# The Companies Act 2006 Company limited by shares Special resolutions

of

### **Emerdata Limited**

(company number 10911848) (Company)

Under section 288 Companies Act 2006 on <u>13 January</u> 2018, the following written resolution was passed as a special resolution:

### **Special Resolutions**

- That the articles of association in the form attached hereto be adopted as the new articles
  of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing articles
  of association of the Company (New Articles).
- 2. That, in accordance with section 551 of the CA 2006 the directors of the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised to allot 1,596,872 ordinary shares of £1.00 each and 315,628 preferred ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the Company provided that this authority shall, unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company, expire on the fifth anniversary of the Circulation Date and that the Company may, before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares to be allotted and the directors may allot shares in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution has expired.
- 3. That, subject to the passing of resolution 1, the directors be generally empowered to allot equity securities pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution, as if articles 22.2 and 22.3 of the New Articles did not apply to such allotment.

Director

For and on behalf of Emerdata Limited

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# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

of Emerdata Limited
Private company limited by shares
Incorporated in England and Wales
on 11 August 2017 under the Companies Act 2006
Adopted under the Companies Act 2006 by special
resolution on 23 January 2018

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Company number: 10911848

# The Companies Act 2006

# Private company limited by shares

# Articles of association

of

### **Emerdata Limited**

(Adopted by special resolution passed on 23 Technology 2018)

# PART 1 - INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

# 1. Definitions and interpretation

- 1.1 The regulations contained in the Model Articles for Private Companies Limited by Shares set out in Schedule 1 of The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 3229/2008), as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles, shall not apply to the company.
- 1.2 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

Allocation Notice has the meaning given in Article 30.5.3.

Articles the company's articles of association for the time

being in force and references to an Article are to

the relevant article of the Articles.

**associated company** means in relation to a company, any other

company (including an agent or subsidiary) who performs services for or on that the company's

behalf.

Bankruptcy includes individual insolvency proceedings in a

jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to

that of bankruptcy.

Business Day any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public

holiday in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the City of London are generally open

for business.

Called Share Transfer Date has the meaning given in Article 31.5.

**Called Shareholders** has the meaning given in Article 31.1.

Called Shares has the meaning given in Article 31.1.

**Capitalised Sum** as defined in Article 40.1.2.

**Chairman** has the meaning given in Article 11.2.

**Chairman of the Meeting** has the meaning given in Article 43.

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**Companies Acts** 

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

**Company Acceptance Notice** 

has the meaning given in Article 30.4.

Company Acceptance

Period

has the meaning given in Article 30.4.

Conflict

as defined in Article 13.1.

**Directors** 

the board of directors of the company from time to time, and **Director** includes any person occupying the position of director of the company, by whatever name called.

Disqualifying Event

has the meaning given in Article 30.11.

**Distribution Recipient** 

in respect of a Share for which a dividend or other sum is payable:

- the holder of the Share or, if the Share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the company's register of members; or
- 2. the Transmittee of the Share.

**Document** 

includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in Electronic Form.

**Drag Along Notice** 

has the meaning given in Article 31.1.

**Drag Along Option** 

has the meaning given in Article 31.1.

**Electronic Form** 

has the meaning given in section 1168

Companies Act 2006.

**Employee Share Scheme** 

means the issue of any shares in the capital of the Company or grant of a right to subscribe for, or to convert securities into, shares in the capital of the Company to any employee of or consultants to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, in each case, in accordance with

any equity incentive scheme.

**Excess Shares** 

has the meaning given in Article 30.5.

**Family Trust** 

means in relation to any Shareholder (a) a trust or trusts (whether arising under a settlement inter vivos or a testamentary disposition, whoever it is made by, or an intestacy) under which no immediate beneficial interest in the Shares in

question is from time to time vested in any person other than the Shareholder concerned or a Privileged Relation of that Shareholder and no power of control over the voting powers conferred by those Shares is from time to time exercisable by or subject to the consent of any person other than the trustees as trustees of the trust, the Shareholder concerned or a Privileged Relation of that Shareholder or (b) a body corporate controlled by such a trust of this kind.

**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 so paid.

**Hard Copy Form** 

has the meaning given in section 1168 Companies Act 2006.

Instrument

a document in Hard Copy Form.

**Issue Price** 

in respect of a Share the aggregate of:

- the amount paid up (or credited as paid up) in respect of the nominal value of that Share; and
- any share premium paid or credited as paid on that Share;

**Loan Note Instrument** 

a Loan Note Instrument entered into by the company on the date of the adoption of these Articles.

**Minority Transfer Notice** 

has the meaning given in Article 32.1

**New Rights** 

has the meaning given in Article 22.3.

**New Shares** 

has the meaning given in Article 22.3.

**Notes** 

notes issued from time to time pursuant to the terms of the Loan Note Instrument.

Offer Notice

has the meaning given in Article 30.5

**Ordinary Resolution** 

has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Ordinary Shares** 

the ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the company.

**Outstanding Sale Shares** 

has the meaning given in Article 30.5.

Paid

paid or credited as paid.

**Participate** in relation to a Directors' meeting, has the

meaning given in Article 9.

**Permitted Transferee** in relation to a Shareholder, means any person

to whom it is permitted to transfer Shares

**Persons Entitled** as defined in Article 40.1.2.

**Preference Shares** the preferred ordinary shares of £1.00 each in

the capital of the company.

**Privileged Relation** means in relation to a Shareholder who is an

> individual, that Shareholder's spouse, civil partner, widow or widower, surviving civil partner

or direct descendant.

**Proposed Buyer** has the meaning given in Article 31.1

**Proxy Notice** has the meaning given in Article 50.

**Qualifying Person** has the meaning given in section 318 of the

Companies Act 2006.

**Relevant Director** any Director or former Director of the company or

an associated company.

**Relevant Loss** 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 associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the

company or associated company.

**Remaining Shareholders** has the meaning given in Article 32.1.

Sale Price has the meaning given in Article 30.3.4.

Sale Shares has the meaning given in Article 30.3.3.

Seller has the meaning given in Article 30.1.

Sellers' Shares has the meaning given in Article 31.1.

**Selling Shareholders** has the meaning given in Article 31.1.

Shareholder a person whose name is entered in the register

of members as the holder of a Share.

has the meaning given in Article 30.5.

