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of

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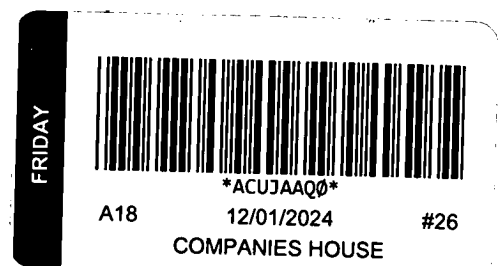


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PART 1

INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1. DEFINED TERMS

1.1 No model articles or regulations for companies (whether contained in the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008, the Companies (Tables A - F) Regulations 1985, or any other enactment) shall apply to the Company.

1.2 In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, the words and expressions set out below shall have the following meanings:

"**Act**" means the Companies Act 2006;

"**alternate Director**" has the meaning given in Article 27.1;

"**appointor**" has the meaning given in Article 27.1;

"**Articles**" means the Company's articles of association;

"**Associate**" means in relation to a company, any subsidiary undertaking (whether direct or indirect) of that company, any parent undertaking (whether direct or indirect) of that company and any subsidiary undertaking (whether direct or indirect) of any such parent undertaking;

"**bankruptcy**" means, in relation to an individual, where such individual has either (i) entered into an individual voluntary arrangement, or (ii) had a bankruptcy order made against them, and shall be deemed to include individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

"**bankruptcy order**" means an order made pursuant to Part IX of the Insolvency Act 1986;

"**Business Day**" means a day (not being a Saturday or Sunday or a public holiday) on which banks are generally open for non-automated business in London;

"**call**" has the meaning given in Article 38.1;

"**call notice**" has the meaning given in Article 38.1;

"**capitalised sum**" has the meaning given in Article 60.1;

"**chairman**" means the Director appointed to act in such capacity pursuant to Article 11.2;

"**chairman of the meeting**" has the meaning given in Article 63.3;

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

"Company's lien" has the meaning given in Article 36.1;

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

"distribution recipient" has the meaning given in Article 54.2;

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

"electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act;

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

"hard copy form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act;

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

"individual voluntary arrangement" means an arrangement made pursuant to Part VIII of the Insolvency Act 1986;

"instrument" means a document in hard copy form;

"lien enforcement notice" has the meaning given in Article 37.1;

"Majority Member" has the meaning given in Article 23.1;

"member" has the meaning given in section 112 of the Act;

"ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Act;

"paid" means paid or credited as paid;

"parent undertaking" has the meaning given in section 1162 of the Act;

"participate" or **"participating"** in relation to a Directors' meeting, has the meaning given in Article 9;

"partly paid" means, in relation to a share, where that part of that share's nominal value or any premium at which it was issued has not been paid to the Company and **"unpaid"** shall be construed accordingly;

"persons entitled" has the meaning give in Article 60.1;

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in Article 69.1;

"Relevant Situation" means 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 (other than a situation that cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest or a conflict of interest arising in relation to a transaction or arrangement with the Company);

"shares" means the allotted and issued ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1.00 each in the Company, from time to time;

"special resolution" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Act;

"subsidiary undertaking" has the meaning given in section 1162 of the Act;

"transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a member or otherwise by operation of law;

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

1.3 In these Articles:

- (a) any other words or expressions in these Articles shall bear the same meaning (unless otherwise defined or the context otherwise requires) as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification not in force at the date of adoption by the Company of these Articles; and
- (b) references to statutory provisions or enactments shall include references to any amendment, modification, extension, consolidation, replacement or re-enactment of any such provision or enactment from time to time in force and to any regulation, instrument or order or other subordinate legislation made under such provision or enactment.

2. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

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

PART 2

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

3.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company.

3.2 The Company may change its name by:

- (a) a special resolution; or
- (b) a decision of the Directors.

4. MEMBERS' RESERVE POWER

4.1 The members may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.

4.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

5. DIRECTORS MAY DELEGATE

5.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:

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

as they think fit.

5.2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.

5.3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

6. COMMITTEES

6.1 Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors.

- 6.2 The Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

7. DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

The general rule about decision-making by Directors is that any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a Director's meeting or a decision taken in the form of a Directors' written resolution passed in accordance with Article 16.

8. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

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

9. PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 9.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:
- (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles; and
 - (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting,
and the term "**participate**" or "**participating**" shall, in relation to a Director's meeting be construed accordingly.
- 9.2 In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other. For the avoidance of doubt, any meeting of the Directors may be held by telephone or video conference, provided that all participants shall be able to hear one another and participate in discussion.
- 9.3 If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is. In the absence of agreement it shall be deemed to take place where the chairman is.

10. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 10.1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is present, no proposal is to be voted on except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 10.2 The quorum for a Directors' meeting may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors but it must never be less than two.
- 10.3 If the total number of Directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Directors must not take any decision other than a decision:
- (a) to appoint further directors; or

- (b) to call a general meeting or propose a written resolution so as to enable the members to appoint further Directors.

11. CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 11.1 The Directors may appoint a Director to chair their meetings.
- 11.2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman.
- 11.3 The Directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time.
- 11.4 If the chairman is not participating in a Directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating Directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

12. VOTING AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS: GENERAL RULES

- 12.1 Subject to the Articles, a decision is taken at a Directors' meeting by a majority of the votes of the participating Directors.
- 12.2 Subject to the Articles, each Director participating in a Directors' meeting has one vote.

13. CASTING VOTE

If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other Director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Directors shall be authenticated by the Chairman and shall be retained in accordance with the Act.

15. PROPOSING DIRECTORS' WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

- 15.1 Any Director may propose a Directors' written resolution.
- 15.2 The company secretary, if any, must propose a Directors' written resolution if a Director so requests.
- 15.3 A Directors' written resolution is proposed by giving notice of the proposed resolution to the Directors.
- 15.4 Notice of a proposed Directors' written resolution must indicate:
 - (a) the proposed resolution; and
 - (b) the time by which it is proposed that the Directors should adopt it.
- 15.5 Notice of a proposed Directors' written resolution must be given in writing to each Director.
- 15.6 Any decision which a person giving notice of a proposed Directors' written resolution takes regarding the process of adopting that resolution must be taken reasonably and in good faith.

16. ADOPTION OF DIRECTORS' WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

- 16.1 A proposed Directors' written resolution is adopted when a majority of the Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution had it been proposed at a Directors' meeting have signed one or more copies of it, provided that those Directors would have formed a quorum at such a meeting.
- 16.2 It is immaterial whether any Director signs the resolution or indicates his agreement before or after the time by which the notice proposed that it should be adopted.
- 16.3 Once a Directors' written resolution has been adopted, it must be treated as if it had been a decision taken at a Directors' meeting in accordance with the Articles.

17. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COMPANY

- 17.1 Provided that he has declared to the other Directors the nature and extent of any interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office may be a party to, or otherwise directly or

indirectly interested in, any proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Company.

- 17.2 Subject to Article 17.3, and provided that he has declared to the other Directors the nature and extent of any interest of his, a Director may participate in the decision-making process and count in the quorum and vote if a proposed decision of the Directors is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company in which the Director is interested.
- 17.3 A Director shall not count in the quorum and vote on a proposal under consideration concerning his appointment to an office or employment with the Company or any undertaking in which the Company is interested. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more Directors to any such offices or employments the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the Directors concerned shall be entitled to participate in the decision-making process and count in the quorum and vote in respect of each decision except that concerning his own appointment.

18. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 18.1 A Director, notwithstanding his office or that such situation or interest may conflict with the interests of or his duties to the Company, may:
- (a) be from time to time a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or otherwise interested in, any Associate of the Company;
 - (b) be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction or arrangement in which an Associate of the Company is interested;
 - (c) make full disclosure of any information relating to the Company to an Associate (or anyone acting on behalf of any such Associate, including its advisers); and
 - (d) if he obtains (other than through his position as a Director of the Company) information that is confidential to an Associate, or in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to an Associate, or the disclosure of which would amount to a breach of applicable law or regulation, choose not to disclose it to the Company or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs in circumstances where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence or a breach of applicable law or regulation.
- 18.2 A Director who has an interest under Article 18.1(a) or Article 18.1(b) shall declare to the other Directors the nature and extent of his interest as soon as practicable after such interest arises, except to the extent that Article 18.1(d) applies.
- 18.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 18.1, the Directors may authorise, in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act, a Relevant Situation in respect of any Director and the continuing performance by the relevant Director of his duties as a Director of the Company on such terms as they may determine. For the avoidance of doubt, such terms may permit the interested Director to continue to vote (and to be counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors) in respect of resolutions relating to the subject matter of the Relevant Situation. Such authorisation may be withdrawn, and the terms of authorisation may be varied or subsequently imposed, at any time. Any resolution of the Directors for the purposes of providing, varying the terms of or withdrawing such authorisation shall not be effective unless:
- (a) the requirement as to the quorum at the meeting at which the resolution is proposed is met without counting the interested Director or any other interested Director; and
 - (b) the resolution is passed without the interested Director or any other interested Director voting or would have been passed if their votes had not been counted,
- but otherwise shall be dealt with in the same way as any other matter may be proposed to and resolved upon by the Directors in accordance with the provisions of these Articles. An

interested Director must act in accordance with any terms determined by the Directors under this Article 18.3.

