

Company number. 06824947

**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**  
**PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**  
**RUNPATH GROUP LIMITED (the "Company")**

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, the following resolutions of the members of the Company were passed as written resolutions on **8 JUNE** 2016

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

- 1 **THAT** the shares set out in the appendix hereto, be converted into, and re-designated as, D ordinary shares of £0 0001 each having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in the Company's articles of association, as adopted by resolution 2 below
- 2 **THAT:**
  - (a) the articles of association of the Company be amended by deleting all the provisions of the Company's memorandum of association which, by virtue of section 28 Companies Act 2006, are to be treated after 1 October 2009 as provisions of the Company's articles of association, and
  - (a) new articles of association of the Company in the form of the printed document annexed to this resolution be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the entire exclusion of the existing articles of association of the Company



Director/Secretary  
for and on behalf of the Company

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**Appendix**

Shareholder	Ordinary Shares of £0 0001 Each	Series A Shares of £0 0001 Each	B Ordinary Shares of £0 0001
John Fitzimons	964	0	0
The Motley Fool Limited	0	187,500	0
Ian Price	0	0	24,587
Paul Holland	20,467	0	68,714
John Paul Wilkins	67,204	0	57,974
Mitchell Philpott	0	0	35,827
Richard Brian	0	0	12,353
Eddie Fitzsimmons	0	0	4,941
Anne Thackray	0	0	1,730
Cat Attack	11,625	0	4,975
Victoria Mills	0	0	577
Kelly Runalls	0	0	496
Michelle Wheeler	0	0	247
Kate Pink	0	0	412
Jan Roland	0	0	250
Laura Vingoe	0	0	167
Praveen Chadavada	0	0	167
Sunil Shrestha	0	0	167
Steve Platts	0	0	13,544
Graham Hooper	0	0	31,743
Andrew Milligan	23,775	0	10,529
Ian Dighe	0	0	1,974
Charles Stanley & Co Ltd	0	29,789	29,789
Will Mason	1,341	0	0
Simon Cockle	10,191	0	0
Chris Steel	1,341	0	0
Ellen Daly	1,341	0	0
Runpath Employee Trustee Limited	1,340,092	0	0

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**COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

**NEW**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

**of**

**RUNPATH GROUP LIMITED**

(Adopted by a written resolution passed on **8 JUNE** 2016)

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**RUNPATH GROUP LIMITED**

(Adopted by a written resolution passed on **8 JUNE** 2016)

**1 MODEL ARTICLES AND EXCLUSION OF OTHER REGULATIONS**

1 1 The following shall be the articles of association of the Company. The Model Articles shall form part of these Articles and apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by, or are inconsistent with, these Articles. No other regulations for management of a company set out in any statute or subordinate legislation concerning companies shall apply to the Company.

1 2 Model Articles 13, 14, 17(1), 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 shall not apply to the Company.

1 3 In these Articles

- (a) article headings are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles, and
- (b) words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa and reference to one gender includes the other gender and neuter and vice versa.

**2 INTERPRETATION**

2 1 In these Articles the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings

**“Act”**

means the Companies Act 2006,

**“Accounts”**

means the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account of the Company or, if at the relevant time the Company has any Subsidiary Undertaking(s), a consolidation of the audited balance sheets and profit and loss accounts of the Company and its Subsidiary Undertaking(s), for each Financial Year,

**“Acting in Concert”**

has the meaning given to it in The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended from time to time),

**“Arrears”**

means in relation to any Share, all arrears of any dividend or other sums payable in respect of that Share, whether or not earned or declared and irrespective of whether or not the Company has had at any time sufficient Available Profits to pay any dividend or sums, together with all interest and other amounts payable on that Share,

**“Asset Sale”**

means the disposal by the Company of all or substantially all of its undertaking and assets,

**“Associate”**

in relation to any person means

- (a) any person who is an associate of that person and the question of whether a person is an associate of another is to be determined in accordance with section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and (whether or not an associate as so determined),
- (b) any Member of the same Group,
- (c) any Member of the same Fund Group,

**“Auditors”**

means the auditors of the Company from time to time,

**“Available Profits”**

means profits available for distribution within the meaning of part 23 of the Act,

**“Board”**

means the board of Directors and any committee of the board constituted for the purpose of taking any action or decision contemplated by these Articles,

**“B Ordinary Shareholders”**

means the holders from time to time of the B Ordinary Shares,

**“B Ordinary Shares”**

means the B ordinary shares of £0 0001 each in the capital of the Company,

**“Business Day”**

means a day on which English clearing banks are ordinarily open for the transaction of normal banking business in the City of London (other than a Saturday or Sunday),

**“C Ordinary Shareholders”**

means the holders from time to time of the C Ordinary Shares,

**“C Ordinary Shares”**

means the C ordinary shares of £0 0001 each in the capital of the Company,

**“Civil Partner”**

means in relation to a Shareholder, a civil partner (as defined in the Civil Partnerships Act 2004) of the Shareholder,

**“Company”**

means Crate Enterprises Limited,

**“Controlling Interest”**

means an interest in shares giving to the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 840 of ICTA,

**“Conversion Date”**

has the meaning given in Article 8 1,

**“CS”**

Charles Stanley & Co Limited incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number 01903304 whose registered office is at 25 Luke Street, London EC2A 4AR,

**“CS Debt”**

means the outstanding liabilities owed to CS as detailed in a convertible loan note instrument entered into between CS and the Company on 1 July 2015,

**"D Ordinary Shareholders"**

means the holders from time to time of the D Ordinary Shares,

**"D Ordinary Shares"**

means the D ordinary shares of £0 0001 each in the capital of the Company,

**"Date of Adoption"**

means the date on which these Articles were adopted,

**"Director(s)"**

means a director or directors of the Company from time to time,

**"electronic form" and "electronic means"**

have the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Act,

**"Employee"**

means an individual who is employed by or who provides consultancy services to, the Company or any member of the Group,

**"Employee Trust"**

means Crate Enterprises Employee Benefit Trust or such other trust, the terms of which are approved by the Investors and whose beneficiaries are the Employees,

**"Employee Trustee"**

means the trustee or the trustees of the Employee Trust,

**"Encumbrance"**

means any mortgage, charge, security, interest, lien, pledge, assignment by way of security, equity, claim, right of pre-emption, option, covenant, restriction, reservation, lease, trust, order, decree, judgment, title defect (including without limitation any retention of title claim), conflicting claim of ownership or any other encumbrance of any nature whatsoever (whether or not perfected other than liens arising by operation of law),

**"Exit"**

means an IPO, a Share Sale or an Asset Sale,

**"Expert Valuers"**

is as determined in accordance with Article 14 13,

**"Fair Value"**

is as determined in accordance with Article 14 14,

**"Family Trusts"**

means as regards any particular individual member or deceased or former individual member, trusts (whether arising under a settlement, declaration of trust or other instrument by whomsoever or wheresoever made or under a testamentary disposition or on an intestacy) under which no immediate beneficial interest in any of the shares in question is for the time being vested in any person other than the individual and/or Privileged Relations of that individual, and so that for this purpose a person shall be considered to be beneficially interested in a share if such share or the income thereof is liable to be transferred or paid or applied or appointed to or for the benefit of such person or any voting or other rights attaching thereto are exercisable by or as directed by such person pursuant to the terms of the relevant trusts or in consequence of an exercise of a power or discretion conferred thereby on any person or persons. For the avoidance of doubt a Family Trust shall not include the Employee Trust or Shares held by the Founder Nominee on behalf of the Founders,

**“Financial Institution”**

any Financial Services Authority registered financial investor (or a financial investor registered with the equivalent body or authority in the country of the relevant financial investor's principal place of business),

**“Financial Year” and “Financial Period”**

means an accounting reference period (as defined by the Act) of the Company,

**“Founders”**

Saul Devine, Ian Anthony Major, Charles Schofield, Emma Davies, Gavriel Julius Magonet, Marissa Claire Charlotte Schlichting, Richard Cartmell, Scott Parker, Tim Wilson and John Fitzsimons,

**“Founder Nominee”**

Crate Enterprises Employee Trustee Limited or such other person or trustee appointed by any of the Founders pursuant to which such person or trustee shall hold Shares as nominee for and on behalf of each Founder,

**“Fund Manager”**

means a person whose principal business is to make, manage or advise upon investments in securities,

**“Group”**

means the Company and its Subsidiary Undertaking(s) (if any) from time to time and “Group Company” shall be construed accordingly,

**“hard copy form”**

has the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Act,

**“Holding Company”**

means a newly formed holding company, pursuant to which the membership, pro rata shareholdings and classes of shares comprised in such holding company matches that of the Company immediately prior to such transfer,

**“ICTA”**

means the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988,

**“Institutional Investor”**

means a fund, partnership, body corporate, trust or other person or entity whose principal business is to make investments or a person whose business is to make, manage or advise upon investments for any of the foregoing,

**“Investor”**

means The Motley Fool Limited and its Permitted Transferees,

**“Investor Consent”**

means the consent of the Investor,

**“Investor Director”**

means such director of the Company nominated by the Investor under Article 25 1,

**“IPO”**

means the admission of all or any of the Shares or securities representing those shares (including without limitation American depositary receipts, American depositary shares and/or other instruments) to or the grant of permission by any like authority for the same to be traded or quoted on Nasdaq or on the Official List of the United Kingdom Listing Authority or on the AIM Market operated by the London Stock Exchange Plc or any other recognised investment exchange (as defined in section 285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000),



**"ITEPA"**

means Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003,

**"a Member of the same Fund Group"**

means if the Shareholder is a fund, partnership, company, syndicate or other entity whose business is managed by a Fund Manager (an **"Investment Fund"**) or a nominee of that person