**Shareholder Acceptance** 

Period

Sole Owner in relation to a corporation the individual who is the ultimate beneficial owner of 100% of the

shares or stock of that corporation.

**Shares** the Ordinary Shares and the Preference Shares.

Special Resolution has the meaning given in section 283 Companies

Act 2006.

Subsidiary has the meaning given in section 1159

Companies Act 2006.

**Tag-along Notice** has the meaning given in Article 32.2.

**Tag-along Price** has the meaning given in Article 32.1.

**Tag-along Rights** has the meaning given in Article 32.2.

**Terms** has the meaning given in Article 32.1.

**Transfer Notice** has the meaning given in Article 30.2.

**Transfer Shares** has the meaning given in Article 32.1.

**Transferee** has the meaning given in Article 30.5.3.

**Transferring Shareholder** has the meaning given in Article 32.1.

**Transmittee** a person entitled to a share by reason of the

death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder or

otherwise by operation of law.

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

### 2. Liability of Shareholders

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

# **PART 2 - DIRECTORS**

# **DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

# 3. Directors' general authority

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

# 4. Directors may delegate

- 4.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate, as they think fit, any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:
  - 4.1.1 to such person or committee;
  - 4.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);
  - 4.1.3 to such an extent;
  - 4.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and
  - 4.1.5 on such terms and conditions.

as the Directors determine.

- 4.2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 4.3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part or alter its terms and conditions.

### 5. Committees

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

# **DECISION MAKING BY DIRECTORS**

# 6. 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 meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 7.
- The general rule does not apply, and a Director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the Articles relating to Directors' decision making if:
  - 6.2.1 the company only has one Director, and
  - 6.2.2 no provision of the Articles requires it to have more than one Director.

### 7. Unanimous decisions

- 7.1 A decision of the Directors is taken in accordance with Article 7 when all eligible Directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- 7.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in Writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible Director or to which each eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in Writing.
- 7.3 References in Article 7 to eligible Directors are to Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a Directors' meeting.
- 7.4 A decision may not be taken in accordance with Article 7 if the eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

# 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:
  - 8.2.1 its proposed date and time;
  - 8.2.2 where it is to take place; and
  - 8.2.3 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:
  - 9.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles; and
  - 9.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 9.2 In determining whether Directors Participate in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.
- 9.3 If all the Directors who Participate 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.

# 10. Quorum for Directors' meetings

- 10.1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is Participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 10.2 Subject to Article 10.3, the quorum for the transaction of business at a Directors' meeting is any two Directors.
- 10.3 For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to Article 13 to authorise a Conflict, if there is only one Director in office besides the conflicted Director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) will be one Director.
- 10.4 If the total number of Directors in office for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Directors must not take any decision except for purposes of:
  - 10.4.1 appointing further Directors; or
  - 10.4.2 calling a general meeting so as to enable the Shareholders 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. Casting vote

If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the Chairman or other Director chairing the meeting has a casting vote but this does not apply if, in accordance with the Articles, the Chairman or other Director is not to be counted as Participating in the decision making process for quorum or voting purposes.

### 13. Directors' conflicts of interest

- 13.1 The Directors may, as provided in Article 13, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any Director which would, if not authorised, involve a Director breaching his duty under section 175 Companies Act 2006 to avoid conflicts of interest (Conflict).
- 13.2 Any authorisation of a Conflict will be effective only if:
  - 13.2.1 the matter in question is proposed by any Director for consideration at a meeting of the Directors in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the Directors under the provisions of the Articles or in such other manner as the Directors may determine;
  - 13.2.2 any requirement as to quorum at the meeting of the Directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting the Director in question; and
  - the matter is agreed to without the Director in question voting or would have been agreed to if his vote had not been counted.
- 13.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):
  - 13.3.1 extend to any actual or potential Conflict which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised;
  - 13.3.2 be subject to such terms and for such duration, or impose such limits or conditions as the Directors may determine; and
  - 13.3.3 be terminated or varied by the Directors at any time.
- Anything done by the Director in question in accordance with the terms of the authorisation will not be affected by its subsequent termination or variation.
- In authorising a Conflict the Directors may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if a Director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict otherwise than as a Director of the company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person, the Director is under no obligation, if it would amount to a breach of that confidence, to:
  - 13.5.1 disclose such information to the Directors or to any Director or other officer or employee of the company; or

- 13.5.2 use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a Director of the company.
- 13.6 Where the Directors authorise a Conflict they may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) provide, without limitation, that the Director in question:
  - is excluded from discussions (whether at meetings of Directors or otherwise) relating to the Conflict;
  - 13.6.2 is not given any documents or other information relating to the Conflict; and
  - 13.6.3 may or may not vote (or may or may not be counted in the quorum) at any future meeting of Directors in relation to any resolution relating to the Conflict.
- 13.7 Where the Directors authorise a Conflict the Director in question:
  - 13.7.1 will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the Directors in relation to the Conflict; and
  - 13.7.2 will not infringe any of the duties he owes to the company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 Companies Act 2006 if he acts in accordance with any terms, limits and conditions as the Directors impose in respect of its authorisation.
- 13.8 A Director is not required, by reason of being a Director (or because of his fiduciary duties as a director), to account to the company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the Directors or by the company in general meeting (subject, in each case, to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract will be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

# 14. Records of decisions to be kept

The Directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in Writing, for at least ten years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the Directors.

# 15. 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

# 16. Methods of appointing Directors

- 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:
  - 16.1.1 by Ordinary Resolution; or
  - 16.1.2 by a decision of the Directors.
- In any case where, as a result of death, the company has no Shareholders and no Directors, the personal representatives of the last Shareholder to have died have the right, by notice in Writing, to appoint a person to be a Director.

16.3 For the purposes of Article 16.2, where two or more Shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger Shareholder is deemed to have survived an older Shareholder.

# 17. Termination of Director's appointment

A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:

- 17.1 that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
- 17.2 a Bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- 17.3 a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- 17.4 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; or
- 17.5 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.

### 18. Directors' remuneration

- 18.1 Directors may undertake any services for the company that the Directors decide.
- 18.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine:
  - 18.2.1 for their services to the company as Directors; and
  - 18.2.2 for any other service which they undertake for the company.
- 18.3 Subject to the Articles, a Director's remuneration may:
  - 18.3.1 take any form; and
  - 18.3.2 include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that Director.
- 18.4 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 18.5 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors are not accountable to the company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the company is interested.

