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PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

of

AMPCO134 LIMITED (Company)

|S MOUM 2018 (Circulation Date)

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006 (**CA 2006**), the following resolutions (**Resolutions**) are proposed as ordinary resolutions and special resolutions of the Company as indicated.

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. **THAT** the purchase by the Company of the business and certain assets of T.G. Engineering Limited for the sum of £1,348.686.00 being a company connected with Colin Keal, a director of the Company (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the granting of a debenture to to T.G. Engineering pursuant to Resolution 3 below, by way of security for deferred consideration), be approved.
- 2. **THAT** the debenture to be granted by the Company to Bibby Invoice Discounting Limited in the form attached to these Resolutions be approved.
- 3. **THAT** the debenture to be granted by the Company to T.G. Engineering Limited in the form attached to these Resolutions be approved.
- 4. **THAT** the debenture to be granted by the Company to Capital for Colleagues plc in the form attached to these Resolutions be approved.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 5. **THAT** the articles of association in the form attached to these Resolutions be adopted by the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of its existing articles of association.
- 6. **THAT**, in accordance with section 569 of the CA 2006 the directors of the Company be generally empowered to allot equity securities (as defined by section 560 of the CA 2006) as if section 561 of the CA 2006 did not apply to any such allotment provided that the authority granted by this resolution shall cease to have effect where:
 - a. this power is revoked;
 - b. the Company ceases to be a private company limited by shares; or
 - c. there is more than one class of shares in the Company.

AGREEMENT

Please read the notes at the end of this document before signifying your agreement to the Resolutions.

The undersigned, being the sole member of the Company entitled to vote on the above Resolutions on the Circulation Date, hereby irrevocably agrees to the Resolution:

Signed by : COLIN KEAL

Date:

15 May 2018.

NOTES

- 1. If you agree to the Resolutions, please indicate your agreement by signing and dating this document where indicated above and returning it to the Company using one of the following methods:
 - By Hand: delivering the signed copy to Austin Moore & Partners, 7 The Ropewalk, Nottingham, NG1 5DU.
 - Post: returning the signed copy by post to Austin Moore & Partners, 7 The Ropewalk, Nottingham, NG1 5DU.
 - Email: to laura@austinmoore-law.com.

If you do not agree to the Resolutions, you do not need to do anything: you will not be deemed to agree if you fail to reply.

- 2. Once you have indicated your agreement to the Resolutions, you may not revoke your agreement.
- 3. Where, by 28 days following the Circulation Date, insufficient agreement has been received for the Resolution to pass, it will lapse. If you agree to these Resolutions, please indicate your agreement and notify us as soon as possible.

15h March

2018

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

AMPCO134 LIMITED



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(Company)
 Adopted by special resolution passed on 15th March 2018

INTRODUCTION

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in these Articles:

Act: the Companies Act 2006.

acting in concert: has the meaning given to it in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended).

Adoption Date: the date of adoption of these Articles.

Articles: the Company's articles of association for the time being in force.

Asset Purchase Agreement: the asset purchase agreement between the Company and T.G. Engineering Limited (company number 08737213) made on or around the Adoption Date.

Bad Leaver: an Employee who becomes a Departing Employee in circumstances where he is neither a Good Leaver nor an Early Leaver.

Business Day: a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England when banks in London are open for business.

C4C: Capital for Colleagues plc (company number 08717989).

Chairman: has the meaning given to it in clause 6.4;

connected: has the meaning given in section 252 of the Act.

Controlling Interest: an interest in Shares conferring on the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

Deemed Transfer Notice: a Transfer Notice which is deemed to have been served by any of the provisions of these Articles.

Deferred Consideration: the deferred consideration payable by the Company pursuant to an asset purchase agreement entered into on or around the date hereof.

Departing Employee: an Employee who ceases to be a director or employee of, or consultant to, any Group Company and who does not continue as, or become, a director or employee of, or consultant to, any Group Company.

Directors: the directors of the Company from time to time.

Early Leaver: an Employee who becomes a Departing Employee by reason of the circumstances set out in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (e) of the definition of Good Leaver below, within 48 months of (but excluding) the Adoption Date provided always that the Company has complied with the payment terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Loan Agreement.

Eligible Director: means a Director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of Directors (but excluding any Director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter).

Eligible Shareholders: the holder(s) of Shares in the capital of the Company, other than the Seller.

