## THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

# PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

of

**GOTT AGRI HOLDINGS LIMITED** (the "Company")

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Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, the director of the Company proposes the following Written Resolution as a Special Resolution:

# SPECIAL RESOLUTION

1 That the draft articles of association contained in the printed document circulated with this resolution be and they are hereby approved and adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing articles of association.

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

2 THAT 50 of the 100 issued ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the Company be and are hereby re-designated as A ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the Company and the remaining 50 of the 100 issued ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the Company be and are hereby re-designated as B ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the Company having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in the articles of association adopted pursuant to resolution 1 above.

Please read the Notes overleaf before signifying your agreement to the Written Resolution.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, I, the undersigned, being the sole eligible member of the Company who would have been entitled to vote on the resolutions set out above on the Circulation Date stated above hereby irrevocably agree to the resolutions as a Special Resolution and as an Ordinary Resolution:

**ADRIAN GOTT** 

19 DECENBER 2018

Date of signature

# Notes

- You can choose to agree to both of the Resolutions or neither of them, but you cannot agree to only one of them.
- If you agree to the proposed Written Resolutions please sign and date this document overleaf on the dotted line where indicated and return it to the Company by no later than the date 28 days after the Circulation Date stated overleaf, by hand or by post to the Company's registered office.
- If you do not agree to the Written Resolutions you do not need to do anything. You will not be deemed to agree if you fail to reply.
- The Written Resolutions will lapse if the agreement of the required majority of eligible members is not received by the Company by the date 28 days after the Circulation Date stated overleaf. If the Company does not receive this signed document from you by this date and time it will not be counted in determining whether the Written Resolutions are passed.
- The Written Resolutions are passed on the date and time that the Company receives the agreement of the required majority of eligible members. The required majority for a Special Resolution is eligible members representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of eligible members.
- You may not revoke your agreement to the Written Resolutions once you have signed and returned this document to the Company.
- If you are signing this document on behalf of a person under a power of attorney or other authority please send a copy of the relevant power of attorney or authority when returning this document.

# Company No. 11153598

# THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

# PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

of

## **GOTT AGRI HOLDINGS LIMITED**

## 1 PRELIMINARY

- 1.1 In these articles "Model Articles" means the model articles set out in Schedule 1 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the company. The articles contained in the Model Articles shall, except where they are excluded or modified by these articles, apply to the company.
- 1.2 Model Articles 2, 12(4), 14, 15, 26(5), 52 and 53 shall not apply to the company but the articles hereinafter contained and the remaining articles of the Model Articles, subject to the modifications hereinafter expressed, shall constitute the articles of the company.
- 1.3 Save as expressly stated otherwise, words and expressions defined in the Model Articles shall (unless the context otherwise requires) bear the same meanings in these articles. The headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of these articles.

## 2 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

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

# **DIRECTORS**

# 3 CHANGE OF NAME

3.1 Subject to the provisions of these articles, the directors may, by way of a resolution passed at any meeting of the board, change the name of the company.

# 4 CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS MEETING

4.1 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 may appoint one of themselves to chair it.

# 5 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 5.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) may at any time appoint any other director or any other person who is willing to act to be his alternate director. Any director may at any time remove from office an alternate director appointed by him.
- 5.2 An alternate director shall (subject to his giving the company an address for the purpose

of communications in electronic form at which notices may be served on him) be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the directors and of committees of which his appointor is a member and (in the absence of his appointor) to attend and vote as a director and be counted in the quorum at any such meeting and generally (in the absence of his appointor) to perform all the functions of his appointor as a director.

- 5.3 An alternate director may represent more than one director. An alternate director shall have one vote for each director for whom he acts as alternate (in addition, if he is a director, to his own vote) but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- An alternate director shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company in respect of his appointment as an alternate director except only such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as his appointor may by notice in writing to the company from time to time direct.
- 5.5 An alternate director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements with the company and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent as if he were a director.

## 6 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS BY MAJORITY

6.1 Any member holding, or any shareholders holding in aggregate, more than one half of the issued ordinary shares of the company shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person and such numbers of persons to be a director (either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director) and to remove from office any director howsoever appointed. Any such appointment or removal shall be effected by an instrument in writing delivered to the office and signed by the member or shareholders appointing or removing such director or in the case of a member being a corporation signed on its behalf by one of its directors or its secretary or by its duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative and shall take effect immediately upon delivery to the office.