# 19. Directors' expenses

The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection:

- 19.1 with their attendance at meetings of Directors or committees of Directors, general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of Shares or of debentures of the company; or
- otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company.

### PART 3 - SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

### **SHARES**

### 20. Share capital

The share capital of the company at the date of adoption of these Articles is £2.00 divided into 2 Ordinary Shares and nil Preference Shares.

### 21. Separate classes of shares

The Ordinary Shares and Preference Shares are separate classes of shares but save as expressly provided for in Article 39 rank pari passu in all respects.

# 22. Pre-emption rights

- 22.1 Sections 561 and 562 Companies Act 2006 do not apply to an allotment of equity securities made by the company.
- 22.2 Unless otherwise agreed by Special Resolution, or by written resolution passed in accordance with section 283(2) Companies Act 2006, the company must not allot any equity securities to any person unless it has complied with Article 22.3.
- 22.3 Subject to Article 22.4, the following provisions apply in respect of any new Shares or other equity securities (New Shares) or any rights to subscribe for or acquire New Shares or other rights in respect of New Shares (New Rights) which, after the date of adoption of these Articles, the company proposes to allot, issue or grant:
  - 22.3.1 the New Shares or New Rights must, before allotment, issue or grant to any person be offered in the first instance to the holders of the Ordinary Shares and Preference Shares then in issue in proportion as nearly as the circumstances will admit to the total number of Ordinary Shares and Preference Shares held by each of them respectively. That offer must be made by written notice in accordance with Article 22.3.3.
  - 22.3.2 after the expiration of the time limit for acceptance specified by the offer, or on the receipt of any intimation in writing from the offeree that it declines to accept the New Shares or New Rights offered, the balance of any New Shares or New Rights offered, in accordance with Article 22.3.1, to the holders of Ordinary Shares and Preference Shares but not so accepted shall be used for satisfying any requests for excess New Shares or New Rights made pursuant to Article 22.3.2 above and:
    - 22.3.2.1 in case of competition, such excess New Shares or New Rights shall be allotted to the applicants in proportion (as nearly as may be without involving fractions or increasing the number allotted to any member beyond that applied for by him) to their existing holdings of Shares; and
    - 22.3.2.2 thereafter, any excess New Shares or New Rights may be offered by the Directors to any other person in such manner as the Directors consider most beneficial to the company but may not be offered on terms more favourable than those offered to the original offerees.

- 22.3.3 Any offer under this Article 22.3 must be made by written notice specifying:
  - 22.3.3.1 the number and class of New Shares or New Rights comprised in the offer;
  - 22.3.3.2 the price at which those New Shares or New Rights are offered;
  - 22.3.3.3 the proposed terms of issue;
  - 22.3.3.4 limiting the time (not being less than twenty-one days unless the holder to whom or which the offer is to be made otherwise agrees) within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to have been declined; and
  - 22.3.3.5 may stipulate that any Shareholders who desire to subscribe for in excess of the proportion to which each is entitled shall in their acceptance state how many excess New Shares or New Rights they wish to subscribe for.
- 22.4 The pre-emption rights in Article 22.3 do not apply in respect of any rights granted or to be granted over, or any issue or allotment of, Shares (or options to subscribe for or be issued Shares) pursuant to:
  - 22.4.1 the Loan Note Instrument; and/or
  - the terms of any Notes (including upon conversion of any Notes into Shares).

# 23. Lien

- 23.1 Subject to section 70 Companies Act 2006, the company has a first and paramount lien on every Share, which is not a Fully Paid Share, for all money, whether presently payable or not, called or payable at a fixed time in respect of such Share. The company's lien, if any, on a Share extends to all dividends or other money payable on it or in respect of it. The Directors may resolve that any Share will be exempt from the provisions of this Article 23 for some specified period.
- 23.2 For the purpose of enforcing such lien, the company may sell, in such manner as the Directors thinks fit, any Share on which the company has a lien, but no sale will be made unless some money in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and 14 days have expired after a notice in Writing, stating and demanding payment of the money presently payable and giving notice of intention to sell in default, has been served on the Shareholder for the time being of the Shares or the person entitled by reason of his death or bankruptcy to the Shares.
- 23.3 The net proceeds of any such sale will be applied in or towards payment or satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable and any residue will, subject to a like lien in respect of sums not presently payable as existed upon the Shares prior to the sale, be paid to the person entitled to the Shares immediately prior to the sale.
- 23.4 For giving effect to any such sale, the Directors may authorise some person to transfer the Shares sold to their purchaser.
- 23.5 The purchaser will be registered as the holder of the Shares so transferred and he will not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor will his title

to the Shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.

# 24. Calls on Shares

- 24.1 The Directors may, subject to the provisions of these Articles and to any conditions of allotment, from time to time make calls upon the Shareholders in respect of any money unpaid on their Shares, whether on account of the nominal value of the Shares or by way of premium. Each Shareholder will, subject to being given at least 14 days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment, pay to the company at the time or times and place so specified the amount called on his Shares.
- 24.2 A call may be payable by instalments and may be postponed or wholly revoked or in part revoked, as the Directors may determine.
- A call will be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorising the call was passed.
- 24.4 The joint holders of a Share are jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of it and any one of such persons may give effective receipts for any return of capital payable in respect of such Shares.
- 24.5 If, by the terms of any issue of Shares in the company or by the conditions of allotment, any amount is payable in respect of any Shares by instalments, every such instalment will be payable as if it were a call duly made by the Directors of which due notice had been given.
- 24.6 If a sum called in respect of a Share is not paid before or on the day appointed for its payment, the person from whom the sum is due must pay interest on the sum at such rate as may be fixed by the terms of allotment of the Share or, if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate, as defined by section 592 Companies Act 2006, from the day appointed for its payment to the time of actual payment. The Directors are at liberty to waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- Any sum which by or pursuant to the terms of issue of a Share becomes payable upon allotment or at any fixed date, whether on account of the amount of the Share or by way of premium, will for all the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date on which, by or pursuant to the terms of issue, it becomes payable. In case of non payment, all the relevant provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest, forfeiture or otherwise apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 24.8 The Directors may make arrangements on the issue of Shares for a difference between the Shareholders in the amount of calls to be paid and in the times of payment.
- 24.9 The Directors may receive from any Shareholder willing to advance it all or any part of the money unpaid upon the Shares held by him, beyond the sums actually called up on them, as a payment in advance of calls, and such payment in advance of calls will extinguish, so far as they extend, the liability upon the Shares in respect of which it is advanced. The company may pay interest upon the money so received, or so much of it as from time to time exceeds the amount of the calls then made upon the Shares in respect of which it has been received, at such rate as the Shareholder paying such sum and the Directors agree. Any such payment in advance will not entitle the holder of the Shares in question to participate in any dividend in respect of the amount advanced.

