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PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

COOL SOLUTIONS DISTRIBUTION LIMITED

Defined terms

1. (1) In these articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

articles means the articles of association set out in this document which, together with the Model Articles (as modified or excluded by this document) forming part of the articles, and "article" shall be construed accordingly; **Business Day** means a day upon which UK clearing banks are open in London to conduct a full range of business transactions;

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 Cool Solutions Distribution Limited (registered number 5377573);

conflicted director means a director who has, or could have, a conflict in a situation involving the company and consequently whose vote is not to be counted in any vote to authorise such conflict and who is not to be counted as participating in the quorum for the meeting (or part of the meeting) at which such matter is to be voted upon:

Deemed Transfer Notice means a Transfer Notice deemed to have been given under the provisions of these Articles or the Relevant Agreement;

Determination Date means the date on which the Transfer Price shall be determined in accordance with Article 38.(7);

Directors means the directors of the Company from time to time (including their duly appointed alternates);

Directors' Notice means a notice in writing from the Directors to the remaining parties informing of the receipt of a Transfer Notice or the occurrence of a Relevant Event;

Fair Value means the fair value of any Transfer Shares certified by the Independent Accountants in accordance with Article 38;

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

Independent Accountants means independent chartered accountants (acting as experts and not arbitrators) nominated unanimously by the Shareholders (or, in the event of disagreement as to such nomination, appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on the application of any Shareholder);

Material Breach means a material breach of the Relevant Agreement as defined in and for the purposes of the Relevant Agreement:

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

non-conflicted director means any director who is not a conflicted director;

partly-paid in relation to a share means that part of that share's nominal value or any premium at which it was issued has not been paid to the company;

Relevant Agreement means the agreement relating (in whole or in part) to the management and/or affairs of the Company and any amendment or supplement thereto and which is binding from time to time on the Company and the Shareholders and which (expressly or by implication) supplements or prevails over any provision of these Articles;

Relevant Event means the happening of any of the events specified in Article 37.(2) upon which a Deemed Transfer Notice shall be served;

Remaining Parties means the shareholders other than the Retiring Party after the service of a Transfer Notice or a Deemed Transfer Notice;

Representatives means in relation to a Shareholder, any person or persons who have become entitled to his Shares in consequence of his death, bankruptcy or mental incapacity;

Retiring Party means any Shareholder who serves a Transfer Notice or is deemed to have served a Deemed Transfer Notice;

Shares means the Ordinary Shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company from time to time;

Shareholder means the holder of any Share from time to time;

Transfer Notice means a notice in writing to the Directors given by a Retiring Party by which the Retiring Party indicates his wish to transfer his Shares;

Transfer Price means the price at which the Transfer Shares are to be sold in accordance with Article 38.(5);

Transfer Shares means the Shares forming the subject of a Transfer Notice;

Transmission Events means the happening of any of the events specified in Article 38.(4) upon which a Transmission Notice will be deemed to have been served;

Transmission Notice means a notice in writing given by a Representative to the Directors notifying the Company of a Transmission Event;

Transmission Shares means the Shares forming the subject of a Transmission Notice;

United Kingdom means Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

- (2) Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the company shall have the same meanings in these Articles.
- (3) Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- (4) Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time and shall include any orders, regulations or subordinate legislation from time to time made under it and any amendment or re-enactment of it or any such orders, regulations or subordinate legislation for the time being in force.
- (5) Any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.
- (6) The Model Articles shall apply to the company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles.
- (7) Articles 7, 8, 11(2) and (3), 13(1) and (2), 14(1) to (4) inclusive, 17(2), 19(5), 21, 24(2)(c), 24(2)(d), 26(5), 44(4), 45(1), 46(3), 52 and 53 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the company.

Directors' general authority

2. Article 3 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and to the applicable provisions for the time being of the Companies Acts", after the phrase "subject to the articles".

Change of Company name

3. The directors may resolve in accordance with these articles to change the company's name.

Committees

4. Where a provision of the articles refers to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion by the directors and that power, authority or discretion has been delegated by the directors to a committee, the provision shall be construed as permitting the exercise of power, authority or discretion by the committee.

Directors to take decisions collectively

- 5. (1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be taken as a majority decision at a meeting or as a directors' written resolution in accordance with these articles or otherwise as a unanimous decision taken in accordance with these articles.
- (2) If the company only has one director for the time being, and no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director, the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.
- (3) Subject to the articles, each director participating in a directors' meeting has one vote.

Directors' written resolutions

- 6. (1) Any director may propose a directors' written resolution by giving notice in writing of the proposed resolution to each of the other directors (including alternate directors).
- (2) If the company has appointed a company secretary, the company secretary must propose a directors' written resolution if a director so requests by giving notice in writing to each of the other directors (including alternate directors).
- (3) Notice of a proposed directors' written resolution must indicate:
- (a) the proposed resolution; and
- (b) the time by which it is proposed that the directors should adopt it.
- (4) A proposed directors' written resolution is adopted when a majority of the non-conflicted directors (or their alternates) have signed one or more copies of it, provided that those directors (or their alternates) would have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting were the resolution to have been proposed at such meeting.
- (5) Once a directors' written resolution has been adopted, it must be treated as if it had been a decision taken at a directors' meeting in accordance with the articles.

Unanimous decisions

- 7. (1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this Article when all non-conflicted directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- (2) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this Article if the non-conflicted directors would not have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting had the matter been proposed as a resolution at such a meeting.
- (3) Once a directors' unanimous decision is taken in accordance with this Article it must be treated as if it had been a decision taken at a directors' meeting in accordance with the articles.

Calling a directors' meeting

- 8. (1) Article 9 of the Model Articles shall be amended by:
- (a) inserting the words "each of" before the words "the directors";
- (b) by inserting the phrase "(including alternate directors) ,whether or not he is absent from the UK," after the words "the directors";
- (c) by inserting the words "subject to article 9(4)" at the beginning of article 9(3) of the Model Articles; and
- (d) by inserting the words "prior to or up to and including" before the words "not more than seven days" in article 9 (4) of the Model Articles.