- (a) any participant or partner in or member of any such Investment Fund or the holders of any unit trust which is a participant or partner in or member of any Investment Fund (but only in connection with the dissolution of investment Fund or any distribution of assets of the Investment Fund pursuant to the operation of the Investment Fund in the ordinary course of business),
- (b) any Investment Fund managed by that Fund Manager,
- (c) any Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking of that Fund Manager, or any Subsidiary Undertaking of any Parent Undertaking of that Fund Manager, or
- (d) any trustee, nominee or custodian of such Investment Fund and vice versa,

**"a Member of the same Group"**

means as regards any company, a company which is from time to time a Parent Undertaking or a Subsidiary Undertaking of that company or a Subsidiary Undertaking of any such Parent Undertaking,

**"Model Articles"**

means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in schedule 1 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the Date of Adoption of these Articles,

**"Nasdaq"**

means the Nasdaq National Stock Market of the Nasdaq Stock Market Inc ,

**"New Securities"**

means any shares or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for those shares, issued by the Company after the Date of Adoption (other than shares or securities issued as a result of the events set out in Article 10 5),

**"Ordinary Shareholders"**

means the holders from time to time of the Ordinary Shares,

**"Ordinary Shares"**

means the ordinary shares of £0 0001 each in the capital of the Company,

**"Permitted Transfer"**

means a transfer of Shares in accordance with Article 13,

**"Permitted Transferee"**

means

- (a) in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual, any of his Privileged Relations or Trustees,
- (b) in relation to a Shareholder which is an undertaking (as defined in section 1161(1) of the Act), any Member of the same Group,
- (c) in relation to a Shareholder which is an Investment Fund, any Member of the same Fund Group,
- (d) in relation to an Investor

- (i) any Member of the same Group,
- (ii) any Member of the same Fund Group,
- (iii) any directors, employees, officers, partners or consultants to or of any Member of the same Group,
- (iv) any other Investor,
- (v) any Financial Institution or Institutional Investor, or
- (vi) any nominee of an Investor,
- (e) in relation to an Employee Trust
  - (i) any beneficiary of the Employee Trust, or
  - (ii) any Employee Trustee

**“Priority Rights”**

means the rights of Shareholders to purchase Shares contained in a Transfer Notice in the priority stipulated in Article 14 6,

**“Privileged Relation”**

in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual member or deceased or former member means a spouse, parent, Civil Partner, child or grandchild (including step or adopted or illegitimate child and their issue),

**“Proceeds of Sale”**

means the consideration payable (including any deferred consideration) whether in cash or otherwise to those Shareholders selling Shares under a Share Sale,

**“Proposed Purchaser”**

means a proposed purchaser who at the relevant time has made an offer on arm's length terms,

**“Proposed Seller”**

means any person proposing to transfer any shares in the capital of the Company,

**“Relevant Interest”**

has the meaning set out in Article 29 5,

**“Sale Shares”**

has the meaning set out in Article 14 2(a) of these Articles,

**“Secretary”**

means the company secretary or secretaries of the Company (if any is/are then appointed) from time to time,

**“Seller”**

has the meaning set out in Article 14 2 of these Articles,

**“Series A Shareholders”**

means the holders of the Series A Shares,

**“Series A Shares”**

means the series A shares of £0 0001 each in the capital of the Company,

**“Shareholder”**

means any holder of any Shares,

**“Shares”**

means the Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares, the D Ordinary Shares and the Series A Shares from time to time,

**"Share Sale"**

means the sale of (or the grant of a right to acquire or to dispose of) any of the shares in the capital of the Company (in one transaction or as a series of transactions) which will result in the purchaser of those shares (or grantee of that right) and persons Acting in Concert with him together acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company, except where following completion of the sale the shareholders and the proportion of shares held by each of them are the same as the shareholders and their shareholdings in the Company immediately prior to the sale,

**"Subsidiary", "Subsidiary Undertaking" and "Parent Undertaking"**

have the meanings set out in the Act,

**"Transfer Notice"**

shall have the meaning given in Article 14 2,

**"Transfer Price"**

shall have the meaning given in Article 14 2(c),

**"Trustees"**

in relation to a Shareholder means the trustee or the trustees of a Family Trust

**3 SHARE CAPITAL**

- 3 1 In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, references to shares of a particular class shall include shares created and/or issued after the Date of Adoption and ranking *pari passu* in all respects (or in all respects except only as to the date from which those shares rank for dividend) with the shares of the relevant class then in issue
- 3 2 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, the Series A Shares, the Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares and the D Ordinary Shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects but shall constitute separate classes of shares

**4 DIVIDENDS**

- 4 1 In respect of any Financial Year, the Company's Available Profits will be applied as set out in this Article 4
- 4 2 Any Available Profits which the Company may determine to distribute in respect of any Financial Year will be distributed among the holders of the Shares *pro rata* to their respective holdings of Shares, and *pari passu* as if the Shares constituted one and the same class of share, except that for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share, and therefore the holder of C Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to receive in respect of each C Ordinary Share 0.1% of the dividend payable in respect of an Ordinary Share
- 4 3 Subject to the Act and these Articles, the Board may pay interim dividends if justified by the Available Profits in respect of the relevant period

**5 LIQUIDATION PREFERENCE**

On a distribution of assets on a liquidation or a return of capital (other than a conversion, redemption or purchase of Shares) the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed (to the extent that the Company is lawfully permitted to do so) among the holders of Shares (*pari passu* as if the Shares constituted one and the same class) *pro rata* to their respective holdings of Shares, except that for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share, and therefore the holder of C Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to receive in

respect of each C Ordinary Share 0.1% of the amount distributed in respect of an Ordinary Share

## **6 EXIT PROVISIONS**

- 6.1 On a Share Sale the Proceeds of Sale shall be distributed as set out in Article 5 and the Directors shall not register any transfer of Shares if the Proceeds of Sale are not so distributed save in respect of any Shares not sold in connection with that Share Sale provided that if the Proceeds of Sale are not settled in their entirety upon completion of the Share Sale, the Directors shall not be prohibited from registering the transfer of the relevant Shares so long as the Proceeds of Sale that are settled have been distributed as set out in Article 5, provided that this provision shall not restrict or prevent the registration of any transfer to a D Ordinary Shareholder
- 6.2 On an Asset Sale the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed (to the extent that the Company is lawfully permitted to do so) as set out in Article 5, provided always that if it is not lawful for the Company to distribute its surplus assets in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the Shareholders shall take any action required (including, but without prejudice to the generality of this Article 6.2), actions that may be necessary to put the Company into voluntary liquidation so that Article 5 applies
- 6.3 In the event of an Exit approved by the Board in accordance with the terms of these Articles (the "**Proposed Exit**"), all Shareholders shall consent to, vote for, raise no objections to and waive any applicable rights in connection with the Proposed Exit ("**Actions**") The Shareholders shall be required to take all Actions with respect to the Proposed Exit as are required by the Board to facilitate the Proposed Exit If any Shareholder fails to comply with the provisions of this Article, the Company shall be constituted the agent of each defaulting Shareholder for taking such actions as are necessary to effect the Proposed Exit and the Directors may authorise an officer or member to execute and deliver on behalf of such defaulting Shareholder the necessary documents and the Company may receive any purchase money due to the defaulting Shareholder in trust for each of the defaulting Shareholders
- 6.4 Article 6.3 does not apply to any D Ordinary Shareholder

## **7 VOTES IN GENERAL MEETING**

- 7.1 Series A Shares shall confer on each holder of Series A Shares the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company
- 7.2 The Ordinary Shares shall confer on each holder of Ordinary Shares the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company
- 7.3 The B Ordinary Shares shall confer on each holder of B Ordinary Shares the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company
- 7.4 The C Ordinary Shares shall confer on each holder of C Ordinary Shares the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company
- 7.5 The D Ordinary Shares shall confer on each holder of D Ordinary Shares the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company
- 7.6 Where Shares confer a right to vote, on a show of hands each holder of such shares 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 and on a poll each such holder so present shall have one vote for each Share held by him On a poll a single legal shareholder may divide their votes between their shares in such proportions as they choose (provided that fractions of a vote shall not be permitted), whether to reflect underlying

beneficial ownership of the shares or otherwise. In no circumstances shall the Company be concerned as to the underlying beneficial ownership of the shares.

## **8 CONVERSION OF SERIES A SHARES**

- 8.1 Any holder of Series A Shares shall be entitled, by notice in writing to the Company, to require conversion into Ordinary Shares of all of the Series A Shares held by them at any time and those Series A Shares shall convert automatically on the date the holder of those Series A Shares requires (the "**Conversion Date**") The holder may in such notice, state that conversion of its Series A Shares into Ordinary Shares is conditional upon the occurrence of particular events (the "**Conditions**")
- 8.2 All of the Series A Shares shall automatically convert into Ordinary Shares immediately upon the occurrence of an IPO or the exercise of any options granted on those shares ("**Conversion Event**")
- 8.3 In the case of (i) Article 8.1, at least five Business Days after the Conversion Date or (ii) in the case of Article 8.2, at least five Business Days prior to the occurrence of the Conversion Event, each holder of the relevant Series A Shares shall deliver the certificate (or an indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Board in respect of any lost certificate(s)) in respect of the shares being converted for such shares to the Company at its registered office for the time being
- 8.4 Where conversion is mandatory on the occurrence of a Conversion Event, that conversion will be effective only immediately prior to such Conversion Event (and "**Conversion Date**" shall be construed accordingly) and, if such Conversion Event does not become effective or does not take place, such conversion shall be deemed not to have occurred. In the event of a conversion under Article 8.1, if the Conditions have not been satisfied or waived by the relevant holder by the Conversion Date such conversion shall be deemed not to have occurred
- 8.5 On the Conversion Date, the relevant Series A Shares shall without further authority than is contained in these Articles stand converted into Ordinary Shares on the basis of one Ordinary Share for each Series A Share held and the Ordinary Shares resulting from that conversion shall in all other respects rank pari passu with the existing issued Ordinary Shares
- 8.6 The Company shall on the Conversion Date enter the holder of the converted Series A Shares on the register of Shareholders of the Company as the holder of the appropriate number of Ordinary Shares and, subject to the relevant holder delivering its certificate(s) (or indemnity) in respect of the Series A Shares in accordance with this Article, the Company shall within 10 Business Days of the Conversion Date forward to such holder of Series A Shares by post to his address shown in the register of Shareholders, free of charge, a definitive certificate for the appropriate number of fully paid Ordinary Shares
- 8.7 On the Conversion Date (or as soon afterwards as it is possible to calculate the amount payable), the Company will, if it has sufficient Available Profits, pay to holders of the Series A Shares falling to be converted a dividend equal to all Arrears and accruals of dividends in relation to those Series A Shares to be calculated on a daily basis down to and including the day immediately preceding the Conversion Date. If the Company has insufficient Available Profits to pay all such Arrears and accruals of dividends in full then it will pay the same to the extent that it is lawfully able to do so and any Arrears and accruals of dividends that remain outstanding shall continue to be at debt due from and immediately payable by the Company