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### 25. Forfeiture of Shares

- 25.1 If a Shareholder fails to pay any call or instalment of a call before or on the date appointed for its payment, the Directors may, at any time after that date, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued on it and all expenses incurred by the company by reason of such non payment.
- 25.2 The notice will name a further date, not earlier than 14 days from the date of its service, on or before which, and the place where, the payment required by the notice is to be made, and will state that, in the event of non payment on or before the date, and at the place appointed, the Shares on which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 25.3 If the requirements of any such notice are not complied with, any Share in respect of which it has been given may at any time before payment of all calls, interest and expenses due in respect of it has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors. Such forfeiture will include all dividends which have been declared on the forfeited Shares and not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- When any Share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture will be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of it, but no forfeiture will be in any manner invalidated by any omission to give such notice. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, any Share so forfeited will become the property of the company, no voting rights may be exercised in respect of it and the Directors may within three years of such forfeiture sell, re-allot, or otherwise dispose of it in such manner as they think fit, either to the person who was before the forfeiture its holder, or to any other person, and either with or without any past or accruing dividends, and in the case of re-allotment, with or without any money paid on it by the former holder being credited as paid up on it. Any Share not so disposed of within a period of three years from the date of its forfeiture will be cancelled in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.
- 25.5 The Directors may at any time, before any Share so forfeited has been cancelled or sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, annul the forfeiture upon such conditions as they think fit.
- 25.6 A person whose Shares have been forfeited ceases to be a Shareholder in respect of the forfeited Shares and must surrender to the company the certificate for them. That person remains liable to pay to the company all money which at the date of forfeiture was payable by him to the company in respect of the Shares and interest on them in accordance with Article 24.6, and the Directors may enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the Shares at the time of forfeiture.
- 25.7 A statutory declaration by a Director or the secretary (if any) that a Share has been duly forfeited on a date stated in the declaration is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the Share. Such declaration and the receipt by the company of the consideration, if any, given for the Share on its sale, re-allotment or disposal, together with the certificate for the Share delivered to a purchaser or allottee of it, subject to the execution of a transfer if so required, constitutes a good title to the Share. The company may receive any consideration for the Share on its disposal. The person to whom the Share is sold, re-allotted or disposed of will be registered as its holder and will not be bound to see to the application of any consideration, nor will

- his title to the Share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale, re-allotment or disposal of the Share.
- 25.8 The Directors may accept the surrender of any Share liable to be forfeited under the Articles and in any such case any reference in the Articles to forfeiture includes surrender

### 26. Powers to issue different classes of Share

- 26.1 Subject to the Articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing Share, the company may issue Shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by Special Resolution.
- The company may issue Shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the Shareholder, and the Directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such Shares.

# 27. 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 Shareholder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it.

### 28. Share certificates

- 28.1 The company must issue each Shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the Shares which that Shareholder holds.
- 28.2 Every certificate must specify:
  - 28.2.1 in respect of how many Shares, of what class, it is issued;
  - 28.2.2 the nominal value of those Shares:
  - 28.2.3 that the Shares are Fully Paid; and
  - 28.2.4 any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.
- 28.3 No certificate may be issued in respect of Shares of more than one class.
- 28.4 If more than one person holds a Share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 28.5 Certificates must:
  - 28.5.1 have affixed to them the company's common seal; or
  - 28.5.2 be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# 29. Replacement Share certificates

- 29.1 If a certificate issued in respect of a Shareholder's Shares is damaged or defaced, or said to be lost, stolen or destroyed, that Shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same Shares.
- 29.2 A Shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:
  - 29.2.1 may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
  - 29.2.2 must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced; and

29.2.3 must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the Directors decide.

### 30. Share transfers

- 30.1 Save where Article 30.9 or Article 31 apply or a Shareholder is exercising rights to tag along under Article 32, no Shareholder (each a **Seller**) may transfer all or any Shares or any interest in any Shares unless and until the following provisions of this Article 30 are complied with in respect of the transfer.
- 30.2 Before a Seller transfers or disposes of any Share or any interest in any Share, the Seller must give a transfer notice (which meets the requirements of clause 30.3) (**Transfer Notice**) to the Company of its intention to do so and offering to sell those Shares to the Company for the Sale Price.
- 30.3 Each Transfer Notice:
  - 30.3.1 must be in writing;
  - 30.3.2 must relate to one class of Share only;
  - 30.3.3 must specify the number and class of Shares desired to be transferred or disposed of in each case (**Sale Shares**);
  - 30.3.4 must specify the price payable for the Sale Shares (Sale Price);
  - 30.3.5 constitutes the Company (acting by the Directors) as the Seller's agent for the sale of the Sale Shares at the price specified by the Seller in the Transfer Notice;
  - 30.3.6 may provide that, unless all the Sale Shares are sold pursuant to this Article 30, none are to be sold, and (subject to the Seller complying with the requirements of Article 30.6 below) that provision is binding on the Company; and
  - 30.3.7 may be varied or revoked only with the prior consent of the Directors, who may impose whatever conditions for any consent as they think fit, including a condition that the Seller bears all costs arising from the giving of the Transfer Notice and its revocation.
- 30.4 The Company shall notify the Seller in writing within 20 Business Days of the date on which the Transfer Notice is given to the Company (Company Acceptance Period) whether it is willing to purchase all or any (and if so how many) of the Sale Shares for the Sale Price (Company Acceptance Notice). The Company must specify in the Company Acceptance Notice the place and time (being not earlier than 45 Business Days and not later than 60 Business Days after the date of the Company Acceptance Notice) at which the sale of the Sale Shares will be completed.
- 30.5 If, by the expiry of the Company Acceptance Period, the Company has not served a Company Acceptance Notice or has served a Company Acceptance Notice in respect of some but not all of the Sale Shares, the Company must immediately by written notice (Offer Notice) offer to each Shareholder (other than the Seller) the number of Sale Shares which have not been accepted by the Company in the Company Acceptance Notice (other than the Seller) (Outstanding Sale Shares) at the Sale Price. The Offer Notice must be sent to all Shareholders (irrespective of which class of Share they hold) at the same time, must give details of the number of Outstanding Sale Shares and the Sale Price and invite each Shareholder to state, in writing within 10 Business Days from the date of the Offer

Notice (which date shall be set out in the Offer Notice) (**Shareholder Acceptance Period**), whether he is willing to purchase any (and if so how many) of the Outstanding Sale Shares.