Chairman's casting vote at directors' meetings

- 9. (1) Article 13 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the company. If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal at a meeting of the directors are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote.
- (2) But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

Quorum for directors' meetings

- 10. (1) Subject to paragraph (b) hereof the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of directors may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors but it must never be less than two directors, and unless otherwise fixed it is two. A person who holds office only as an alternate director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum. If and so long as there is a sole director, he may exercise all the powers and authorities vested in the directors by these articles and accordingly the quorum for the transaction of business in these circumstances shall be one.
- (2) For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to these articles to authorise a director's conflict, if there is only one non-conflicted director in office in addition to the conflicted director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one non-conflicted director.

Directors' conflicts of interests

11.(1) For the purposes of this Article, a conflict of interest includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties, and interest includes both direct and indirect interests.

Situational Conflicts of Interest

- (2) The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this Article, authorise any matter proposed to them by any director which would, if not authorised, involve a director breaching his duty under section 175 of the Companies Act 2006 to avoid situations in which he has, or could have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company (such conflict of interest being hereinafter referred to as a Conflict of Interest).
- (3) A director seeking authorisation in respect of a Conflict of Interest shall declare to the other directors the nature and extent of his interest in a Conflict of Interest as soon as is reasonably practicable. The director shall provide the other directors with such details of the relevant matter as are necessary for the other directors to decide how to address the Conflict of Interest, together with such other information as may be requested by the other directors.
- (4) Any authorisation under this Article will be effective only if:
- (a) the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration at a meeting of directors in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine;
- (b) any requirement as to the quorum at any meeting of the directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting the director in question and any other conflicted director(s); and
- (c) the matter was agreed to without the director and any other conflicted director(s) voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.
- (5) Any authorisation of a Conflict of Interest under this Article may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):
- (a) extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the Conflict of Interest so authorised;
- (b) be subject to such terms and for such duration, or impose such limits or conditions as the directors may determine; or
- (c) be terminated or varied by the directors at any time.
- This will not affect anything done by the director prior to such termination or variation in accordance with the terms of the authorisation.
- (6) In authorising a Conflict of Interest the directors may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if a director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict of Interest otherwise than as a director of the Company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person the director is under no obligation to:
- (a) disclose such information to the directors or to any director or other officer or employee of the Company; or (b) use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a director,
- where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence.
- (7) Where the directors authorise a Conflict of Interest they may provide, without limitation (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that the director:
- (a) is excluded from discussions (whether at meetings of directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict of Interest;
- (b) is not given any documents or other information relating to the Conflict of Interest;
- (c) may or may not vote (or may or may not be counted in the quorum) at any future meeting of directors in relation to any resolution relating to the Conflict of Interest.
- (8) Where the directors authorise a Conflict of Interest:
- (a) the director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms, limits and/or conditions imposed by the directors in relation to the Conflict of Interest;
- (b) the director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Companies Act 2006 provided he acts in accordance with such terms, limits and/or conditions (if any) as the directors impose in respect of its authorisation.

Conflicts of Interest arising in relation to transactions or arrangements with the Company

- (9) Subject to the applicable provisions for the time being of the Companies Acts and to any terms, limits and/or conditions imposed by the directors in accordance with this Article, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any interest of his in accordance with the Companies Acts, a director notwithstanding his office:
- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested;
- (b) shall be counted as participating for voting and quorum purposes in any decision in connection with any proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Company, in which he is in any way directly or indirectly interested:
- (c) may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director; and
- (d) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any contract, transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested.
- (10) A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he receives as director or other officer or employee of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested or which he (or anyone connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Companies Act 2006)) derives from or in connection with any such office or employment or from a relationship involving a Conflict of Interest which has been authorised by the directors or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) or from any contract, transaction or arrangement with, or other interest in, the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested and no contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (11) For the purposes of this Article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.
- (12) Subject to the following sub-paragraph, if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.
- (13) If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

Records of decisions to be kept

12. Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in permanent form, so that they may be read with the naked eye.

Number of directors

13. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than one.

Methods of appointing directors

- 14. (1) In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) shall have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director.
- (2) For the purposes of the preceding article, where two or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder.

Termination of director's appointment

15. Article 18(c) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the addition of the words "and the company resolves that his office be vacated" at the end of the sub-Article.

Directors' expenses

16. Article 20 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "(including alternate directors) and the secretary (if any)" before the words "properly incur".

Appointment and removal of alternate directors

- 17. (1) Any director (hereinafter referred to as "appointor") may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors, to:
- (a) exercise that director's powers; and
- (b) carry out that director's responsibilities,
- in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor.
- (2) Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- (3) The notice must:
- (a) identify the proposed alternate; and
- (b) in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.

Rights and responsibilities of alternate directors

18. (1) An alternate director may act as alternate director to more than one director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors as the alternate's appointor.

- (2) Except as the articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:
- (a) are deemed for all purposes to be directors;
- (b) are liable for their own acts and omissions;
- (c) are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors (including those set out in sections 172 to 177 CA 2006 inclusive and these articles); and
- (d) are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors, and , in particular (without limitation), each alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a shareholder.
- (3) A person who is an alternate director but not a director:
- (a) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's appointor is not participating and provided that no alternate may be counted as more than one director for these purposes);
- (b) may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his appointor does not participate); and (c) may sign a written resolution (but only if it is not signed or to be signed by that person's appointor).
- (4) A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of any of his appointors, to a separate vote on behalf of that appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- (5) An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the company.

Termination of alternate directorship

- 19. An alternate director's appointment as an alternate for any appointor terminates:
- (1) when that appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the company in writing specifying when it is to terminate:
- (2) when notification is received by the company from the alternate that the alternate is resigning as alternate for that appointor and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms;
- (3) on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to that appointor, would result in the termination of that appointor's appointment as a director;
- (4) on the death of that appointor; or
- (5) when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates.