- 18.4 Any authorisation of a Relevant Situation given by the Directors under Article 18.3 may provide that, where the interested Director obtains (other than through his position as a Director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party or in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to a third party or the disclosure of which would amount to a breach of applicable law or regulation, he will not be obliged to disclose it to the Company or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs in circumstances where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence or a breach of applicable law or regulation.
- 18.5 Provided that a Relevant Situation has been duly authorised by the Directors or the Company (or it is permitted under Article 18.1 and its nature and extent has been disclosed to the other Directors in accordance with Article 20), a Director may participate in the decision making process and count in the quorum and vote if a proposed decision of the Directors is concerned with such situation (subject to any restrictions imposed under the terms on which it was authorised).
- 18.6 References in these Articles to a conflict of interest include a conflict of interest and duty and an interest includes both a direct and an indirect interest.

19. DIRECTOR NOT LIABLE TO ACCOUNT

A Director shall not, by reason of his holding office as a Director (or of the fiduciary relationship established by holding that office), be liable to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit resulting from any situation or interest permitted under Article 17 or Article 18 or duly authorised by the Directors or the Company, nor shall the receipt of such remuneration, profit or other benefit constitute a breach of the Director's duty under section 176 of the Act or otherwise, and no contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any Director having any type of interest which is permitted under Article 17 or Article 18 or duly authorised by the Directors or the Company.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A declaration of interest or other notification may be made by a Director for the purposes of Article 17 and Article 18 at a meeting of the Directors or by notice in writing to the other Directors. A Director need not declare any interest if it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, or if he is not aware of the interest, or if, or to the extent that, the other Directors are already aware of it (and for these purposes a Director shall be treated as aware of anything of which he ought reasonably to be aware) or if, or to the extent that, it concerns terms of his service contract that have been or are to be considered:

- 20.1 by a meeting of the Directors; or
- 20.2 by a committee of the Directors
appointed for the purpose under the Company's constitution.

21. DIRECTORS' DISCRETION TO MAKE FURTHER RULES

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

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

22. METHODS OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS

- 22.1 No Director shall be appointed or removed otherwise than pursuant to these Articles provided always such appointment or removal is not prohibited by law.
- 22.2 Any person who is willing to act as a Director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a Director:

- (a) by ordinary resolution; or
- (b) by a decision of the Directors.

23. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL BY MAJORITY MEMBER

23.1 Any member holding, or any members holding in aggregate, a majority in nominal value of the shares for the time being of the Company which carry the right to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company (the "**Majority Member**") may at any time and from time to time:

- (a) appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director or remove from office any Director however appointed;
- (b) appoint any person to be an alternate Director for any Director (in which case the Director shall during the currency of such appointment have no right to appoint an alternate Director and shall have no right to remove such alternate Director) or remove from office any alternate Director (whether or not appointed by the Majority Member): in the case of appointment no approval of the Directors shall be required and the term "appointor" in Article 27 to Article 29 shall include the Director for whom the alternate Director has been appointed; and
- (c) appoint any person (whether or not a Director and notwithstanding that members of committees may otherwise be required to be Directors) to be a member of any committee of Directors or remove from office any member of any such committee (whether or not appointed by the Majority Member).

23.2 Any such appointment or removal shall be in writing notified to the Company and shall take effect on being delivered to or sent by post to the Company at its registered office or upon delivery to the company secretary (if any) or to the Company at a meeting of the Directors or, if contained in electronic form, upon delivery to the address (if any) as may for the time being be notified by or on behalf of the Company for the receipt of messages in electronic form.

24. TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT

A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:

- 24.1 that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
- 24.2 that person is subject to bankruptcy;
- 24.3 a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- 24.4 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Director and may remain so for more than three months;
- 24.5 by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have; and
- 24.6 notification is received by the Company from the Director that the Director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.

25. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

- 25.1 The Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the Directors decide.
- 25.2 The Directors shall be entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine.

26. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

- 26.1 The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:

- (a) meetings of Directors or committees of Directors,
- (b) general meetings, or
- (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company, or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

27. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 27.1 Each Director may appoint (an "**appointor**") as an alternate any other person (including, without limitation, any other Director) 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 (an "**alternate Director**").
- 27.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate Director must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the Directors.
- 27.3 The notice must:
- (a) identify the proposed alternate Director, and
 - (b) in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate Director that the proposed alternate Director is willing to act as the alternate Director of the relevant appointor.

28. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 28.1 An alternate Director has the same rights, in relation to any Directors' meeting or Directors' written resolution, as the alternate Director's appointor. Subject to Article 28.4 and Article 28.5, an alternate Director may be appointed to act as alternate Director to more than one Director.
- 28.2 Unless the Articles specify otherwise, alternate Directors:
- (a) are deemed for all purposes to be directors of the Company;
 - (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.
- 28.3 Each alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Directors and of all meetings of committees established by the Directors of which his appointor is a member.
- 28.4 A person who is an alternate Director but not a Director:
- (a) may be counted as participating in any meeting of the Directors for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present at such meeting;
 - (b) may vote on a decision to be taken at a meeting of the Directors; and
 - (c) may sign or indicate his agreement to a Directors' written resolution as alternate Director for his appointor,
- provided that his appointor is eligible to (but does not) participate in the relevant meeting of the Directors, vote, decision or Directors' written resolution. No alternate Director may be counted as more than one Director for such purposes.

- 28.5 A Director who is also an alternate Director shall not count as more than one Director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at any meeting of the Directors but:
- (a) has an additional vote as alternate Director for each appointor on a decision taken at a meeting of the Directors; and
 - (b) may sign or indicate his agreement to a Directors' written resolution for himself and as alternate Director for each appointor who would have been entitled to sign or agree to it and will count as more than one Director for this purpose,
- provided that his appointor is eligible to (but does not) participate in the relevant meeting of the Directors, vote, decision or Directors' written resolution. For the avoidance of doubt, if his appointor is not eligible to participate in the relevant meeting of the Directors, vote, decision or Directors' written resolution, this does not preclude the alternate Director from participating as alternate Director for another appointor who is eligible to (but does not) participate.

- 28.6 Any alternate Director shall not be entitled to any remuneration from the Company or any reimbursement from the Company of expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as an alternate Director unless otherwise agreed by the Directors.

29. TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP

An alternate Director's appointment as an alternate Director terminates:

- 29.1 when the alternate Director's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;
- 29.2 on the occurrence in relation to the alternate Director of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate Director's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a Director;
- 29.3 on the death of the alternate Director's appointor; or
- 29.4 when the alternate Director's appointor's appointment as a Director terminates.

SECRETARY

30. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF SECRETARY

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.

PART 3

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

ISSUE OF SHARES

31. POWERS TO ISSUE SHARES

- 31.1 Subject to the Articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the Company may issue shares with the rights and restrictions set out in these Articles and any other shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution or, subject to and in default of such determination, as the Directors shall determine.
- 31.2 The Company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder, and the Directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares.
- 31.3 Section 561 of the Act (existing shareholders' right of pre-emption) shall not apply to the allotment by the Company of any equity security.

32. PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS ON SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

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

INTERESTS IN SHARES

33. COMPANY NOT BOUND BY LESS THAN ABSOLUTE INTERESTS

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

SHARE CERTIFICATES

34. SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 34.1 The Company must issue each member, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that member holds.
- 34.2 Every certificate must specify:
- (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued;
 - (b) the nominal value of those shares;
 - (c) the amount paid up on those shares; and
 - (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.
- 34.3 No single certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class.
- 34.4 If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 34.5 Certificates must be executed in accordance with section 44 of the Act.

35. REPLACEMENT SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 35.1 If a certificate issued in respect of a member's share is:
- (a) damaged or defaced; or
 - (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,
- that member is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.
- 35.2 A member exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:
- (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
 - (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and
 - (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of the Company's reasonable expenses as the Directors decide.

PARTLY PAID SHARES

36. COMPANY'S LIEN OVER SHARES

- 36.1 The Company has a lien (the "**Company's lien**") over every share (whether or not fully paid) for any part of:
- (a) that share's nominal value;
 - (b) any premium at which that share was issued; and
 - (c) any other indebtedness to the Company of the holder or, if the holder is not the beneficial owner, the beneficial owner (whether or not arising in respect of that share and whether or not payable prior to the date of allotment or issue of that share),

which has not been paid to the Company, and which is payable immediately or at some time in the future, whether or not a call notice has been sent in respect of it.

- 36.2 The Company's lien over a share:

- (a) takes priority over any third party's interest in that share; and
- (b) extends to any dividend or other money payable by the Company in respect of that share and (if the Company's lien is enforced and the share is sold by the Company) the proceeds of sale of that share.

- 36.3 The Directors may at any time decide that a share which is or would otherwise be subject to the Company's lien shall not be subject to it, either wholly or in part.

37. ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S LIEN

- 37.1 Subject to the provisions of this Article, if:

- (a) with respect to a share which is subject to the Company's lien, a sum is payable and the due date for payment of that sum has passed, the Company may serve a notice on the relevant holder in accordance with Article 37.2 (a "**lien enforcement notice**");
 - (b) a lien enforcement notice has been given in respect of a share; and
 - (c) the person to whom the notice was given has failed to comply with it,
- the Company may sell that share in such manner as the Directors decide.

- 37.2 A lien enforcement notice:

- (a) may only be given in respect of a share which is subject to the Company's lien, in respect of which a sum is payable and the due date for payment of that sum has passed;
- (b) must specify the share concerned;
- (c) must require payment of the sum payable within 14 days of the notice;
- (d) must be addressed either to the holder of the share or to a person entitled to it by reason of the holder's death, bankruptcy or otherwise; and
- (e) must state the Company's intention to sell the share if the notice is not complied with.

- 37.3 Where shares are sold under this Article:

- (a) the Directors may authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser; and
- (b) the transferee is not bound to see to the application of the consideration, and the transferee's title is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the sale.

- 37.4 The net proceeds of any such sale (after payment of the costs of sale and any other costs of enforcing the Company's lien) must be applied:

- (a) first, in payment of so much of the sum for which the Company's lien exists as was payable at the date of the lien enforcement notice; and
 - (b) second, to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale, but only after the certificate for the shares sold has been surrendered to the Company for cancellation or a suitable indemnity has been given for any lost certificates, and subject to a lien equivalent to the Company's lien over the shares before the sale for any money payable in respect of the shares after the date of the lien enforcement notice.
- 37.5 A statutory declaration by a Director or the company secretary (if any) that the declarant is a Director or the company secretary and that a share has been sold to satisfy the Company's lien on a specified date:
 - (a) is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share; and
 - (b) subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the Articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share.
- 38. **CALL NOTICES**
- 38.1 Subject to the Articles and the terms on which shares are allotted, the Directors may send a notice (a "call notice") to a member requiring the member to pay the Company a specified sum of money (a "call") which is payable in respect of shares which that member holds at the date when the Directors decide to send the call notice.
- 38.2 A call notice:
 - (a) may not require a member to pay a call which exceeds the total sum unpaid on that member's shares (whether as to the share's nominal value or any amount payable to the Company by way of premium);
 - (b) must state when and how any call to which it relates it is to be paid; and
 - (c) may permit or require the call to be paid by instalments.
- 38.3 A member must comply with the requirements of a call notice, but no member is obliged to pay any call before 14 days have passed since the date of the call notice.
- 38.4 Before the Company has received any call due under a call notice the Directors may:
 - (a) revoke it wholly or in part; or
 - (b) specify a later time for payment than is specified in the notice,
 by a further notice in writing to the member in respect of whose shares the call is made.
- 39. **LIABILITY TO PAY CALLS**
- 39.1 Liability to pay a call is not extinguished or transferred by transferring the shares in respect of which it is required to be paid.
- 39.2 Joint holders of a share are jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of that share.
- 39.3 Subject to the terms on which shares are allotted, the Directors may, when issuing shares, provide that call notices sent to the holders of those shares may require them:
 - (a) to pay calls which are not the same, or
 - (b) to pay calls at different times.
- 40. **WHEN CALL NOTICE NEED NOT BE ISSUED**
- 40.1 A call notice need not be issued in respect of sums which are specified, in the terms on which a share is issued, as being payable to the Company in respect of that share (whether in respect of nominal value or premium):
 - (a) on or prior to allotment;