# 7 DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

- 7.1 The directors may exercise all the powers of the company to provide benefits whether by the payment of gratuities, pensions or other retirement, superannuation, death or disability benefits of any kind or other allowances or benefits to any individuals (including their relations, dependants and people connected with them) who are or were at any time directors of the company or any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the company or a predecessor in business of the company or any such subsidiary. The directors may contribute to any fund or scheme and pay premiums to a third party for the purchase or provision of any such benefit.
- 7.2 A director or former director shall not be accountable to the company or the shareholders for any benefit of any kind conferred under or pursuant to this article 7.

## 8 DIRECTORS' POWERS TO AUTHORISE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 8.1 The board of directors shall, for the purposes of section 175 of the Companies Act 2006, have the power to authorise any matter which would or might otherwise constitute or give rise to a breach of the duty of a director under that section to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company.
- 8.2 Authorisation of a matter under this article 8 shall be effective only if:
  - any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the board at which the matter is considered is met without counting the director in question and any other interested director (together the "interested directors"); and

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- (b) the matter was agreed to without the interested directors voting or would have been agreed to if the votes of the interested directors had not been counted.
- 8.3 Any authorisation of a matter under this article 8:
  - (a) may extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised.
  - (b) shall be subject to such conditions or limitations as the board may determine, whether at the time such authorisation is given or subsequently;
  - (c) may be terminated or suspended by the board at any time,
    - provided always that any such termination or suspension or the imposition of any such conditions or limitations will not affect anything done by the director concerned prior to such event in accordance with the relevant authorisation.
- 8.4 A director shall comply with the terms of any such authorisation and with any policies or procedures dealing with conflicts of interest which are from time to time approved by the board.
- 8.5 Articles 8.1 to 8.4 (inclusive) shall not apply to any interest permitted under article 9.

# 9 DIRECTORS' PERMITTED INTERESTS

- 9.1 Subject to compliance with article 9.3 a director notwithstanding his office may:
  - (a) be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any proposed or existing contract, transaction or arrangement with a relevant company;
  - (b) hold any other office or place of profit with any relevant company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with his office of director on such terms, including as to remuneration, as the directors may determine;
  - (c) alone, or through a firm with which he is associated, do paid professional work (except as auditor) for any relevant company and be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
  - (d) be a director or other officer or trustee or representative of, employed by, a partner or a member of, or hold shares or other securities (whether directly or indirectly) in, or otherwise be interested in, any relevant company;
  - (e) have any interest which has been authorised by an ordinary resolution of the company, subject to any terms or conditions applicable to such authorisation under or pursuant to such resolution.
- 9.2 For the purposes of article 9.1 a "relevant company" means:
  - (a) the company; the ultimate holding company of the company and all subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings of that holding company; or
  - (b) any other body corporate promoted by the company or in which the company is otherwise interested.
- 9.3 Subject to article 9.4, a director shall declare the nature and extent of any interest permitted under article 9.1 at a meeting of the board or in the manner set out in section 184 or section 185 of the Companies Act 2006 (irrespective of whether the interest is in a transaction or arrangement with the company and whether he is under a duty under the Companies Act 2006 to make such a declaration) or in such other manner as the board may lawfully determine.

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- No declaration of an interest shall be required by a director: 9.4
  - (a) in relation to an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
  - in relation to an interest of which the director is not aware or where the director (b) is not aware of the contract, transaction or arrangement in question (and for these purposes, the director concerned is treated as aware of anything of which he ought reasonably to be aware);
  - if, or to the extent that, the other directors are already aware of such interest (c) (and for these purposes, the other directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware); or
  - if, or to the extent that, it concerns the terms of his service contract. (d)
- 9.5 If a director has an interest which is permitted under Article 9.1 he shall comply with any policies or procedures dealing with conflicts of interest and with any specific terms relating to that director which are (in each case) from time to time approved by the board.

### PROVISIONS APPLYING TO AUTHORISED CONFLICTS AND PERMITTED 10 **INTERESTS**

- A director shall not by reason of his holding office as director (or of any fiduciary 10.1 relationship established by holding that office), be accountable to the company for any benefit, profit or remuneration which he or any person connected with him derives from any matter authorised under article 8 or any interest permitted under article 9.
- No contract, transaction or arrangement relating to any matter authorised under article 8 10.2 or any interest permitted under article 9 shall be liable to be avoided by virtue of such authorised matter or permitted interest.
- Subject to any terms imposed by the board and/or to any policies or procedures dealing 10.3 with conflicts of interests which are from time to time approved by the board, a director shall be under no obligation to disclose to the company any information which he obtains or has obtained otherwise than as a director of the company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person in relation to any matter authorised under article 8 or any interest permitted under article 9.
- Article 10.3 is without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may 10.4 excuse a director from disclosing information where these articles would otherwise require him to do so.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS 11