- 30.5.1 It is open to each holder to specify whether he is willing to purchase Outstanding Shares in excess of his Proportionate Entitlement (Excess Shares) and, if the holder does so specify, he must state the number of Excess Shares he is willing to purchase.
- 30.5.2 After the expiry of the Shareholder Acceptance Period (or, if earlier, as soon as reasonably practicable following each Shareholder having duly replied to the Offer Notice the Board must, allocate the Outstanding Sale Shares as follows:
  - 30.5.2.1 the number of Outstanding Sale Shares applied for in accordance with the applications up to the Proportionate Entitlement of each accepting Shareholder; or
  - 30.5.2.2 in accordance with the applications for Excess Shares or, in the event of the number of Excess Shares applied for exceeding the balance of unallocated Outstanding Sale Shares, to each holder applying for Excess Shares as nearly as possible in the proportion which Shares held by that holder bears to the total number of Shares held by all those holders applying for Excess Shares provided that no holder shall be allocated more Excess Shares than he shall have stated himself willing to take.
- 30.5.3 The Company must give written notice within 5 Business Days after the end of the Shareholder Acceptance Period (Allocation Notice) of each allocation to be made pursuant to this Article 30.5.3 to the Seller and to each person to whom Outstanding Sale Shares have been allocated (a Transferee) and must specify in the Allocation Notice the place and time (being not earlier than 15 Business Days and not later than 20 Business Days after the end of the Shareholder Acceptance Period) at which the sale of the Outstanding Sale Shares (or such of the Outstanding Sale Shares as are applied for) will be completed.
- 30.6 If, following the issue of the Allocation Notice, there are any Outstanding Sale Shares which have not been accepted by any Shareholder, the Seller may elect by written notice to the Company to be served on the Company by no later than the date which is 45 Business Days after the date of the Transfer Notice to transfer all of the Sale Shares (or the Outstanding Sale Shares which have not been accepted by the Shareholders) to any person at a price not lower than the Sale Price, provided that the Board is entitled to such further information and assurances as it may reasonably require from the Seller to satisfy itself that the Sale Shares are to be sold pursuant to a bona fide sale without any deduction, rebate or allowance whatsoever to the proposed buyer and, if not so satisfied, to refuse to register the transfer.

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- 30.7 Subject to Article 30.6:
  - 30.7.1 if the Company gives a Company Acceptance Notice, the Seller is bound to transfer such number of the Sale Shares to the Company as is specified in the Company Acceptance Notice; and

30.7.2 if the Company issues a Shareholder Acceptance Notice, the Seller is bound to transfer the number of Outstanding Sale Shares which have been accepted by the relevant Shareholders;

at such time and place as is specified in the Company Acceptance Notice or Shareholder Acceptance Notice (as applicable) and payment of the Sale Price must be made by the Company and/or relevant Shareholders (as applicable).

- 30.8 If, after having become bound to do so, a Seller fails to transfer such Sale Shares to the Company, the following provisions apply:
  - 30.8.1 the Chairman or failing him the secretary (if any) is deemed to have been appointed the Seller's agent with full power to execute, complete and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the Seller, a transfer of the Shares to the Company;
  - 30.8.2 on payment by the Company of the purchase money for the relevant Sale Shares and of the relevant stamp duty payable in respect of the transfer, the Seller is deemed to have obtained a good discharge for that payment; and
  - 30.8.3 the validity of the proceedings may not be questioned by anyone.
- 30.9 If, after having become bound to do so, a Seller fails to transfer any Outstanding Sale Shares to the Transferees or any of them, the following provisions apply:
  - 30.9.1 the Chairman or failing him the secretary (if any) is deemed to have been appointed the Seller's agent with full power to execute, complete and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the Seller, a transfer of the relevant Outstanding Sale Shares to the Transferee;
  - 30.9.2 on payment to the Company of the purchase money for the relevant Outstanding Sale Shares and of the relevant stamp duty payable in respect of the transfer, the Transferee is deemed to have obtained a good discharge for that payment the Transferee may insist that its name is entered in the register of members as the holder by transfer of, and be issued with share certificate(s) in respect of, the relevant Outstanding Sale Shares; and
  - 30.9.3 after the name of the Transferee has been entered in the register of members in exercise of these powers, the validity of the proceedings may not be questioned by anyone.
- 30.10 Subject to Article 30.11, a Shareholder (or other person entitled to transfer the Shares registered in the name of a Shareholder) may, subject to the consent of the Board (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), at any time transfer all Shares held by him:
  - 30.10.1 in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation (excluding any Shareholder which is a corporation which holds Shares in its capacity as a trustee of any Family Trust), to any other body corporate which is an Affiliate of the Shareholder;
  - 30.10.2 in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation (excluding any Shareholder which is a corporation which holds Shares in its capacity as a trustee of any Family Trust), to the Sole Owner of that corporation;
  - 30.10.3 in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation (excluding any Shareholder which is a corporation which holds Shares in its capacity