Employee: an individual who is, or has been, a director and/or an employee of, or who does provide or has provided consultancy services to, any Group Company.

Fair Value: has the meaning given in clause 12.2.

Financial Year: an accounting reference period (as defined in section 391 of the Act) of the Company.

Founders: each of Colin Keal and Gavin Bewley

Good Leaver: an Employee or a consultant who becomes a Departing Employee (other than an Early Leaver) by reason of:

- (a) death;
- (b) permanent disability or permanent incapacity through ill-health;
- (c) retirement at normal retirement age;

- (d) ceasing to be employed by any Group Company as a result of a Group Company ceasing to be a Group Company;
- (e) dismissal by the Company (or other Group Company) which is determined, by an employment tribunal or at a court of competent jurisdiction from which there is no right to appeal, to be wrongful or constructive; or
- (f) voluntary resignation on or after the fourth anniversary of the Adoption Date, provided always that the Company has complied with the payment terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement and the Loan Agreement.

Group: the Company, any subsidiary or any holding company from time to time of the Company, and any subsidiary from time to time of a holding company of the Company from time to time and Group Company: shall be construed accordingly.

holding company: has the meaning given in clause 1.5.

Independent Expert: the auditors for the time being of the Company or, if they decline the instruction, an independent firm of accountants jointly appointed by the Company and the Seller (or, for the purposes of article 15.5, the Investor(s)) or, in the absence of agreement between the Company and the Seller (or the Investor(s), as the case may be) on the identity of the expert within 10 Business Days of the expiry of the 15 Business Day period referred to in clause 12.1, an independent firm of accountants appointed by the President, for the time being, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (in each case acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator).

Investor(s): (a) each of the Founders, whilst any amount of the Deferred Consideration remains outstanding; and (b) C4C, whilst they hold Shares.

Investor Consent: the prior consent in writing of the Investor(s).

Investor Director: has the meaning given in clause 6.1.

Issue Price: in respect of any Share, the subscription price paid (or agreed to be paid) in respect of that Share, including any share premium.

Loan Agreement: the loan agreement between the Company and C4C made on or around the Adoption Date.

Model Articles: the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 to The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (*SI* 2008/3229), as amended prior to the Adoption Date.

Ordinary Shares: the ordinary shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company.

Relevant Securities: any Shares or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for Shares, issued by the Company after the Adoption Date, other than:

- (b) any Shares or other securities issued by the Company in order for the Company to comply with its obligations under these Articles; and
- (c) any Shares or other securities issued in consideration of the acquisition by the Company of any company or business which has been approved by Investor Consent.

Relevant Shares: in relation to an Employee means all Shares held by the Employee in question, and including any Shares acquired by any such person after the date the relevant Transfer Notice is deemed given but before completion of the transfer of Shares pursuant to the relevant Transfer Notice.

Restricted Shares: has the meaning given in clause 13.5.

Sale Shares: has the meaning given in clause 11.2.1.

Seller: has the meaning given in clause 11.2.

Shareholder: a holder for the time being of any Share or Shares.

Shareholders' Agreement: the agreement dated on or around the Adoption Date between, amongst others, the Company and the Investor(s) (as the same may have been varied, supplemented, adhered to or superseded in accordance with its terms (or these Articles) for the time being).

Shares: shares (of any class) in the capital of the Company and Share: shall be construed accordingly.

subsidiary: has the meaning given in clause 1.5.

Termination Date: (a) where employment ceases by virtue of notice given by the employer to the employee, the date on which such notice expires;

- (b) where a contract of employment is terminated by the employer and a payment is made in lieu of notice, the date on which notice of termination was served;
- (c) where an Employee dies, the date of his death;
- (d) where the Employee concerned is a director but not an employee, the date on which his service agreement (or other terms of appointment) with the relevant Group Company is terminated; or
- (e) in any other case, the date on which the employment or holding of office is terminated.

Transfer Notice: has the meaning given in clause 11.2.

Transfer Price: has the meaning given in clause 12.

Writing or written: 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, save that, in relation to a Transfer Notice (or Deemed Transfer Notice), "writing" or "written" shall not include the sending or supply of notices, documents or information in electronic form (other than by fax).

- 1.2 Headings in these Articles shall not affect the interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.3 Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles (but excluding any statutory modification of them not in force on the Adoption Date).
- 1.4 A reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time. A reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision.
- 1.5 A reference to a **holding company** or a **subsidiary** means a holding company or a subsidiary (as the case may be) as defined in section 1159 of the Act.