Appointment and removal of secretary

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

Share Capital and variation of class rights

21. (1) The share capital of the company shall be divided into 'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each, 'B' Ordinary shares of £1 each, 'C' Ordinary shares of £1 each and 'D' Ordinary shares of £1 each and all classes of shares shall rank pari passu except:

As regards voting

The 'C' Ordinary shares and 'D' Ordinary shares (in this paragraph referred to as the "non-voting shares") shall not entitle the holders thereof to receive notice of or to attend and vote (either in person or by proxy) at any General Meeting of the Company unless the business of the General Meeting includes the consideration of a Resolution for winding up the Company or a Resolution altering or abrogating any of the rights, privileges, limitations and restrictions attached to the non-voting shares but so that in the event of the non-voting shares entitling the holders thereof to attend at a Meeting by virtue only of this sub-paragraph such holders shall have the right to vote at such Meeting in respect of the non-voting shares held by them only on a resolution of the nature hereinbefore described, in which event holders of the non-voting shares shall have one vote on a show of hands and on a poll one vote in respect of every non-voting share held by them respectively.

- (2) Whenever the capital of the company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any class may only be varied or abrogated, either whilst the company is a going concern or during or in contemplation of a winding up, with the consent of the holders of the issued shares of that class given in accordance with the following article.
- (3) The consent of the holders of a class of shares may be given by:
- (a) a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the issued shares of that class;
- (b) a written resolution in any form signed by or on behalf of the holders of three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class, but not otherwise.
- (4) To every such meeting, all the provisions of these articles and the Companies Act 2006 relating to general meetings of the company shall apply (with such amendments as may be necessary to give such provisions efficacy) but so that the necessary quorum shall be two holders of shares of the relevant class present in person or by proxy and holding or representing not less than one third in nominal value of the issued shares of the relevant class; so that every holder of shares of the class shall be entitled on a poll to one vote for every such share held by him; and so that any holder of shares of the class, present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative, may demand a poll. If at any adjourned meeting of such holders such a quorum as aforesaid is not present, not less than one holder who is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative shall be a quorum.

Further issues of shares: authority

22. (1) The following paragraphs of this article shall not apply to a private company with only one class of shares. (2) Subject to the preceding paragraph and save to the extent authorised by these articles, or authorised from time to time by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders, the directors shall not exercise any power to allot shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, any shares in the company.

- (3) Subject to the remaining provisions of this article and to the following article (Further issues of shares: preemption rights) and to any directions which may be given by the company in general meeting, the directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purpose of section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 to exercise any power of the company to:
- (a) offer or allot;
- (b) grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into;
- (c) otherwise create, deal in, or dispose of, any shares in the company to any person, at any time and subject to any terms and conditions as the directors think proper.
- (4) The authority referred to in this article:
- (a) shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £1,000 for 'A' Ordinary shares, £1,000 for 'B' Ordinary shares, £1,000 for 'C' Ordinary shares and £1,000 for 'D' Ordinary shares;
- (b) shall only apply insofar as the company has not renewed, waived or revoked it by ordinary resolution; and
- (c) may only be exercised for a period of five years commencing on the date on which the company is incorporated or these articles are adopted whichever is the later, save that the directors may make an offer or agreement which would, or might, require shares to be allotted after the expiry of such authority (and the directors may allot shares in pursuance of an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired).

Further issues of shares: pre-emption rights

- 23. (1) In accordance with section 567(1) of the Companies Act 2006, sections 561 and 562 of the Companies Act 2006 shall not apply to an allotment of equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Companies Act 2006) made by the company.
- (2) After a period of one month from the date of incorporation has elapsed, unless otherwise agreed by special resolution, if the company proposes to allot any equity securities, those equity securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the company has first offered them to all shareholders on the date of the offer on the same terms, and at the same price, as those equity securities are being offered to such other person on a pari passu basis and pro rata to the nominal value of shares held by those shareholders (as nearly as possible without involving fractions).
- (3) The offer:
- (a) shall be in writing, shall be open for acceptance for a period of fifteen working days from the date of the offer and shall give details of the number and subscription price of the relevant equity securities; and
- (b) may stipulate that any shareholder who wishes to subscribe for a number of equity securities in excess of the proportion to which he is entitled shall, in his acceptance, state the number of excess equity securities (hereinafter referred to as "Excess Securities") for which he wishes to subscribe.
- (4) Any equity securities not accepted by shareholders pursuant to the offer made to them in accordance with these articles shall be used for satisfying any requests for Excess Securities made pursuant to the preceding article. If there are insufficient Excess Securities to satisfy such requests, the Excess Securities shall be allotted to the applicants as nearly as practicable in the proportion that the number of Excess Securities each shareholder indicated he would accept bears to the total number of Excess Securities applied for (as nearly as possible without involving fractions or increasing the number of Excess Securities allotted to any shareholder beyond that applied for by him). After that allotment, any Excess Securities remaining shall be offered to any other person as the directors may determine, at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the shareholders.

Company's lien over shares

- 24. (1) The company has a lien (hereinafter referred to as the "company's lien") over every share, whether or not fully paid, which is registered in the name of any person indebted or under any liability to the company, whether he is the sole registered holder of the share or one of several joint holders, for all monies payable by him (either alone or jointly with any other person) to the company, whether payable immediately or at some time in the future and whether or not a call notice has been sent in respect of it.
- (2) The company's lien over a share:
- (a) takes priority over any third party's interest in that share, and
- (b) extends to any dividend or other money payable by the company in respect of that share and (if the lien is enforced and the share is sold by the company) the proceeds of sale of that share.
- (3) The directors may at any time decide that a share which is or would otherwise be subject to the company's lien shall not be subject to it, either wholly or in part.

Enforcement of the company's lien

- 25. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, if:
- (a) a lien enforcement notice has been given in respect of a share, and
- (b) the person to whom the notice was given has failed to comply with it,
- the company may sell that share.
- (2) A lien enforcement notice:
- (a) may only be given in respect of a share which is subject to the company's lien, in respect of which a sum is payable and the due date for payment of that sum has passed;
- (b) must specify the share concerned;
- (c) must be in writing and require payment of the sum payable within fourteen days of the notice;
- (d) must be addressed either to the holder of the share or to a transmittee of that holder; and
- (e) must state the company's intention to sell the share if the notice is not complied with.
- (3) Where shares are sold under this Article:
- (a) the directors may authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser, and
- (b) the transferee is not bound to see to the application of the consideration, and the transferee's title is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the sale.