- as a trustee of any Family Trust), to any Privileged Relation of the Sole Owner of that corporation;
- 30.10.4 in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation (excluding any Shareholder which is a corporation which holds Shares in its capacity as a trustee of any Family Trust), to any corporation in respect of which any Privileged Relation of the Sole Owner of that corporation is (i) able to exercise more than 50% of the voting rights conferred by the shares or stock of that transferee corporation, and (ii) is the ultimate beneficial owner of 100% of the shares or stock of that transferee corporation;
- 30.10.5 in the case of a Shareholder being an individual (and not being in relation to the Shares concerned a holder of those Shares as a trustee of any Family Trust), to his or her Privileged Relation;
- 30.10.6 in respect of a person entitled to Shares in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of an individual Shareholder, to any person or trustee to whom that Shareholder, if not dead or bankrupt, would be permitted to transfer those Shares pursuant to this Article 30;
- 30.10.7 in the case of a Shareholder being an individual (and not being in relation to the Shares concerned a holder of those Shares as a trustee of any Family Trust), to trustees to be held on a Family Trust in relation to that Shareholder;
- 30.10.8 in the case of a Shareholder being a trustee or trustees of a Family Trust, to a new trustee or trustees where there is no change in the beneficial ownership of the Shares in question;
- 30.10.9 in the case of a Shareholder being a trustee of a Family Trust, to a beneficiary being either (A) any person to whom the settlor would have been permitted to transfer Shares under this Article 30.10 if he had remained the holder of them or (B) the settlor himself, where the "settlor" is a Shareholder who transferred the relevant Shares to the trustees of a Family Trust or made a declaration of trust over those Shares thereby creating a Family Trust;
- 30.10.10 to trustees to be held for the purposes of an Employee Share Scheme;
- 30.10.11 in the case of a trustee or trustees holding Shares for the purposes of an Employee Share Scheme, to a new trustee or trustees for the purposes of the Employee Share Scheme;
- 30.10.12 in the case of a trustee or trustees holding Shares for the purposes of the Employee Share Scheme, to any beneficiary pursuant to that scheme;
- 30.10.13 in the case of any Shareholder holding Shares as a result of a transfer made after the date of adoption of these Articles by a person in relation to whom that Shareholder was a Permitted Transferee, to the person who originally transferred those Shares (or to any other Permitted Transferee of that transferor) to be held by that person in the same capacity as when previously held; or
- 30.10.14 pursuant to Articles 31 and 32, and the provisions of Articles 30.2 to 30.8 do not apply to any such transfer.
- 30.11 Following a transfer of Shares as permitted by:

- 30.11.1 Article 30.10.1, if the Affiliate to whom the relevant transferor has transferred those Shares subsequently ceases to be an Affiliate of the transferor;
- 30.11.2 Article 30.10.2, if the Sole Owner to whom the relevant transferor has transferred those Shares subsequently ceases to be Sole Owner of the transferor:
- 30.11.3 Article 30.10.3, if the Privileged Relation to whom the relevant transferor has transferred those Shares subsequently ceases to be a Privileged Relation of the relevant Sole Owner or the Sole Owner ceases to be Sole Owner of the transferor:
- 30.11.4 Article 30.10.4, if the Privileged Relation of the Sole Owner of that corporation ceases to be (i) able to exercise more than 50% of the voting rights conferred by the shares or stock of that transferee corporation, or (ii) ceases to be the ultimate beneficial owner of 100% of the shares or stock of that transferee corporation, or the relevant Privileged Relation subsequently ceases to be a Privileged Relation of the relevant Sole Owner, or the Sole Owner ceases to be Sole Owner of the transferor:
- 30.11.5 Article 30.10.5, if the Privileged Relation to whom the relevant transferor has transferred those Shares subsequently ceases to be a Privileged Relation of the transferor;
- 30.11.6 Article 30.10.6, in consequence of the bankruptcy of an individual Shareholder, where the transferee, being a Privileged Relation of that Shareholder, subsequently ceases to be such;
- 30.11.7 Article 30.10.9, where the transferee, being a Privileged Relation of the settlor, subsequently ceases to be such;
- 30.11.8 Article 30.10.13, where the transferee, being an Affiliate or Privileged Relation (as the case may be) of that transferor, subsequently ceases to be such.
  - (each a **Disqualifying Event**), the relevant transferee will as soon as reasonably practicable transfer those Shares to the transferor or, at the transferor's option, to another Permitted Transferee of the transferor on the same terms as originally transferred by the transferor and it will not be required to serve a Transfer Notice. If it does not so transfer those Shares within 10 Business Days after the date of the relevant Disqualifying Event, the Chairman or failing him the secretary (if any) is deemed to have been appointed the Shareholder's agent with full power to execute, complete and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the Shareholder, a transfer of the Shares to the relevant transferor or another Permitted Transferee as set out above.
- 30.12 The Board may request the transferor (or the person named as transferee in any transfer lodged for registration) to provide the Company with such information and evidence as the Board may reasonably consider necessary or relevant for the purpose of ensuring that a transfer of Shares is permitted under this Article 30. If this information or evidence is not provided to the satisfaction of the Board within 15 Business Days after the Board's request, the Board may refuse to register the transfer in question.

# 31. Drag-Along Rights

- 31.1 If the holders of 50% or more of the Shares in issue for the time being (Selling Shareholders) wish to transfer all (but not part only) of their Shares (irrespective of whether such Shares are Ordinary Shares or Preference Shares) comprising in aggregate a sale of at least 50% of the Shares in issue at that time (Sellers' Shares) to a bona fide third party purchaser on arm's length terms (Proposed Buyer), the Selling Shareholders may require all other Shareholders (Called Shareholders) to sell and transfer to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer directs) all of their Shares to the Proposed Buyer, (Called Shares) in accordance with the provisions of this Article 31 (Drag Along Option).
- The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving written notice to that effect (**Drag Along Notice**) at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Proposed Buyer. The Drag Along Notice shall specify:
  - 31.2.1 that the Called Shareholders are required to transfer their Called Shares pursuant to this Article 31 and the number or percentage of Shares comprising the Called Shares;
  - 31.2.2 the person to whom the Called Shares are to be transferred;
  - 31.2.3 the consideration payable for the Called Shares which shall, for each Called Share, be an amount at least equal to the price per Share paid and payable by the Proposed Buyer for the Sellers' Shares (treating the Preference Shares and Ordinary Shares the same for such purpose); and
  - 31.2.4 the proposed date of the transfer which shall be not less than 5 Business Days after the Transfer Notice.
- 31.3 Once issued, a Drag Along Notice shall be irrevocable. However, a Drag Along Notice shall lapse if, for any reason, the Selling Shareholders have not sold or entered into a binding contract to sell the Sellers' Shares to the Proposed Buyer within 30 Business Days of serving the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders may serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.
- 31.4 A Drag Along Notice shall require a Called Shareholder to sell its Shares to the Proposed Buyer on the same terms save that the warranties to be given by a Called Shareholder shall be limited to warranties as to title, capacity and ownership of the Shares as the Sellers' Shares are being sold.
- 31.5 Completion of the sale of the Called Shares shall take place on the same date as the sale to the Proposed Buyer of the Sellers' Shares unless all of the Called Shareholders and the Selling Shareholders agree otherwise in which case the sale of the Called Shares shall take place on that agreed date (such date being the Called Share Transfer Date).
- 31.6 On or before the Called Share Transfer Date, the Called Shareholders shall deliver stock transfer forms for the Called Shares, together with the relevant share certificates (or a suitable indemnity for any lost share certificates) to the Company. On the Called Share Transfer Date, the Selling Shareholders must ensure that the Proposed Buyer shall pay the Called Shareholders, the amounts they are due for their Shares pursuant to Article 31.2.3.
- 31.7 To the extent that the Proposed Buyer has not, on the Called Share Transfer Date, paid to the Called Shareholders the full amount of the consideration due