- (b) on the occurrence of a particular event; or
 - (c) on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue.
- 40.2 But if the due date for payment of such a sum has passed and it has not been paid, the allottee or holder of the share concerned is treated in all respects as having failed to comply with a call notice in respect of that sum, and is liable to the same consequences as regards the payment of interest and forfeiture.
- 41. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CALL NOTICE: AUTOMATIC CONSEQUENCES**
- 41.1 If a person is liable to pay a call and fails to do so by the call payment date:
 - (a) the Directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture to that person, and
 - (b) until the call is paid, that person must pay the Company interest on the call from (but excluding) the call payment date at the relevant rate.
- 41.2 For the purposes of this Article:
 - (a) the "**call payment date**" is the time when the call notice states that a call is payable, unless the Directors give a notice specifying a later date, in which case the "**call payment date**" is that later date;
 - (b) the "**relevant rate**" is:
 - (i) the rate fixed by the terms on which the share in respect of which the call is due was allotted;
 - (ii) such other rate as was fixed in the call notice which required payment of the call, or has otherwise been determined by the Directors; or
 - (iii) if no rate is fixed in either of these ways, five per cent per annum.
- 41.3 The relevant rate must not exceed by more than five percentage points the base lending rate most recently set by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England in connection with its responsibilities under Part 2 of the Bank of England Act 1998.
- 41.4 The Directors may waive any obligation to pay interest on a call wholly or in part.
- 42. **NOTICE OF INTENDED FORFEITURE**
- A notice of intended forfeiture:
 - 42.1 may be sent in respect of any share in respect of which a call has not been paid as required by a call notice;
 - 42.2 must be sent to the holder of that share or to a person entitled to it by reason of the holder's death, bankruptcy or otherwise;
 - 42.3 must require payment of the call and any accrued interest by a date which is not less than 14 days after the date of the notice of intended forfeiture;
 - 42.4 must state how the payment is to be made; and
 - 42.5 must state that if the notice of intended forfeiture is not complied with, the shares in respect of which the call is payable will be liable to be forfeited.
- 43. **DIRECTORS' POWER TO FORFEIT SHARES**
- If a notice of intended forfeiture is not complied with before the date by which payment of the call is required in the notice of intended forfeiture, the Directors may decide that any share in respect of which it was given is forfeited, and the forfeiture is to include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.
- 44. **EFFECT OF FORFEITURE**
- 44.1 Subject to the Articles, the forfeiture of a share extinguishes:

- (a) all interests in that share, and all claims and demands against the Company in respect of it, and
 - (b) all other rights and liabilities incidental to the share as between the person whose share it was prior to the forfeiture and the Company.
- 44.2 Any share which is forfeited in accordance with the Articles:
 - (a) is deemed to have been forfeited when the Directors decide that it is forfeited;
 - (b) is deemed to be the property of the Company; and
 - (c) may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of as the Directors think fit.
- 44.3 If a person's shares have been forfeited:
 - (a) the Company must send that person notice that forfeiture has occurred and record it in the register of members;
 - (b) that person ceases to be a member in respect of those shares;
 - (c) that person must surrender the certificate for the shares forfeited to the Company for cancellation;
 - (d) that person remains liable to the Company for all sums payable by that person under the Articles at the date of forfeiture in respect of those shares, including any interest (whether accrued before or after the date of forfeiture); and
 - (e) the Directors may waive payment of such sums wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.
- 44.4 At any time before the Company disposes of a forfeited share, the Directors may decide to cancel the forfeiture on payment of all calls and interest due in respect of it and on such other terms as they think fit.
- 45. **PROCEDURE FOLLOWING FORFEITURE**
- 45.1 If a forfeited share is to be disposed of by being transferred, the Company may receive the consideration for the transfer and the Directors may authorise any person to execute the instrument of transfer.
- 45.2 A statutory declaration by a Director or the company secretary (if any) that the declarant is a Director or the company secretary and that a share has been forfeited on a specified date:
 - (a) is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share; and
 - (b) subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the Articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share.
- 45.3 A person to whom a forfeited share is transferred is not bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any) nor is that person's title to the share affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the forfeiture or transfer of the share.
- 45.4 If the Company sells a forfeited share, the person who held it prior to its forfeiture is entitled to receive from the Company the proceeds of such sale, net of any commission, and excluding any amount which:
 - (a) was, or would have become, payable, and
 - (b) had not, when that share was forfeited, been paid by that person in respect of that share,

but no interest is payable to such a person in respect of such proceeds and the Company is not required to account for any money earned on them.

46. SURRENDER OF SHARES

- 46.1 A member may surrender any share:
- (a) in respect of which the Directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture;
 - (b) which the Directors may forfeit; or
 - (c) which has been forfeited.
- 46.2 The Directors may accept the surrender of any such share.
- 46.3 The effect of surrender on a share is the same as the effect of forfeiture on that share.
- 46.4 A share which has been surrendered may be dealt with in the same way as a share which has been forfeited.

TRANSFER AND TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

47. SHARE TRANSFERS

- 47.1 Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the Directors, which is executed by or on behalf of:
- (a) the transferor; and
 - (b) (if any of the shares is partly paid) the transferee.
- 47.2 No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 47.3 The Company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.
- 47.4 The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.

48. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

- 48.1 If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the Company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share.
- 48.2 Nothing in these Articles releases the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of a share solely or jointly held by that member.
- 48.3 A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the Directors may properly require:
- (a) may, subject to the Articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person; and
 - (b) subject to the Articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.
- 48.4 But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

49. EXERCISE OF TRANSMITTEES' RIGHTS

- 49.1 Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in writing of that wish.
- 49.2 If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- 49.3 Any transfer made or executed under this Article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

50. TRANSMITTEES BOUND BY PRIOR NOTICES

If a notice is given to a member in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the member before the transmittee's name, or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under Article 49.2, has been entered in the register of members.