- Subject to any terms imposed by the board and/or to any policies or procedures dealing 11.1 with conflicts of interests which are from time to time approved by the board, a director:
  - shall be counted in the quorum for and shall be entitled to attend and vote at any (a) meeting of the board in relation to:
    - any proposed or existing contract, transaction or arrangement with the (i) company in which he is interested and which is permitted under article 9.1(a)
    - any resolution relating to a matter authorised under article 8 or any (ii) interest which is permitted under article 9.1; and/or
  - may, where he reasonably believes that any actual or potential conflict of (b) interest arising out of any matter authorised under article 8 or any interest

permitted under article 9 exists:

- (i) absent himself from any meeting of the board (or part of any meeting) at which any such matter or interest will or may be discussed; and/or
- (ii) make arrangements not to receive or review documents or information relating to any such matter or interest and/or for such documents or information relating to any such matter or interest to be received and reviewed by a professional adviser.

# 12 EXCLUSION OF STATUTORY PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

12.1 Section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 shall not apply to the allotment by the company of any equity security.

## **SHARES**

## 13 TRANSFER OF SHARES

13.1 The directors may, in their absolute discretion decline to register any transfer of any share, whether or not it is a fully paid share.

# 14 PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

14.1 Subject to the Companies Act 2006 but without prejudice to any other provision of these articles, the company may purchase its own shares including (without limitation) to the extent permitted by section 692 (1ZA) of the Companies Act 2006.

## 15 SHARE RIGHTS

- 15.1 A Shares and B Shares shall be separate classes of shares but save as expressly provided otherwise in these articles shall carry the same rights and privileges and rank pari passu in all respects.
- 15.2 The holders of A Shares and B Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and speak at any general meetings of the Company and, subject to article 15.3, the holders of such A Shares and B Shares who are present in person or by proxy shall, on a show of hands, have one vote each, and, on a poll, shall have one vote for each A Share and/or B Share of which he or she is holder.
- 15.3 Without prejudice to any other provision of these articles, the holders of A Shares and B Shares shall have the rights set out in this article 15.3:
  - (a) as regards voting rights:
    - (i) the holders of A Shares shall be entitled to vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll) at any general meeting of the Company or on any written resolution of the Company, save for any vote or resolution which relates solely to the B Assets and/or the B Liability (and no other matter); and
    - (ii) the holders of B Shares shall be entitled to vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll) at any general meeting of the Company or on any written resolution of the Company only in respect of any matter which, directly or indirectly, relates to or might reasonably affect materially, the B Assets and/or the B Liability (including without limitation in respect of a vote to approve a distribution in specie of the B Assets), and not in respect of any other matter.
  - (b) As regards dividends, to the extent that the Company has profits available for distribution to the members of the Company:

- to the extent that such profits arise or shall have arisen otherwise than (i) solely from the B Assets or from income derived from the B Assets, any such dividend shall be paid to the holders of the A Shares only in proportion to the number of A Shares held by such holders; and
- to the extent that such profits arise or shall have arisen solely from the B (ii) Assets or from income derived from the B Assets, any such dividend shall be paid to the holders of B Shares only in proportion to the number of B Shares held by such holders.
- In respect of the surplus assets of the Company remaining after the payment of (c) its liabilities on a capital reduction:
  - (i) the A Shares shall confer the right on a holder of A Shares to receive such surplus assets which relate to, or are derived from, any assets of the Company other than those which solely relate to or are derived from the B Assets; and
  - (ii) the B Shares shall confer the right on a holder of B Shares to receive such surplus assets as solely relate to or are derived from the B Assets together with the assumption of any B Liability.
- In respect of the surplus assets of the Company remaining after the payment of (d) its liabilities on a return of capital on liquidation or otherwise:
  - (i) the A Shares shall confer the right on a holder of A Shares to receive such surplus assets which relate to, or are derived from, any assets of the Company other than those which solely relate to or are derived from the B Assets: and
  - the B Shares shall confer the right on a holder of B Shares to receive (ii) such surplus assets as solely relate to or are derived from the B Assets together with the assumption of any B Liability.