- (4) The net proceeds of any such sale (after payment of the costs of sale and any other costs of enforcing the lien) must be applied:
- (a) first, in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as was payable at the date of the lien enforcement notice,
- (b) second, to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale, but only after the certificate for the shares sold has been surrendered to the company for cancellation or an indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the directors has been given for any lost certificates, and subject to a lien equivalent to the company's lien for any money payable (whether payable immediately or at some time in the future) as existed over the shares before the sale in respect of all shares registered in the name of such person (whether as the sole registered holder or as one of several joint holders) after the date of the lien enforcement notice.
- (c) A statutory declaration by a director or the company secretary (if any) that the declarant is a director or the company secretary (as the case may be) and that a share has been sold to satisfy the company's lien on a specified date is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and

subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share.

Call notices

- 26. (1) Subject to the articles and the terms on which shares are allotted, the directors may send a notice (hereinafter referred to as a "call notice") to a shareholder requiring the shareholder to pay the company a specified sum of money (hereinafter referred to as a "call") which is payable by that member to the company at the date when the directors decide to send the call notice.
- (2) A call notice:
- (a) must be in writing;
- (b) may not require a shareholder to pay a call which exceeds the total amount of his indebtedness or liability to the company;
- (c) must state when and how any call to which it relates it is to be paid; and
- (d) may permit or require the call to be paid by instalments.
- (3) A shareholder must comply with the requirements of a call notice, but no shareholder is obliged to pay any call before fourteen days have passed since the notice was sent.
- (4) Before the company has received any call due under a call notice the directors may:
- (a) revoke it wholly or in part, or
- (b) specify a later time for payment than is specified in the notice,
- by a further notice in writing to the shareholder in respect of whose shares the call is made.

Liability to pay calls

- 27. (1) Liability to pay a call is not extinguished or transferred by transferring the shares in respect of which it is required to be paid.
- (2) Joint holders of a share are jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of that share.
- (3) Subject to the terms on which shares are allotted, the directors may, when issuing shares, provide that call notices sent to the holders of those shares may require them:
- (a) to pay calls which are not the same, or
- (b) to pay calls at different times.

When call notice need not be issued

- 28. (1) A call notice need not be issued in respect of sums which are specified, in the terms on which a share is issued, as being payable to the company in respect of that share:
- (a) on allotment;
- (b) on the occurrence of a particular event; or
- (c) on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue.
- (2) But if the due date for payment of such a sum has passed and it has not been paid, the holder of the share concerned is treated in all respects as having failed to comply with a call notice in respect of that sum, and is liable to the same consequences as regards the payment of interest and forfeiture.

Failure to comply with call notice: automatic consequences

- 29. (1) If a person is liable to pay a call and fails to do so by the call payment date:
- (a) the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture to that person, and
- (b) until the call is paid, that person must pay the company interest on the call from the call payment date at the relevant rate.
- (2) For the purposes of this Article:
- (a) the "call payment date" is the time when the call notice states that a call is payable, unless the directors give a notice in writing specifying a later date, in which case the call payment date is that later date;
- (b) the "relevant rate" is:
- (c) the rate fixed by the terms on which the share in respect of which the call is due was allotted;
- (d) such other rate as was fixed in the call notice which required payment of the call, or has otherwise been determined by the directors; or
- (e) if no rate is fixed in either of these ways, five per cent. (5%) per annum.
- (3) The relevant rate must not exceed by more than five percentage points the base lending rate most recently set by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England in connection with its responsibilities under Part 2 of the Bank of England Act 1998.
- (4) The directors may waive any obligation to pay interest on a call wholly or in part.

Notice of intended forfeiture

- 30. (1) A notice of intended forfeiture:
- (a) must be in writing;
- (b) may be sent in respect of any share in respect of which a call has not been paid as required by a call notice;

- (a) of any share or shares of the company; or
- assignment, disposition or proposed or purported transfer, assignment or disposition:
- 36. (1) In these articles, a reference to the transfer of or transferring shares shall include any transfer,

Transfer of shares

- (b) in respect of a conditional or an absolute subscription.
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- (a) in cash, or in fully paid or partly paid shares or other securities or partly in one way and partly in the other;
 - (2) Any such commission may be paid:
 - (b) procuring, or agreeing to procure, subscriptions for shares.
 - (a) subscribing, or agreeing to subscribe, for shares; or
 - 35. (1) The company may pay any person a commission in consideration for that person:

Payment of commission on subscription for shares

- (4) A share which has been surrendered may be dealt with in the same way as a share which has been forfelted.
 - (3) The effect of surrender on a share is the same as the effect of forfeiture on that share.
 - (2) The directors may accept the surrender of any such share.
 - (c) which has been forfeited.
 - (b) which the directors may forfeit; or
 - (a) in respect of which the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture;
 - 34. (1) A shareholder may surrender any share:

Surrender of shares

account for any money earned on them.

- (c) but no interest is payable to such a person in respect of such proceeds and the company is not required to
 - (b) had not, when that share was forfeited, been paid by that person in respect of that share,
 - (a) was, or would have become, payable, and
 - the company the proceeds of such sale, net of any commission, and excluding any amount which:
- (4) If the company sells a forfeited share, the person who held it prior to its forfeiture is entitled to receive from the forfeiture or transfer of the share.
- (if any) nor is that person's title to the share affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to
- (3) A person to whom a forfeited share is transferred is not bound to see to the application of the consideration good title to the share.
- (b) subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the articles or by law, constitutes a
- (a) is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and company secretary (as the case may be) and that a share has been forfeited on a specified date:
- (2) A statutory declaration by a director or the company secretary (if any) that the declarant is a director or the for the transfer and the directors may authorise any person to execute the instrument of transfer.
- 33. (1) If a forfeited share is to be disposed of by being transferred, the company may receive the consideration

Procedure following forfeiture

on payment of all calls and interest due in respect of it and on such other terms as they think fit.

- (4) At any time before the company disposes of a forfeited share, the directors may decide to cancel the forfeiture for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.
- (e) the directors may waive payment of such sums wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance forfeiture); and
- of forfeiture in respect of those shares, including any interest (whether accrued before or after the date of
- (d) that person remains liable to the company for all sums payable by that person under the articles at the date
 - (c) that person must surrender the certificate for the shares forfeited to the company for cancellation;
 - (b) that person ceases to be a shareholder in respect of those shares;

of members;

- (a) the company must send that person written notice that forfeiture has occurred and record it in the register
 - (3) If a person's shares have been forfeited:
 - (c) may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of as the directors think fit.
 - (b) is deemed to be the property of the company; and
 - (a) is deemed to have been forfeited when the directors decide that it is forfeited;
 - (Z) Any share which is forfeited in accordance with the articles:

forfeiture and the company.

- (b) all other rights and liabilities incidental to the share as between the person whose share it was prior to the
 - (a) all interests in that share, and all claims and demands against the company in respect of it, and
 - 32. (1) Subject to the articles, the forfeiture of a share extinguishes:

Effect of forfeiture

and not paid before the forfeiture.

forfeited, and the forfeiture is to include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares in the notice of intended forfeiture, the directors may decide that any share in respect of which it was given is 31. If a notice of intended forfeiture is not complied with before the date by which payment of the call is required

Directors' power to forfeit shares

liable to be forfeited.

- (f) must state that if the notice is not complied with, the shares in respect of which the call is payable will be
 - (e) must state how the payment is to be made; and

the company by reason of such non-payment by a date which is not less than fourteen days after the date of the (d) must require payment of the call and any accrued interest and all expenses that may have been incurred by

- that holder in accordance with these articles.
- (c) must be sent to the holder of that share (or, in the case of joint holders of a share) or to a transmittee of

- (b) of any interest of any kind in any share or shares of the company; or
- (c) of any right to receive or subscribe for any share or shares of the company.
- (2) Article 26(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and (if any of the shares is partly paid) the transferee" at the end of that article.
- (3) The Directors may refuse to register a transfer:
- (a) Of a share not fully paid to a person of whom they do not approve; and
- (b) Of a share on which the Company has a lien.
- (4) If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share they shall, as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the company, send to the transferee notice of, and the reasons for, the refusal.

Transfer of 'C' Ordinary and 'D' Ordinary shares

- 37. As regards transfer of 'C' Ordinary shares or 'D' Ordinary shares:
- (a) the holder of any 'C' Ordinary shares may only transfer any of or all of his shareholding to the holders of the 'A' Ordinary shares or to an individual or body corporate so nominated by the Directors of the Company; and
- (b) the holder of any 'D' Ordinary shares may only transfer any of or all of his shareholding to the holders of the 'B' Ordinary shares or to an individual or body corporate so nominated by the Directors of the Company.

Compulsory Transfer of Shares

- 38. (1) Articles 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 will apply (where relevant) upon compulsory transfer of Shares.
- (2) Each of the following is a Relevant Event (save where the Company only has one Shareholder when this clause shall have no effect):
- (a) if a Shareholder commits an act of bankruptcy or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors;
- (b) if a Shareholder (being also a Director, employee or consultant of the Director, employee or consultant (otherwise than by reason of his death or his permanent physical or mental incapacity);
- (c) if any Shareholder commits a Material Breach of the Relevant Agreement.
- (3) Upon the happening of any of the Relevant Events, the Shareholder concerned will be deemed to be a Retiring Party and to have served a Deemed Transfer Notice in respect of all the Shares then held by the Retiring Party and all Shares then held by the Retiring Party's spouse, children, grandchildren, and their issue, (including step and adopted children) except for Shares which the Directors are satisfied were not acquired by such holders either directly or indirectly from the Retiring Party or by reason of their connection with the Retiring Party.
- (4) Each of the following is a Transmission Event (save where the Company only has one Shareholder when this clause shall have no effect):
- (a) the death of a Shareholder;
- (b) if a Shareholder becomes incapable within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 2007.
- (5) Upon the happening of any of the Transmission Events, the Shareholder concerned shall be deemed to be a Retiring Party and to have served a Transmission Notice and the provisions of Article 41 will apply.
- (6) Any reference in these Articles to a Retiring Party will, if applicable, include his Representative.

Pre-Emption Rights

- 39. (1) Except as provided elsewhere in these Articles, before transferring or agreeing to transfer any Share or any interest therein (including for this purpose the assignment of the beneficial interest in, or the creation of any charge or other security interest over such Shares) any Retiring Party proposing to transfer any of his Shares must serve a Transfer Notice on the Company (save where the Company only has one Shareholder when this clause shall not be applicable).
- (2) The Transfer Notice must specify:
- (a) the Retiring Party's wish to transfer his Shares;
- (b) the number of Transfer Shares the Retiring Party wishes to transfer;
- (c) (except where the Transfer Notice is a Deemed Transfer Notice) the price at which the Retiring Party wishes to sell the Transfer Shares and if any person has offered to purchase the Transfer Shares at such price, his identity.
- (3) The Transfer Notice will constitute the Company as the agent of the Retiring Party for the sale of all of the Transfer Shares to the Company or to any of the Remaining Parties who are willing to purchase the Transfer Shares at the Transfer Price on the terms of this Article. The Directors will send a Directors' Notice to the Remaining Parties within 14 days of the receipt of a Transfer Notice or the occurrence of a Relevant Event. A Transfer Notice (other than a Deemed Transfer Notice) may be revoked by a Retiring Party if the Retiring Party fails to agree a price for the Transfer Shares and upon certification of the Fair Value, reasonably rejects that Fair Value as being unsuitable. A Deemed Transfer Notice shall not be capable of revocation.
- (4) Subject as provided in these Articles or in the Relevant Agreement the Transfer Shares will be offered for purchase at the Transfer Price.
- (5) (a) If the Transfer Notice is not a Deemed Transfer Notice, then in the event of agreement in writing between the Company (acting through the Directors), the Retiring Party and the Remaining Parties, the Transfer Price shall be the price specified in the Transfer Notice by the Retiring Party, but if no such agreement as to the Transfer Price between the Company, the Retiring Party and the Remaining Parties is forthcoming (whether by reason of disagreement, absence or otherwise) within 21 days of service of the Directors Notice by the Directors pursuant to Article 39.(3), the Transfer Price will be determined by the Independent Accountants in accordance with the provisions of Article 39.(6).
- (b) If the Transfer Notice is a Deemed Transfer Notice, the Transfer Price will be such price as shall be agreed between the Company (acting through the Directors), the Retiring Party and the Remaining Parties (including any Representative irrespective as to whether he has been registered as holder of the Transfer Shares at that date), but if no such agreement shall be forthcoming (whether by reason of disagreement, absence or otherwise) within 21 days after the service of the Directors Notice by the Directors pursuant to Article 39.(3), the Transfer Price will be determined by the Independent Accountants in accordance with the provisions of Article 39.(6).

- (6) (a) If the Transfer Price is to be determined by the Independent Accountants, then they will certify in writing the sum which in their opinion represents the Fair Value.
- (b) In certifying a Fair Value under Article 39.(6)(a), the Independent Accountants will:
- (i) value the Transfer Shares as on an arm's length sale between a willing vendor and a willing purchaser;
- (ii) assume that the Transfer Shares are capable of being transferred without restriction;
- (iii) regard the Company as a going concern;
- (iv) value each Share as a rateable proportion of the total value of all the Shares in the Company at the date of the certificate of Fair Value and will not discount or enhance the Fair Value by reference to the number of Shares comprised in the Transfer Notice;
- (v) take into account any reasonable prospects of the admission of any of the Shares to the Official List of the Stock Exchange or the granting of an application by the Company for the dealing in any of the Shares on any other public securities market;
- (vi) take into account the terms and value of any offer made or about to be made by a third party to obtain a controlling interest in the Company (meaning Shares conferring in the aggregate 50% or more of the total voting rights conferred by all the Shares having a right to vote at general meetings of the Company and in issue at that time) irrespective of the intentions of the other Shareholders as to accepting that offer.
- If any difficulty arises in applying any of the foregoing assumptions or bases, such difficulty will be resolved by the Independent Accountants in such manner as they in their absolute discretion think fit. The Company will use its best endeavours to procure that the Independent Accountants determine the Transfer Price within 21 days of being requested so to do.
- (c) In certifying the Fair Value, the Independent Accountants will act as experts and not as arbitrators and accordingly any provisions of law or statute relating to arbitration will not apply to their determination.
- (d) Within 14 days of receipt of the certificate of Fair Value from the Independent Accountants, the Company will by notice in writing inform the Retiring Party and the Remaining Parties of the Fair Value.
- (e) The cost of the Independent Accountants' certificate of Fair Value will be apportioned among the Retiring Party and the Remaining Parties as the Independent Accountants in their absolute discretion decide, save where a Transfer Notice is revoked by a Retiring Party as set out in Article 39. (3), when the costs of certification shall be borne entirely by that Retiring Party.
- (7) If the determination of the Transfer Price is referred to the Independent Accountants, the Determination Date shall be the date upon which the Directors receive the Independent Accountants' certificate of Fair Value. If the Transfer Price is determined by written agreement of all the Shareholders and the Company in accordance with either Articles 39.(5)(a) or (b) then the Determination Date shall be the date on which such agreement is made.
- (8) (a) The Transfer Shares will first be offered to the Remaining Parties by the Directors within 14 days of the Determination Date by notice in writing (the "Offer Notice"). The Transfer Shares will be offered to each Remaining Shareholder in proportion to the number of existing Shares held by them respectively.
- (b) The Offer Notice must:
- (i) state the Transfer Price;
- (ii) state the time within which the offer may be accepted, being not less than 14 days nor more than 28 days from the date of the Offer Notice.

For the purposes of this Article, the Offer Notice will be deemed to be accepted on the date upon which written acceptance is received by the Company.

- (9) Upon the expiry of the offer period referred to in Article 39. (8)(b)(ii), the Directors will notify the Remaining Parties as to whether all of the Remaining Parties have agreed to purchase the Transfer Shares. If all the Remaining Parties have so agreed, then the Directors will allocate to each Remaining Party his pro-rata entitlement of Transfer Shares. If all the Remaining Parties have not so agreed, then the provisions of Article 40 shall apply.
- (10) (Subject to Article 40) If by the foregoing procedure the Directors do not receive acceptances from the Remaining Parties in respect of all the Transfer Shares within the period of 28 days from the date of the Offer Notice, they will immediately give notice in writing of that fact to the Retiring Party. Subject as provided below, the Retiring Party may within a period of 6 months after the date of that notice sell all (but not some only) of the unallocated Transfer Shares to any person (a "third party") at any price which is not less than the Transfer Price (after deducting where appropriate, any net dividend or other distribution declared, paid or made after the date of the Transfer Notice in respect of the Transfer Shares and which has been or is to be retained by the Retiring Party); provided that any such sale will be subject to the Remaining Parties consenting to the third party becoming a Shareholder and to the third party agreeing to be bound by the provisions of the Relevant Agreement.
- (11) If any Shareholder or third party (a "Purchaser") within the period(s) of the aforesaid offer(s) agrees to purchase all of the Transfer Shares the Directors will immediately give notice in writing as mentioned below to the Retiring Party and to the Purchaser, and the Retiring Party will thereupon become bound upon payment of the Transfer Price to the Retiring Party in accordance with Article 42 below (whose receipt shall be a good discharge to the Purchaser, the Company and the Directors therefrom none of whom will be bound to see to the application thereof) to transfer to each Purchaser those Transfer Shares accepted by him. Every such notice will state the name and address of each Purchaser, the number of Transfer Shares agreed to be purchased by him and the place and time appointed by the Directors for the completion of the purchase.
- (12) If the Retiring Party defaults in transferring Transfer Shares where required by these Articles the Company shall if so required by the Purchaser receive and give a good discharge for the purchase money on behalf of the Retiring Party and shall authorise some person to execute transfers of the Transfer Shares in favour of the Purchaser and shall enter the names of the Purchaser in the register of members as the holder of such of the Transfer Shares as shall have been transferred to them.

