- (b) subscription, or an agreement to subscribe, for shares or other securities of the company or any of its subsidiaries, or to underwrite, sub-underwrite, or guarantee subscription for any such shares or securities, and
- (c) arrangements pursuant to which benefits are made available to employees and directors or former employees and directors of the company or any of its subsidiaries which do not provide special benefits for directors or former directors

14 5 For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting

14 6 Subject to paragraph 14 7, if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive

14 7 If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes

15 **Records of decisions to be kept**

The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors

16 Directors' discretion to make further rules

Subject to the articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

17 Methods of appointing directors

17 1 Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director

- (a) by ordinary resolution, or
- (b) by a decision of the directors

17 2 In any case where, as a result of death, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the personal representatives of the last shareholder to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a director

17 3 For the purposes of paragraph 17 2, where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder

18 Termination of director's appointment

A person ceases to be a director as soon as

- (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law,
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person,
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,
- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months,
- (e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have,
- (f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms

19 Directors' remuneration

19 1 Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide

19 2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine

- (a) for their services to the company as directors, and
- (b) for any other service which they undertake for the company

19 3 Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may

- (a) take any form, and
- (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director

19 4 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day

19 5 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors are not accountable to the company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the company is interested

20 Directors' expenses

The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at

- (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,
- (b) general meetings, or
- (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company

PART 3

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

SHARES

21 All shares to be fully paid up

21 1 No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in consideration for its issue

- 21 2 This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum

22 Powers to issue different classes of share

- 22 1 Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution
- 22 2 The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares

23 Company not bound by less than absolute interests

Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it

24 Share certificates

- 24 1 The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds
- 24 2 Every certificate must specify
- (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued,
 - (b) the nominal value of those shares,
 - (c) that the shares are fully paid, and
 - (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them
- o No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class
- 24 3 If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it
- 24 4 Certificates must
- (a) have affixed to them the company's common seal, or
 - (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts

25 Replacement share certificates

- 25 1 If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is
- (a) damaged or defaced, or

(b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares

25 2 A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate

(a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates,

(b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced, and

(c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide

26 Share transfers

26 1 Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor

26 2 No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share

26 3 The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered

26 4 The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it

26 5 The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent

27 Transmission of shares

27 1 If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share

27 2 A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require

(a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and

(b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had

- 27 3 But transmitters do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares

28 Exercise of transmitters' rights

- 28 1 Transmitters who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish
- 28 2 If the transmitter wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmitter must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
- 28 3 Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmitter has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

29 Transmitters bound by prior notices

If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmitter is entitled to those shares, the transmitter is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmitter's name has been entered in the register of members

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

30 Procedure for declaring dividends

- 30 1 The company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends
- 30 2 A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors
- 30 3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights
- 30 4 Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it
- 30 5 If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear
- 30 6 The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment

- 30 7 If the directors act in good faith, they do 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 shares with deferred or non-preferred rights

31 Payment of dividends and other distributions

- 31 1 Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means

- (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide,
- (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide,
- (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide, or
- (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide

- 31 2 In the articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable

- (a) the holder of the share, or
- (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members, or
- (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee

32 No interest on distributions

The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by

- (a) the terms on which the share was issued, or
- (b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company

33 Unclaimed distributions

33 1 All dividends or other sums which are

- (a) payable in respect of shares, and
- (b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,

may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed

33 2 The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it

33 3 If

- (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
- (b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company

34 Non-cash distributions

34 1 Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company)

34 2 For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution

- (a) fixing the value of any assets,
- (b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients, and
- (c) vesting any assets in trustees

35 Waiver of distributions

Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if

- (a) the share has more than one holder, or

- (b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

36 Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums

36 1 Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution

- (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve, and
- (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "capitalised sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "persons entitled") and in the same proportions

36 2 Capitalised sums must be applied

- (a) on behalf of the persons entitled, and
- (b) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them

36 3 Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

36 4 A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

36 5 Subject to the articles the directors may

- (a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs 36 3 and 36 4 partly in one way and partly in another,
- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments), and
- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article

PART 4

DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

37 Attendance and speaking at general meetings

37 1 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting

37 2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when

- (a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
- (b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting

37 3 The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it

37 4 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other

37 5 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them

38 Quorum for general meetings

No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum

39 Chairing general meetings

39 1 If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so

39 2 If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start

- (a) the directors present, or
- (b) (if no directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting

39 3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as **"the chairman of the meeting"**

40 **Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders**

40 1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders

40 2 The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not

- (a) shareholders of the company, or
- (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting

41 **Adjournment**

41 1 If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it

41 2 The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if

- (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
- (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner

41 3 The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting

41 4 When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must

- (a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and
- (b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting

41 5 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)

- (a) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and
 - (b) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain
- 41 6 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

42 Voting general

A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles

43 Errors and disputes

- 43 1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid
- 43 2 Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final

44 Poll votes

- 44 1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded
 - (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
 - (b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared
- 44 2 A poll may be demanded by
 - (a) the chairman of the meeting,
 - (b) the directors,
 - (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution, or
 - (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution
- 44 3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if
 - (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
 - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal

44 4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs

45 **Content of proxy notices**

45 1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which

- (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy,
- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed,
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine, and
- (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate

45 2 The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes

45 3 Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions

45 4 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as

- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
- (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself

46 **Delivery of proxy notices**

46 1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the company by or on behalf of that person

46 2 An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given

46 3 A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates

46 4 If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf

47 Amendments to resolutions

47 1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if

(a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and

(b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution

47 2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if

(a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and

(b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution

47 3 If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution

PART 5

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

48 Means of communication to be used

48 1 Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company

48 2 Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being

48 3 A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours

49 Company seals

49 1 Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors

49 2 The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used

49 3 Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature

49 4 For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is

- (a) any director of the company,
- (b) the company secretary (if any), or
- (c) any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied

50 No right to inspect accounts and other records

Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder

51 Provision for employees on cessation of business

The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

52 Indemnity

52 1 Subject to paragraph 52 2, a relevant director of the company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the company's assets against

- (a) any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company or an associated company,
- (b) any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006),
- (c) any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the company or an associated company

52 2 This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law

52 3 In this article

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
- (b) a "**relevant director**" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company

53 Insurance

53 1 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss

53 2 In this article

- (a) a "**relevant director**" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company,
- (b) a "**relevant loss**" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that relevant director's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company, and

companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate