

Company No 4082477

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 TO 1989

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

RESOLUTIONS

OF

BEAZLEY GROUP PLC

Passed 3 May 2007



At an **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Company duly convened and held at Plantation Place South, 60 Great Tower Street, London, EC3R 5AD on Thursday, 3 May 2007, the following Resolutions were considered and duly passed by the Company, namely

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

"That the Directors be and they are generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Section 80 of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act") to exercise all of the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities (within the meaning of the said Section 80) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £4,500,000 provided that this authority shall expire (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution, or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the date of the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may before expiry of this authority make an offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired "

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

"That, subject to the passing of the previous resolution, the Directors be and they are hereby generally empowered pursuant to Section 95 of the Act to allot equity securities (within the meaning of Section 94 of the Act, as amended by The Companies (Acquisition of Own Shares) (Treasury Shares) Regulations 2003), pursuant to the authority conferred by the previous resolution as if sub-section (1) of Section 89 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that the power conferred by this resolution

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- (a) shall (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting) expire 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company after the date of the passing of this resolution, save that the Company may before expiry of this power make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may allot securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the power conferred hereby had not expired, and
- (b) is limited to
 - (i) allotments of equity securities in connection with a rights issue or otherwise in favour of holders of ordinary shares and in favour of all holders of any other class of equity security in accordance with the rights attached to such class where the equity securities offered to such persons are proportionate (as nearly as may be) to the respective existing holdings of equity securities held by them or are otherwise allotted in accordance with the rights attaching to such equity securities provided that the Directors may make such arrangements as they consider necessary or expedient to deal with equity securities representing fractional entitlements or legal, practical or regulatory problems in any territory, and
 - (ii) allotment (otherwise than pursuant to sub paragraph (i) above) of equity securities for cash up to an aggregate nominal amount of £900,000 (representing 4.99% of the issued ordinary share capital),

That the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of section 166 of the Act to make one or more market purchases (within the meaning of Section 163(3) of the Act) on the London Stock Exchange of ordinary shares of 5p in the capital of the Company (the "Ordinary Shares") provided that

- (a) the maximum aggregate number of ordinary shares authorised to be purchased is 36 million (representing 9.97% of the issued Ordinary Share capital),
- (b) the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is 5p,
- (c) the maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share as derived from The London Stock Exchange Daily Official List for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary Share is purchased, exclusive of expenses,
- (d) the authority conferred by this resolution shall, unless renewed, expire on the date falling 15 months after the date of the passing of this resolution, or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the company, and
- (e) the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary Shares under this authority before the expiry of the authority which will or

may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of the authority,
and may make a purchase of Ordinary Shares in pursuance of any
such contract

That the Articles of Association of the Company, a copy of which was presented to
the meeting and signed, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of
the Company to the exclusion and in substitution for the existing Articles of
Association of the Company with effect from the conclusion of this meeting. Further
information in relation to the proposed alterations is set out in Appendix 3 "


Arthur Manners, Secretary

10th May 2007
Date

Attachment Appendix 3 to the Notice of Annual General Meeting

APPENDIX 3 TO THE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Summary of amendments to the Company's Articles of Association

To reflect the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 brought into force on 1 January 2007 and 20 January 2007, and additional provisions which will come into effect on 6 April 2007, it is proposed that alterations be made to the Articles of Association. The principle alterations to the Articles of Association, which are proposed to be made by Resolution 18 in the Notice of Annual General Meeting, are summarised below

- 1 To add a definition for the Companies Act 2006 (Article 2.1)
- 2 To add a definition of "electronic communication" which conforms to the new definition introduced in the Companies Act 2006. The definition of "electronic form" will include making any information or document available on a website and references in the Articles of Association to electronic copy, electronic communication and electronic means shall be construed accordingly. In addition a new definition of "hard copy" will be introduced to distinguish hard copy documents from those in electronic form where required in the Articles of Association, which is principally in connection with authentication of documents sent to the Company as set out in the new Article 159A (Article 2.1)
- 3 To add references to the Companies Act 2006 where required to reflect the changes in law brought into force by the Companies Act 2006 and replace existing references to the Companies Act 1985 (as amended) where these have been repealed and, where appropriate, replaced with new sections in the Companies Act 2006 (Articles 2.4, 82, 162.3 and 163)
- 4 To reflect the change in the law relating to age discrimination and the repeal of section 293 of the UK Companies Act 2006 so that a Director of the Company may continue as a Director notwithstanding he or she has reached the age of 70 (Article 96)
- 5 To amend the Company communication provisions to reflect the changes being introduced as a result of the Companies Act 2006 allowing the Company to take advantage of the deemed consent provisions in relation to the use of a website for the supply of notices, documents or other information introduced in Part 4 of Schedule 5 to the Companies Act 2006. This change will enable the Company to treat a Shareholder as having consented to the supply of notices, documents or information by making them available on the Company's website where such Shareholder has been asked by the Company to agree to the supply of notices, documents or other information in this manner and such Shareholder has not responded to the Company's request within 28 days of the date when the request was sent (Article 159)
- 6 To reflect the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to deemed delivery of documents or information where such documents or information have been sent or supplied by the Company by means of a website so that any notice, document or other information sent or supplied by means of a website is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient (i) when the material was first made available on the Company's website, or (ii) if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact the material was available on the Company's website (Article 159)
- 7 To set out the Company's authentication procedures in relation to authenticating documents sent to the Company. In particular, in relation to documents sent in electronic form, allowing the Board to retain discretion to determine the manner in which it will treat a document received by the Company as sufficiently authenticated and giving the Board the power to request reasonable evidence of authority where a document is supplied by a person on another's behalf (Article 159A)

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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BEAZLEY GROUP PLC

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Company Secretary

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PRELIMINARY

- 1 Table "A" not to apply
- 1 1 No regulations for management of a company set out in any schedule to any statute concerning companies or contained in any regulations or instrument made pursuant to a statute shall apply to the Company, but the following shall be the Articles of Association of the Company

2 Interpretation

- 2 1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings

"2006 Act" means subject to paragraph 2 3 of this Article, the Companies Act 2006

"Act" means subject to paragraph 2 3 of this Article, the Companies Act 1985 and where the context requires, every other statute in force from time to time concerning companies and affecting the Company (including without limitation, the Regulations)

"address" includes a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving documents or information by electronic means

"these Articles" means these Articles of Association as altered or varied from time to time (and "Article" means one of these Articles)

"Auditors" means the auditors for the time being of the Company or, in the case of joint auditors, any one of them

"authentication" means where a document is sent in hard copy form that it is signed by the person who sent it and where the document is sent in electronic form, it has been authenticated in such manner as the Board may, in its absolute discretion, from time to time determine provided that, where a document is sent or supplied to the Company by a person on behalf of another, the Board may, in its absolute discretion, request that the sender also provide such reasonable evidence of their authority to act on such other's behalf as the Board may specify before the document may be treated as sufficiently authenticated

"Board" means the board of Directors for the time being of the Company or the Directors present or deemed to be present at a duly convened meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present

"Chairman" means the chairman (if any) of the Board or, where the context requires, the chairman of a general meeting of the Company

"clear days" means (in relation to the period of a notice) 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

"Company" means Beazley Group plc

"Depository" means a custodian or other person (or a nominee for such custodian or other person) appointed under contractual arrangements with the Company or other arrangements approved by the Board whereby such custodian or other person or nominee holds or is interested in shares of the Company or rights or interests in shares of the Company and issues securities or other documents of title or otherwise evidencing the entitlement of the holder thereof to or to receive such shares, rights or interests, provided and to the extent that such arrangements have been approved by the Board for the purpose of these Articles, and shall include, where approved by the Board, the trustees (acting in their capacity as such) of any employees' share scheme established by the Company or any other scheme or arrangement principally for the benefit of employees or those in the service of the Company and/or its subsidiaries or their respective businesses

"Director" means a director for the time being of the Company

"dividend" means a distribution or a bonus

"electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the 2006 Act and shall include provision of any information or document on a website and references to electronic communication, electronic copy and electronic means shall be construed accordingly

"execution" includes any mode of execution (and **"executed"** shall be construed accordingly)

"hard copy" means any document sent or supplied in a paper copy or similar form capable of being read by the recipient

"holder" means (in relation to any share) the member whose name is entered in the Register as the holder or, where the context permits, the members whose names are entered in the Register as the joint holders, of that share

"London Stock Exchange" means the London Stock Exchange Limited

"member" means a member of the Company or, where the context requires, a member of the Board or of any committee

"Office" means the registered office for the time being of the Company

"Ordinary Shares" means the consolidated ordinary shares of 10 pence each in the capital of the Company

"paid up" means paid up or credited as paid up

"recognised person" means a recognised clearing house or a nominee of a recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange which is designated as mentioned in section 185(4) the Act

"Register" means the register of members of the Company to be kept pursuant to section 352 of the Act or, as the case may be, any overseas branch register kept pursuant to Article 119

"Regulations" means The Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995 (SI 1995 No 3272) including any modification thereof and rules made thereunder or any regulations in substitution therefor made under section 207 Companies Act 1989 for the time being in force

"Seal" means the common seal of the Company or any official seal kept by the Company by virtue of section 40 of the Act

"Secretary" means the secretary for the time being of the Company or any other person appointed to perform any of the duties of the secretary of the Company including (subject to the provisions of the Act) a joint, temporary, assistant or deputy secretary

"share" means a share of the Company

"United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland

"Voting Share" means a share of the Company of any class carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company, including any shares held as treasury shares

"writing or written" means and includes printing, typewriting, lithography, photography and any other mode or modes of representing or reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form

2 2 Unless the context otherwise requires

2 2 1 words in the singular include the plural, and vice versa,

2 2 2 words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender, and

2 2 3 a reference to a person includes a body corporate and an unincorporated body of persons

2 3 A reference to any statute or provision of a statute shall include any orders, regulations or other subordinate legislation made under it and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force

2 4 Save as aforesaid, and unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act or the 2006 Act as applicable

2 5 The headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of these Articles

3 Registered Office

- 3 1** The Office shall be at such place in England and Wales as the Board shall from time to time appoint

4 Form of resolution

- 4 1** Subject to the Act, where for any purpose an ordinary resolution of the Company is required, a special resolution or an extraordinary resolution shall also be effective, and where an extraordinary resolution is required a special resolution shall also be effective
- 4 2** A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting properly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more of the members

5 Uncertificated shares

- 5 1** Notwithstanding anything in these Articles to the contrary, any shares in the Company may be issued, held, registered, converted to, transferred or otherwise dealt with in uncertificated form and converted from uncertificated form to certificated form in accordance with the Regulations and practices instituted by the Operator of the relevant system Any provisions of these Articles shall not apply to any uncertificated shares to the extent that such provisions are inconsistent with
- 5 1 1** the holding of shares in uncertificated form,
- 5 1.2** the transfer of title to shares by means of a relevant system, or
- 5 1 3** any provision of the Regulations
- 5 2** Without prejudice to the generality and effectiveness of the foregoing
- 5 2 1** Articles 13, 14 and 36 and the second and third sentences of Article 38 shall not apply to uncertificated shares and the remainder of Article 38 shall apply in relation to such shares as if the reference therein to the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company were a reference to the date on which the appropriate instruction was received by or on behalf of the Company in accordance with the facilities and requirements of the relevant system,
- 5 2 2** without prejudice to Article 37 in relation to uncertificated shares, the Board may also refuse to register a transfer of uncertificated shares in such other circumstances as may be permitted or required by the Regulations and the relevant system,
- 5 2 3** references in these Articles to a requirement on any person to execute or deliver an instrument of transfer or certificate or other document which shall not be appropriate in the case of uncertificated shares shall, in the case of uncertificated shares, be treated as references to a requirement to comply with any relevant requirements of

the relevant system and any relevant arrangements or regulations which the Board may make from time to time pursuant to Article 5 2(k) below,

- 5 2 4 for the purposes referred to in Article 43, a person entitled by transmission to a share in uncertificated form who elects to have some other person registered shall either
- (a) procure that instructions are given by means of the relevant system to effect transfer of such uncertificated share to that person, or
 - (b) change the uncertificated share to certificated form and execute an instrument of transfer of that certificated share to that person,
- 5 2 5 the Company shall enter on the Register the number of shares which are held by each member in uncertificated form and in certificated form and shall maintain the Register in each case as is required by the Regulations and the relevant system and, unless the Board otherwise determines, holdings of the same holder or joint holders in certificated form and uncertificated form shall be treated as separate holdings,
- 5 2 6 a class of share shall not be treated as two classes by virtue only of that class comprising both certificated shares and uncertificated shares or as a result of any provision of these Articles or the Regulations which applies only in respect of certificated shares or uncertificated shares,
- 5 2 7 references in Article 45 to instruments of transfer shall include, in relation to uncertificated shares, instructions and/or notifications made in accordance with the relevant system relating to the transfer of such shares,
- 5 2 8 for the purposes referred to in Article 47 2, the Board may in respect of uncertificated shares authorise some person to transfer and/or require the holder to transfer the relevant shares in accordance with the facilities and requirements of the relevant system,
- 5 2 9 for the purposes of Article 149 1, any payment in the case of uncertificated shares may be made by means of the relevant system (subject always to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system) and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such payment may be made by the sending by the Company or any person on its behalf of an instruction to the Operator of the relevant system to credit the cash memorandum account of the holder or joint holders of such shares or, if permitted by the Company, of such person as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct and for the purposes of Article 149 2 the making of a payment in accordance with the facilities and requirements of the relevant system concerned shall be a good discharge to the Company,
- 5 2 10 subject to the Act the Board may issue shares as certificated shares or as uncertificated shares in its absolute discretion and Articles 7, 152 and 154 shall be construed accordingly,
- 5 2 11 the Board may make such arrangements or regulations (if any) as it may from time to time in its absolute discretion think fit in relation to the evidencing and transfer of uncertificated shares and otherwise for the purpose of implementing and/or

supplementing the provisions of this Article 5 and the Regulations and the facilities and requirements of the relevant system and such arrangements and regulations (as the case may be) shall have the same effect as if set out in this Article 5,

- 5 2 12 the Board may utilise the relevant system to the fullest extent available from time to time in the exercise of the Company's powers or functions under the Act or these Articles or otherwise in effecting any actions, and
- 5 2 13 the Board may resolve that a class of shares is to become a participating security and may at any time determine that a class of shares shall cease to be a participating security
- 5 3 Where any class of shares in the capital of the Company is a participating security and the Company is entitled under any provisions of the Act or the rules made and practices instituted by the Operator of any relevant system or under these Articles to dispose of, forfeit, enforce a lien or sell or otherwise procure the sale of any shares which are held in uncertificated form, such entitlement (to the extent permitted by the Regulations and the rules made and practices instituted by the Operator of the relevant system) shall include the right to
 - 5 3 1 request or require the deletion of any computer-based entries in the relevant system relating to the holding of such shares in uncertificated form, and/or
 - 5 3 2 require any holder of any uncertificated shares which are the subject of any exercise by the Company of any such entitlement, by notice in writing to the holder concerned, to change his holding of such uncertificated shares into certificated form within such period as may be specified in the notice, prior to completion of any disposal, sale or transfer of such shares or direct the holder to take such steps, by instructions given by means of a relevant system or otherwise, as may be necessary to sell or transfer such shares, and/or
 - 5 3 3 appoint any person to take such other steps, by instruction given by means of a relevant system or otherwise, in the name of the holder of such shares as may be required to effect a transfer of such shares and such steps shall be as effective as if they had been taken by the registered holder of the uncertificated shares concerned, and/or
 - 5 3 4 transfer any uncertificated shares which are the subject of any exercise by the Company of any such entitlement by entering the name of the transferee in the Register in respect of that share as a transferred share, and/or
 - 5 3 5 otherwise rectify or change the Register in respect of that shares in such manner as may be appropriate, and
 - 5 3 6 take such other action as may be necessary to enable those shares to be registered in the name of the person to whom the shares have been sold or disposed of or as directed by him
- 5 4 For the purpose of this Article 5

- 5 4 1 words and expressions shall have the same respective meanings as in the Regulations,
- 5 4 2 references herein to an uncertificated share or to a share (or to a holding of shares) being in uncertificated form are references to that share being an uncertificated unit of a security, and references to a certificated share or to a share being in certificated form are references to that share being a unit of a security which is not an uncertificated unit, and
- 5 4 3 "cash memorandum account" means an account so designated by the Operator of the relevant system

SHARE CAPITAL

6 Authorised share capital

- 6 1 The authorised share capital of the Company at the date of the adoption of these Articles is £15,000,000, divided into 300,000,000 ordinary shares of 5p each

7 Allotment

- 7 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any relevant authority of the Company in general meeting required by the Act, unissued shares at the date of adoption of these Articles and any shares hereafter created shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may allot (with or without conferring rights of renunciation), grant options over, offer or otherwise deal with or dispose of them or rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares to such persons (including the Directors themselves), at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide, provided that no share shall be issued at a discount

8 Redeemable shares

- 8 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any special rights for the time being attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued which is, or at the option of the Company or of the holder of such share is liable, to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as these Articles may provide

9 Power to attach rights

- 9 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any special rights for the time being attached to any existing shares, any shares may be allotted or issued with or have attached to them such preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, voting, transfer, return of capital or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the Board may determine

10 Share warrants to bearer

- 10 1 The Company may, with respect to any fully paid shares, issue a warrant (a "share warrant") stating that the bearer of the warrant is entitled to the shares specified in it

and may provide (by coupons or otherwise) for the payment of future dividends on the shares included in a share warrant

10 2 The powers referred to in Article 10 1 may be exercised by the Board, which may determine and vary the conditions on which share warrants shall be issued, and in particular on which

10 2 1 a new share warrant or coupon will be issued in the place of one damaged, defaced, worn out or lost (provided that no new share warrant shall be issued to replace one that has been lost unless the Board is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the original has been destroyed),

10 2 2 the bearer of a share warrant shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend, vote and demand a poll at general meetings,

10 2 3 dividends will be paid, and

10 2 4 a share warrant may be surrendered and the name of the bearer entered in the Register in respect of the shares specified in it

Subject to such conditions and to these Articles, the bearer of a share warrant shall be deemed to be a member for all purposes. The bearer of a share warrant shall be subject to the conditions for the time being in force and applicable thereto, whether made before or after the issue of such share warrant

11 Commission and brokerage

11 1 The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission or brokerage may be satisfied by the payment of cash, the allotment of fully or partly paid shares, the grant of an option to call for an allotment of shares or any combination of such methods

12 Trusts not to be recognised

12 1 Except as otherwise expressly provided by these Articles, as required by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Company shall not recognise any person as holding any share on any trust, and (except as aforesaid) the Company shall not be bound by or recognise (even if having notice of it) any equitable, contingent, future, partial or other claim to or interest in any share except an absolute right of the holder to the whole of the share

SHARE CERTIFICATES

13 Right to certificates

13 1 On becoming the holder of any share, every person (except a recognised person in respect of whom the Company is not by law required to complete and have ready for delivery a certificate) shall be entitled, without charge, to have issued within two months after allotment or lodgement of a transfer (unless the terms of issue of the shares provide otherwise) one certificate for all the shares of each class registered in

his name. Such certificate shall specify the number, class, and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares in respect of which it is issued and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon.

- 13 2 The issued shares of a particular class which are fully paid up and rank pari passu for all purposes shall not bear a distinguishing number. All other shares shall bear a distinguishing number.
- 13 3 The Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate in respect of shares held jointly by two or more persons. Delivery of a certificate to the person first named on the register shall be sufficient delivery to all joint holders.
- 13 4 Where a member (other than a recognised person) has transferred part only of the shares comprised in a certificate, he shall be entitled without charge to a certificate for the balance of such shares.
- 13 5 No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class or in respect of shares held by a recognised person.

14 Replacement certificates

- 14 1 Any two or more certificates representing shares of any one class held by any member may at his request be cancelled and a single new certificate for such shares issued in lieu without charge on surrender of the original certificates for cancellation.
- 14 2 If any member shall surrender for cancellation a share certificate representing shares held by him and request the Company to issue in lieu two or more share certificates representing such shares in such proportions as he may specify, the Board may, if it thinks fit, comply with such request.
- 14 3 Share certificates may be renewed or replaced on such terms as to provision of evidence and indemnity (with or without security) and to payment of any exceptional out of pocket expenses, including those incurred by the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity and security, as the Board may decide, and on surrender of the original certificate (where it is defaced, damaged or worn out), but without any further charge.
- 14 4 In the case of shares held jointly by several persons, any such request as is mentioned in this Article 14 may be made by any one of the joint holders.

LIEN ON SHARES

15 Lien on shares not fully paid

- 15 1 The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on each of its shares whether fully paid or not, for all amounts payable to the Company (whether presently or not) in respect of that share and to the extent and in the circumstances permitted by section 150 of the Act. The Board may waive any lien which has arisen and may resolve that any share shall for some limited period be exempt wholly or partially from the provisions of this Article.

16 Enforcement of lien by sale

- 16 1 The Board may sell all or any of the shares subject to any lien at such time or times and in such manner as it may determine. However, no sale shall be made until such time as the moneys in respect of which such lien exists or some part thereof are or is presently payable or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged, and until a demand and notice in writing stating the amount due or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding payment or fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of intention to sell in default shall have been served on the holder or the persons (if any) entitled by transmission to the shares, and default in payment, fulfilment or discharge shall have been made by him or them for 14 clear days after service of such notice. For giving effect to any such sale, the Board may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold in the name and on behalf of the holder or the persons entitled by transmission in favour of the purchaser or as the purchaser may direct. The purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, and the title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.

17 Application of proceeds of sale

- 17 1 The net proceeds of any sale of shares subject to any lien, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of so much of the amount due to the Company or of the liability or engagement (as the case may be) as is presently payable or is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged. The balance (if any) shall (on surrender to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold, and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable or any liability or engagement not liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged as existed on the shares before the sale) be paid to the holder or the person (if any) entitled by transmission to the shares so sold (without interest).

CALLS ON SHARES

18 Calls

- 18.1 Subject to the terms of allotment of shares, the Board may from time to time make calls on the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on the shares, of any class, held by them respectively (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and not payable on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue. Each member shall (subject to receiving at least 14 clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made and whether or not by instalments) be liable to pay the amount of every call so made on him as required by the notice. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising such call was passed or (as the case may require) any person to whom power has been delegated pursuant to these Articles serves notice of exercise of such power. A call may be required to be paid by instalments and may, before receipt by the Company of any sum due thereunder, be either revoked or postponed in whole or part as regards all or any such members as the Board may determine. A person on whom a call is made shall remain liable notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of

the shares in respect of which the call was made. The joint holder of a share shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of all calls in respect thereof.

19 Liability of joint holders

- 19 1 The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of all calls in respect thereof.

20 Interest on calls

- 20 1 If the whole of the sum payable in respect of any call is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment, the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay all costs, charges and expenses that the Company may have incurred by reason of such non-payment, together with interest on the unpaid amount from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at the rate fixed by the terms of the allotment of the share or in the notice of the call or, if no rate is so fixed, at such rate, not exceeding 15 per cent per annum (compounded on a 6 monthly basis) as the Board shall determine. The Board may waive payment of such costs, charges, expenses or interest in whole or in part.

21 Rights of member when call unpaid

- 21 1 Unless the Board otherwise determines, no member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or to be present and vote at a general meeting or at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares either in person or (save as proxy for another member) by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum, or to exercise any other right or privilege as a member in respect of a share held by him unless and until he shall have paid all calls for the time being due and payable by him in respect of that share, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any) to the Company.

22 Sums due on allotment treated as calls

- 22 1 Any sum payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium or as an instalment of a call, shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made. If it is not paid, the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if such amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.

23 Power to differentiate

- 23 1 The Board may make arrangements on the allotment or issue of shares for a difference as between the allottees or holders of such shares in the amount and time of payment of calls.

24 Payment in advance of calls

- 24 1 The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid on the shares held by him. Such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish pro tanto the liability on the shares on which it is made. The Company may pay interest on the money paid in advance, or so

much of it as exceeds the amount for the time being called up on the shares in respect of which such advance has been made, at such rate as the Board may decide. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced on giving to such member not less than three months' notice in writing of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced

25 Delegation of power to make calls

- 25 1 If any uncalled capital of the Company is included in or charged by any mortgage or other security, the Board may delegate on such terms as it thinks fit to the person in whose favour such mortgage or security is executed, or to any other person in trust for him, the power to make calls on the members in respect of such uncalled capital, to sue in the name of the Company or otherwise for the recovery of moneys becoming due in respect of calls so made and to give valid receipts for such moneys. The power so delegated shall subsist during the continuance of the mortgage or security, notwithstanding any change of Directors, and shall be assignable if expressed so to be

26 Indemnity against claims in respect of shares

- 26 1 Whenever any law for the time being of any country, state or place imposes or purports to impose any immediate or future or possible liability on the Company to make any payment, or empowers any government or taxing authority or government official to require the Company to make any payment, in respect of any shares held either jointly or solely by any member or in respect of any dividends or other moneys due or payable or accruing due or which may become due or payable to such member by the Company or in respect of any such shares or for or on account or in respect of any member, and whether in consequence of
- 26 1 1 the death of such member,
- 26 1 2 the non-payment of any income tax or other tax by such member,
- 26 1 3 the non-payment of any estate, probate, succession, death, stamp, or other duty by the executor or administrator of such member or by or out of his estate, or
- 26 1 4 any other act or thing,
- the Company in every such case
- (a) shall be fully indemnified by such member or his executor or administrator from all liability arising by virtue of such law, and
- (b) may recover as a debt due from such member or his executor or administrator (wherever constituted or residing) any moneys paid by the Company under or in consequence of any such law, together with interest thereon at the rate of 15 per cent per annum from the date of payment to the date of repayment

Nothing contained in this Article shall prejudice or affect any right or remedy which any law may confer or purport to confer on the Company and as between the Company and every such member as aforesaid, his executor, administrator, and estate wherever constituted or situated, any right or remedy which such law shall confer or purport to confer on the Company shall be enforceable by the Company

FORFEITURE OF SHARES

27 Notice if call not paid

- 27 1 If any member fails to pay the whole of any call or any instalment of any call on or before the day appointed for payment, the Board may at any time serve a notice in writing on such member or on any person entitled to the shares by transmission, requiring payment, on a date not less than 14 clear days from the date of the notice, of the amount unpaid and any interest which may have accrued thereon and any costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment. The notice shall name the place where the payment is to be made and state that, if the notice is not complied with, the shares in respect of which such call was made will be liable to be forfeited

28 Forfeiture for non-compliance

- 28 1 If the notice referred to in Article 27 is not complied with, any share in respect of which it was given may, at any time before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture

29 Notice after forfeiture

- 29 1 When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served on the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share or the person entitled to such share by transmission (as the case may be). An entry of such notice having been given and of the forfeiture with the date thereof shall forthwith be made in the Register in respect of such share. However, no forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission to give such notice or to make such entry as aforesaid

30 Forfeiture may be annulled

- 30 1 The Board may, at any time before any share so forfeited has been cancelled or sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, annul the forfeiture, on the terms that payment shall be made of all calls and interest due thereon and all expenses incurred in respect of the share and on such further terms (if any) as the Board shall see fit

31 Surrender

- 31 1 The Board may accept a surrender of any share liable to be forfeited. In such case references in these Articles to forfeiture shall include surrender

32 Disposal of forfeited shares

- 32 1 Every share which shall be forfeited shall thereupon become the property of the Company. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, either to the person who was before forfeiture the holder thereof or entitled thereto or to any other person, on such terms and in such manner as the Board shall determine. The Board may, for the purposes of the disposal, authorise some person to transfer the share in question and may enter the name of the transferee in respect of the transferred share in the Register notwithstanding the absence of any share certificate being lodged in respect thereof and may issue a new certificate to the transferee. An instrument of transfer executed by that person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the share. The Company may receive the consideration (if any) given for the share on its disposal.

33 Effect of forfeiture

- 33 1 A shareholder whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the shares forfeited and shall surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for such shares. He shall nevertheless be liable to pay to the Company all calls made and not paid on such shares at the time of forfeiture, and interest thereon from the date of the forfeiture to the date of payment, in the same manner in all respects as if the shares had not been forfeited, and to satisfy all (if any) claims, demands and liabilities which the Company might have enforced in respect of the shares at the time of forfeiture, without any reduction or allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.

34 Extinction of claims

- 34 1 The forfeiture of a share shall involve the extinction at the time of forfeiture of all interest in and all claims and demands against the Company in respect of the share and all other rights and liabilities incidental to the share as between the holder whose share is forfeited and the Company, except only such of those rights and liabilities as are by these Articles expressly saved, or as are by the Act given or imposed in the case of past members.

35 Evidence of forfeiture

- 35 1 A statutory declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited in pursuance of these Articles, and stating the date on which it was forfeited, shall, as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share adversely to the forfeiture thereof, be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated. The declaration, together with the receipt of the Company for the consideration (if any) given for the share on the sale or disposition thereof and a certificate for the share under the Seal delivered to the person to whom the same is sold or disposed of, shall (subject if necessary to the execution of an instrument of transfer) constitute a good title to the share. Subject to the execution of any necessary transfer, such person shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall be discharged from all calls made prior to such sale or disposition and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or other consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by

any act, omission or irregularity relating to or connected with the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share. Such person shall not (except by express agreement with the Company) become entitled to any dividend which might have accrued on the share before the completion of the sale or disposition thereof

TRANSFER OF SHARES

36 Form of transfer

- 36 1 Subject to such of the restrictions of these Articles as may be applicable each member may transfer all or any of his shares by instrument of transfer in writing in any usual form or in any form approved by the Board. Such instrument shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and (in the case of a transfer of a share which is not fully paid up) by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of such share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of it.

37 Right to refuse registration

- 37 1 The Board may, in its absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to register any transfer of a share (or renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment) unless.
- 37 1 1 it is in respect of a share which is fully paid up,
- 37 1 2 it is in respect of a share on which the Company has no lien,
- 37 1 3 it is in respect of only one class of shares;
- 37 1.4 it is in favour of a single transferee or not more than four joint transferees,
- 37 1 5 it is duly stamped (if so required), and
- 37 1 6 it is delivered for registration to the Office or such other place as the Board may from time to time determine, accompanied (except in the case of a transfer by a recognised person where a certificate has not been issued or in the case of a transfer by a recognised clearing house or a nominee of a recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange (as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000), unless and to the extent that certificates must by law have been issued in respect of the shares in question, or in the case of a renunciation) by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor or person renouncing and the due execution of the transfer or renunciation by him or, if the transfer or renunciation is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so

provided that the Board shall not refuse to register any transfer or renunciation of partly paid shares which are listed on the London Stock Exchange on the grounds that they are partly paid shares in circumstances where such refusal would prevent dealings in such shares from taking place on an open and proper basis

37 2 Transfers of shares will not be registered in the circumstances referred to in Article 82

38 Notice of refusal

38 1 If the Board refuses to register a transfer of a share it shall, within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send notice of the refusal to the transferee. Any instrument of transfer which the Board refuses to register shall (except in the case of suspected or actual fraud) be returned to the person depositing it. All instruments of transfer which are registered may be retained by the Company.

39 Closing of Register

39 1 The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may be suspended (to the extent the same is consistent with the Act) at such times and for such periods (not exceeding 30 days in any year) as the Board may from time to time determine. Notice of closure of the Register shall be given in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

40 Fees on registration

40 1 No fee shall be charged for registration of a transfer or on the registration of any probate, letters of administration, certificate of death or marriage, power of attorney, notice or other instrument relating to or affecting the title to any shares.

41 Other powers in relation to transfers

41 1 Nothing in these Articles shall preclude the Board

41.1 1 from recognising a renunciation of the allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person, or

41 1 2 if empowered by these Articles to authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of a share, from authorising any person to transfer that share in accordance with any procedures implemented pursuant to Article 16.

TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

42 On death

42 1 If a member dies, the survivors or survivor, where he was a joint holder, and his executors or administrators, where he was a sole or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his shares. Nothing in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which has been solely or jointly held by him.

43 Election of person entitled by transmission

43 1 Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of any member, or of any other event giving rise to a transmission of such entitlement by operation of law, may, on such evidence as to his title being produced

as the Board may require, elect either to become registered as a member or to have some person nominated by him registered as a member. If he elects to become registered himself, he shall give notice to the Company to that effect. If he elects to have some other person registered, he shall execute an instrument of transfer of such share to that person. All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer (as the case may be) as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and his death, bankruptcy or other event as aforesaid had not occurred. Where the entitlement of a person to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law is proved to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall within two months after proof cause the entitlement of that person to be noted in the Register.

44 Rights on transmission

- 44 1 Where a person becomes entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of any member, or of any other event giving rise to a transmission of such entitlement by operation of law, the rights of the holder in relation to such share shall cease. However, the person so entitled may give a good discharge for any dividends and other moneys payable in respect of it and shall have the same rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not, before he is registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to receive notice of, or to attend or vote at, any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company. The Board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share. If the notice is not complied with within 60 days, the Board may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends and other moneys payable in respect of such share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

45 Destruction of documents

- 45 1 The Company may destroy
- 45 1 1 any instrument of transfer, after six years from the date on which it is registered,
- 45 1 2 any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address, after two years from the date on which it is recorded,
- 45 1 3 any share certificate, after one year from the date on which it is cancelled, and
- 45 1 4 any other document on the basis of which any entry in the Register is made, after six years from the date on which an entry was first made in the Register in respect of it,

Provided that the Company may destroy any such type of document at a date earlier than that authorised by this Article if a copy of such document is retained on microfilm or by other similar means and such copy is retained until the expiration of the period applicable to the destruction of the original of such document.

- 45 2 It shall be conclusively presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to have been made on the basis of a document so destroyed was duly and properly made, that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was duly registered, that every share certificate so destroyed was duly cancelled, that every other document so destroyed had been properly dealt with in accordance with its terms and was valid and effective in accordance with the particulars in the records of the Company, provided that
- 45 2 1 this Article 45 shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties to it) to which the document might be relevant,
- 45 2 2 nothing in this Article 45 shall be construed as imposing on the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document otherwise than as provided for in this Article 45 which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article 45; and
- 45 2 3 references in this Article 45 to the destruction of any document include references to the disposal of it in any manner

ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 46 Increase, consolidation, cancellation and sub-division
- 46 1 The Company in general meeting may from time to time by ordinary resolution.
- 46 1 1 increase its share capital by such sum to be divided into shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes,
- 46 1 2 consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares,
- 46 1 3 cancel any 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, and
- 46 1 4 subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amount, and may by such resolution determine that, as between the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may, as compared with the others, have any such preferred, deferred or other special rights or be subject to any such restrictions as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares, and
- 46 1 5 convert any paid up shares into stock and reconvert any stock into paid-up shares of any denomination
- 47 Fractions
- 47 1 Whenever as the result of any consolidation, division or sub-division of shares any difficulty arises, the Board may settle it as it thinks fit, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) where the number of shares held by any

holder is not an exact multiple of the number of shares to be consolidated into a single share and as a result of such consolidation such holder would become entitled to a fraction of a consolidated share

47 1 1 the Board may determine which of the shares of such holder are to be treated as giving rise to such fractional entitlement and may decide that any of those shares shall be consolidated with any of the shares of any other holder or holders which are similarly determined by it to be treated as giving rise to a fractional entitlement for such other holder or holders, into a single consolidated share and the Board may, on behalf of all such holders, sell such consolidated share for the best price reasonably obtained to any person (including the Company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale after deduction of the expenses of sale in due proportion among those holders (except that any amount otherwise due to a holder, being less than £3 or such other sum as the Board may from time to time determine, may be retained for the benefit of the Company), or

47 1 2 provided that the necessary unissued shares are available, the Board may issue to such holder credited as fully paid by way of capitalisation the minimum number of shares required to round up his holding to an exact multiple of the number of shares to be consolidated into a single share (such issue being deemed to have been effected prior to consolidation), and the amount required to pay up such shares shall be appropriated at the Board's discretion from any of the sums standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve) or to the credit of profit and loss account and capitalised by applying the same in paying up such shares. In relation to such a capitalisation the Board may exercise all the powers conferred on it by Article 153 without an ordinary resolution of the Company

47 2 For the purposes of any sale of consolidated shares pursuant to Article 47 1, the Board may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with, the directions of the purchaser, and 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

48 Reduction of capital

48 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any rights for the time being attached to any shares, the Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve or share premium account in any manner

49 Purchase of own shares

49 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any rights for the time being attached to any shares, the Company may purchase any of its own shares of any class (including any redeemable shares) No contract for such a purchase shall be entered into unless the purchase has previously been sanctioned by an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of any class of securities issued by the Company which are listed and convertible into shares which are of the same class as those proposed to be purchased Any shares to be so purchased may be selected in any manner whatsoever

VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS

50 Sanction to variation

- 50 1 If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into shares of different classes, any of the rights for the time being attached to any share or class of shares in the Company (and notwithstanding that the Company may be or be about to be in liquidation) may be varied or abrogated in such manner (if any) as may be provided by such rights or, in the absence of any such provision, either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of shares of the class duly convened and held as hereinafter provided (but not otherwise)
- 50.2 The foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply also to the variation or abrogation of the special rights attached to some only of the shares of any class as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class the separate rights of which are to be varied

51 Class meetings

- 51 1 All the provisions in these Articles as to general meetings shall mutatis mutandis apply to every meeting of the holders of any class of shares. The Board may convene a meeting of the holders of any class of shares whenever it thinks fit and whether or not the business to be transacted involves a variation or abrogation of class rights. No member shall be entitled to receive notice of such meeting or to attend it unless he is a holder of shares of the class in question and no vote shall be given except in respect of a share of that class. The quorum at every such meeting shall be not less than two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the nominal amount paid up on the issued shares of the class. Every holder of shares of the class, present in person or by proxy, may demand a poll. Each such holder shall on a poll be entitled to one vote for every share of the class held by him. If at any adjourned meeting of such holders such quorum as aforesaid is not present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for such adjourned meeting, not less than one person holding shares of the class who is present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum.

52 Deemed variation

- 52 1 Subject to the terms of issue of or rights attached to any shares, the rights or privileges attached to any class of shares shall be deemed to be varied or abrogated by the reduction of the capital paid up on such shares or by the allotment of further shares ranking in priority thereto in any respect, but shall not be deemed to be varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of any new shares ranking *pari passu* in all respects (save as to the date from which such new shares shall rank for dividend) with or subsequent to those already issued or by the reduction of the capital paid up on such shares or by the purchase or redemption by the Company of its own shares in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Articles.

GENERAL MEETINGS

53 Annual general meetings

- 53 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, annual general meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine

54 Extraordinary general meetings

- 54 1 All general meetings, other than annual general meetings, shall be called extraordinary general meetings

55 Convening of extraordinary general meeting

- 55 1 The Board may convene an extraordinary general meeting whenever it thinks fit. An extraordinary general meeting shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by section 368 of the Act. At any meeting convened on such requisition or by such requisitionists no business shall be transacted except that stated by the requisition or proposed by the Board. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient members of the Board to convene a general meeting, any Director may call a general meeting.

56 Notice of general meetings

- 56.1 An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting convened for the passing of a special resolution shall be convened by not less than 20 working days' notice in writing. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be convened by not less than 14 clear days' notice in writing.
- 56 2 Subject to the provisions of the Act, and notwithstanding that it is convened by shorter notice than that specified in this Article 56, a general meeting shall be deemed to have been duly convened if it is so agreed:
- 56 2 1 in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, and
- 56 2 2 in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.
- 56 3 The notice shall specify:
- 56 3 1 whether the meeting is an annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting,
- 56 3 2 the place, the day and the time of the meeting;
- 56 3 3 in the case of special business, the general nature of that business,
- 56 3 4 if the meeting is convened to consider a special or extraordinary resolution, the intention to propose the resolution as such,

56 3 5 with reasonable prominence, that a member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him and that a proxy need not also be a member, and

56 3 6 where the Company agrees that any documents or information to be sent to the Company in relation to the proceedings at the meeting may be sent in electronic form, an address to which such documents or information may be sent in electronic form

56 4 The notice shall be given to the members (other than any who, under the provisions of these Articles or of any restrictions imposed on any shares, are not entitled to receive notice from the Company), to the Directors and to the Auditors

57 Omission to send notice

57 1 The accidental omission to send a notice of meeting or, in cases where it is intended that it be sent out with the notice, an instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt of either by, any person entitled to receive the same shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting

58 Special business

58 1 All business that is transacted at a general meeting shall be deemed special, except the following transactions at an annual general meeting

58 1 1 the declaration of dividends,

58 1.2 the receipt and consideration of the annual accounts and the reports of the Directors and the Auditors and any other document required to be annexed to the annual accounts,

58 1 3 the election or re-election of Directors,

58 1 4 the re-appointment of the Auditors retiring (unless they were last appointed otherwise than by the Company in general meeting) and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors or the determination of the manner in which such remuneration is to be fixed

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

59 Quorum

59 1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business Two persons entitled to attend and to vote on the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation which is a member, shall be a quorum

60 If quorum not present

60 1 If within 30 minutes (or such longer interval as the Chairman in his absolute discretion thinks fit) from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a

quorum is not present, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to later on the same day or to such other day and at such time and place as the Chairman (or, in default, the Board) may determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, one person entitled to vote on the business to be transacted, being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation which is a member, shall be a quorum.

61 Chairman

- 61 1 The Chairman of the Board shall preside at every general meeting of the Company. If there be no such Chairman or if at any meeting he shall not be present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or shall be unwilling to act as Chairman, the Deputy Chairman (if any) of the Board shall if present and willing to act preside at such meeting. If no Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall be so present and willing to act, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act or, if there be only one Director present, he shall be Chairman if willing to act. If there be no Director present and willing to act, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

62 Directors and other persons may attend and speak

- 62 1 A Director (and any other person invited by the Chairman to do so) 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 of the Company.

63 Power to adjourn

- 63 1 The Chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place as the meeting shall determine. However, without prejudice to any other power which he may have under these Articles or at common law, the Chairman may, without the need for the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn any meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period if he is of the opinion that it has become necessary to do so in order to secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting or to give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity of attending, speaking and voting at the meeting or to ensure that the business of the meeting is properly disposed of.

64 Notice of adjourned meeting

- 64 1 Where a meeting is adjourned indefinitely, the Board shall fix the time and place for the adjourned meeting. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more or indefinitely, seven clear days' notice at the least, specifying the place, the day and time of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted, shall be given in the same manner as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, no member shall be entitled to any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

65 Business of adjourned meeting

- 65 1 No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place

66 Accommodation of members and security arrangements

- 66 1 The Board may, for the purpose of controlling the level of attendance and ensuring the safety of those attending at any place specified for the holding of a general meeting, from time to time make such arrangements as the Board shall in its absolute discretion consider to be appropriate and may from time to time vary any such arrangements or make new arrangements in place therefor. The entitlement of any member or proxy to attend a general meeting at such place shall be subject to any such arrangements as may be for the time being approved by the Board. In the case of any meeting to which such arrangements apply the Board may, when specifying the place of the meeting

- 66 1 1 direct that the meeting shall be held at a place specified in the notice at which the Chairman of the meeting shall preside ("the Principal Place"), and

- 66 1 2 make arrangements for simultaneous attendance and participation at other places by members otherwise entitled to attend the general meeting but excluded therefrom under the provisions of this Article or who wish to attend at any of such other places, provided that persons attending at the Principal Place and at any of such other places shall be able to see, and hear and be seen and heard by, persons attending at the Principal Place and at such other places, by any means

Such arrangements for simultaneous attendance may include arrangements for controlling the level of attendance in any manner aforesaid at any of such other places, provided that they shall operate so that any such excluded members as aforesaid are able to attend at one of such other places. For the purposes of all other provisions of these Articles any such meeting shall be treated as being held and taking place at the Principal Place

- 66.2 The Board may direct that any person wishing to attend any meeting should provide such evidence of identity and submit to such searches or other security arrangements or restrictions as the Board shall consider appropriate in the circumstances and shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to refuse entry to any meeting to any person who fails to provide such evidence of identity or to submit to such searches or to otherwise comply with such security arrangements or restrictions

VOTING

67 Method of voting

- 67 1 At any general meeting a resolution put to a vote of the 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 by

- 67 1 1 the Chairman of the meeting, or
 - 67 1 2 by at least five members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting, or
 - 67 1 3 a member or members present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, or
 - 67 1 4 a member or members present in person or by proxy 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
- 67 2 At general meetings, resolutions shall be put to the vote by the Chairman and there shall be no requirement for the resolution to be proposed or seconded by any person

68 Chairman's declaration conclusive on show of hands

- 68 1 Unless a poll is duly demanded and the demand is not withdrawn, a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has on a show of hands 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 book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence thereof, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution

69 Objection to error in voting

- 69 1 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter or to the counting of, or failure to count, any vote, except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs. Any objection or error shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting and shall only vitiate the decision of the meeting on any resolution if the Chairman decides that the same is of sufficient magnitude to vitiate the resolution or may otherwise have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the Chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive

70 Amendment to resolutions

- 70 1 If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the Chairman of the meeting, any error in such ruling shall not invalidate the proceedings on the substantive resolution
- 70 2 In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special or extraordinary resolution, no amendment thereto (other than an amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted on and in the case of a resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution no amendment thereto (other than an amendment to correct a patent error) may be considered or voted on unless either at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which such

ordinary resolution is to be proposed notice in writing of the terms of the amendment and intention to move the same had been lodged at the Office or the Chairman of the meeting in his absolute discretion decides that it may be considered or voted on

71 Procedure on a poll

- 71 1** Any poll duly demanded on the election of a Chairman of a meeting or on any question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll duly demanded on any other matter shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets in hard copy or electronic form or any combination thereof) and at such time and place, not being more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded, as the Chairman shall direct. The Chairman may appoint scrutineers who need not be members. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately 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 seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 71 2** The demand for a poll (other than on the election of a Chairman or any question of adjournment) shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result on a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 71 3** The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn, but only with the consent of the Chairman. A demand so withdrawn shall validate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
- 71 4** On a poll votes may be given in person or by proxy. A member entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

72 Votes of members

- 72 1** Subject to the provisions of the Act, to any special terms as to voting on which any shares may have been issued or may for the time being be held and to any suspension or abrogation of voting rights pursuant to these Articles, at any general meeting every member who is present in person shall on a show of hands have one vote and every member present in person or by proxy shall on a poll have one vote for each share of which he is the holder.
- 72 2** If two or more persons are joint holders of a share, then in voting on any question 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. For this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the Register.
- 72 3** Where in England or elsewhere a receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming jurisdiction in that behalf to exercise

powers with respect to the property or affairs of any member on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder, the Board may in its absolute discretion, on or subject to production of such evidence of the appointment as the Board may require, permit such receiver or other person to vote in person or, on a poll, by proxy on behalf of such member at any general meeting. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Board 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 these 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.

73 Casting vote

- 73 1 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll was demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote that he may have.

74 Restriction on voting rights for unpaid calls etc

- 74 1 No member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to vote at a general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in person or by proxy, or to exercise any other right or privilege as a member in respect of a share held by him unless and until all calls or other sums presently due and payable by him in respect of that share whether alone or jointly with any other person together with interest and expenses (if any) have been paid to the Company.

75 Voting by proxy

- 75 1 Any person (whether a member of the Company or not) may be appointed to act as a proxy. Deposit of an instrument of proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed or at any adjournment thereof.

76 Form of proxy

- 76 1 An instrument appointing a proxy shall
- 76 1 1 be in writing, in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve, and (i) if in writing but not in electronic form, made under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing, or, if the appointor is a corporation, under its common seal or under the hand of some officer or attorney or other person duly authorised in that behalf, or (ii) if in writing in electronic form, submitted by or on behalf of the appointor and authenticated,
- 76 1 2 be deemed (subject to any contrary direction contained in the same) to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on any resolution or amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given, as the proxy thinks fit, but shall not confer any further right to speak at the meeting, except with the permission of the Chairman (or as otherwise determined by the Board where the relevant shares are held by a Depositary),

- 76 1 3 unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates, and
- 76 1 4 where it is stated to apply to more than one meeting, be valid for all such meetings as well as for any adjournment of any such meetings
- 76 2 The Board may allow a proxy for a holder of any shares in uncertificated form to be appointed by electronic communication in the form of an uncertificated proxy instruction. The Board may also allow any supplement to the uncertificated proxy instruction or any amendment or revocation of any uncertificated proxy instruction to be made by a further uncertificated proxy instruction
- 76 3 The Board may decide what method should be used to determine at what time the instruction or notification is treated as being received by the Company. The Board may treat any notification purporting or expressed to be sent on behalf of a holder of a share in uncertificated form as sufficient evidence of the authority of the person sending the instruction to send it on behalf of that holder
- 76 4 For the purposes of this Article 76, an uncertificated proxy instruction is a properly authenticated dematerialised instruction, and/or other instruction or notification, sent through a relevant system to a participant in that system chosen by the Board to act for the Company. The uncertificated proxy instruction may be in any form and subject to any terms and conditions that the Board deems appropriate, but always subject to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system.

77 Deposit of proxy

- 77 1 The appointment of a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is authenticated, or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Board, shall
- 77 1 1 in the case of an instrument in writing (including, whether or not the appointment of proxy is in electronic form, any such power of attorney or other authority) be deposited at the Office, or at such other place or places within the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any notice of any adjourned meeting or in any appointment of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote, or
- 77 1 2 in the case of an appointment in electronic form, where an address has been specified for the purpose of receiving documents or information in electronic form
- (a) in the notice convening the meeting, or
 - (b) in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting, or
 - (c) in any invitation in electronic form to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting,

be received at such address not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote, or

- 77 1 3 in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited or received 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
- 77 1 4 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 of the meeting or to any Director,

and an instrument of proxy not delivered, deposited or received in a manner so permitted shall be invalid. The Board may in so far as is permitted under the Act approve a variation in the way in which an instrument of proxy is validly deposited or delivered. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiry of 12 months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within 12 months from such date

- 77 2 Where the Company has specified an address for the purpose of receiving communications relating to proxies for general meetings in electronic form, any notice of termination of the authority of a proxy may be sent to the Company in electronic form

- 77 3 A document sent in electronic form shall not be treated as received by the Company if it is rejected by computer virus protection arrangements

- 77 4 In calculating a period of hours for the purposes of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day in the United Kingdom

78 More than one proxy may be appointed

- 78 1 A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. When two or more valid but differing instruments of proxy are delivered in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting and in respect of the same matter, the one which is last validly delivered (regardless of its date or of the date of its execution) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others as regards that share. If the Company is unable to determine which instrument was last validly delivered, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share

79 Board may supply proxy cards

- 79 1 The Board may at the expense of the Company send, by post or in electronic form, including by way of a website (subject to the provisions of Article 159) or otherwise, instruments of proxy (reply-paid or otherwise) to members for use at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in blank or nominating in the alternative any one or more of the Directors or any other persons. If for the purpose of any meeting invitations to appoint as proxy a person or one of a number of persons specified in the invitations are issued at the expense of the Company, such invitations shall, subject to Article 57, be issued to all (and not

some only) of the members entitled to be sent a notice of the meeting and to vote thereat by proxy

80 Revocation of proxy

- 80 1 A vote given or poll demanded in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the death or mental disorder of the principal or the revocation of the instrument of proxy, or of the authority under which the instrument of proxy was executed, or the transfer of the share in respect of which the instrument of proxy is given, unless notice in writing of such death, mental disorder, revocation or transfer shall have been received by the Company at the Office, or at such other place as has been appointed for the deposit of instruments of proxy, at least 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or the taking of the poll at which the instrument of proxy is used calculated in accordance with Article 77 4

81 Corporate representative

- 81 1 A corporation (whether or not a company within the meaning of the Act) which is a member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person (or if, but only if, such corporation is a Depositary voting in its capacity as such, persons) as it thinks fit to act as its representative (or, as the case may be, representatives) at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares. Any person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation (in respect of that part of the corporation's holdings to which the authority relates) as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member. The corporation shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present at it, and all references to attendance and voting in person shall be construed accordingly. A Director, the Secretary or some person authorised for the purpose by the Secretary may require the representative to produce a certified copy of the resolution so authorising him or such other evidence of his authority reasonably satisfactory to them before permitting him to exercise his powers

82 Failure to disclose interests in Voting Shares

- 82 1 If a member, or any other person appearing to be interested in Voting Shares held by that member, has been issued with a notice pursuant to section 793 of the 2006 Act and has failed in relation to any shares (the "default shares"), which expression includes any Voting Shares issued after the date of such notice, to give the Company the information thereby required within the prescribed period from the service of the notice, the following sanctions shall apply unless the Board otherwise determines
- 82 1 1 the member shall not be entitled in respect of the default shares to be present or to vote (either in person or by representative or proxy) at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares or on any poll or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to any such meeting or poll, and
- 82 1 2 where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent in nominal value of the issued shares of their class

- (a) any dividend or other money payable in respect of the default shares shall be withheld by the Company, which shall not have any obligation to pay interest on it, and the member shall not be entitled to elect, pursuant to Article 151, to receive shares instead of that dividend, and
- (b) no transfer, other than an excepted transfer (as defined in Article 82 6), of any default shares held by the member shall be registered unless
 - (i) the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information required, and
 - (ii) the member proves to the satisfaction of the Board that no person in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the shares the subject of the transfer

82 2 Where the sanctions under Article 82 1 apply in relation to any default shares, they shall cease to have effect (and any dividends withheld under Article 82 1(b) shall become payable)

82 2 1 if the default shares are transferred by means of an excepted transfer but only in respect of the default shares transferred, or

82 2.2 at the end of the period of seven days (or such shorter period as the Board may determine) following receipt by the Company of the information required by the notice mentioned in that paragraph and the Board being fully satisfied that such information is full and complete

82 3 Where, on the basis of information obtained from a member in respect of any Voting Share held by him, the Company issues a notice pursuant to section 793 of the 2006 Act to any other person, it shall at the same time send a copy of the notice to the member, but the accidental omission to do so, or the non-receipt by the member of the copy, shall not invalidate or otherwise affect the application of Article 82 1

82 4 Where default shares in which a person appears to be interested are held by a Depositary, the provisions of this Article 82 shall be treated as applying only to those default shares held by the Depositary in which such person appears to be interested and not (insofar as such person's apparent interest is concerned) to any other Voting Shares held by the Depositary

82 5 Where the member on which a notice under section 793 of the 2006 Act is served is a Depositary acting in its capacity as such, the obligations of the Depositary as a member of the Company shall be limited to disclosing to the Company such information relating to any person appearing to be interested in the Voting Shares held by it as has been recorded by it pursuant to the arrangements entered into by the Company or approved by the Board pursuant to which it was appointed as a Depositary

82 6 For the purposes of this Article 82

82 6 1 a person, other than the member holding a Voting Share, shall be treated as appearing to be interested in that Voting Share if the member has informed the

Company that the person is, or may be, so interested, or if the Company (after taking account of any information obtained from the member or, pursuant to a notice under section 793 of the 2006 Act, from anyone else) knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person is, or may be, so interested,

82 6 2 "interested" shall be construed as it is for the purpose of section 820-825 of the 2006 Act,

82 6 3 reference to a person having failed to give the Company the information required by a notice, or being in default as regards supplying such information, includes reference:

- (a) to his having failed or refused to give all or any part of it, and
- (b) to his having given information which he knows to be false in a material particular or having recklessly given information which is false in a material particular,

82 6.4 "prescribed period" means 14 days,

82 6 5 "excepted transfer" means, in relation to any Voting Shares held by a member

- (a) a transfer by way of or pursuant to acceptance of a takeover offer for the Company (within the meaning of section 428 of the Act) *[Note needs updating once second amendment order is implemented]*, or
- (b) a transfer in consequence of a sale made through a recognised investment exchange (as defined in section 285 the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) or any other stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded, or
- (c) a transfer which is shown to the satisfaction of the Board to be made in consequence of a sale of the whole of the beneficial interest in the Voting Shares to a person who is unconnected with the member and with any other person appearing to be interested in the Voting Shares

82 7 Nothing contained in this Article 82 shall be taken to limit the powers of the Company under section 794 of the 2006 Act.

UNTRACED MEMBERS

83 Power of sale

83 1 The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable any share of a member, or any share to which a person is entitled by transmission, if and provided that

83 1 1 during the period of 12 years prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in sub-paragraph (b) below (or, if published on different dates, the earlier or earliest thereof) no cheque, order or warrant in respect of such share sent by the Company through the post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to the member or to the person entitled by transmission to the share, at his address on the

Register or other last known address given by the member or person to which cheques, orders or warrants in respect of such share are to be sent has been cashed and the Company has received no communications in respect of such share from such member or person, provided that during such period of 12 years the Company has paid at least three cash dividends (whether interim or final) and no such dividend has been claimed by the person entitled to it,

- 83 1 2 on or after expiry of the said period of 12 years the Company has given notice of its intention to sell such share by advertisements in two newspapers of which one shall be a national newspaper published in the United Kingdom and the other shall be a newspaper circulating in the area of the address on the Register or other last known address of the member or the person entitled by transmission to the share or the address for the service of notices notified under Article 160 3,
- 83 1 3 the said advertisements, if not published on the same day, shall have been published within 30 days of each other,
- 83 1 4 during the further period of three months following the date of publication of the said advertisements (or, if published on different dates, the later or latest thereof) and prior to the exercise of the power of sale the Company has not received any communication in respect of such share from the member or person entitled by transmission, and
- 83 1 5 the Company has given notice to the London Stock Exchange of its intention to make such sale, if shares of the class concerned are listed or dealt in on that exchange
- 83 2 To give effect to any sale of shares pursuant to this Article the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares in question and may enter the name of the transferee in respect of the transferred shares in the Register notwithstanding the absence of any share certificate being lodged in respect thereof and may issue a new certificate to the transferee An instrument of transfer executed by that person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the shares The purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase moneys, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.
- 83 3 If during the period of 12 years referred to in Article 83 1, or during any period ending on the date when all the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (d) of Article 83 1 have been satisfied, any additional shares have been issued in respect of those held at the beginning of, or previously so issued during, any such period and all the requirements of paragraphs (b) to (d) of Article 83 1 have been satisfied in regard to such additional shares, the Company shall also be entitled to sell the additional shares

84 Application of proceeds of sale

- 84 1 The Company shall account to the member or other person entitled to such share for the net proceeds of such sale by carrying all moneys in respect thereof to a separate account The Company shall be deemed to be a debtor to, and not a trustee for, such member or other person in respect of such moneys Moneys carried to such separate account may either be employed in the business of the Company or

invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit. No interest shall be payable to such member or other person in respect of such moneys and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on them.

APPOINTMENT, RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

85 Number of Directors

85 1 Unless and until otherwise determined by the Company by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors (other than any alternate Directors) shall be not less than two.

86 Power of Company to appoint Directors

86 1 Subject to the provisions of these Articles, 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 addition to the existing Board, but the total number of Directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles.

87 Power of Board to appoint Directors

87 1 Without prejudice to the power of the Company to appoint any person to be a Director pursuant to these Articles, the Board shall have power at any time to appoint any person who is willing to act as a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but the total number of Directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any Director so appointed shall retire at the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment and shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

88 Appointment of executive Directors

88 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may from time to time appoint one or more of its body to hold any employment or executive office (including that of Chief Executive or Managing Director) for such term (subject to the provisions of the Act) and subject to such other conditions as the Board thinks fit in accordance with Article 112. The Board may revoke or terminate any such appointment without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of contract between the Director and the Company.

89 Eligibility of new Directors

89 1 No person, other than a Director retiring (by rotation or otherwise), shall be appointed or re-appointed a Director at any general meeting unless:

89 1 1 he is recommended by the Board, or

89 1 2 not less than 14 nor more than 35 clear days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice duly executed by a member (other than the person to be proposed) qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or re-appointment, stating the particulars which would, if he were so appointed or re-appointed, be required to be included in the

Company's register of directors, together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed or re-appointed, is lodged at the Office

90 Share qualification

90 1 A Director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company

91 Resolution for appointment

91 1 A resolution for the appointment of two or more persons as Directors by a single resolution shall be void unless an ordinary resolution that it shall be so proposed has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it

92 Retirement by rotation

92 1 Subject to Article 92 2, at each annual general meeting of the Company one-third of the Directors who are subject to retirement by rotation or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not exceeding one-third shall retire from office. If there are fewer than three Directors who are subject to retirement by rotation, one Director shall retire from office

92 2 In addition to any Director required to retire by rotation under Article 92 1 there shall also be required to retire by rotation any Director who at an annual general meeting of the Company shall have then been a Director at each of the preceding two annual general meetings of the Company and who was not required to retire by rotation at either such annual general meeting and who has not otherwise ceased to be a Director (either by resignation, retirement, removal or otherwise) and been reappointed by general meeting of the Company at or since either such annual general meeting

93 Directors subject to retirement by rotation

93 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Articles (and in particular Article 92 2), the Directors to retire by rotation at each annual general meeting shall include, so far as necessary to obtain the number required, first, any Director who wishes to retire and not offer himself for re-election and secondly, those Directors who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment. As between two or more Directors who have been in office an equal length of time, the Director to retire shall, in default of agreement between them, be determined by lot. The Directors to retire on each occasion (both as to number and identity) shall be determined by the composition of the Board at the start of business on the date of the notice convening the annual general meeting notwithstanding any change in the number or identity of the Directors after that time but before the close of the meeting

94 Position of retiring Director

94 1 A Director who retires at an annual general meeting (whether by rotation or otherwise) may, if willing to act, be re-appointed. If he is not re-appointed or deemed to have been re-appointed, he shall retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place or, if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting

95 Deemed re-appointment

- 95 1 At any general meeting at which a Director retires by rotation the Company may fill the vacancy and, if it does not do so, the retiring Director shall, if willing, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacancy or a resolution for the re-appointment of the Director is put to the meeting and lost or such Director has attained any retiring age applicable to him as Director pursuant to the Act

96 Deleted by Special Resolution passed on 3 May 2007

97 Removal by ordinary resolution

- 97 1 In addition to any power of removal conferred by the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office, but without prejudice to any claim for damages which he may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company, and may (subject to these Articles) by ordinary resolution appoint another person who is willing to act to be a Director in his place Any person so appointed shall be treated, for the purposes of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire, as if he had become a Director on the day on which the person in whose place he is appointed was last appointed or re-appointed a Director

98 Vacation of office by Director

- 98 1 Without prejudice to the provisions for retirement (by rotation or otherwise) contained in these Articles, the office of a Director shall be vacated if
- 98 1 1 he resigns by notice in writing delivered to or a notice in electronic form received by the Secretary at the Office or tendered at a Board meeting,
- 98 1 2 he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act, is removed from office pursuant to these Articles or becomes prohibited by law from being a Director,
- 98 1 3 he becomes bankrupt, has an interim receiving order made against him, makes any arrangement or compounds with his creditors generally or applies to the court for an interim order under section 253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in connection with a voluntary arrangement under that Act,
- 98 1 4 an order is made by any court of competent jurisdiction on the ground (howsoever formulated) of mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a guardian or receiver or other person to exercise powers with respect to his affairs or he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984 and the Board resolves that his office be vacated;
- 98 1 5 both he and his alternate Director appointed pursuant to the provisions of these Articles (if any) are absent, without the permission of the Board, from Board meetings for six consecutive months and the Board resolves that his office be vacated

98 1 6 he is requested to resign by notice in writing addressed to him at his address as shown in the register of Directors or in the case of a notice in electronic form to an address notified by the Director for the purposes of receiving notice of board meetings and signed by all the other Directors (without prejudice to any claim for damages which he may have for breach of any contract between him and the Company) and, for this purpose, a set of like notices each signed by one or more of the Directors shall be as effective as a single notice signed by the requisite number of Directors

99 Resolution as to vacancy conclusive

99 1 A resolution of the Board declaring a Director to have vacated office under the terms of Article 98 shall be conclusive as to the fact and grounds of vacation stated in the resolution

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

100 Appointments

100 1 Each Director (other than an alternate Director) may, by notice in writing delivered to the Secretary at the Office, or in any other manner approved by the Board, appoint any other Director or any person approved for that purpose by the Board and willing to act, to be his alternate

100 2 No appointment of an alternate Director who is not already a Director shall be effective until his consent to act as a Director in the form prescribed by the Act has been received at the Office

100 3 An alternate Director need not hold a share qualification and shall not be counted in reckoning any maximum or minimum number of Directors allowed by these Articles

101 Participation in Board meetings

101 1 Every alternate Director shall (subject to his giving to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served on him) be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the Board and all committees of the Board of which his appointor is a member and, in the absence from such meetings of his appointor, to attend and vote at such meetings and to exercise all the powers, rights, duties and authorities of his appointor. A Director acting as alternate Director shall have a separate vote at Board meetings for each Director for whom he acts as alternate Director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present

102 Alternate Director responsible for own acts

102 1 Every person acting as an alternate Director shall be an officer of the Company, shall alone be responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him

103 Interests of alternate Director

- 103 1 An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements with the Company and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director. However, he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fees for his services as alternate, except only such part (if any) of the fee payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company direct. Subject to this Article, the Company shall pay to an alternate Director such expenses as might properly have been paid to him if he had been a Director.

104 Revocation of appointment

- 104 1 An alternate Director shall cease to be an alternate Director
- 104 1 1 if his appointor revokes his appointment, or
- 104 1 2 if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, provided that if any Director retires but is re-appointed or deemed to be re-appointed at the same meeting, any valid appointment of an alternate Director which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force, or
- 104 1 3 if any event happens in relation to him which, if he were a Director otherwise appointed, would cause him to vacate office

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND PENSIONS

105 Directors' fees

- 105 1 The Directors (other than alternate Directors) who are not managing or executive Directors shall be entitled to receive by way of fees for their services as Directors such sum as the Board may from time to time determine (not exceeding £500,000 per annum or such other sum as the Company in general meeting by ordinary resolution shall from time to time determine). Such sum (unless otherwise directed by the resolution of the Company by which it is voted) shall be divided among the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may determine or, in default of such determination, equally (except that in such event any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the fees are paid shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he holds office). Any fees payable pursuant to this Article shall be distinct from any salary, remuneration or other amounts payable to a Director pursuant to any other provisions of these Articles and shall accrue from day to day.

106 Expenses

- 106 1 Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by him in or about the performance of his duties as Director, including any expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or any committee of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company.

107 Additional remuneration

- 107 1 Any director who devotes special attention to the business of the Company, or otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director, may be paid such additional remuneration as the directors or any committee authorised by the directors may determine

108 Remuneration of executive Directors

- 108 1 The remuneration and other terms and conditions of appointment of a director appointed to any executive office or employment under the Company shall from time to time (without prejudice to the provisions of any agreement between him and the Company) be fixed by the directors, and may (without limitation) be by way of fixed salary, lump sum, commission on the dividends or profits of the Company (or of any other company in which the Company is interested) or other participation in any such profits or otherwise or by any or all or partly by one and partly by another or others of those modes

109 Pensions and other benefits

- 109 1 The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to provide pensions or other retirement or superannuation benefits and to provide death or disability benefits or other allowances or gratuities (whether by insurance or otherwise) for, or to institute and maintain any institution, association, society, club, trust, other establishment or profit-sharing, share incentive, share purchase or employees' share scheme calculated to advance the interests of the Company or to benefit, any person who is or has at any time been a Director or employee of the Company or any company which is a holding company or a subsidiary undertaking of or allied to or associated with the Company or any such holding company or subsidiary undertaking or any predecessor in business of the Company or of any such holding company or subsidiary undertaking, and for any member of his family (including a spouse or former spouse) and any person who is or was dependent on him For such purpose the Board may establish, maintain, subscribe and contribute to any scheme, institution, association, club, trust or fund and pay premiums and, subject to the provisions of the Act, lend money or make payments to, guarantee or give an indemnity in respect of, or give any financial or other assistance in connection with any of the aforesaid matters The Board may procure any of such matters to be done by the Company either alone or in conjunction with any other person Any Director or former Director shall be entitled to receive and retain for his own benefit any pension or other benefit provided under this Article and shall not be obliged to account for it to the Company

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

110 Powers of the Board

- 110 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Memorandum of Association of the Company and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution of the Company, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, which may exercise all the powers of the Company, whether relating to the management of the business or not No alteration of the Memorandum of Association or of these Articles and no

such direction given by the Company shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such alteration had not been made or such direction had not been given. Provisions contained elsewhere in these Articles as to any specific power of the Board shall not be deemed to limit the general powers given by this Article

111 Powers of Directors being less than minimum number

111 1 If the number of Directors is less than the minimum for the time being prescribed by these Articles, the remaining Director or Directors shall act only for the purposes of appointing an additional Director or Directors to make up such minimum or of convening a general meeting of the Company for the purpose of making such appointment. If there are no Director or Directors able or willing to act, any two members may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, any additional Director so appointed shall hold office only until the dissolution of the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment unless he is re-elected during such meeting

112 Powers of executive Directors

112.1 The Board may from time to time

112 1 1 delegate or entrust to and confer on any Director holding executive office (including a Chief Executive or Managing Director) such of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) for such time, on such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, and

112 1 2 revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers

113 Delegation to committees

113 1 The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) for such time on such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit to any committee consisting of one or more Directors and (if thought fit) one or more other persons, provided that

113 1 1 a majority of the members of a committee shall be Directors , and

113 1 2 no resolution of a committee shall be effective unless a majority of those present when it is passed are Directors or alternate Directors.

113 2 The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary any of such powers and discharge any such committee in whole or in part. Insofar as any power, authority or discretion is so delegated, any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the Board of such power, authority or discretion shall be construed as if it were a reference to the exercise of such power, authority or discretion by such committee

114 Local management

- 114 1** The Board may establish any local or divisional boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any specified locality, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local or divisional board, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration. The Board may delegate to any local or divisional board, manager or agent so appointed any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) and may authorise the members for the time being of any such local or divisional board, or any of them, to fill any vacancies and to act notwithstanding vacancies, and any such appointment or delegation may be made for such time, on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit. The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers. Subject to any terms and conditions expressly imposed by the Board, the proceedings of any local or divisional board or agency with two or more members shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board, so far as they are capable of applying.

115 Power of attorney

- 115 1** The Board may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person or persons to be the agent of the Company and may delegate to any such person or persons any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate), in each case for such purposes and for such time, on such terms (including as to remuneration) and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit. The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary any of such powers.

116 Associate directors

- 116 1** The Board may appoint any person (not being a Director) to any office or employment having a designation or title including the word "director" or attach to any existing office or employment with the Company such designation or title and may terminate any such appointment or the use of such designation or title. The inclusion of the word "director" in the designation or title of any such office or employment shall not imply that such person is, or is deemed to be, or is empowered in any respect to act as, a Director for any of the purposes of the Act or these Articles.

117 Exercise of voting power

- 117 1** The Board may exercise or cause to be exercised the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company, or any power of appointment to be exercised by the Company, in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit (including the exercise of the voting power or power of appointment in favour of the appointment of any Director as a director or other officer or employee of such company or in favour of the payment of remuneration to the directors, officers or employees of such company).

118 Provision for employees

- 118 1 The Board may exercise any power conferred on the Company by the Act 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 that subsidiary

119 Overseas registers

- 119 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and the 2006 Act, the Board may exercise the powers conferred on the Company with regard to the keeping of an overseas branch, local or other register and may make and vary such regulations as it thinks fit respecting the keeping of any such register

120 Borrowing powers

- 120 1 Subject as provided in this Article 120, the Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the provisions of the Act, to create and issue debenture and other loan stock and debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party

- 120 2 The Board shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights and powers of control exercisable by the Company in respect of its subsidiaries so as to procure (as regards its subsidiaries in so far as it can procure by such exercise) that the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding in respect of moneys borrowed by the Group (exclusive of moneys borrowed by one Group company from another and after deducting cash deposited) shall not at any time, without the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company exceed an amount equal to three times the Adjusted Capital and Reserves

- 120.3 For the purposes only of this Article 120

- 120 3 1 "Adjusted Capital and Reserves" means a sum equal to the aggregate from time to time of
- (a) the amount paid up (or credited as paid up) on the allotted or issued share capital of the Company, and
 - (b) the amount standing to the credit of the reserves, whether or not distributable (including, without limitation, any share premium account or capital redemption reserve), after adding thereto or deducting therefrom any balance standing to the credit or debit of the profit and loss account,

all as shown in the relevant balance sheet, but after
 - (c) making such adjustments as may be appropriate to reflect

- (i) any variation in the amount of the paid up share capital, and the amount standing to the credit of any of such reserves since the date of the relevant balance sheet and so that for the purpose of making such adjustments, if any proposed allotment of shares by the Company for cash has been underwritten, then such shares shall be deemed to have been allotted and the amount (including the premium) of the subscription monies payable in respect thereof (not being monies payable later than six months after the date of allotment) shall be deemed to have been paid up to the extent so underwritten on the date when the issue of such shares was underwritten (or, if such underwriting was conditional, the date on which it became unconditional),
- (ii) any variation since the date of the relevant balance sheet of the companies comprising the Group,
- (d) excluding (so far as not already excluded)
 - (i) amounts attributable to the proportion of the issued equity share capital of any subsidiary undertaking which is not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Company,
 - (ii) any sum set aside for taxation (other than deferred taxation),
- (e) deducting the amount of any distribution declared, recommended or made by any Group company to a person other than a Group company out of profits accrued up to and including the date of (and not provided for in) the relevant balance sheet,

120 3 2 "cash deposited" means an amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts beneficially owned by Group companies which are deposited for the time being with any bank or other person (not being a Group company) and which are repayable to any Group company on demand or within three months of such demand, subject, in the case of amounts deposited by a partly-owned subsidiary undertaking, to the exclusion of a proportion thereof equal to the proportion of its issued equity share capital which is not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Company,

120 3 3 "Group" means the Company and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time,

120 3 4 "Group company" means any company in the Group,

120 3 5 "moneys borrowed" include not only moneys borrowed but also the following except in so far as otherwise taken into account

- (a) the nominal amount of any issued share capital and the principal amount of any debenture or borrowings of any person, the beneficial interest in which or right to repayment to which is not for the time being owned by a Group company but the payment or repayment of which is the subject of a guarantee or indemnity by a Group company or is secured on the assets of a Group company,

- (b) the principal amount raised by any Group company by acceptances or under any acceptance credit opened on its behalf by any bank or acceptance house (not being a Group company) other than acceptances and acceptance credits relating to the purchase of goods or services in the ordinary course of trading and outstanding for six months or less,
- (c) the principal amount of any debenture (whether secured or unsecured) of any Group company owned otherwise than by a Group company,
- (d) the principal amount of any preference share capital of any subsidiary undertaking owned otherwise than by a Group company,
- (e) any fixed or minimum premium payable on final repayment of any borrowing or deemed borrowing (but any premium payable on final repayment of an amount not to be taken into account as moneys borrowed shall not be taken into account), and
- (f) any fixed amount in respect of a hire-purchase agreement or of a finance lease payable in either case by a Group company which would be shown at the material time as an obligation in a balance sheet prepared in accordance with the accounting principles used in the preparation of the relevant balance sheet (and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph (vi) "finance lease" means a contract between a lessor and a Group company as lessee or sub-lessee where substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset leased or sub-leased are to be borne by that company and "hire-purchase agreement" means a contract of hire-purchase between a hire-purchase lender and a Group company as hirer),

but do not include

- (g) moneys borrowed by any Group company for the purpose of repaying, within six months of being first borrowed, the whole or any part of any moneys borrowed and then outstanding (including any premium payable on final repayment) of that or any other Group company pending their application for such purpose within that period,
- (h) moneys borrowed by any Group company for the purpose of financing any contract in respect of which any part of the price receivable under the contract by that or any other Group company is guaranteed or insured up to an amount equal to that part of the price receivable under the contract which is so guaranteed or insured,
- (i) an amount equal to the moneys borrowed of any company outstanding immediately after it becomes a Group company, provided that it became a Group company during the six months preceding the calculation,
- (j) an amount equal to the amount secured on an asset immediately after it was acquired by a Group company, provided that it was acquired during the six months preceding the calculation,

- (k) notwithstanding sub-paragraph (i) to (vi) above, the proportion of moneys borrowed by a Group company (and not owing to another Group company) which is equal to the proportion of its issued equity share capital not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Company,

and in sub-paragraphs (vii) to (xi) above references to amounts of moneys borrowed include references to amounts which, but for the exclusion under those sub-paragraphs, would fall to be included,

120 3 6 "relevant balance sheet" means the latest published audited consolidated balance sheet of the Group but, where the Company has no subsidiary undertakings, it means the balance sheet and profit and loss account of the Company and, where the Company has subsidiary undertakings but there are no consolidated accounts of the Group, it means the respective balance sheets and profit and loss accounts of the companies comprising the Group,

120 3 7 "subsidiary undertaking" means a subsidiary undertaking (within the meaning of the Act) of the Company (except a subsidiary undertaking which is excluded from consolidation by virtue of the provisions of section 229 of the Act), and "Group" and "Group company" and references to any company which becomes a Group company or to companies comprising the Group shall, in such a case, be construed so as to include subsidiary undertakings (except a subsidiary undertaking which is excluded from consolidation as aforesaid) and "equity share capital" shall be construed in relation to a subsidiary undertaking without a share capital in the same manner as "shares" are defined in relation to an undertaking without a share capital under section 259(2)(b) and (c) of the Act

120 4 When the aggregate amount of moneys borrowed required to be taken into account for the purposes of this Article 120 on any particular day is being ascertained, any of such moneys denominated or repayable in a currency other than sterling shall be converted for the purpose of calculating the sterling equivalent either

120 4 1 at the rate of exchange used for the conversion of that currency in the relevant balance sheet, or

120 4.2 if no rate was so used, at the middle market rate of exchange prevailing at the close of business in London on the date of that balance sheet, or

120 4 3 where the repayment of such moneys is expressly covered by a forward purchase contract, currency option, back-to-back loan, swap or other arrangements taken out and entered into to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in exchange rates, at the rate of exchange specified in that document,

but if the amount in sterling resulting from conversion at that rate would be greater than that resulting from conversion at the middle market rate prevailing in London at the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the day on which the calculation falls to be made, the latter rate shall apply instead

120 5 A report or certificate of the Auditors as to the amount of the Adjusted Capital and Reserves or the amount of moneys borrowed falling to be taken into account for the purposes of this Article 120 or to the effect that the limit imposed by this Article 120

has not been or will not be exceeded at any particular time or times or as a result of any particular transaction or transactions shall be conclusive evidence of the amount or of that fact. Nevertheless, the Board may at any time act in reliance on a bona fide estimate of the amount of the Adjusted Capital and Reserves, and if in consequence the limit on borrowings set out in this Article is inadvertently exceeded, an amount borrowed equal to the excess may be disregarded until the expiration of 60 days after the date on which (by reason of a determination of the Auditors or otherwise) the Board became aware that such a situation has or may have arisen

- 120 6 No debt incurred or security given in respect of moneys borrowed in excess of the limit imposed by this Article 120 shall be invalid or ineffectual, except in the case of express notice to the lender or recipient of the security at the time when the debt was incurred or security given that the limit had been or would thereby be exceeded, but no lender or other person dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or enquire whether such limit is observed

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

121 Board meetings

- 121 1 Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit

122 Notice of Board meetings

- 122 1 One Director may, and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall, summon a Board meeting at any time on reasonable notice. Notice of a Board meeting shall be deemed to be properly given to a Director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for that purpose or a notice in electronic form to any address given by him to the Company for that purpose. A Director may waive the requirement that notice be given to him of any Board meeting, either prospectively or retrospectively. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a Board meeting to a Director who is absent from the United Kingdom unless he has requested the Board in writing that notices of Board meetings shall during his absence be given to him at any address in the United Kingdom notified to the Company for this purpose, but he shall not, in such event, be entitled to a longer period of notice than if he had been present in the United Kingdom at that address

123 Quorum

- 123 1 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business may be determined by the Board and until otherwise determined shall be two persons, each being a Director or an alternate Director. A duly convened meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers, and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the Board

124 Chairman of Board

- 124 1 The Board may appoint one or more of its body Chairman or Joint Chairman and one or more of its body Deputy Chairman of its meetings and may determine the period

for which he is or they are to hold office and may at any time remove him or them from office. If no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting neither a Chairman nor a Deputy Chairman is present within five minutes of the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting. In the event of two or more Joint Chairmen or, in the absence of a Chairman, two or more Deputy Chairmen being present, the Joint Chairman or Deputy Chairman to act as Chairman of the meeting shall be decided by those Directors present. Any Chairman or Deputy Chairman may also hold executive office under the Company.

125 Voting

- 125 1 Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of that meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

126 Participation by telephone or facsimile

- 126 1 Any Director or his alternate may validly participate in a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board through the medium of conference telephone or any other form of communications equipment, provided that all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other throughout such meeting or by a series of telephone calls from the Chairman of the meeting or by exchange of facsimile transmissions addressed to the Chairman of the Meeting.
- 126 2 A person so participating by being present or being in telephone communication with or by exchanging facsimile transmissions with those in the meeting or with the Chairman of the meeting shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall accordingly be counted in a quorum and be entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no group which is larger than any other group, where the Chairman of the meeting then is.
- 126 3 A resolution passed at any meeting held in the above manner, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board (or committee, as the case may be) duly convened and held.

127 Resolution in writing

- 127 1 A resolution in writing executed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a Board meeting and not being less than a quorum, or by all the members of a committee of the Board for the time entitled to receive notice of such committee meeting and not being less than a quorum of that committee, shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Board (or committee, as the case may be). Such a resolution
- 127 1 1 may consist of several documents in the same form each executed by one or more of the Directors or members of the relevant committee, including executions evidenced by means of facsimile transmission or otherwise in electronic form authenticated in such manner as the Board may require in its absolute discretion and from time to time determine,

- 127 1 2 need not be signed by an alternate Director if it is signed by the Director who appointed him;
- 127 1 3 if signed by an alternate Director, need not also be signed by his appointor,
- 127 1 4 to be effective need not be signed by a Director who is prohibited by these Articles from voting thereon, or by his alternate

128 Proceedings of committees

- 128 1 All committees of the Board shall, in the exercise of the powers delegated to them and in the transaction of business, conform with any mode of proceedings and regulations which the Board may prescribe and subject thereto shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board as are capable of applying

129 Minutes of proceedings

- 129 1 The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books (or shall cause a record to be made in any other form permitted by the Act) kept for the purpose of recording
 - 129 1 1 all appointments of officers and committees made by the Board and of any such officer's salary or remuneration, and
 - 129 1 2 the names of Directors present at every meeting of the Board, of a committee of the Board, of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares or debentures of the Company, and all orders, resolutions and proceedings of such meetings
- 129 2 Any such minutes, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting or the Secretary, shall be prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes without any further proof

130 Validity of proceedings

- 130 1 All acts done by a meeting of the Board, or of a committee of the Board, or by any person acting as a Director, alternate Director or member of a committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any person or persons acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were or was disqualified from holding office or not entitled to vote, or had in any way vacated their or his office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed, and was duly qualified and had continued to be a Director, alternate Director or member of a committee and entitled to vote

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

131 Director may have interests

- 131 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided that Article 132 is complied with, a Director, notwithstanding his office

- 131 1.1 may enter into or otherwise be interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested, either in regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise,
- 131 1 2 may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (except that of Auditor or of auditor of a subsidiary of the Company) in conjunction with the office of Director and may act by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for the Company, and in any such case on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Board may arrange, either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration provided for by any other Article,
- 131 1 3 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 company promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested or as regards which the Company has any powers of appointment, and
- 131 1 4 shall not be liable to account to the Company for any profit, remuneration or other benefit realised by any such office, employment, contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal,

and no such contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit

132 Disclosure of interests to Board

- 132 1 A Director who, to his knowledge, is in any way (directly or indirectly) interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal is first considered, if he knows his interest then exists or, in any other case, at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interested
- 132 2 For the purposes of this Article
- 132 2 1 a general notice given to the Board by a Director that he is to be regarded as having an interest (of the nature and extent specified in the notice) in any contract, transaction, arrangement or proposal in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a sufficient disclosure under this Article in relation to such contract, transaction, arrangement or proposal, and
- 132 2 2 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

133 Interested Director not to vote or count for quorum

- 133 1 Save as provided in this Article, a Director shall not vote on, or be counted in the quorum in relation to, any resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board concerning any contract, arrangement, transaction or any other proposal whatsoever to which the Company is or is to be a party and in which he has an interest which (together with any interest of any person connected with him within the meaning of

section 346 of the Act) is to his knowledge a material interest otherwise than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through the Company unless the resolution concerns any of the following matters

- 133 1 1 the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings,
- 133 1 2 the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security,
- 133 1 3 any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of which he is to participate,
- 133 1 4 any proposal concerning any other body corporate in which he (together with persons connected with him within the meaning of section 346 CA 1985) does not to his knowledge have an interest (as the term is used in Part VI CA 1985) in one per cent or more of the issued equity share capital of any class of such body corporate or of the voting rights available to members of such body corporate,
- 133 1.5 any proposal relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates, or
- 133.1 6 any proposal concerning insurance which the Company proposes to maintain or purchase for the benefit of Directors or for the benefit of persons who include Directors.

134 Director's interest in own appointment

- 134 1 A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board or committee of the Board concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of his appointment or its termination) as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment or its termination) of two or more Directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested, such proposals may be divided and a separate resolution considered in relation to each Director In such case each of the Directors concerned (if not otherwise debarred from voting under these Articles) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment

135 Chairman's ruling conclusive on Director's interest

- 135 1 If any question arises at any meeting as to the materiality of a Director's interest (other than the Chairman's interest) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than the Chairman) to vote or be counted in a quorum, and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, such question shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman's ruling in relation to the Director concerned shall be final and conclusive.

136 Directors' resolution conclusive on Chairman's interest

- 136 1 If any question arises at any meeting as to the materiality of the Chairman's interest or as to the entitlement of the Chairman to vote or be counted in a quorum, and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, such question shall be decided by resolution of the Directors or committee members present at the meeting (excluding the Chairman), whose majority vote shall be final and conclusive.

137 Definitions

- 137 1 For the purposes of Articles 131 to 136

- 137 1 1 an interest of a person who is for the purposes of the Act connected (which word shall have the meaning given to it by section 346 of the Act) with a Director shall be treated as an interest of the Director, and

- 137 1 2 in relation to an alternate Director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate Director in addition to any interest which the alternate Director otherwise has

AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

138 Power to authenticate documents

- 138 1 Any Director, the Secretary or any person appointed by the Board for the purpose shall have power to authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolution passed by the Company or the Board or any committee, and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts, and where any books, records, documents or accounts are elsewhere than at the Office the local manager or other officer of the Company having their custody shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Board for this purpose. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or an extract from the minutes of a meeting, of the Company or of the Board or any committee which is so certified shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that any minute so extracted is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

SEALS

139 Safe Custody

- 139 1 The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal and of any other seal of the Company

140 Application of Seal

- 140 1 The Seal shall be used only by the authority of a resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board so authorised. The Board may determine whether any instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed and, if it is to be signed, who shall sign it and by what means. The Board may also determine, either generally or in a particular case, that a signature may be dispensed with or affixed by mechanical or other means. Unless otherwise so determined
- 140 1 1 share certificates and, subject to the provisions of any instrument constituting the same, certificates issued under the Seal in respect of any debentures or other securities need not be signed and any signature may be affixed to or printed on any such certificate by any means approved by the Board; and
- 140 1 2 every other instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed by one Director and by the Secretary or by two Directors
- 140.2 Every certificate or share warrant shall be issued either under the Seal (which may be affixed to it or printed on it by mechanical or other means) or in such other manner as the Board, having regard to the terms of issue under the Act, and the regulations of the London Stock Exchange, may authorise. All references in these Articles to the Seal shall be construed accordingly
- 140.3 Notwithstanding articles 140 1 and 2 above, the Board may authorise the execution of documents in any way permitted under the Act

THE SECRETARY

141 The Secretary

- 141 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board shall appoint a Secretary or Joint Secretaries and shall have power to appoint one or more persons to be an Assistant or Deputy Secretary at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit and any such person so appointed may be removed by the Board
- 141 2 Any provision of the Act or of these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

142 Declaration of dividends

- 142 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends to be paid to members according to their

respective rights and interests in the profits of the Company. However, no dividend shall be payable except out of the profit of the Company available for distribution in accordance with the Act or exceed the amount recommended by the Board.

142 2 The directors may, if in their opinion the profits of the Company justify such payments, pay the fixed dividends on any class of shares carrying on a fixed dividend expressed to be payable on fixed dates for the payment thereof and subject thereto may pay interim dividends of such amounts and on such dates as they think fit.

142 3 Subject to any rights or privileges for the time being attached to any shares having preferential or special rights in regard to dividends, the profits of the Company which it shall from time to time be determined to distribute by way of dividend shall be applied in payments of dividends upon the shares in proportion to the amounts paid up thereon respectively otherwise than in advance of calls and so that all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid during which any such amount or amounts were paid up. If any share is issued upon terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from or after a particular date, or be entitled to dividends declared after a particular date, such share shall rank for or be entitled to dividend accordingly. Dividends may be paid in any currency.

143 Interim dividends

143 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may declare and pay such interim dividends (including any dividend payable at a fixed rate) as appears to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution. If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends on shares which rank after shares conferring preferential rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares conferring preferential rights, unless at the time of payment any preferential dividend is in arrear. Provided that the Board acts in good faith, it shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferential rights for any loss that they may suffer by the lawful payment of any interim dividend on any shares ranking after those with preferential rights.

144 Entitlement to dividends

144 1 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up (otherwise than in advance of calls) on the shares on which the dividend is paid. Subject as aforesaid, 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, it shall rank for dividend accordingly.

145 Calls or debts may be deducted from dividends

145 1 The Board may deduct from any dividend or other money payable to any person on or in respect of a share all such sums as may be due from him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to the shares of the Company.

146 Distribution in specie

- 146 1 The Board may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, direct that payment of any dividend declared may be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets, and in particular of paid up shares or debentures of any other company, or in any one or more of such ways Where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Board may settle it as it thinks fit In particular, the Board may
- 146 1 1 issue fractional certificates (or ignore fractions),
- 146 1 2 fix the value for distribution of such assets or any part thereof and determine that cash payments may be made to any members on the footing of the value so fixed, in order to adjust the rights of members, and
- 146 1 3 vest any such assets in trustees on trust for the persons entitled to the dividend

147 Dividends not to bear interest

- 147 1 Unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share, no dividend or other moneys payable by the Company or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company

148 Method of payment

- 148 1 The Company may pay any dividend, interest or other sum payable in respect of a share in cash or by direct debit, bank transfer, cheque, dividend warrant, or money order or by any other method (including electronic media) as the Board may consider appropriate and may send the same by post or other delivery service (or by such other means offered by the Company as the member or persons entitled to it may agree in writing) to the registered address (or in the case of a Depositary, subject to the approval of the Board, such persons and addresses as the Depositary may require) of the member or person entitled to it (or, if two or more persons are holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the member or otherwise by operation of law, to the registered address of such of those persons as is first named in the Register) or to such person and such address as such member or person or persons may direct in writing
- 148 2 Every cheque, warrant, order or other form of payment is sent at the risk of the person entitled to the money represented by it and shall (where relevant) be crossed in accordance with the Cheques Act 1992 and shall be made payable to the person or persons entitled, or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may direct in writing Payment of the cheque, warrant, order or other form of payment shall be a good discharge to the Company If any such cheque, warrant, order or other form of payment has or shall be alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Board may, at the request of the person entitled thereto, issue a replacement cheque or warrant or order or make payment in some other form, subject to compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out of pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the Board may think fit

148 3 Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share may give an effective receipt for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of such share Any such dividend, interest or other sum may also be paid by any other method as the Board considers appropriate

148 4 The Board may, at its discretion, make provisions to enable a Depositary and/or any member as the Board shall from time to time determine to receive duly declared dividends in a currency or currencies other than sterling For the purposes of the calculation of the amount receivable in respect of any dividend, the rate of exchange to be used to determine the foreign currency equivalent of any sum payable as a dividend shall be such rate or rates and the payment thereof shall be on such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine

149 Uncashed dividends

149 1 If cheques, warrants or orders for dividends or other sums payable in respect of a share sent by the Company to the person entitled thereto are returned to the Company or left uncashed on two consecutive occasions or, following one occasion, reasonable enquiries have failed to establish any new address to be used for the purpose, the Company shall not be obliged to send any dividends or other moneys payable in respect of that share due to that person until he notifies the Company of an address to be used for the purpose

150 Unclaimed dividends

150 1 All dividends, interest or other sum payable and unclaimed for 12 months after having become payable may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof All dividends unclaimed for a period of 12 years after having been declared or become due for payment shall (if the Board so resolves) be forfeited and shall cease to remain owing by the Company

151 Payment of scrip dividends

151 1 The Board may, with the prior authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, offer to any holders of Ordinary Shares the right to elect to receive Ordinary Shares, credited as fully paid, instead of the whole (or some part, to be determined by the Board) of any dividend specified by the ordinary resolution The following provisions shall apply

151 1 1 the said resolution may specify a particular dividend, or may specify all or any dividends declared within a specified period or periods,

151 1 2 the entitlement of each holder of Ordinary Shares to new Ordinary Shares shall be such that the relevant value of the entitlement shall be as nearly as possible equal to (but not greater than) the cash amount (disregarding any tax credit) of the dividend that such holder would have received by way of dividend For this purpose "relevant value" shall be calculated by reference to the average of the middle market quotations for the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange, as derived from the Daily Official List, for the day on which the Ordinary Shares are first quoted "ex" the relevant dividend and the four subsequent dealing days, or in such other manner

as the Board may determine on such basis as it considers to be fair and reasonable
A certificate or report by the Auditors as to the amount of the relevant value in
respect of any dividend shall be conclusive evidence of that amount,

- 151 1 3 no fractions of a share shall be allotted The Board may make such provisions as it thinks fit for any fractional entitlements including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, the benefit thereof accrues to the Company and/or under which fractional entitlements are accrued and/or retained and in each case accumulated on behalf of any member and such accruals or retentions are applied to the allotment by way of bonus to or cash subscription on behalf of such member of fully paid Ordinary Shares and/or provisions whereby cash payments may be made to members in respect of their fractional entitlements,
- 151 1 4 the Board shall, after determining the basis of allotment, notify the holders of Ordinary Shares in writing of the right of election offered to them, and specify the procedure to be followed and place at which, and the latest time by which, elections must be lodged in order to be effective,
- 151 1 5 the Board may exclude from any offer any holders of Ordinary Shares or any Ordinary Shares held by a Depositary or any Ordinary Shares on which dividends are payable in foreign currency where the Board considers that the making of the offer to them or in respect of such shares would or might involve the contravention of the laws of any territory or that for any other reason the offer should not be made to them or in respect of such shares,
- 151 1 6 the Board may establish or vary from time to time a procedure for election mandates in respect of future rights of election and may determine that every duly effected election in respect of any Ordinary Shares shall be binding on every successor in title to the holder thereof,
- 151 1 7 the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been offered) shall not be payable on Ordinary Shares in respect of which an election has been duly made ("the elected Ordinary Shares") and instead additional Ordinary Shares shall be allotted to the holders of the elected Ordinary Shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid For such purpose the Board may capitalise, out of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve) or of any of the profits which could otherwise have been applied in paying dividends in cash as the Board may determine, a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the additional Ordinary Shares to be allotted on that basis and apply it in paying up in full the appropriate number of unissued Ordinary Shares for allotment and distribution to the holders of the elected Ordinary Shares on that basis A Board resolution capitalising any part of such reserve or fund or profits shall have the same effect as if such capitalisation had been declared by ordinary resolution of the Company in accordance with Article 153 and in relation to any such capitalisation the Board may exercise all the powers conferred on them by Article 153 without need of such ordinary resolution,
- 151 1 8 the additional Ordinary Shares so allotted shall rank pari passu in all respects with each other and with the fully paid Ordinary Shares in issue on the record date for the

dividend in respect of which the right of election has been offered, except that they will not rank for any dividend or other distribution or other entitlement which has been declared, paid or made by reference to such record date, and

- 151 1 9 the Board may terminate, suspend or amend any offer of the right to elect to receive Ordinary Shares in lieu of any cash dividend at any time and generally may implement any scrip dividend scheme on such terms and conditions as the Board may from time to time determine and take such other action as the Board may deem necessary or desirable from time to time in respect of any such scheme

152 Reserves

- 152 1 The Board may, before recommending any dividend (whether preferential or otherwise), carry to reserve out of the profits of the Company such sums as it thinks fit. All sums standing to reserve may be applied from time to time, at the discretion of the Board, for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may properly be applied, and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board thinks fit. The Board may divide the reserve into such special funds as it thinks fit, and may consolidate into one fund any special funds or any parts of any special funds into which the reserve may have been divided as it thinks fit. Any sum which the Board may carry to reserve out of the unrealised profits of the Company shall not be mixed with any reserve to which profits available for distribution have been carried. The Board may also, without placing the same to reserve, carry forward any profits which it may think prudent not to distribute.