CONSOLIDATION OF SHARES

51. PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSING OF FRACTIONS OF SHARES

51.1 This Article applies where:

- (a) there has been a consolidation or division of shares; and
- (b) as a result, members are entitled to fractions of shares.

51.2 The Directors may:

- (a) sell the shares representing the fractions to any person including the Company for the best price reasonably obtainable;
- (b) authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser; and
- (c) distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among the holders of the shares.

51.3 Where any holder's entitlement to a portion of the proceeds of sale amounts to less than a minimum figure determined by the Directors, that member's portion may be distributed to an organisation which is a charity for the purposes of the law of England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

51.4 The person to whom the shares are transferred is not obliged to ensure that any purchase money is received by the person entitled to the relevant fractions.

51.5 The transferee's title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to their sale.

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

52. PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING DIVIDENDS

52.1 The Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends or any other distribution, and the Directors may decide to pay interim dividends.

52.2 A dividend must not be declared unless the Directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.

52.3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with members' respective rights.

52.4 Unless the members' resolution to declare or Directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each member's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.

52.5 If the Company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrears.

52.6 The Directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.

52.7 If the Directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights.

53. CALCULATION OF DIVIDENDS

- 53.1 Except as otherwise provided by the Articles the rights attached to shares, all dividends must be:
- (a) declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid; and
 - (b) apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.
- 53.2 If any share is issued on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividend accordingly.
- 53.3 For the purposes of calculating dividends, no account is to be taken of any amount which has been paid up on a share in advance of the due date for payment of that amount.

54. PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

- 54.1 Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means:
- (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the Directors otherwise decide;
 - (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the Directors otherwise decide;
 - (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the Directors otherwise decide; or
 - (d) any other means of payment as the Directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or as the Directors otherwise decide.
- 54.2 In these Articles, the "**distribution recipient**" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:
- (a) the holder of the share; or
 - (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
 - (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

55. DEDUCTIONS FROM DISTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF SUMS OWED TO THE COMPANY

- 55.1 If:
- (a) a share is subject to the Company's lien; and
 - (b) the Directors are entitled to issue a lien enforcement notice in respect of it,
- they may, instead of issuing a lien enforcement notice, deduct from any dividend or other sum payable in respect of the share any sum of money which is payable to the Company in respect of that share to the extent that they are entitled to require payment under a lien enforcement notice.
- 55.2 Money so deducted must be used to pay any of the sums payable in respect of that share.
- 55.3 The Company must notify the distribution recipient in writing of:
- (a) the fact and amount of any such deduction;

- (b) any non-payment of a dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share resulting from any such deduction; and
- (c) how the money deducted has been applied.

56. NO INTEREST ON DISTRIBUTIONS

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

- 56.1 the terms on which the share was issued; or
- 56.2 the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the Company.

57. UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS

57.1 All dividends or other sums which are:

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

may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed.

57.2 The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the Company a trustee in respect of it.

57.3 If:

- (a) 12 years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment; and
 - (b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,
- the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the Company.

58. NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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

59. WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS

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

59.1 the share has more than one holder; or

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

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

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

60. AUTHORITY TO CAPITALISE AND APPROPRIATION OF CAPITALISED SUMS

- 60.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution:
- (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the Company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account, capital redemption reserve or redenomination reserve); and
 - (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "**capitalised sum**") to the holders of shares who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "**persons entitled**") and in the same proportions.
- 60.2 Capitalised sums must be applied:
- (a) on behalf of the persons entitled; and
 - (b) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.
- 60.3 Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- 60.4 A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied:
- (a) in or towards paying up any amounts unpaid on existing shares held by the persons entitled; or
 - (b) in paying up new debentures of the Company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- 60.5 Subject to the Articles the Directors may:
- (a) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares becoming distributable in fractions under this Article (including the making of cash payments); and
 - (b) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares to them under this Article.

PART 4

DECISION-MAKING BY MEMBERS

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

61. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 61.1 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 61.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
- (a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting; and
 - (b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.