## **9 VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

- 9.1 Save as provided in Article 12.5, whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any such 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 in writing of the holders of more than 51 per cent in nominal value of the issued shares of that class

9 2 Without prejudice to the generality of Article 9 1, the special rights attaching to the Series A Shares and (except with respect to Articles 9 2 (b), (d) and (f)) the D Ordinary Shares shall be deemed to be varied by the occurrence of the following events

- (a) the amendment or repeal of any provision of, or addition of any provision to these Articles,
- (b) the alteration of the authorised or issued share capital of the Company or creation of any securities other than as referred to in Article 10 5,
- (c) the reduction of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account or capital redemption reserve other than as expressly provided for in these Articles,
- (d) the approval of any merger, liquidation, dissolution or acquisition of the Company (save by any shareholder in accordance with any agreement between some or all of the shareholders) or sale of all or a substantial part of the business, undertaking or assets of the Company,
- (e) the purchase by the Company of any Ordinary Shares,
- (f) the acquisition of any shares or other securities,
- (g) the making of any bonus issue of shares or debenture stock,
- (h) the entering into of a voluntary winding-up,
- (i) the transferring of any profits to reserves or otherwise (save in the ordinary course of business) and the taking of any action (excluding payment of dividends) which will raise or may reduce the amount of the profits of the Company available for distribution,
- (j) any member of the Group doing any of the events described in paragraphs (a) to (i) above,
- (k) the Company or a member of the Group incurring any obligation to do any of the events described in paragraphs (a) to (i) above

9 3 The creation of a new class of shares which has preferential rights to one or more existing classes of shares shall not, except as provided in Article 9 2, constitute a variation of the rights of those existing classes of shares (other than the D Ordinary Shares)

## **10 ALLOTMENT OF NEW SHARES OR OTHER SECURITIES' PRE-EMPTION**

10 1 Subject to the remaining provisions of this Article 10, the Directors are generally and unconditionally authorised for the purpose of section 551 of the Act to exercise any power of the Company to

- (a) offer, allot or grant rights to subscribe for,
- (b) convert securities into, or
- (c) otherwise deal in, or dispose of,

any Shares or any other relevant securities in the Company to any persons, at any times and subject to any terms and conditions as the Directors think proper, provided that

- (i) this authority shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of Shares equal to the amount of the authorised but unissued share capital of the Company immediately following the Date of Adoption,

- (ii) this authority shall only apply insofar as the Company in general meeting has not waived or revoked it,
- (iii) this authority may only be exercised for a period of five years commencing upon the Date of Adoption, save that the Directors may make an offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after the expiry of such authority (and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired)

10 2 All the requirements of sections 561 and 562 of the Act (Existing shareholders' right of pre-emption) are excluded generally in relation to the allotment by the Company of equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the Act) including the sale of Shares that immediately before the sale were Treasury Shares

Unless otherwise agreed by special resolution passed in general meeting or as a written resolution passed in accordance with part 13 of the Act, if the Company proposes to allot any New Securities those New Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has in the first instance offered them to all holders of Shares on the same terms and at the same price as those New Securities are being offered to other persons on a pari passu and pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by those holders (as nearly as may be without involving fractions) except that for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share, and therefore the holder of C Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to be offered in respect of each C Ordinary Share 0.1% multiplied by the number of Shares offered in respect of an Ordinary Share (or as nearly as may be without involving fractions) The offer

- (a) shall be in writing, give details of the number and subscription price of the New Securities and the time period (being not less than 15 Business Days) within which the offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to have been declined, and
- (b) may stipulate that any Shareholder who wishes to subscribe for a number of New Securities in excess of the proportion to which each is entitled shall in their acceptance state the number of excess New Securities ("**Excess Securities**") for which they wish to subscribe

10 3 Any New Securities not accepted by Shareholders pursuant to the offer made to them in accordance with Article 10 2 shall be used for satisfying any requests for Excess Securities made pursuant to Article 10 2 and in the event that there are insufficient Excess Securities to satisfy such requests, the Excess Securities shall be allotted to the applicants on a pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by the applicants immediately prior to the offer made to Shareholders in accordance with Article 10 2 (as nearly as may be without involving fractions or increasing the number allotted to any Shareholder beyond that applied for by him) except that for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share, and therefore the holder of C Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to an allotment in respect of each C Ordinary Share which is 0.1% multiplied by the number of Shares allotted in respect of an Ordinary Share (or as nearly as may be without involving fractions)

10 4 Subject to Articles 10 2 and 10 3 and to the provisions of section 551 of the Act, any New Securities shall be at the disposal of the Board who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to any persons at those times and generally on the terms and conditions they think proper

10 5 The provisions of Articles 10 2 to 10 4 shall not apply to

- (a) New Securities issued or granted in order for the Company to comply with its obligations under these Articles,
- (b) New Securities issued in consideration of the acquisition by the Company of any company or business, and
- (c) New Securities issued as a result of a bonus issue of shares

10 6 No Shares shall be allotted to any (i) Employee, Director, prospective employee or director unless such person has entered into a joint section 431 ITEPA election with the Company (ii) person unless, where required by any agreement between some or all of the shareholders, such person has entered into a deed of adherence in accordance with such agreement

## 11 LIEN

The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every Share not fully paid for all and any indebtedness of any holder of it to the Company (whether a sole holder or one of two or more joint holders), whether or not that indebtedness or liability is in respect of the Shares concerned and whether or not it is presently payable

## 12 TRANSFERS OF SHARES – GENERAL

12 1 In Articles 12 to 18 (inclusive), reference to the transfer of a Share includes the transfer or assignment of a beneficial or other interest in that Share or the creation of a trust or encumbrance over that Share and reference to a Share includes a beneficial or other interest in a Share

12 2 No Share may be transferred unless the transfer is made in accordance with these Articles

12 3 If a Shareholder transfers or purports to transfer a Share otherwise than in accordance with these Articles he will be deemed immediately to have served a Transfer Notice in respect of all Shares held by him

12 4 Any transfer of a Share by way of sale which is required to be made under Articles 12 to 18 (inclusive) will be deemed to include a warranty that the transferor sells with full title guarantee

12 5 Any Share transferred to a D Ordinary Shareholder will automatically convert to a D Ordinary Share with effect from the date of the transfer and the rights attaching to such Share will be varied accordingly

12 6 In addition to the provisions of Model Article 26(5), the Directors may refuse to register a transfer if

- (a) it is a transfer of a share to a bankrupt, a minor or a person of unsound mind,
- (b) the transfer is to an Employee, Director or prospective employee or director and such person has not entered in a joint section 431 ITEPA election with the Company,

and Model Article 26(5), shall be modified accordingly

12 7 The Directors must refuse to register the transfer of a Share which is not permitted by these Articles. The Directors may also refuse to register the transfer of a Share on which the Company has a lien and/or unless the certificate for the Share (or an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Directors) and other evidence satisfactory to the Directors of the right to make the transfer is produced to them and/or unless the transfer is duly stamped or certified (if appropriate). Subject to this or as required by law, the Directors must register the transfer of a Share made in accordance with these Articles

12 8 If the Directors refuse to register the transfer of a Share, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal, unless the Directors suspect that the



proposed transfer may be fraudulent. Article 26(5) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

12 9 The Directors will, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of shares in the Company (whether pursuant to a Permitted Transfer or otherwise), require the transferee to execute and deliver to the Company and the holders of a majority of the D Ordinary Shares a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement or similar document in force between some or all of the shareholders and the Company in the form required by such agreement (but not so as to oblige the transferee to have any obligations or liabilities greater than those of the proposed transferor under any such agreement or other document) and if any condition is imposed in accordance with this Article 12.7 the transfer may not be registered unless that deed has been executed and delivered to the Company's registered office by the transferee.

12 10 To enable the Directors to determine whether or not there has been any disposal of shares in the capital of the Company (or any interest in shares in the capital of the Company) in breach of these Articles the Directors may require any holder or the legal personal representatives of any deceased holder or any person named as transferee in any transfer lodged for registration or any other person who the Directors may reasonably believe to have information relevant to that purpose, to furnish to the Company that information and evidence the Directors may request regarding any matter which they deem relevant to that purpose, including (but not limited to) the names, addresses and interests of all persons respectively having interests in the shares in the capital of the Company from time to time registered in the holder's name. If the information or evidence is not provided to enable the Directors to determine to their reasonable satisfaction that no breach has occurred, or where as a result of the information and evidence the Directors are reasonably satisfied that a breach has occurred, the Directors shall immediately notify the holder of such shares in the capital of the Company in writing of that fact and the following shall occur:

- (a) the relevant shares shall cease to confer upon the holder of them (including any proxy appointed by the holder) any rights:
  - (i) to vote whether on a show of hands or on a poll and whether exercisable at a general meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the class in question, or
  - (ii) to receive dividends or other distributions otherwise attaching to those shares or to any further shares issued in respect of those shares, and
- (b) the holder may be required at any time following receipt of the notice to transfer some or all of its Shares to any person(s) at the price that the Directors may require by notice in writing to that holder.

The rights referred to in paragraph (a) above may be reinstated by the Board and shall in any event be reinstated upon the completion of any transfer referred to in paragraph (b) above.