153 Capitalisation of reserves

- 153 1 The Board may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company
- 153 1 1 subject as provided in this Article, 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 any reserve or fund of the Company which is available for distribution or standing to the credit of share premium account or capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve,
- 153.1 2 appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion to the nominal amounts of the shares (whether or not fully paid) held by them respectively which would entitle them to participate in a distribution of that sum if the shares were fully paid and the sum were then distributable and were distributed by way of dividend 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 holders of Ordinary Shares or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other, provided that
- (a) the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, any other undistributable reserve and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to holders of Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid, and

- (b) in a case where any sum is applied in paying amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares of the Company or in paying up in full debentures of the Company, the amount of the net assets of the Company at that time is not less than the aggregate of the called up share capital of the Company and its undistributable reserves as shown in the latest audited accounts of the Company or such other accounts as may be relevant and would not be reduced below that aggregate by the payment thereof,

153 1 3 resolve that any shares so allotted to any member in respect of a holding by him of any partly paid shares shall, so long as such shares remain partly paid, rank for dividends only to the extent that such partly paid shares rank for dividends,

153 1 4 make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates (or by ignoring fractions or by accruing the benefit thereof to the Company rather than to the holders of Ordinary Shares concerned) or by payment in cash or otherwise as it thinks fit in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions,

153 1.5 authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the holders of Ordinary Shares concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for either

- (a) the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid up, of any shares or debentures to which they may be entitled on such capitalisation, or
- (b) the payment up by the Company on behalf of such holders by the application thereto of their respective proportions of the reserves or profits resolved to be capitalised, of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares

(any agreement made under such authority being effective and binding on all such holders), and

153 1 6 generally do all acts and things required to give effect to such resolution

154 Record dates

154 1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles but without prejudice to the rights attached to any shares and subject always to the Act the Company or the Board may by resolution specify any date (the "record date") as the date at the close of business (or such other time as the Board may determine) on which persons registered as the holders of shares or other securities shall be entitled to receipt of any dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue, notice, information, document or circular and such record date may be on or at any time before the date on which the same is paid, made, given or served or (in the case of any dividend, distribution, interest, allotment or issue) at any time after the same is recommended, resolved, declared or announced but without prejudice to the rights inter se in respect of the same of transferors and transferees of any such shares or other securities No change in the register of such holders after the record date shall invalidate the same

ACCOUNTS

155 Accounting records

- 155 1 The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the Act and the 2006 Act

156 Inspection of records

- 156 1 No member (other than a Director) shall have any right to inspect any accounting record or other document of the Company unless he is authorised to do so by statute, by order of the court, by the Board or by ordinary resolution of the Company

157 Accounts to be sent to members

- 157 1 Except as provided in Article 158, a printed copy of the Directors' and Auditors' reports accompanied by printed copies of the annual accounts shall, not less than 21 clear days before the annual general meeting before which they are to be laid, be delivered, in any way authorised by the Board and permitted under the Act or 2006 Act, or in accordance with Article 159 in electronic form or sent by post to every member and holder of debentures of the Company and to the Auditors and to every other person who is entitled to receive notice of general meetings. However, this Article shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person who under the provisions of these Articles is not entitled to receive notices from the Company or of whose address the Company is unaware or to any holder of debentures of whose address the Company is unaware or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures. If all or any of the shares in or debentures of the Company are listed or dealt in on any stock exchange, there shall at the same time be forwarded to the secretary of that stock exchange such number of copies of each of those documents as the regulations of that stock exchange may require

158 Summary financial statements

- 158 1 The Company may, in accordance with section 251 of the Act and any regulations made under it, send a summary financial statement to any member instead of or in addition to the documents referred to in Article 157. Where it does so, the statement shall be delivered or sent by post or in accordance with Article 159 in electronic form to the member not less than 21 clear days before the annual general meeting before which those documents are to be laid

NOTICES

159 Notices to be in writing

- 159 1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, any notice or document to be given, sent, issued, deposited, served, delivered or lodged (or the equivalent) to or by any person pursuant to these Articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of the Directors) shall be in writing and any such notice or document shall be deemed given, sent, issued, deposited, served, delivered or lodged, or the equivalent where it is sent in electronic form, to an address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice, but subject always to the provisions of Article 162 3

and, in the case of notices or other documents sent in electronic form, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the 2006 Act

- 159 2 Subject to the 2006 Act, any document or information is validly sent or supplied by a Company if it is made available on a website
- 159 3 Where a document or information is sent or supplied to the Company by a person on behalf of another, the Company may require reasonable evidence of the authority of the former to act on behalf of the latter
- 159 4 Any amendment or revocation of a notification given to the Company under this Article shall only take effect if in writing, authenticated by the member and on actual receipt by the Company thereof
- 159 5 An electronic communication shall not be treated as received by the Company if it is rejected by computer virus protection arrangements
- 159 6 Subject to the members having resolved that the Company may send or supply notices, documents or information to members by making them available on a website, where the Company requests the agreement of a person to receive specified notices, documents or information by means of a website and the Company does not receive a response within the period of 28 days (or such shorter period as may be required by statute) from the date the Company's request was sent, such person shall be deemed to have agreed to receive such notices, documents or information by the means specified in the request
- 159 7 The Company shall, at the request of a member, also provide such member, within 21 days of the receipt by the Company of the request, with a hard copy of any document sent in electronic form in accordance with these Articles
- 159 8 Any amendment or revocation of a notification given to the Company under this Article 159 shall only take effect if it is delivered to the Company in writing, signed by the member and on actual receipt by the Company thereof

160 Service of notice on members

- 160 1 The Company may give any notice or document (including a share certificate) to a member, either personally or by sending it by post or other delivery service in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address or by any other means authorised in writing by the member concerned or, subject to and in accordance with the 2006 Act, by sending it in electronic form to an address for the time being notified to the Company by the member or by making it available on a website. In the case of a member registered on an overseas branch register any such notice or document may be posted either in the United Kingdom or in the territory in which such branch register is maintained
- 160 2 In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices or documents shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the joint holding. Notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders

- 160 3 Where a member (or, in the case of joint holders, the person first named in the Register) has a registered address outside the United Kingdom but has notified the Company of an address within the United Kingdom at which notices or other documents may be given to him or, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the 2006 Act, of an address to which notices or documents may be sent in electronic form, he shall be entitled to have notices or documents given or sent to him at that address
- 160 4 If on at least three consecutive occasions the Company has attempted to send notices or documents in electronic form to an address for the time being notified to the Company by a member for that purpose but the Company is aware that there has been a failure of delivery of such notice or document, then the Company shall thereafter send notices or documents through the post to such member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices by post, in which case the provisions of Article 160 5 shall apply
- 160 5 If on at least three consecutive occasions notices or other documents have been sent through the post to any member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices but have been returned undelivered, such member shall not thereafter be entitled to receive notices or other documents from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new registered address or address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices or, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the 2006 Act, an address to which notices may be sent in electronic form
- 161 Notice in case of death, bankruptcy or mental disorder
- 161 1 The Company may send or supply any notice or document on the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law, by sending or delivering it in any manner authorised by these Articles for the giving of a notice or document to a member, addressed to that person by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt or representative by operation of law or by any like description, at the address (if any) within the United Kingdom to which notices may be sent by electronic means supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been so supplied, any notice, document or other communication sent or supplied to any member pursuant to these Articles in any manner in which it might have been sent or supplied if the death, bankruptcy or other event had not occurred shall, notwithstanding that the member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event giving rise to the transmission of the share by operation of law has occurred and whether or not the Company has notice of the death, bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been properly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of that member as sole or joint holder
- 162 Evidence of service
- 162 1 Any member present, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares of the Company shall be deemed to have received due

notice of such meeting, and, where requisite, of the purposes for which such meeting was called

- 162 2 Any notice or other document addressed to a member shall, if sent using electronic means, be deemed to have been served or delivered on the same day on which it is sent. In proving such service or delivery it shall be conclusive to prove that the address used for the electronic communication was correct and that the electronic communication was properly dispatched by the Company, unless the Company is aware that there has been a failure of delivery of such notice or document following at least three attempts in which case such notice or document shall be sent to the member at his registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom provided that the date of deemed service or delivery shall be the same date as the despatch of the original electronic communication in accordance with this Article
- 162 3 For the purposes of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day (as defined in section 1173 of the 2006 Act)
- 162 4 Any member present, either personally or by proxy, at any general meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of share in the Company shall for all purposes be deemed to have received due notice of that meeting, and of the purposes for which the meeting was called
- 162 5 Any notice, information or other document sent or supplied to a member by means of the Company's website, in accordance with Article 159, shall be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient when the material was first made available on the website or, if later, at the time the intended recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact the material was available on the Company's website
- 163 Notice binding on transferees**
- 163 1 Every person who, by operation of law, transfers or by any other means becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share (other than a notice given by the Company under section 793 of the 2006 Act) which, before his name is entered in the Register, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title
- 164 Notice by advertisement**
- 164 1 Any notice to be given by the Company to the members or any of them, and not otherwise provided for by these Articles, shall be sufficiently given if given by advertisement in at least one national newspaper published in the United Kingdom and, where the Company keeps an overseas branch register, in at least one daily newspaper published in the territory in which such register is maintained. Any notice given by advertisement shall be deemed to have been served at noon on the day on which the advertisement first appears
- 165 Suspension of postal services**
- 165 1 Subject to the 2006 Act and to any other provision of these Articles, if at any time by reason of the suspension, interruption or curtailment of postal services or threat

thereof within the United Kingdom or of the relevant electronic communication system the Company is or would be unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post or by electronic communications, notice of the general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised in at least one national newspaper published in the United Kingdom and, where the Company keeps an overseas branch register, in at least one daily newspaper published in the territory in which such register is maintained. Such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto at noon on the day on which the first of such advertisements appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post or by electronic communication if, at least seven days prior to the meeting, the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom or by electronic communications again becomes practicable.

WINDING UP

166 Division of assets

166 1 If the Company is wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by law, 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. Any such division may be otherwise than in accordance with the existing rights of the members, but if any division is resolved otherwise than in accordance with such rights, the members shall have the same right of dissent and consequential rights as if such resolution were a special resolution passed pursuant to section 110 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees on such trusts for the benefit of the members as he with the like sanction shall determine, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets on which there is a liability.

167 Transfer or sale under section 110 Insolvency Act 1986

167 1 A special resolution sanctioning a transfer or sale to another company duly passed pursuant to section 110 of the Insolvency Act 1986 may in the like manner authorise the distribution of any shares or other consideration receivable by the liquidator among the members otherwise than in accordance with their existing rights, and any such determination shall be binding on all the members, subject to the right of dissent and consequential rights conferred by the said section.

INDEMNITY

168 Right to indemnity

168 1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may be otherwise entitled, every director, alternate director, secretary or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses, damages and liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties or exercise of his

powers and/or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office, provided that this Article 168 1 shall be deemed not to provide for, or entitle any such person to, indemnification to the extent that it would cause this Article 168.1, or any element of it, to be treated as void under the Act

169 Power to insure

169.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may purchase and maintain insurance at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any person who is or was at any time a Director or other officer or employee of the Company or of any other company which is a subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking of the Company or in which the Company has an interest whether direct or indirect or who is or was at any time a trustee of any pension fund or employee benefits trust in which any employee of the Company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking is or has been interested indemnifying such person against any liability which may attach to him or loss or expenditure which he may incur in relation to anything done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done as a Director, officer, employee or trustee

170 Warrants to subscribe for shares

170 1 The Company may, subject to the provisions of CA 1985 and of these Articles, issue warrants to subscribe for shares in the Company Such warrants shall be issued upon such terms and subject to such conditions as may be resolved upon by the Board including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, terms and conditions which provide that, on a winding up of the Company, a holder of warrants may be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Company available in the liquidation *pari passu* with the holders of shares of the same class as the shares in respect of which the subscription rights conferred by the warrants can be exercised such a sum as he would have received had he exercised the subscription rights conferred by his warrants prior to the winding up but after deduction of the price (if any) payable on exercise of such subscription rights