2. ADOPTION OF THE MODEL ARTICLES

- 2.1 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles or are inconsistent with these Articles, and, subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies, shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation.
- 2.2 Model articles 7, 8, 9(1) and (3), 11(2) and (3), 12, 13, 14(1) to (4) (inclusive), 16, 18(e), 22, 26(5), 38, 39, 44(2), 49, 50 and 51 to 53 (inclusive) shall not apply to the Company.
- 2.3 Model article 29 shall be amended by the insertion of the words ", or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under article 28(2)," after the words "the transmittee's name".

DIRECTORS

3. Number of directors

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than two. No shareholding qualification for directors shall be required.

4. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 4.1 Any decision of the Directors must be taken at a meeting of Directors in accordance with these Articles or must be a decision taken in accordance with clause 4.2 (subject to clause 4.3 and clause 4.4).
- 4.2 A unanimous decision of the Directors is taken when all Eligible Directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- 4.3 A decision taken in accordance with clause 4.2 may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each Eligible Director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each Eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.
- 4.4 A decision may not be taken in accordance with clause 4.2 if the Eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at a Directors' meeting to vote on the matter in accordance with clause 4.5 and clause 4.6.
- 4.5 The quorum for any meeting (or, where specified below, part of a meeting) of the Directors shall be two Eligible Directors, which must include the Investor Director in office for the time being, unless:
 - 4.5.1 there is no Investor Director in office for the time being; or
 - 4.5.2 such Investor Director has, in respect of any particular meeting (or part of a meeting), otherwise agreed in writing ahead of such meeting; or
 - 4.5.3 such Investor Director is not, in respect of any particular meeting (or part of a meeting), an Eligible Director.

in which case, subject to clause 4.6, the quorum for such meeting (or part of the meeting, as the case may be) shall be any two Eligible Directors. If the necessary quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, or if, during a meeting, such quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to such time and place as the Directors determine. If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within 30 minutes from the time appointed, then the meeting shall proceed.

4.6 For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to clause 8 to authorise a Conflict (as defined in clause 8.1), if there is only one Eligible

- Director in office other than the conflicted Director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one Eligible Director.
- 4.7 If the number of Directors in office for the time being is less than two, the Director in office must not take any decision other than a decision to:
 - 4.7.1 appoint further Directors; or
 - 4.7.2 call a general meeting so as to enable the Shareholders to appoint further Directors.
- 4.8 Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes. If there is an equality of votes, the Chairman (or other chairman of the meeting) shall not have a second or casting vote.
- 4.9 Where decisions of the Directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the Directors in permanent form, so that they may be read with the naked eye.

5. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 5.1 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
 - 5.1.1 by ordinary resolution, or
 - 5.1.2 by a decision of the directors.
- 5.2 In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no shareholders and no director, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, as a director.

6. INVESTOR DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN

- 6.1 An Investor shall from time to time have the right, for so long as it holds Ordinary Shares to appoint, by notice in writing addressed to the Company, and to maintain in office, one person as a Director (an **Investor Director**) and to remove any such Investor Director and to appoint a replacement.
- 6.2 Any appointment or removal of an Investor Director made in accordance with clause 6.1 shall take immediate effect upon receipt (or deemed receipt) by the Company of such notice in writing, or the production of such notice at a meeting of the Directors or, if later, the date (if any) specified in such notice.

- An Investor Director shall be entitled to be appointed to any committee of the Directors established from time to time. On the receipt of the request in writing of his appointor(s), the Company shall procure that an Investor Director shall be appointed as a director of any other Group Company, to the extent specified in such request (but such Investor Director shall not be entitled to any additional fee).
- 6.4 The Directors may, with Investor Consent, appoint any person as chairman of the board of Directors (**Chairman**) and may, with Investor Consent, remove and replace any such Chairman. If there is no Chairman in office for the time being, or the Chairman is unable to attend any meeting of the Directors, the Directors present at the meeting must appoint another Director present at the meeting to chair the meeting and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.
- 6.5 The Investors shall each have the right to receive notice of, and to attend (and in the case of a corporate Investor, a duly authorised representative to attend), any meeting of the board of Directors.

7. TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

- 7.1 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:
 - 7.1.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;
 - 7.1.2 shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the Directors (or committee of the Directors) in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
 - 7.1.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of Directors (or of a committee of the Directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
 - 7.1.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director;
 - 7.1.5 may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body

- corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
- 7.1.6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives from any such transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.

8. DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS

- 8.1 The Directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this clause 8, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any Director which would, if not authorised, involve a Director (an **Interested Director**) breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest (**Conflict**).
- 8.2 Any authorisation under this clause 8 will be effective only if:
 - 8.2.1 to the extent permitted by the Act, the matter in question shall have been proposed by any Director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the Directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the Directors may determine;
 - 8.2.2 any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director; and
 - 8.2.3 the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's vote had not been counted.
- 8.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this clause 8 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):
 - 8.3.1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised;
 - 8.3.2 provide that the Interested Director be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the Directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict;

- 8.3.3 subject to Investor Consent, provide that the Interested Director shall or shall not be an Eligible Director in respect of any future decision of the Directors in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict;
- 8.3.4 impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the Directors think fit;
- 8.3.5 provide that, where the Interested Director obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise than through his position as a Director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, he will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and
- 8.3.6 permit the Interested Director to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any meeting of the Directors and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the Directors to the extent they relate to such matters.
- 8.4 Where the Directors authorise a Conflict, the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the Directors in relation to the Conflict.
- 8.5 The Directors may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director, prior to such revocation or variation, in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.
- 8.6 A Director, notwithstanding his office, may be a Director or other officer of, employed by, or otherwise interested (including by the holding of shares) in his appointor(s) (or any Permitted Transferee of such appointor(s)) and no authorisation under clause 8.1 shall be necessary in respect of any such interest.
- 8.7 An Investor Director shall be entitled from time to time to disclose to the Investor(s) such information concerning the business and affairs of the Company as he shall at his discretion see fit.
- 8.8 A Director is not required, by reason of being a Director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a Director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with these Articles or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms and conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

9. Pre-emption Rights on the Issue of Further Shares

- 9.1 Save to the extent authorised by these Articles, or authorised from time to time by an ordinary resolution, the Directors shall not, save with Investor Consent, exercise any power to allot Shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, any Shares.
- 9.2 Subject to the remaining provisions of this clause 9, the Directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purposes of section 551 of the Act, to exercise any power of the Company to:
 - 9.2.1 offer or allot;
 - 9.2.2 grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into; and
 - 9.2.3 otherwise deal in, or dispose of,

any Shares (or any options, warrants, conversion rights and all other rights to acquire or subscribe for Shares) to any person, at any time and subject to any terms and conditions as the Directors think proper.

- 9.3 The authority referred to in clause 9.2:
 - 9.3.1 shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £100 of Ordinary Shares;
 - 9.3.2 shall only apply insofar as the Company has not, subject to these Articles, renewed, waived or revoked it by ordinary resolution; and
 - 9.3.3 may only be exercised for a period of five years from the Adoption Date save that, subject to these Articles, the Directors may make an offer or agreement which would, or might, require any Shares to be allotted after the expiry of such authority (and the Directors may allot Shares in pursuance of an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired).
- 9.4 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment of equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act) made by the Company.
- 9.5 Save with Investor Consent if the Company proposes to allot any Relevant Securities, those Relevant Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has first offered them to the holders (on the date of the offer) of the Ordinary Shares (each an **Offeree**) on a pari passu basis (as if they constituted Shares of the same class) and in the respective proportions that the number of Ordinary Shares held by each such holder bears to the total number of Ordinary Shares held by all such holders (as nearly as possible without

involving fractions) and on the same terms, and at the same price, as those Relevant Securities are being, or are to be, offered to any other person.