#### 15.4 For the purposes of this article 15:

- "A Shares" means the A ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the (a) Company having the rights set out in these articles;
- "B Assets" means the properties known as Lower Addington Farm, Birkland (b) Barrow Road, Nether Kellet, Carnforth, LA6 1FJ (Lower Addington) with registered title number LAN176223, land at Nether Kellet, Carnforth (Middle Addington) with registered title number LAN173564, land lying to the east of Addington Lodge, Nether Kellet, Carnforth with registered title number LAN176215 and land at Over Kellet, Carnforth with registered title number LAN173563, The Old Railway Sidings with registered title number WT206040, Larks Nest Farmhouse with registered title number WT254108, Roxholme Hall Bungalow with registered title number LL245417, Bloxholm Farm with registered title number LL262827/LL261895, Roxholm Hall Farm with registered title number LL263733, Bain and Valley Farms with registered title number LL258202, Station Bottom, Scopwick with registered title number LL279043, Bleak House Farm with registered title number LL168675, 4 Brookside Close with registered title number LL275712, Fulbeck Cottage with registered title number LL245421, West Lodge Farm with registered title number LL245391, Martin Airfield with registered title number LL261892, Ruskington Farm with registered title number LL260952, Dorrington Farm with registered title number LL245418, Scopwick Mill with registered title number LL245420, Shaws Farm with registered title number LL241158/LL243639, Tremayne Farm with registered title number CL219588, Land at Bleak House Farm, South Kyme with registered title number LL273150, Land lying to the north of Corsham Road, Lacock, Chippenham with registered title number WT430076, 1 Four Row,

Roxholm, Sleadford and adjoining land with registered title number LL261813, Land and buildings on the west side of Hemingby Lane, Horncastle LN9 5PW with registered title number LL236969 and Land lying to the south of a road leading from Tremayne Cargenwen-Crowan, Praze with registered title number CL62422;

- (c) "B Liability" means any amount due from time to time from the Company to Lloyds Bank Plc; and
- "B Shares" means the B ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the capital of the (d) Company having the rights set out in these articles.

## **DECISION - MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS**

#### 16 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- Model Article 41(1) shall be modified by the insertion at the end of that regulation of the 16.1 following sentence: "If at any adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for holding that meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.".
- A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any member present in person or by 16.2 proxy and entitled to vote. Model Article 44 shall be modified accordingly.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### 17 **NOTICES**

17.1 If a notice or other document is sent by post, it shall be deemed to have been served or delivered twenty-four hours after it was posted or (where second class post is used) forty-eight hours after it was posted. Proof that an envelope containing the notice or document was properly addressed, stamped and put into the post shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Any notice or other document not sent by post but delivered or left at a registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom shall be deemed to have been served or delivered when it was so delivered or left. A notice or other document sent in electronic form shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time it was sent. Proof that a notice or other document in electronic form was sent in accordance with guidance issued from time to time by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.

#### 18 RIGHT TO INDEMNITY

- 18.1 If and only to the extent permitted by law, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director or other officer (excluding an auditor) may otherwise be entitled, the company may, if the board so determines, indemnify out of its own funds:
  - (a) every director or other officer (excluding an auditor) of the company or any associated company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him:
    - in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of (i) trust by him in relation to the company;
    - (ii) in performing his duties; and/or
    - in exercising his powers; and/or (iii)
    - (iv) in claiming to perform his duties or exercise his powers; and/or
    - otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office; (v)

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- (b) every director of the company or any associated company where the company acts as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme against any liability incurred in connection with the company's activities as a trustee of such scheme.
- 18.2 For the purposes of this articles 17 and article 19, "associated company" shall mean a company which is either a subsidiary or holding company of the company or a subsidiary of the holding company of the company.

## 19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 If and only to the extent permitted by law, but without prejudice to the power contained in article 187, the directors may purchase and maintain at the expense of the company insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time directors, officers (excluding auditor) or employees of the company or any related company or trustees of any pension fund or employees' share scheme in which any employees of the company or any related company are interested.
- In this article "related company" means (i) any company which is or was the company's holding company or (ii) any body (whether incorporated or not) in which the company or any holding company has or had any kind of interest (whether direct or indirect) or (iii) any body (whether incorporated or not) which is associated or connected in any way with the company or any holding company of the company, or (iv) any predecessors in business of the company or any other body referred to in this article 18.2, or (v) any body (whether incorporated or not) which is a subsidiary undertaking of the company or any other body referred to in this article 18.2...

# 20 FUNDS TO MEET EXPENDITURE

- 20.1 The company (to the extent permitted by law):
  - (a) may provide a director or officer (excluding auditor) or a former director or officer (excluding auditor) of the company or of its holding company with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him:
    - (i) in defending any criminal or civil proceedings in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the company or an associated company; or
    - (ii) in connection with any application for relief under any of the provisions mentioned in section 205(5) of the Companies Act 2006; or
    - (iii) in defending himself in any investigation by a regulatory authority or against action proposed to be taken by a regulatory authority, in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the company or an associated company; or
  - (b) may do anything to enable a director or officer (excluding auditor) or a former director or officer (excluding auditor) of the company or of its holding company to avoid incurring such expenditure.