12 11 In any case where the Board may require a Transfer Notice to be given in respect of any Shares, if a Transfer Notice is not duly given within a period of 10 Business Days of demand being made, a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given at the expiration of that period. If a Transfer Notice is required to be given or is deemed to have been given under these Articles, the Transfer Notice will be treated as having specified that:

- (a) the Transfer Price for the Sale Shares will be as agreed between the Board (any director with whom the Seller is connected (within the meaning of section 252 of the Act) not voting) and the Seller, or, failing agreement within five Business Days after the date on which the Board becomes aware that a Transfer Notice has been deemed to have been given, will be the Fair Value of the Sale Shares,

- (b) it does not include a Minimum Transfer Condition (as defined in Article 14 2(d)), and
- (c) the Seller wishes to transfer all of the Shares held by it

### 13 PERMITTED TRANSFERS

- 13 1 Subject to the terms of any agreement between some or all of the shareholders, a Shareholder (the "**Original Shareholder**") may transfer all or any of his or its Shares to a Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise
- 13 2 Where under the provision of a deceased Shareholder's will or laws as to intestacy, the persons legally or beneficially entitled to any Shares, whether immediately or contingently, are Permitted Transferees of the deceased Shareholder, the legal representative of the deceased Shareholder may transfer any Share to those Permitted Transferees, in each case without restriction as to price or otherwise. Shares previously transferred as permitted by this Article 13 2 may be transferred by the transferee to any other Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise
- 13 3 If a Permitted Transferee who was a Member of the same Group as the Original Shareholder ceases to be a Member of the same Group as the Original Shareholder, the Permitted Transferee must not later than five Business Days after the date on which the Permitted Transferee so ceases, transfer the Shares held by it to the Original Shareholder or a Member of the same Group as the Original Shareholder (which in either case is not in liquidation) without restriction as to price or otherwise failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of those Shares
- 13 4 If a Permitted Transferee who was a Member of the same Fund Group as the Original Shareholder ceases to be a Member of the same Fund Group, the Permitted Transferee must not later than five Business Days after the date on which the Permitted Transferee so ceases, transfer the Shares held by it to the Original Shareholder or a Member of the same Fund Group as the Original Shareholder (which in either case is not in liquidation) without restriction as to price or otherwise failing which it will be deemed to give a Transfer Notice in respect of such Shares
- 13 5 Trustees may (i) transfer Shares to a company in which they hold the whole of the share capital and which they control (a "**Qualifying Company**") or (ii) transfer Shares to the Original Shareholder or to another Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder or (iii) transfer Shares to the new or remaining trustees upon a change of Trustees without restrictions as to price or otherwise
- 13 6 No transfer of Shares may be made to Trustees unless the Board is satisfied
  - (a) with the terms of the trust instrument and in particular with the powers of the trustees,
  - (b) with the identity of the proposed trustees,
  - (c) the proposed transfer will not result in 50% or more of the aggregate of the Company's equity share capital being held by trustees of that and any other trusts, and
  - (d) that no costs incurred in connection with the setting up or administration of the Family Trust in question are to be paid by the Company
- 13 7 If a company to which a Share has been transferred under Article 13 5, ceases to be a Qualifying Company it must within five Business Days of so ceasing, transfer the Shares held by it to the Trustees or to a Qualifying Company (which in either case is not in liquidation) without restriction as to price or otherwise failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of such Shares

- 13 8 If a Permitted Transferee who is a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder ceases to be a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder whether by reason of divorce or otherwise he must, within 15 Business Days of so ceasing either
- (a) execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by him to the Original Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder) for such consideration as may be agreed between them, or
  - (b) give a Transfer Notice to the Company in accordance with Article 14 2, failing which he shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice
- 13 9 On the death (subject to Article 13 2), bankruptcy, liquidation, administrator or administrative receivership of a Permitted Transferee (other than a joint holder) his personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy, or its liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver must within five Business Days after the date of the grant of probate, the making of the bankruptcy order or the appointment of the liquidator, administrator or the administrative receiver execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by the Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise. The transfer shall be to the Original Shareholder if still living (and not bankrupt or in liquidation) or, if so directed by the Original Shareholder, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder. If the transfer is not executed and delivered within five Business Days of such period or if the Original Shareholder has died or is bankrupt or is in liquidation, administration, or administrative receivership, the personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice
- 13 10 Any Shares may at any time be transferred where there is a sale of the entire issued share capital of the Company to a Holding Company, which has been approved by a majority of the Board and the holders of a majority of the D Ordinary Shares
- 13 11 The Founder Nominee may (i) transfer Shares to a company in which they hold the whole of the share capital and which they control (a "**Qualifying Company**") or (ii) transfer Shares to the Founder on whose behalf they hold Shares as nominee ("**Original Founder**") or to another Permitted Transferee of the Original Founder or (iii) transfer Shares to the new or remaining nominees upon a change of Founder Nominee without restrictions as to price or otherwise
- 13 12 No transfer of Shares may be made to a Founder Nominee unless the Board is satisfied
- (a) with the terms any agreement and in particular with the powers of the nominee,
  - (b) with the identity of the proposed nominee, and
  - (c) that no costs incurred in connection with the setting up or administration of any arrangement with any Founder Nominee are to be paid by the Company
- 13 13 If a company to which a Share has been transferred under Article 13 11, ceases to be a Qualifying Company it must within five Business Days of so ceasing, transfer the Shares held by it to the Founder Nominee or to a Qualifying Company (which in either case is not in liquidation) without restriction as to price or otherwise failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of such Shares
- 14 TRANSFERS OF SHARES SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS**
- 14 1 Save where the provisions of Articles 13, 16, 17 and 18 apply, any transfer of Shares by a Shareholder shall be subject to the pre-emption rights contained in this Article 14
- 14 2 Subject to Article 16 4, a Shareholder who wishes to transfer Shares (a "**Seller**") shall, except as otherwise provided in these Articles, before transferring or agreeing to transfer any Shares give notice in writing (a "**Transfer Notice**") to the Company specifying

- (a) the number of Shares which he wishes to transfer (the "**Sale Shares**"),
- (b) if he wishes to sell the Sale Shares to a third party, the name of the proposed transferee, or in the case of an Employee Shareholder, the name of the Employee Trustee,
- (c) the price (in cash) at which he wishes to transfer the Sale Shares (which will be deemed to be Fair Value of the Sale Shares if no cash price is agreed between the Seller and the Board or the value as determined pursuant to Article 16 below in the case of a transfer by an Employee Shareholder (the "**Transfer Price**")), and
- (d) whether the Transfer Notice is conditional on all or a specific number of the Sale Shares being sold to Shareholders ( a "**Minimum Transfer Condition**")

14 3 No Transfer Notice once given or deemed to have been given under these Articles may be withdrawn

14 4 A Transfer Notice constitutes the Company the agent of the Seller for the sale of the Sale Shares at the Transfer Price

14 5 As soon as practicable following the later of

- (a) receipt of a Transfer Notice, and
- (b) in the case where the Transfer Price has not been specified or the Transfer Notice is deemed to have been served, the determination of the Transfer Price under Article 15,

the Board shall offer the Sale Shares for sale to the Shareholders in the manner set out in Articles 14 6 to 14 8 Each offer must be in writing and give details of the number and Transfer Price of the Sale Shares offered

14 6 Priority for offer of Sale Shares

- (a) If the Sale Shares are Series A Shares, the Company shall offer them in the following priority
  - (i) first, to the Series A Shareholders,
  - (ii) second, to the Ordinary Shareholders, B Ordinary Shareholders and C Ordinary Shareholders,
  - (iii) third, to the D Ordinary Shareholders,
 in each case on the basis as set out in Article 14 7
- (b) If the Sale Shares are D Ordinary Shares, the Company shall offer them in the following priority
  - (i) first, to the D Ordinary Shareholders,
  - (ii) second, to the Series A Shareholders, Ordinary Shareholders, B Ordinary Shareholders and C Ordinary Shareholders,
 in each case on the basis as set out in Article 14 7
- (c) If the Sale Shares are Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary or C Ordinary Shares, the Sale Shares shall be offered in the following priority
  - (i) first, to the Employee Trust (or such other employee trust as the Board may nominate for this purpose),
  - (ii) second, to the Shareholders (other than the D Ordinary Shareholders)
  - (iii) third, to the D Ordinary Shareholders

in each case on the basis set out in Article 14 7

#### 14 7 Transfers First Offer

- (a) The Board shall offer the Sale Shares pursuant to the Priority Rights to all shareholders specified in the offer other than the Seller (the "**Continuing Shareholders**") inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 15 Business Days after the offer (inclusive) (the "**First Offer Period**") for the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to buy
- (b) If the Sale Shares are subject to a Minimum Transfer Condition then any allocation made under Articles 14 7 and 14 8 will be conditional on the fulfilment of the Minimum Transfer Condition
- (c) If, at the end of the First Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to each Continuing Shareholder in the proportion (fractional entitlements being rounded to the nearest whole number) which his existing holding of Shares bears to the total number of Shares held by those Continuing Shareholders who have applied for Sale Shares, except that -
  - (i) for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share, and therefore the holder of C Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to be allocated in respect of each C Ordinary Share 0.1% multiplied by the number of Shares to be allocated in respect of an Ordinary Share (or as nearly as may be without involving fractions), and
  - (ii) in any event no allocation shall be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy
- (d) If not all Sale Shares are allocated in accordance with Article 14 7(c) but there are applications for Sale Shares that have not been satisfied those Sale Shares shall be allocated to the relevant applicant(s) in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 14 7(c)
- (e) If, at the end of the First Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to the Continuing Shareholders in accordance with their applications and the balance (the "**Initial Surplus Shares**") will be dealt with in accordance with Article 14 8