- 61.3 The Directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.
- 61.4 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 61.5 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.
- 61.6 Any meeting of the members may be held by telephone or video conference, provided that all participants shall be and are able to hear one another and participate in discussion.
- 61.7 All relevant papers for general meetings will be sent to all members prior to the meeting.
- 62. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**
- No resolution shall be voted on and no other business shall be transacted at any meeting, other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting, unless a quorum is present when such vote is taken or other business is transacted and no resolution or transaction shall be effective unless a quorum is so present.
- 63. CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS**
- 63.1 If the Directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- 63.2 If the Directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start:
- (a) the Directors present; or
 - (b) (if no Directors are present), the meeting,
- must appoint a Director or member to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.
- 63.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this Article is referred to as the **"chairman of the meeting"**.
- 63.4 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman of the meeting or other Director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote.
- 64. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-MEMBERS**
- 64.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are members.
- 64.2 The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not:
- (a) members of the Company; or
 - (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of members in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting.
- 65. ADJOURNMENT**
- 65.1 If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting must be adjourned to the same time and place no later than seven days later, except that, if the meeting was called by or convened upon the requisition of members, it shall not be adjourned but shall be dissolved.
- 65.2 The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:
- (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment; or
 - (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the

business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner or is properly transacted,

in which case the meeting shall be adjourned to the same time and place no later than seven days later.

- 65.3 The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- 65.4 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

66. **VOTING: GENERAL**

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

67. **ERRORS AND DISPUTES**

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

68. **POLL VOTES**

- 68.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:
- (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote; or
 - (b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.
- 68.2 A poll may be demanded by:
- (a) the chairman of the meeting;
 - (b) the Directors; or
 - (c) a qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote on the resolution.
- 68.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
- (a) the poll has not yet been taken; and
 - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- A demand that is withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

- 68.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs.

69. **CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES**

- 69.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "**proxy notice**") which:
- (a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
 - (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
 - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the Directors may determine; and
 - (d) is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles not less than one hour before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at

which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

- 69.2 The Company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 69.3 Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- 69.4 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
 - (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
 - (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

70. DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

- 70.1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.
- 70.2 An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- 70.3 A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- 70.4 If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, the Company may require written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

71. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

- 71.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
 - (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine); and
 - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 71.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:
 - (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 71.3 If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERS' RIGHTS

72. NO VOTING OF SHARES ON WHICH MONEY OWED TO THE COMPANY

No voting rights attached to a share may be exercised:

- 72.1 at any general meeting, at any adjournment of it, or on any poll called at or in relation to it; or

- 72.2 in respect of a written resolution which would otherwise have to be proposed at a general meeting,
unless all amounts payable to the Company in respect of that share have been paid.
Applications of rules to class meetings

73. CLASS MEETINGS

The provisions of the Articles relating to general meetings apply, with any necessary modifications, to meetings of the holders of any class of shares.

PART 5

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

74. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 74.1 Any notice or other document required by these Articles to be sent or supplied to or by the Company (other than a notice calling a meeting of the Directors) shall be contained in writing.
- 74.2 Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Act provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.
- 74.3 Subject to the Articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a Director in connection with the taking of decisions by Directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that Director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- 74.4 Any notice or other document sent by the Company under these Articles which is delivered or left at a registered address otherwise than by post shall be deemed to have been received on the day it was so delivered or left. A notice or other document sent by the Company by first class registered or recorded pre-paid post (or its equivalent) to an address in the United Kingdom shall be deemed to have been received on the third day following the day of posting or (if sent airmail from or to overseas) on the seventh day following the day of posting. A notice or other document sent or supplied by the Company in electronic form shall be deemed to have been received at the time it is sent. A notice sent or supplied by means of a website shall be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient at the time when the material was first available on the website or, if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website.

75. RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORDS

A member (or their duly authorised representative), subject to such conditions and regulation as the Directors may determine having regard to any obligation binding upon the Company to keep confidential information supplied to it by other persons, may, on reasonable notice inspect personally or by his agent at any time and from time to time any account or book or document of the Company (and take and retain copies of them).

76. PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS

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

77. WINDING UP

If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the authority of a special resolution:

- 77.1 divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division will be carried out as between the members or different classes of members); and
- 77.2 vest the whole or any part of the assets of the Company in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as the liquidator determines,
- but no member will be compelled to accept any assets in respect of which there is a liability.

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

78. INDEMNITY

- 78.1 Subject to Article 78.2, a relevant Director of the Company or an Associate may be indemnified out of the Company's assets against:
- (a) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an Associate,
 - (b) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the Company or an Associate in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act),
 - (c) any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Company or an Associate.
- 78.2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.
- 78.3 In this Article a **"relevant Director"** means any Director or former Director of the Company or an Associate.

79. INSURANCE

- 79.1 The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant Director in respect of any relevant loss.
- 79.2 In this Article:
- (a) a **"relevant Director"** means any Director or former Director of the Company or an Associate; and
 - (b) a **"relevant loss"** means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant Director in connection with that Director's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any Associate or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or Associate.