- pursuant to Article 31.2.3, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer forms and share certificates (or suitable indemnity) for the relevant Called Shares.
- 31.8 If any Called Shareholder does not, on or before the Called Share Transfer Date, execute and deliver (in accordance with Article 31.6) transfer(s) in respect of all of the Called Shares held by it, the provisions of Article 32.5 shall apply. After the Proposed Buyer (or its nominee) has been registered as the holder, the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any such person. Failure to produce a share certificate shall not impede the registration of Shares under this Article 31.

# 32. Tag-along Rights

- 32.1 If a Shareholder holding at least 20% of the Shares in issue at that time (the **Transferring Shareholder**) wishes to transfer any of its Shares, it must serve written notice (**Minority Transfer Notice**) on each of the other Shareholders (**Remaining Shareholders**), specifying:
  - 32.1.1 the number of Shares (**Transfer Shares**) proposed to be transferred by the Transferring Shareholder;
  - 32.1.2 the identity of the proposed transferee;
  - 32.1.3 the price to be paid for each Transfer Share by the proposed transferee or any person acting in concert with the proposed transferee (the **Tag-along Price**); and
  - 32.1.4 any other material terms and conditions of the proposed transfer (the **Terms**).
- 32.2 Each of the Remaining Shareholders has a period of 15 Business Days from the date of the Minority Transfer Notice to serve a counter-notice (the **Tag-along Notice**) on the Transferring Shareholder electing to transfer an equivalent proportion of its Shares to the proposed transferee at the Tag-along Price and otherwise on terms comparable to the Terms (the **Tag-along Rights**).
- 32.3 If at the end of the 15 Business Day period referred to in Article 32.2, any of the Remaining Shareholders has not served a Tag-along Notice, it will be deemed to have waived its Tag-along Rights.
- 32.4 If any of the Remaining Shareholders serves a Tag-along Notice exercising its Tag-along Rights, the Transferring Shareholder must procure that, prior to and as a condition of any transfer from the Transferring Shareholder to the proposed transferee, the proposed transferee unconditionally offers to acquire an equivalent proportion of the Shares held by such Remaining Shareholder at the Tag-along Price and on terms comparable with the Terms (that offer to remain open for a period of not less than 15 Business Days following the date of the Tag-along Notice). If any of the Remaining Shareholders have exercised its Tag-along Rights in accordance with this Article 32, the Transferring Shareholder shall not transfer any Shares to the transferee unless and until that transferee has also purchased the relevant Shares of the Remaining Shareholders in full accordance with the offer made pursuant to this Article 32.4.
- 32.5 If any of the Remaining Shareholders having exercised its Tag-along Rights in accordance with Article 32.2 does not execute and deliver transfer(s) to effect the transfer of all of its Shares at the election of the proposed transferee, the relevant Remaining Shareholder hereby irrevocably and by way of security for its obligations appoints the Company as its attorney to execute such stock transfer

form (or stock transfer forms, as applicable) relating to the transfer of its Shares on its behalf. After the proposed transferee (or its nominee) has been registered as the holder, the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any such Remaining Shareholder. Failure to produce a share certificate shall not impede the registration of Shares under this Article 32.

### **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

# 33. Procedure for declaring dividends

- The company may by Ordinary Resolution declare dividends, and the Directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- 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.
- 33.3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with Shareholders' respective rights.
- 33.4 Unless the Shareholders' resolution to declare or Directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which Shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each Shareholder's holding of Shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.
- 33.5 If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on Shares carrying deferred or non preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear.
- 33.6 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.
- 33.7 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.

### 34. Payment of dividends and other distributions

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:

- 34.1 transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the Distribution Recipient either in Writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
- 34.2 sending a cheque made payable to the Distribution Recipient by post to the Distribution Recipient at the Distribution Recipient's registered address (if the Distribution Recipient is a holder of the Share) or (in any other case) to an address specified by the Distribution Recipient either in Writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
- 34.3 sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the Distribution Recipient has specified either in Writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide; or
- any other means of payment as the Directors agree with the Distribution Recipient either in Writing or by such other means as the Directors decide.

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### 35. 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:

- 35.1 the terms on which the Share was issued, or
- 35.2 the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that Share and the company.

### 36. Unclaimed distributions

- 36.1 All dividends or other sums which are payable in respect of Shares, and which are 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.
- The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it.
- 36.3 The Distribution Recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company if 12 years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment and the Distribution Recipient has not claimed it.

# 37. Non cash distributions

- 37.1 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).
- 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:
  - 37.2.1 fixing the value of any assets;
  - 37.2.2 paying cash to any Distribution Recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and
  - 37.2.3 vesting any assets in trustees.

### 38. Waiver of distributions

- 38.1 Subject to Article 38.2, 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.
- 38.2 A notice of the waiver of entitlement to a dividend or other distribution is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the Shareholders or persons otherwise entitled to the Share.