Purchase of Shares by The Company

40. (1) In the event of a Transfer Notice or Deemed Transfer Notice being served the Transfer Shares must first be offered to the Remaining Parties in accordance with Article 39.(8). If, however, the Remaining Parties do not

agree to purchase all the Transfer Shares (within the time stipulated in Article 39.(9)) then the Directors shall offer the unallocated Transfer Shares to the Company at the Fair Value certified under Article 39.(6).

- (2) Subject to due compliance with the Act and provided that the Auditors confirm that the Company can purchase the Transfer Shares in accordance with the Act and the Relevant Agreement, the Company may purchase the Transfer Shares at the Fair Value.
- (3) If the Company is to purchase any Transfer Shares in accordance with Article 40.(2), the Remaining Parties and the Retiring Party will take all appropriate steps to facilitate the purchase of the Transfer Shares by the Company.
- (4) If the Auditors confirm that the Company is unable to purchase the Transfer Shares, (or for the avoidance of doubt the Remaining Parties unanimously decide to purchase the Transfer Shares themselves upon receipt of an Offer Notice), then the Transfer Shares shall be offered to the Remaining Parties in accordance with Articles 39.(8), 39.(9) and 39.(10).

Transfer of Shares by The Representative

- 41. (1) If a Transmission Event occurs, then a Transmission Notice will be served in accordance with Article 39.(5). The Transmission Notice will be served on the Company by the Representative and will state:
- (a) the nature of the Transmission Event;
- (b) the number of Transmission Shares.
- (2) Upon the service of a Transmission Notice, the provisions of Article 39 shall apply, and the Transmission Shares shall first be offered to the Remaining Parties under Article 39. (8) and then to the Company under Article 40.
- (3) If the period during which the Remaining Parties are capable of accepting the offer to purchase the Transmission Shares under the provisions of Article 39 expires without the Remaining Parties having purchased or agreed to purchase those Transmission Shares and the Company does not purchase the Transmission Shares in accordance with the provisions of Article 40, then the Representative is entitled either to:
- (a) sell the Transmission Shares to any person in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as a Retiring Party could under Article 39.(10); or
- (b) make a transfer of the Transmission Shares to a member or members of the family of the deceased Shareholder where they are so entitled under the provisions of the deceased Shareholder's will or the laws as to intestacy. The words "a member of the family of a Shareholder" means the husband, wife, long-term partner, widow, widower, children and remote issue (including children by adoption) or parent (including adoptive parent).

Payment for Shares

42. In the case of a sale of Transfer Shares by a Representative to another Shareholder following the death of a Shareholder (and in the case of any sale of Shares to the Company) the Transfer Price for the Shares will be payable immediately on the execution of the transfer.

Prohibited Transfers.

43. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, no transfer of any Share shall be registered if it is to any minor, undischarged bankrupt, trustee in bankruptcy or person of unsound mind.

Transmission of shares

- 44. (1) Nothing in these articles releases the estate of a deceased shareholder from any liability in respect of a share solely or jointly held by that shareholder.
- (2) Article 27(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "subject to the provisions of the Company's articles", after the initial word "But".

Transmittees bound by prior notices

45. Article 29 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "or the name of any person nominated under Model Article 27(2)" after the words "transmittee's name".

Procedure for disposing of fractions of shares

- 46. (1) This Article applies where:
- (a) there has been a consolidation or division of shares; and
- (b) as a result, shareholders are entitled to fractions of shares.
- (2) The directors may:
- (a) sell the shares representing the fractions to any person including the company for the best price reasonably obtainable;
- (b) authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser; and
- (c) distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among the holders of the shares.
- (3) The person to whom the shares are transferred is not obliged to ensure that any purchase money is received by the person entitled to the relevant fractions.
- (4) The transferee's title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to their sale.

Calculation of dividends

- 47. (1) Except as otherwise provided by the articles or the rights attached to shares, all dividends must be:
- (a) declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid; and
- (b) 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.
- (2) If any share is issued on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividend accordingly.
- (3) If and so long as the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the directors may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, pay interim dividends at variable rates on the different classes of shares, and the company, on the recommendation of the Directors, may declare dividends at variable rates on the different classes of shares on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividend accordingly.

Deductions from distributions in respect of sums owed to the company

- 48. (1) If:
- (a) a share is subject to the company's lien; and
- (b) the directors are entitled to issue a lien enforcement notice in respect of it,
- (c) they may, instead of issuing a lien enforcement notice, deduct from any dividend or other sum payable in respect of the share any sum of money which is payable to the company in respect of that share to the extent that they are entitled to require payment under a lien enforcement notice.
- (2) Money so deducted must be used to pay any of the sums payable in respect of that share.
- (3) The company must notify the distribution recipient in writing of:
- (a) the fact and amount of any such deduction;
- (b) any non-payment of a dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share resulting from any such deduction; and
- (c) how the money deducted has been applied.

Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums

49. Article 36(4) of the Model Articles shall be amended by inserting the phrase "in or towards paying up any amounts unpaid on existing shares held by the persons entitled, or" after the words "may be applied".

Convening general meetings

50. The directors may call general meetings and, on the requisition of shareholders pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, shall forthwith proceed to convene a general meeting in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or the shareholders requisitioning the meeting (or any of them representing more than one half of the total voting rights of them all) may call a general meeting. If the company has only a single shareholder, such shareholder shall be entitled at any time to call a general meeting.