#### 14 8 Transfers Second Offer

- (a) At the end of the First Offer Period, the Board shall offer the Initial Surplus Shares to all the Continuing Shareholders inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 15 Business Days after the date of the offer (inclusive) (the "**Second Offer Period**") for the maximum number of the Initial Surplus Shares they wish to buy
- (b) If, at the end of the Second Offer Period, the number of Initial Surplus Shares applied for equal to or exceeds the number of Initial Surplus Shares, the Board shall allocate the remaining Initial Surplus Shares to each Continuing Shareholder in the proportion (fractional entitlements being rounded to the nearest whole number) which his existing holding of Shares bears to the total number of Shares (including Sale Shares) held by those Continuing Shareholders who have applied during the Second Offer Period for Initial Surplus Shares, except that -
  - (i) for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share, and therefore the holder of C Ordinary Shares shall only be entitled to be allocated in respect of each C Ordinary

Share 0.1% multiplied by the number of Shares to be allocated in respect of an Ordinary Share (or as nearly as may be without involving fractions), and

- (ii) in any event no allocation shall be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy
- (c) If, at the end of the Second Offer Period, the number of Initial Surplus Shares applied for is less than the number of Initial Surplus Shares, the Board shall allocate the Initial Surplus Shares to the Continuing Shareholders in accordance with their applications and the balance (the "**Second Surplus Shares**") will be offered to the D Ordinary Shareholders in accordance with Article 14.9

#### 14.9 Transfers Third Offer

- (a) At the end of the Second Offer Period, the Board shall offer the Second Surplus Shares to all the D Ordinary Shareholders inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 15 Business Days after the date of the offer (inclusive) (the "**Third Offer Period**") for the maximum number of the Second Surplus Shares they wish to buy
- (b) If, at the end of the Third Offer Period, the number of Second Surplus Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Second Surplus Shares, the Board shall allocate the Second Surplus Shares to each D Ordinary Shareholder in the proportion (fractional entitlements being rounded to the nearest whole number) which his existing holding of Shares bears to the total number of Shares (including Sale Shares) held by the D Ordinary Shareholders who have applied during the Third Offer Period for Second Surplus Shares. In any event no allocation shall be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy
- (c) If, at the end of the Third Offer Period, the number of Second Surplus Shares applied for is less than the number of Second Surplus Shares, the Board shall allocate the Second Surplus Shares to the D Ordinary Shareholders in accordance with their applications and the balance (the "**Third Surplus Shares**") will be offered to any other person in accordance with Article 14.10(e)

#### 14.10 Completion of transfer of Sale Shares

- (a) If the Transfer Notice includes a Minimum Transfer Condition and the total number of Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares specified as being subject to the Minimum Transfer Condition, the Board shall notify the Seller and all those to whom Sale Shares have been conditionally allocated under Articles 14.7, 14.8 and 14.9 stating the condition has not been met and that the relevant Transfer Notice has lapsed with immediate effect
- (b) If
  - (i) the Transfer Notice does not include a Minimum Transfer Condition,
  - (ii) the Transfer Notice includes a Minimum Transfer Condition which has been met, but allocations have not been made in respect of all the Sale Shares, or
  - (iii) allocations have been made in respect of all the Sale Shares,
 the Board shall, when no further offers are required to be made under Articles 14.7, 14.8 and 14.9 give written notice of allocation (an "**Allocation Notice**") to the Seller and each Shareholder to whom Sale Shares have been allocated (an "**Applicant**") specifying the number of Sale Shares allocated to each Applicant and the place and

time (being not less than 10 Business Days nor more than 20 Business Days after the date of the Allocation Notice) for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares

- (c) Upon service of an Allocation Notice, the Seller must, against payment of the Transfer Price, transfer the Sale Shares in accordance with the requirements specified in it
- (d) If the Seller fails to comply with the provisions of Article 14 10(c)
  - (i) the Chairman of the Company or, failing him, one of the directors, or some other person nominated by a resolution of the Board, may on behalf of the Seller
    - (1) complete, execute and deliver in his name all documents necessary to give effect to the transfer of the relevant Sale Shares to the Applicants,
    - (2) receive the Transfer Price and give a good discharge for it, and
    - (3) (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter the Applicants in the register of Shareholders as the holders of the Shares purchased by them, and
  - (ii) the Company shall pay the Transfer Price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) for the Seller until he has delivered to the Company his certificate or certificates for the relevant Shares (or an indemnity, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Board, in respect of any lost certificate)
- (e) If the Minimum Transfer Condition is not satisfied or the Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares then, subject to Article 14 10(f), the Seller may, within eight weeks after service of the notice under Articles 14 10(a) or 14 10(b)(i) or (ii) (as the case may be), transfer the unallocated Sale Shares to any person at a price at least equal to the Transfer Price provided that the sale of the Sale Shares shall continue to be subject to any Minimum Transfer Condition
- (f) The right of the Seller to transfer Shares under Article 14 10(e) does not apply if the Board is of the opinion on reasonable grounds that
  - (i) the transferee is a person (or a nominee for a person) who is a competitor with (or an Associate of a competitor with) the business of the Company or with a Subsidiary Undertaking of the Company,
  - (ii) the sale of the Sale Shares is not bona fide or the price is subject to a deduction, rebate or allowance to the transferee, or
  - (iii) the Seller has failed or refused to provide promptly information available to it or him and reasonably requested by the Board for the purpose of enabling it to form the opinion mentioned above

#### 14 11 Waiver of restrictions

The restrictions imposed by this Article may be waived in relation to any proposed transfer of Shares with the consent of (i) other Shareholders holding not less than 50% of the other Shares who, but for the waiver, would or might have been entitled to have such shares offered to them in accordance with this Article (ii) the holders of a majority of the D Ordinary Shares

#### 14 12 Valuation of Shares

Subject to Article 16 in the case of an Employee Shareholder if a Transfer Notice does not specify a Transfer Price or, subject to Article 12 9, if a Transfer Notice is deemed to have been served then, upon service of the Transfer Notice or, in the case of the deemed service of a Transfer Notice, on the date on which the Board first has actual knowledge of the facts giving rise to such deemed service, the Board shall either

- (a) appoint expert valuers in accordance with Article 14 13 (the "**Expert Valuers**") to certify the Fair Value of the Sale Shares, or (if the Fair Value has been certified by Expert Valuers within the preceding 12 weeks)
- (b) specify that the Fair Value of the Sale Shares will be calculated by dividing any Fair Value so certified by the number of Sale Shares to which it related (provided that for these purposes each C Ordinary Share shall be treated as equivalent to only 0.1% of an Ordinary Share) and multiplying such Fair Value by the number of Sale Shares the subject of the Transfer Notice

14 13 The Expert Valuers will be either

- (a) the Auditors, or if so specified in the relevant Transfer Notice,
- (b) an independent firm of Chartered Accountants to be agreed between the Board and the Seller or failing agreement not later than the date 10 Business Days after the date of service of the Transfer Notice to be appointed by the then President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on the application of either party

14 14 The "**Fair Value**" of the Sale Shares shall be determined by the Expert Valuers on the following assumptions and bases

- (a) valuing the Sale Shares as on an arm's-length sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer,
- (b) if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, on the assumption that it will continue to do so,
- (c) that the Sale Shares are capable of being transferred without restriction,
- (d) valuing the Sale Shares as a rateable proportion of the total value of all the issued Shares (taking into account any multiplier which affects their economic rights pursuant to these Articles) with a premium or discount being attributable to the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent,
- (e) valuing the Sale Shares with a premium or discount being attributable to the rights attaching to the Sale Shares, and
- (f) reflect any other factors which the Expert Valuers reasonably believe should be taken into account

14 15 If any difficulty arises in applying any of these assumptions or bases then the Expert Valuers shall resolve that difficulty in whatever manner they shall in their absolute discretion think fit

14 16 The Expert Valuers shall be requested to determine the Fair Value within 20 Business Days of their appointment and to notify the Board of their determination

14 17 The Expert Valuers shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and their determination shall be final and binding on the parties (in the absence of fraud or manifest error)

14 18 The Board will give the Expert Valuers access to all accounting records or other relevant documents of the Company subject to them agreeing such confidentiality provisions as the Board may reasonably impose

14 19 The Expert Valuers shall deliver their certificate to the Company. As soon as reasonably practicable after the Company receives the certificate it shall deliver a copy of it to the Seller



Unless the shares are to be sold under a Transfer Notice, which is deemed to have been served, the Seller may by notice in writing to the Company within five Business Days of the service on him of the copy certificate, cancel the Company's authority to sell the Sale Shares

14 20 The cost of obtaining the certificate shall be paid by the Company unless

- (a) the Seller cancels the Company's authority to sell, or
- (b) the sale is pursuant to a Transfer Notice which is deemed to have been served, and the Sale Price certified by the Expert Valuers is less than the price (if any) offered by the directors to the Seller for the Sale Share before Expert Valuers were instructed,

in which case the Seller shall bear the cost

## **15 COMPULSORY TRANSFERS – GENERAL**

15 1 A person entitled to a Share in consequence of the bankruptcy of a Shareholder shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of that Share at a time determined by the Directors

15 2 If a Share remains registered in the name of a deceased Shareholder for longer than one year after the date of his death the Directors may require the legal personal representatives of that deceased Shareholder either

- (a) to effect a Permitted Transfer of such Shares (including for this purpose an election to be registered in respect of the Permitted Transfer), or
- (b) to show to the satisfaction of the Directors that a Permitted Transfer will be effected before or promptly upon the completion of the administration of the estate of the deceased Shareholder

If either requirement in this Article 15 2 shall not be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Directors a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of each such Share save to the extent that the Directors may otherwise determine

15 3 If a Shareholder which is a company or a Permitted Transferee of that Shareholder, either suffers or resolves for the appointment of a liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver over it or any material part of its assets, the relevant Shareholder or Permitted Transferee shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of all the shares held by the relevant Shareholder and/or such Permitted Transferee save to the extent that, and at a time, the Directors may determine