# 39. Liquidation Preference

On a return of assets on liquidation, capital reduction or otherwise (other than a conversion or purchase of Shares), the assets of the company remaining after the payment of its liabilities shall be applied (to the extent that the company is lawfully able to do so) in the following order of priority:

39.1 first, in paying to the holders of the Preference Shares in respect of each
Preferred Share held the Issue Price of that Preferred Share, together with a sum

- equal to any arrears and accruals of dividend in respect of that Preferred Share calculated down to (and including) the date of the return of capital and, if there is a shortfall of assets remaining to satisfy such payments in full, the proceeds shall be distributed to the holders of the Preference Shares pro rata to the aggregate amounts due under this Article 39.1 to each such Preferred Share held; and
- 39.2 second, in paying to the holders of the Ordinary Shares in respect of each Ordinary Share held the Issue Price of that Ordinary Share, together with a sum equal to any arrears and accruals of dividend in respect of that Ordinary Share and, if there is a shortfall of assets remaining to satisfy such payments in full, the proceeds shall be distributed to the holders of the Ordinary Shares pro rata to the aggregate amounts due under this Article 39.2 to each such Ordinary Share held; and
- 39.3 thereafter, in distributing the balance among the holders of the Shares pro rata to the number of Shares held, as if they all constituted shares of the same class.

# **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

# 40. Authority to capitalise and appropriation of Capitalised Sums

- 40.1 Subject to these Articles, the Directors may, if they are so authorised by a Special Resolution:
  - decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and
  - 40.1.2 appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (**Capitalised Sum**) to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (**Persons Entitled**) and in the same proportions.
- 40.2 Capitalised Sums must be applied:
  - 40.2.1 on behalf of the Persons Entitled; and
  - 40.2.2 in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.
- 40.3 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.
- 40.4 A Capitalised Sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as Fully Paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- 40.5 Subject to the Articles the Directors may:
  - 40.5.1 apply Capitalised Sums in accordance with Articles 40.3 and 40.4 partly in one way and partly in another;
  - 40.5.2 make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with Shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this Article 40 (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and

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40.5.3 authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of Shares and debentures to them under this Article 40.

### PART 4 - DECISION MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

### ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

### 41. Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- 41.1 A person may 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.
- 41.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
  - 41.2.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting; and
  - 41.2.2 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.
- 41.3 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.
- In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more Shareholders attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 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 and they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

# 42. Quorum for general meetings

- 42.1 No business other than the appointment of the Chairman of the Meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum. A quorum is deemed to be present when two Qualifying Persons are present.
- Where the company has a single Shareholder, one Qualifying Person will form a quorum.

# 43. Chairing general meetings

- 43.1 If the Directors have appointed a Chairman, as prescribed in Article 11 will chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- 43.2 If the Directors have not appointed a Chairman, or if the Chairman is unwilling to chair the general meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start, the Directors present, or (if no Directors are present) the meeting, must appoint a Director or Shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the Chairman of the Meeting must be the first business of the meeting.
- 43.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this Article 43 is referred to as the **Chairman of the Meeting**.

# 44. Attendance and speaking by Directors and non Shareholders

- 44.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are Shareholders.
- The Chairman of the Meeting may permit other persons who are not Shareholders or otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of Shareholders in relation to general meetings to attend and speak at a general meeting.

# 45. Adjournment

- 45.1 If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the Chairman of the Meeting must adjourn it.
- The Chairman of the Meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:
  - 45.2.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment; or
  - 45.2.2 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.
- 45.3 The Chairman of the Meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- When adjourning a general meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting must:
  - 45.4.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors; and
  - 45.4.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- 45.5 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least seven clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given):
  - 45.5.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given; and
  - 45.5.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- 45.6 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

### **VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

### 46. 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.

# 47. Errors and disputes

47.1 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.

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47.2 Any such objection must be referred to the Chairman of the Meeting, whose decision is final.

### 48. Poll votes

- 48.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:
  - 48.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote; or
  - 48.1.2 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.
- 48.2 A poll may be demanded by:
  - 48.2.1 the Chairman of the Meeting;
  - 48.2.2 the Directors:
  - 48.2.3 two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
  - 48.2.4 a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.
- 48.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
  - 48.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken; and
  - 48.3.2 the Chairman of the Meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- 48.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the Chairman of the Meeting directs.

# 49. Votes of Shareholders

- 49.1 Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares:
  - 49.1.1 on a show of hands:
    - 49.1.1.1 each Shareholder (being an individual) present in person or by one or more proxies has in total one vote; and
    - 49.1.1.2 each Shareholder (being a corporation) present by either one or more proxies, or one or more duly authorised representatives, or both, has in total one vote; and
  - 49.1.2 on a poll each Shareholder present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative has one vote for each Share of which he is the holder.
- 49.2 For the purposes of Article 49.1.1, on a show of hands a proxy or representative has only one vote even if the proxy or representative is also a Shareholder, or is a proxy or representative for more than one Shareholder, or both.

# 50. Content of Proxy Notices

- 50.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in Writing (**Proxy Notice**) if it:
  - 50.1.1 states the name and address of the Shareholder appointing the proxy;
  - identifies the person appointed to be that Shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
  - 50.1.3 is signed by or on behalf of the Shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the Directors may determine; and

- 50.1.4 is delivered to the company in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- The company may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 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.
- 50.4 Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
  - 50.4.1 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
  - 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.

### 51. Delivery of Proxy Notices

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- If a Proxy Notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

# 52. Amendments to resolutions

- 52.1 An Ordinary Resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by Ordinary Resolution if:
  - 52.1.1 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
  - the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 52.2 A Special Resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by Ordinary Resolution, if:
  - the Chairman of the Meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed; and
  - 52.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non substantive error in the resolution.
- 52.3 If the Chairman of the Meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the Chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

### PART 5

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### 53. Means of communication to be used

- Anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company.
- 53.2 Subject to the Articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a Director in connection with the taking of decisions by Directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that Director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- 53.3 A Director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that Director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.

### 54. Company seals

- 54.1 Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the Directors.
- 54.2 The Directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- 54.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- 54.4 For the purposes of Article 54.3, an **authorised person** is:
  - 54.4.1 any Director;
  - 54.4.2 the company secretary (if any): or
  - any person authorised by the Directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

# 55. No right to inspect accounts and other records

Except as provided by law or authorised by the Directors or an Ordinary Resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a Shareholder.

# 56. Provision for employees on cessation of business

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

### **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

# 57. Indemnity

- 57.1 Subject to Article 57.2, a Relevant Director of the company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the company's assets against:
  - 57.1.1 any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company or an associated company;

- 57.1.2 any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) Companies Act 2006); or
- 57.1.3 any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the company or an associated company.
- 57.2 Article 57.1 does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or by any other provision of law.
- For the purposes of Article 57, companies are **associated** if one is a Subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body' corporate.

### 58. Insurance

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.

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