Notice of general meetings

- 51. (1) General meetings (other than an adjourned meeting) shall be called by at least fourteen Clear Days' notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed by a majority in number of the shareholders having a right to attend and vote, being a majority together holding not less than ninety per cent (90%) in nominal value of the shares at the meeting, giving that right.
- (2) The notice shall specify the time, date and place of the meeting, the general nature of the business to be transacted and the terms of any resolution to be proposed at it.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of these articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice shall be given to all shareholders, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder (if the company has been notified of their entitlement) and to the directors, alternate directors and the auditors for the time being of the company.
- (4) The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Resolutions requiring special notice

- 52. (1) If the Companies Act 2006 requires special notice to be given of a resolution, then the resolution will not be effective unless notice of the intention to propose it has been given to the company at least twenty-eight Clear Days before the general meeting at which it is to be proposed.
- (2) Where practicable, the company must give the shareholders notice of the resolution in the same manner and at the same time as it gives notice of the general meeting at which it is to be proposed. Where that is not practicable, the company must give the shareholders at least fourteen Clear Days' before the relevant general meeting by advertisement in a newspaper with an appropriate circulation.
- (3) If, after notice to propose such a resolution has been given to the company, a meeting is called for a date twenty-eight days or less after the notice has been given, the notice shall be deemed to have been properly given, even though it was not given within the time required by this article.

Quorum for general meetings

53. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Subject to section 318(2) of the Companies Act 2006, two qualifying persons (as defined in section 318(3) of the Companies Act 2006) entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted shall be a quorum, provided that if the company has only a single shareholder, the quorum shall be one such qualifying person.

Adjournment

54. Article 41(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of the first sentence of that article: "If, at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved".

Voting: general

- 55. (1) Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands, every shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative (unless the representative is himself a shareholder, in which case he shall have more than one vote) shall have one vote. A proxy shall not be entitled to vote on a show of hands.
- (2) No shareholder shall vote at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all monies presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.
- (3) In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register of members.

(4) Unless a poll is duly demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

Poll votes

- 56. (1) On a poll every shareholder who (being an individual is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder. On a poll, a shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- (2) Article 44(2) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following sub-paragraph as article 44(2)(e):
- "a person or persons holding shares conferring a right to vote on the resolution on which not less than one tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right has been paid.".
- (3) Article 44(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of the Article:
- "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made".
- (4) The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- (5) A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- (6) No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven Clear Days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

Content of proxy notices

- 57. (1) Subject to the provisions of these articles, a shareholder is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and to speak and vote at a general meeting. A shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by that shareholder.
- (2) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which:
- (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy;
- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
- (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate and received by the company: (i) subject to the following paragraphs of this article, in the case of a general meeting or adjourned meeting, not
- less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised;
- (ii) in the case of a poll taken more than forty-eight hours after it is demanded, after the poll has been demanded and not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
- (e) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than forty-eight hours after it was demanded, at the time at which the poll was demanded or twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, whichever is the later,
- (f) and a proxy notice which is not delivered and received in such manner shall be invalid.
- (3) Article 45(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the addition of the following at the end of the article: "and the proxy is obliged to vote or abstain from voting in accordance with the specified instructions. However, the company is not obliged to check whether a proxy votes or abstains from voting as he has been instructed and shall incur no liability for failing to do so. Failure by a proxy to vote or abstain from voting as instructed at a meeting shall not invalidate proceedings at that meeting."

Delivery of proxy notices

- 58. (1) Any notice of a general meeting must specify the address or addresses (hereinafter referred to as a "proxy notification address") at which the company or its agents will receive proxy notices relating to that meeting, or any adjournment of it, delivered in hard copy or electronic form.
- (2) Article 46(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by inserting the words: "to a proxy notification address" at the end of that Article.
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is received by the company:
- (a) Subject to the following paragraphs of this article, in the case of a general or adjourned meeting, not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised;
- (b) in the case of a poll taken more than forty-eight hours after it was demanded, not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
- (c) in the case of a poll not taken forthwith but not more than forty-eight hours after it was demanded, at the time at which it was demanded or twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, whichever is later, and a notice which is not delivered and received in such manner shall be invalid.
- (3) In calculating the periods referred to in the preceding article entitled "Content of proxy notices" and this article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

Representation of corporations at meetings

59. Subject to the Companies Act 2006, a company which is a shareholder may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise one or more persons to act as its representative or representatives at a meeting of the company or at a separate meeting of the holders of a class of shares of the company (hereinafter referred to as a "corporate representative"). A director, secretary or other person authorised for the purpose by the directors may require a corporate representative to produce a certified copy of the resolution of authorisation before permitting him to exercise his powers.

Means of communication to be used

- 60. (1) Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:
- (a) If properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, forty-eight hours after it was posted;
- (b) If properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;
- (c) If properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means forty-eight hours after the document or information was sent or supplied; and
- (d) If sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website.
- (2) For the purposes of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.
- (3) In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall be sufficient to show that the notice, document or other information was delivered to an address permitted for the purpose by the Companies Act 2006.
- (4) 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 of the joint holders. Where there are joint holders of a share, anything which needs to be agreed or specified in relation to any notice, document or other information to be sent or supplied to them can be agreed or specified by any one of the joint holders. The agreement or specification of the joint holder whose name stands first in the register will be accepted to the exclusion of the agreement or specification of any other joint holder (s) whose name(s) stand later in the register.
- (5) The company may give notice to the transmittee of a member, by sending or delivering it in any manner authorised by these Articles for the giving of notice 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 supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been so supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy or operation of law had not occurred.

Company seals

61. Article 49(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "by either at least two authorised persons or" after the word "signed".

Indemnity

- 62. (1) Subject to the provisions of the following article entitled 'Insurance' but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:
- (a) each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer:
- (b) in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and
- (c) in relation to the company's (or any associated company's) activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006),
- (d) including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company's (or any associated company's) affairs; and
- (e) the company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in this article and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.
- (2) This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.
- (3) In this article:
- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
- (b) a "relevant officer" means any director or alternate director or other officer or former director or other officer of the company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006) and may, if the shareholders so decide, include any person engaged by the company (or any associated company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor).

Insurance

- 63. (1) The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.
- (2) In this article:
- (a) a "relevant officer" means any director or alternate director or other officer or former director or other officer of the company or an associated company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme as defined by section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006);

- (b) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that officer's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company;
 (c) and companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.