15 4 If there is a change in control (as control is defined in section 840 of ICTA) of any Shareholder which is a company, it shall be bound at any time, if and when required in writing by the Directors to do so, to give (or procure the giving in the case of a nominee) a Transfer Notice in respect of all the Shares registered in its and their names and their respective nominees' names save that, in the case of the Permitted Transferee, it shall first be permitted to transfer those Shares back to the original Shareholder from whom it received its Shares or to any other Permitted Transferee before being required to serve a Transfer Notice

15 5 The provision referred to in Article 15 4 shall not apply to D Ordinary Shares

## **16 GOOD/BAD LEAVERS**

16 1 For the purposes of this Article 16

- (a) an "**Employee Shareholder**" is an Ordinary Shareholder or C Ordinary Shareholder (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, a B Ordinary Shareholder) who is an Employee, or is a Permitted Transferee, directly or indirectly, of any such Employee,

- (b) **"deferred payment terms"** means the Employee Trustee shall pay the total price (without interest) to the Employee as soon as it has available funds to do so, ranking this obligation equally and rateably with any other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Employee Trustee (excluding any such obligation owed to the Company as the Company may confirm should be so excluded),
  - (c) The **"internal market value"** means on any day either
    - (i) The value of a share (the **"formula value"**) as calculated in accordance with the valuation method agreed between the Employee Trustee and the Company for the purpose of transactions in shares between Employee Shareholders in relevant employment and the Employee Trustee (taking into account, as necessary, the differing economic rights attaching to C Ordinary Shares as compared to other classes of Share), or
    - (ii) If there is no formula value, the most recent value agreed for a share of that class with HM Revenue and Customs Shares and Asset Valuation for the purpose of a share option scheme approved under Schedule 5 to ITEPA or a qualifying option granted under Schedule 3 or 5 to ITEPA unless there has been since such agreement, in the opinion of the Employee Trustee, a material change in the Company's circumstances, and
    - (iii) otherwise the value shall be determined by an expert share valuer, appointed by the Company who shall so far as possible use a method which is consistent with that last used to obtain such a valuation from HM Revenue and Customs Shares and Asset Valuation and in so determining the value the share valuer shall act as an expert and not an arbitrator and his decision shall be final and binding,
  - (d) a **"Leaver"** is an Employee Shareholder who ceases to be, and is no longer continuing as an Employee and is not a Good Leaver,
  - (e) a **"Good Leaver"** is an Employee Shareholder who ceases to be, and is no longer continuing as an Employee of the Company by reason of
    - (i) injury, ill-health or disability,
    - (ii) death, or
    - (iii) any other reason which the Employee Trustee considers justify him being treated as a Good Leaver
- 16 2 If an Employee Shareholder becomes a Leaver, he or his Transmitttee is deemed to have given a Transfer Notice to the Employee Trustee on that date and the price for his Ordinary Shares or C Ordinary Shares shall be the internal market value with payment on deferred terms as determined by the Board
- 16 3 If an Employee Shareholder becomes a Good Leaver, he or his Transmitttee is deemed to have given a Transfer Notice to the Employee Trustee on the fifth anniversary of the date on which he became a Good Leaver, unless the Employee Shareholder or his Transmitttee has given such a Transfer Notice prior to such date The price to be paid for his Ordinary Shares or C Ordinary Shares shall be the internal market value, with payment on deferred terms as determined by the Board
- 16 4 For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that a Transfer Notice is deemed to be served under Article 16 2 or 16 3 above, such Transfer Notice shall (notwithstanding the provisions of Article 14) be served on and only capable of acceptance by the Employee Trustee

## 17 MANDATORY OFFER ON A CHANGE OF CONTROL

- 17 1 Except in the case of Permitted Transfers and transfers pursuant to Articles 15 and 16 and any transfer to a D Ordinary Shareholder, after going through the pre-emption procedure in Article 14, the provisions of Article 17 2 will apply if one or more Proposed Sellers propose to transfer in one or a series of related transactions any Shares (the **"Proposed Transfer"**) which would, if put into effect, result in any Proposed Purchaser (and Associates of his or persons Acting in Concert with him) acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company
- 17 2 A Proposed Seller must, before making a Proposed Transfer procure the making by the Proposed Purchaser of an offer (the **"Offer"**) to the other Shareholders to acquire all of the Shares for a consideration per share the value of which is at least equal to the Specified Price (as defined in Article 17 7, and taking into account that the Specified Price for a C Ordinary Share differs from the Specified Price for an Ordinary Share)
- 17 3 The Offer must be given by written notice (a **"Proposed Sale Notice"**) at least 15 Business Days (the **"Offer Period"**) prior to the proposed sale date (**"Proposed Sale Date"**) The Proposed Sale Notice must set out, to the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the identity of the Proposed Purchaser, the purchase price and other terms and conditions of payment, the Proposed Sale Date and the number of Shares proposed to be purchased by the Proposed Purchaser (the **"Proposed Sale Shares"**)
- 17 4 If any other holder of Shares is not given the rights accorded him by this Article, the Proposed Sellers will not be entitled to complete their sale and the Company will not register any transfer intended to carry that sale into effect
- 17 5 If the Offer is accepted by any Shareholder (an **"Accepting Shareholder"**) within the Offer Period, the completion of the Proposed Transfer will be conditional upon the completion of the purchase of all the Shares held by Accepting Shareholders
- 17 6 The Proposed Transfer is subject to the pre-emption provisions of Article 14 but the purchase of the Accepting Shareholders' shares shall not be subject to Article 14
- 17 7 For the purpose of this Article
- (a) the expression **"transfer"** and **"purchaser"** shall include the renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment and the renounee under any such letter of allotment respectively,
  - (b) the expression **"Specified Price"** shall mean in respect of each Share which is not a C Ordinary Share a sum in cash equal to the highest price per Share offered or paid by the Proposed Purchaser
    - (i) in the Proposed Transfer, or
    - (ii) in any related or previous transaction by the Proposed Purchaser or any person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser in the 12 months preceding the date of the Proposed Transfer,
 plus an amount equal to the Relevant Sum, as defined in Article 17 7(c), of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) paid or payable by the Proposed Purchaser or any other person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser, which having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole, can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or payable for the Shares (the **"Supplemental Consideration"**) In respect of each C Ordinary Share, the Specified Price shall be 0 1% multiplied by the Specified Price for an Ordinary Share,
  - (c) Relevant Sum = C – A

where  $A$  = number of Shares being sold in connection with the relevant Proposed Transfer,

$C$  = the Supplemental Consideration

## **18 DRAG-ALONG**

- 18 1 Once the CS Debt is repaid in full, if the holders of Shares who would be entitled to receive 75% or more of any surplus assets on a distribution of assets in accordance with Article 5 (the "**Selling Shareholders**") wish to transfer all their interest in Shares (the "**Sellers' Shares**") to a Proposed Purchaser, the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (the "**Drag Along Option**") to require all the other holders of Shares (the "**Called Shareholders**") to sell and transfer all their Shares to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct in accordance with the provisions of this Article
- 18 2 The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving a written notice to that effect (a "**Drag Along Notice**") to the Called Shareholders at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Proposed Purchaser. A Drag Along Notice shall specify that the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Shares (the "**Called Shares**") under this Article, the person to whom they are to be transferred, the consideration for which the Called Shares are to be transferred (calculated in accordance with this Article) and the proposed date of transfer
- 18 3 Drag Along Notices shall be irrevocable but will lapse if for any reason there is not a sale of the Sellers' Shares by the Selling Shareholders to the Proposed Purchaser within 40 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice
- 18 4 The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares shall be that to which they would be entitled if the total consideration proposed to be paid by the Proposed Purchaser were distributed to the holders of the Called Shares and the Sellers' Shares in accordance with the provisions of Article 5
- 18 5 Any D Ordinary Shareholder will only be obliged to sell in accordance with the terms of this Article 18 if the Drag Along Notice is served at a time which is at least 2 years and 6 months after the Adoption Date and
- (a) the consideration due to the D Ordinary Shareholder is paid in cash in full on completion of such sale,
  - (b) the Proposed Purchaser is a third party, independent of any other Shareholder or their connected persons, and
  - (c) the terms of such sale are bona fide and on an arms length basis
- 18 6 No Drag Along Notice may require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically provided for in this Article
- 18 7 Within five Business Days of the Selling Shareholders serving a Drag Along Notice on the Called Shareholders, the Called Shareholders shall deliver stock transfer forms for their Shares in favour of the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct, together with the relevant share certificate(s) (or a suitable indemnity in lieu thereof) to the Company. On the expiration of that five Business Day period the Company shall pay the Called Shareholders, on behalf of the Proposed Purchaser, the amounts they are due pursuant to Article 18 4 to the extent the Proposed Purchaser has put the Company in the requisite funds. The Company's receipt for the amounts due pursuant to Article 18 4 shall be a good discharge to the Proposed Purchaser. The Company shall hold the amounts due to

the Called Shareholders pursuant to Article 18 4 in trust for the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest

- 18 8 To the extent that the Proposed Purchaser has not, on the expiration of such five Business Day period, put the Company in funds to pay the amounts due pursuant to Article 18 4, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer forms and share certificate (or suitable indemnity) for the relevant Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations to the Proposed Purchaser under this Article 18 in respect of their Shares
- 18 9 If a Called Shareholder fails to deliver stock transfer forms and share certificates (or suitable indemnity) for its Shares to the Company upon the expiration of that five Business Day period, the Directors shall, if requested by the Proposed Purchaser, authorise any Director to transfer the Called Shareholder's Shares on the Called Shareholder's behalf to the Proposed Purchaser (or its nominee(s)) to the extent the Proposed Purchaser has, at the expiration of that five Business Day period, put the Company in funds to pay the amounts due pursuant to Article 18 4 for the Called Shareholder's Shares offered to him. The Board shall then authorise registration of the transfer once appropriate stamp duty has been paid. The defaulting Called Shareholder shall surrender his share certificate for his Shares (or provide a suitable indemnity) to the Company. On surrender, he shall be entitled to the amount due to him pursuant to Article 18 4
- 18 10 Any transfer of Shares to a Proposed Purchaser (or as they may direct) pursuant to a sale in respect of which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 14
- 18 11 On any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a Shareholder of the Company pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option to acquire shares in the Company or pursuant to the conversion of any convertible security of the Company (a "**New Shareholder**"), a Drag Along Notice shall be deemed to have been served on the New Shareholder on the same terms as the previous Drag Along Notice who shall then be bound to sell and transfer all Shares so acquired to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser may direct and the provisions of this Article shall apply with the necessary changes to the New Shareholder except that completion of the sale of the Shares shall take place immediately on the Drag Along Notice being deemed served on the New Shareholder

## 19 PROXIES

The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Directors may

- (a) be sent or supplied in hard copy form, or (subject to any conditions and limitations which the Board may specify) in electronic form, to the registered office of the Company or to such other address (including electronic address) as may be specified for this purpose in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy or any invitation to appoint a proxy sent or supplied by the Company in relation to the meeting at any time before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote,
- (b) be delivered at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote to the Chairman or to the Secretary or to any Director, or
- (c) in the case of a poll, be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the Chairman or to the Secretary or to any Director, or at the time and place at which the poll is held to the Chairman or to the Secretary or to any Director or scrutineer,

and an instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in a manner so permitted shall be invalid

## **20 DIRECTORS' BORROWING POWERS**

The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities as security for any debt, liability of obligation of the Company or of any third party

## **21 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

21 1 Any Director (other than an Alternate Director) (the "**Appointor**") may appoint as his alternate ("**Alternate**" or "**Alternate Director**") any other Director or any other person, willing to act, 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

21 2 Any appointment of an Alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company, signed by the Appointor, or authenticated in any other manner approved by the Directors

21 3 The notice of appointment must

- (a) identify the proposed Alternate,
- (b) contain a statement signed by the proposed Alternate that he is willing to act as the Alternate of the Director giving the notice, and
- (c) specify when the appointment commences

## **22 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

22 1 An Alternate Director has the same rights in relation to any decision of the Directors as his Appointor

22 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, and
- (d) are not deemed to be agents of or for their Appointors

22 3 An Alternate Director

- (a) may act as Alternate Director to more than one Director,
- (b) has the same rights as his Appointor to receive notice of and attend and vote at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors,
- (c) has one vote for every Eligible Director for whom he acts as Alternate Director in addition to his own vote (if any) as an Eligible Director at such a meeting In the event that a meeting of the Directors is attended by a Director who is acting as alternate for one or more other Directors, the Director or Directors for whom he is the alternate shall be counted in the quorum despite their absence, and if on that basis there is a quorum the meeting may be held despite the fact (if it is the case) that only one Director is physically present, and

- (d) may participate in a unanimous decision of the Directors for each of his Appointors who is an Eligible Director in addition to his own participation (if any) as an Eligible Director

22 4 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

## **23 TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP**

23 1 An Alternate Director's appointment as an Alternate terminates

- (a) when the Alternate's Appointor revokes the appointment in accordance with Article 23 2,
- (b) on the occurrence in relation to the Alternate of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the Alternate's Appointor, would result in the termination of the Appointor's appointment as a Director,
- (c) on the death of the Alternate's Appointor, or
- (d) when the Alternate's Appointor's appointment as a Director terminates

23 2 The revocation of the Alternate's appointment by his Appointor must be effected by notice in writing to the Company, signed by the Appointor, or authenticated in any other manner approved by the Directors

23 3 The notice of revocation must

- (a) identify the Alternate, and
- (b) specify when the appointment terminates

## **24 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

Unless and until the Company in general meeting shall otherwise determine the number of Directors shall be not less than two

## **25 APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

25 1 For as long as the Investor and its Permitted Transferees hold at least 5% of the Shares, the Investor and its Permitted Transferees shall be entitled to nominate one person to act as a Director of the Company by notice in writing addressed to the Company from time to time and the other holders of Shares shall not vote their Shares so as to remove that Director from office. Each Investor shall be entitled to remove their nominated Director so appointed at any time by notice in writing to the Company served at its registered office and appoint another person to act in his place

25 2 The D Ordinary Shareholders shall be entitled to nominate one individual (the "D Director" to act as a Director of the Company by notice in writing addressed to the Company from time to time and the other holders of Shares shall not vote their Shares so as to remove that Director from office

25 3 The D Ordinary Shareholders shall be entitled to appoint any two persons to act as observers to the Board. The observers shall be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings of the Board (and at all meetings of the board (or any committee) of directors of any Subsidiary undertaking) and receive copies of all board papers as if the observers were directors, but shall not be entitled to vote on any resolutions proposed at a board meeting

- 25 4 An appointment or removal of a Director under Article 25 1 and 25 2 will take effect at and from the time when the notice is received at the registered office of the Company or produced to a meeting of the directors of the Company
- 25 5 For as long as the Investor and its Permitted Transferees hold at least 5% of the Shares and the Investor Director is not in office, the Investor shall be entitled to appoint one person to act as an observer to the Board. The observer shall be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings of the Board (and at all meetings of the board (or any committee) of directors of any Subsidiary undertaking) and receive copies of all board papers as if he were a director, but shall not be entitled to vote on any resolutions proposed at a board meeting
- 25 6 For as long as the CS Debt is outstanding or CS holds at least 5% of the Shares, CS shall be entitled to appoint one person to act as an observer to the Board. The observer shall be entitled to attend and speak at all meetings of the Board (and at all meetings of the board (or any committee) of directors of any Subsidiary undertaking) and receive copies of all board papers as if he were a director, but shall not be entitled to vote on any resolutions proposed at a board meeting. CS shall be entitled to remove their observer so appointed at any time by notice in writing to the Company served at its registered office and appoint another person to act in his place

## **26 DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

In addition to that provided in Model Article 18, the office of a Director shall also be vacated if

- (a) he is convicted of a criminal offence (other than a minor motoring offence) and the Directors resolve that his, her or its office be vacated,
- (b) in the case of Directors, other than an Investor Director, if a majority of his co-Directors serve notice on him in writing, removing him from office

## **27 PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

- 27 1 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or at such time and place as determined by the Directors present at such meeting. If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within half an hour from the time appointed, then the meeting shall proceed. Model Article 11 shall not apply to the Company
- 27 2 Any Director who participates in the proceedings of a meeting by means of a communication device (including a telephone) which allows all the other Directors present at that meeting (whether in person or by alternate or by means of that type of communication device) to hear at all times that Director and that Director to hear at all times all other Directors present at the meeting (whether in person or by alternate or by means of that type of communication device) shall be deemed to be present at the meeting and shall be counted when reckoning a quorum. A meeting held by these means shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of participants in number is assembled. In the absence of a majority the location of the chairman shall be deemed to be the place of the meeting
- 27 3 Provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors, in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the nature and extent of his interest (and subject to any restrictions on voting or counting in a quorum imposed by the Directors in authorising a Relevant Interest (as defined in Article 28 5), a Director may vote at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has an interest, whether a direct or an indirect interest, or in relation to which he has a duty and shall also be counted in reckoning whether a quorum is present at such a meeting



- 27 4 Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of any equality of votes, the chairman shall not have a second or casting vote.
- 27 5 Each of the Shareholders (other than any D Ordinary Shareholder) shall exercise all voting rights and powers of control available to him in relation to the Company to procure that, save with the prior written Investor Consent, any meeting of the Board shall not effect any of the matters referred to in Schedule 1.
- 27 6 As a separate obligation, severable from the obligations in Article 27 5, save with the prior written Investor Consent, the Board shall not effect any of the matters referred to in Schedule 1.
- 27 7 The Investor shall be authorised to communicate in writing its consent to any of the matters referred to in Schedule 1.

## **28 DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

### **28 1 Specific interests of a Director**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the nature and extent of his interest, a Director may (save as to the extent not permitted by law from time to time), notwithstanding his office, have an interest of the following kind

- (a) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is party to or in any way directly or indirectly interested in, or has any duty in respect of, any existing or proposed contract, arrangement or transaction with the Company or any other undertaking in which the Company is in any way interested,
- (b) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a director, employee or other officer of, or a party to any contract, arrangement or transaction with, or in any way interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested,
- (c) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a shareholder in the Company or a shareholder in, employee, director, member or other officer of, or consultant to, a Parent Undertaking of, or a Subsidiary Undertaking of a Parent Undertaking of, the Company,
- (d) where a Director (or a person connected with him) holds and is remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor) in respect of the Company or body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested,
- (e) where a Director is given a guarantee, or is to be given a guarantee, in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested,
- (f) where a Director (or a person connected with him or of which he is a member or employee) acts (or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested of which he is a director, employee or other officer may act) in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested (other than as auditor) whether or not he or it is remunerated for this,
- (g) an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, or
- (h) any other interest authorised by ordinary resolution.

### **28 2 Interests of an Investor Director or D Director**

In addition to the provisions of Article 28 1, subject to the provisions of the Act and provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the nature and extent of his interest, where a Director is an Investor Director or D Director he may (save as to the extent not permitted by law from time to time), notwithstanding his office, have an interest arising from any duty he may owe to, or interest he may have as an employee, director, trustee, member, partner, officer or representative of, or a consultant to, or direct or indirect investor (including without limitation by virtue of a carried interest, remuneration or incentive arrangements or the holding of securities) in

in the case of an Investor Director

- (a) the Investor or any Member of the same Group as the Investor,
- (b) any of the funds advised or managed by the Investor or any Member of the same Group as the Investor from time to time, or
- (c) another body corporate or firm in which the Investor or any Member of the same Group as the Investor or any fund advised by any such entity has directly or indirectly invested, including without limitation any portfolio companies, or

in the case of the D Director

- (d) any D Ordinary Shareholder or any Member of the same Group as any D Ordinary Shareholder

#### 28 3 Interests of which a Director is not aware

For the purposes of this Article 28, an interest of which a Director is not aware and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to be aware shall not be treated as an interest of his

#### 28 4 Accountability of any benefit and validity of a contract

In any situation permitted by this Article 28 (save as otherwise agreed by him) a Director shall not by reason of his office be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from that situation and no such contract, arrangement or transaction shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit

#### 28 5 Terms and conditions of Board authorisation

Any authority given in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act in respect of a Director ("**Interested Director**") who has proposed that the Directors authorise his interest ("**Relevant Interest**") pursuant to that section may, for the avoidance of doubt

- (a) be given on such terms and subject to such conditions or limitations as may be imposed by the authorising Directors as they see fit from time to time, including, without limitation
  - (i) restricting the Interested Director from voting on any resolution put to a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors in relation to the Relevant Interest,
  - (ii) restricting the Interested Director from being counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors where such Relevant Interest is to be discussed, or
  - (iii) restricting the application of the provisions in Articles 29 7 and 28 8, so far as is permitted by law, in respect of such Interested Director,
- (b) be withdrawn, or varied at any time by the Directors entitled to authorise the Relevant Situation as they see fit from time to time, and

subject to Article 28 6, an Interested Director must act in accordance with any such terms, conditions or limitations imposed by the authorising Directors pursuant to section 175(5)(a) of the Act and this Article 28

28 6 Terms and conditions of Board authorisation for an Investor Director

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article 28, it shall not (save with the consent in writing of an Investor Director) be made a condition of any authorisation of a matter in relation to that Investor Director in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act, that he shall be restricted from voting or counting in the quorum at any meeting of, or of any committee of the Directors or that he shall be required to disclose, use or apply confidential information as contemplated in Article 28 8

*Director's duty of confidentiality to a person other than the Company*

28 7 Subject to Article 28 8 (and without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse or release the Director from disclosing information, in circumstances where disclosure may otherwise be required under this Article 28), if a Director, otherwise than by virtue of his position as director, receives information in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to a person other than the Company, he shall not be required

- (a) to disclose such information to the Company or to any Director, or to any officer or employee of the Company, or
- (b) otherwise to use or apply such confidential information for the purpose of or in connection with the performance of his duties as a Director

28 8 Where such duty of confidentiality arises out of a situation in which a Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company, Article 28 7 shall apply only if the conflict arises out of a matter which falls within Articles 28 1 or 28 2 or has been authorised under section 175(5)(a) of the Act

28 9 Additional steps to be taken by a Director to manage a conflict of interest

Where a Director has an interest which can reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, the Director may take such additional steps as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of managing such conflict of interest, including compliance with any procedures laid down from time to time by the Directors for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest generally and/or any specific procedures approved by the Directors for the purpose of or in connection with the situation or matter in question, including without limitation

- (a) absenting himself from any discussions, whether in meetings of the Directors or otherwise, at which the relevant situation or matter falls to be considered, and
- (b) excluding himself from documents or information made available to the Directors generally in relation to such situation or matter and/or arranging for such documents or information to be reviewed by a professional adviser to ascertain the extent to which it might be appropriate for him to have access to such documents or information

28 10 Requirement of a Director to declare an interest

Subject to section 182 of the Act, a Director shall declare the nature and extent of any interest permitted by Articles 28 1 or 28 2 at a meeting of the Directors, or by general notice in accordance with section 184 (notice in writing) or section 185 (general notice) of the Act or in such other manner as the Directors may determine, except that no declaration of interest shall be required by a Director in relation to an interest

- (a) falling under Article 28 1(g),

- (b) if, or to the extent that, the other Directors are already aware of such interest (and for this purpose the other Directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware), or
- (c) if, or to the extent that, it concerns the terms of his service contract (as defined by section 227 of the Act) that have been or are to be considered by a meeting of the Directors, or by a committee of Directors appointed for the purpose under these Articles

#### 28 11 Shareholder approval

Subject to section 239 of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution (and with the consent of the holders of a majority of the D Ordinary Shares) ratify any contract, transaction or arrangement, or other proposal, not properly authorised by reason of a contravention of any provisions of this Article 28

#### 28 12 For the purposes of this Article 28

- (a) a conflict of interest includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties,
- (b) the provisions of section 252 of the Act shall determine whether a person is connected with a Director,
- (c) a general notice to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified

### 29 NOTICES

29 1 Subject to the requirements set out in the Act, any notice given or document sent or supplied to or by any person under these Articles, or otherwise sent by the Company under the Act or the Act, may be given, sent or supplied

- (a) in hard copy form,
- (b) in electronic form, or
- (c) (by the Company) by means of a website (other than notices calling a meeting of Directors),

or partly by one of these means and partly by another of these means

Notices shall be given and documents supplied in accordance with the procedures set out in the Act, except to the extent that a contrary provision is set out in this Article 32

*Notices in hard copy form*

29 2 Any notice or other document in hard copy form given or supplied under these Articles may be delivered or sent by first class post (airmail if overseas)

- (a) to the Company or any other company at its registered office, or
- (b) to the address notified to or by the Company for that purpose, or
- (c) in the case of an intended recipient who is a member or his legal personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy, to such member's address as shown in the Company's register of members, or
- (d) in the case of an intended recipient who is the Employee Trustee, to the registered address of the Employee Trust, or

- (e) in the case of an intended recipient who is a Director or alternate, to his address as shown in the register of Directors, or
- (f) to any other address to which any provision of the Act authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied, or
- (g) where the Company is the sender, if the Company is unable to obtain an address falling within one of the addresses referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f) above, to the intended recipient's last address known to the Company

29 3 Any notice or other document in hard copy form given or supplied under these Articles shall be deemed to have been served and be effective

- (a) if delivered, at the time of delivery,
- (b) if posted, on receipt or 48 hours after the time it was posted, whichever occurs first

*Notices in electronic form*

29 4 Subject to the provisions of the Act, any notice or other document in electronic form given or supplied under these Articles may

- (a) if sent by fax or email (provided that a fax number or an address for email has been notified to or by the Company for that purpose), be sent by the relevant form of communication to that address,
- (b) if delivered or sent by first class post (airmail if overseas) in an electronic form (such as sending a disk by post), be so delivered or sent as if in hard copy form under Article 29 2, or
- (c) be sent by such other electronic means and to such address(es) as the Company may specify
  - (i) on its website from time to time, or
  - (ii) by notice (in hard copy or electronic form) to all members of the Company from time to time

29 5 Any notice or other document in electronic form given or supplied under these Articles shall be deemed to have been served and be effective

- (a) if sent by facsimile or email (where a fax number or an address for email has been notified to or by the Company for that purpose), on receipt or 48 hours after the time it was sent, whichever occurs first,
- (b) if posted in an electronic form, on receipt or 48 hours after the time it was posted, whichever occurs first,
- (c) if delivered in an electronic form, at the time of delivery, and
- (d) if sent by any other electronic means as referred to in Article 29 4(c), at the time such delivery is deemed to occur under the Act

29 6 Where the Company is able to show that any notice or other document given or sent under these Articles by electronic means was properly addressed with the electronic address supplied by the intended recipient, the giving or sending of that notice or other document shall be effective notwithstanding any receipt by the Company at any time of notice either that such method of communication has failed or of the intended recipient's non-receipt

*Notice by means of a website*

- 29 7 Subject to the provisions of the Act, any notice or other document or information to be given, sent or supplied by the Company to Shareholders under these Articles may be given, sent or supplied by the Company by making it available on the Company's website

### **30 GENERAL**

- 30 1 In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members of the Company in respect of the joint holding (the "Primary Holder") Notice so given shall constitute notice to all the joint holders
- 30 2 Anything agreed or specified by the Primary Holder in relation to the service, sending or supply of notices, documents or other information shall be treated as the agreement or specification of all the joint holders in their capacity as such (whether for the purposes of the Act or otherwise)

### **31 INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE**

- 31 1 Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by, the Act
- (a) every Director or other officer of the Company (excluding the Company's auditors) shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company (and the Company shall also be able to indemnify directors of any associated company (as defined in section 256 of the Act)) out of the Company's assets against all liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office, provided that no director of the Company or any associated company is indemnified by the Company against
- (i) any liability incurred by the director to the Company or any associated company, or
  - (ii) any liability incurred by the director to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings or a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirements of a regulatory nature, or
  - (iii) any liability incurred by the director
    - (1) in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted,
    - (2) in defending civil proceedings brought by the Company or any associated company in which final judgment (within the meaning set out in section 234 of the Act) is given against him, or
    - (3) in connection with any application under sections 144(3) or 144(4) or 727 of the Act for which the court refuses to grant him relief,
- save that, in respect of a provision indemnifying a director of a company (whether or not the Company) that is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as that term is used in section 235 of the Act) against liability incurred in connection with that company's activities as trustee of the scheme, the Company shall also be able to indemnify any such director without the restrictions in Articles 31 1(a)(i), 31 1(a)(iii)(2) and 31 1(a)(iii)(3) applying,
- (b) the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for any such Director or other officer against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to him in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company, or any associated company including (if he is a director of a company which is a

trustee of an occupational pension scheme) in connection with that company's activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme

- 31 2 The Company shall (at the cost of the Company) effect and maintain for each Director policies of insurance insuring each Director against risks in relation to his office as each director may reasonably specify including without limitation, any liability which by virtue of any rule of law may attach to him in respect of any negligence, default of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company

**32 SECRETARY**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and/or the Act, the directors may appoint a secretary for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them

**SCHEDULE 1****Matters requiring Investor Consent**

- 1 Permit or cause to be proposed any alteration to its share capital (including any increase thereof) or the rights attaching to its shares or waive any right to receive payment on any of its shares issued partly paid
- 2 Create, allot, issue, buy-in or redeem any share or loan capital or grant or agree to grant any options or warrants for the issue of any share or loan capital or issue any securities convertible into shares, or establish any employee incentive scheme except in accordance with the Articles
- 3 Permit or cause to be proposed any amendment to its memorandum of association or the Articles