- 9.6 An offer made under clause 9.5 shall:
 - 9.6.1 be in writing and give details of the number, class and subscription price (including any share premium) of the Relevant Securities being offered;
 - 9.6.2 remain open for a period of at least five Business Days from the date of service of the offer; and
 - 9.6.3 stipulate that any Offeree who wishes to subscribe for a number of Relevant Securities in excess of the number to which he is entitled under clause 9.5 shall, in his acceptance, state the number of excess Relevant Securities (**Excess Securities**) for which he wishes to subscribe.
- 9.7 If, on the expiry of an offer made in accordance with clause 9.5, the total number of Relevant Securities applied for is less than the total number of Relevant Securities so offered, the Directors shall allot the Relevant Securities to the Offerees in accordance with their applications, subject to a maximum of each Offeree's proportionate entitlement.
- 9.8 Any Relevant Securities not accepted by Offerees pursuant to an offer made in accordance with clause 9.5 shall be used to satisfy any requests for Excess Securities made pursuant to clause 9.6.3. If there are insufficient Excess Securities to satisfy such requests, the Excess Securities shall be allotted to the applicants in the respective proportions that the number of Ordinary Shares held by each such applicant bears to the total number of such Ordinary Shares held by all applicants (as nearly as possible without involving fractions or increasing the number of Excess Securities allotted to any Shareholder beyond that applied for by him). After those allotments, any Excess Securities shall, subject to clause 9.9, be offered to any other person(s) as the Directors may, with Investor Consent, determine, at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the Shareholders.
- 9.9 No Shares shall be allotted to any current or prospective employee or director of any Group Company unless such person shall first have entered into a joint election with the relevant Group Company under section 431 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.

10. TRANSFERS OF SHARES: GENERAL

10.1 In these Articles, reference to the transfer of a Share includes the transfer, assignment or other disposal of a beneficial or other interest in that Share, or

the creation of a trust or encumbrance over that Share, and reference to a Share includes a beneficial or other interest in a Share.

- 10.2 No Share shall be transferred, and the Directors shall refuse to register a transfer of any Share, unless it is made in accordance with these Articles. Subject to clause 10.4, the Directors shall register any duly stamped transfer made in accordance with these Articles, unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.
- 10.3 If a Shareholder transfers (or purports to transfer) a Share other than in accordance with these Articles, he shall, save with Investor Consent to the contrary, be deemed to have immediately served a Transfer Notice in respect of all Shares held by him.
- The Directors may (and shall, if requested by the Investor(s)), as a condition to the registration of any transfer of Shares, require the transferee to execute and deliver to the Company a deed, in favour of the Company agreeing to be bound by the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement, in such form as the Directors (acting with Investor Consent) may reasonably require (but not so as to oblige the transferee to have any obligations or liabilities greater than those of the proposed transferor). If any condition is imposed in accordance with this clause 10.4, the transfer may not be registered unless and until that deed has been executed and delivered to the Company's registered office by the transferee.
- 10.5 To enable the Directors to determine whether or not there has been any transfer (or purported transfer) of Shares the Directors may, and shall if so requested by an Investor Director, require:
 - 10.5.1 any holder (or the legal representatives of a deceased holder); or
 - 10.5.2 any person named as a transferee in a transfer lodged for registration; or
 - 10.5.3 such other person as the Directors or an Investor Director may reasonably believe to have information relevant to that purpose,

to provide the Company with any information and evidence that the Directors think fit regarding any matter which they deem relevant to that purpose.

- 10.6 If any such information or evidence referred to in clause 10.5 is not provided to enable the Directors to determine to their reasonable satisfaction that no breach has occurred, or that as a result of the information and evidence provided the Directors are reasonably satisfied that a breach has occurred, the Directors shall immediately notify the holder of such Shares of that fact in writing and then, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Investor(s):
 - 10.6.1 the relevant Shares shall cease to confer on the holder of them any rights:

- 10.6.1.1 to vote (whether on a show of hands, on a poll or otherwise and whether in person, by proxy or otherwise), including in respect of any resolution of any class of Shares; or
- 10.6.1.2 to receive dividends otherwise attaching to those Shares.
- 10.6.2 the Directors may, by notice in writing to the relevant holder, determine that a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of some or all of his Shares with effect from the date of service of the notice (or such later date as may be specified in such notice).

The Directors may (with Investor Consent) reinstate the rights referred to in clause 10.6.1 at any time and, in any event, such rights shall be reinstated in respect of any Shares transferred pursuant to clause 10.6.2 on completion of such transfer.

- 10.7 Unless expressly provided otherwise in these Articles, if a Transfer Notice is deemed to have been given under these Articles, the Deemed Transfer Notice shall be treated as having specified that:
 - 10.7.1 it does not contain a Minimum Transfer Condition; and
 - 10.7.2 the Seller wishes to transfer all the Shares held by him (including any Shares acquired after the date the relevant Transfer Notice is deemed given but before completion of the transfer of Shares pursuant to the relevant Transfer Notice).
- 10.8 Any Transfer Notice (but not an Offer Notice (as defined in clause 14) or a Drag Along Notice (as defined in clause 15)) served in respect of the transfer of any Share which has not completed before the date of service of a Deemed Transfer Notice shall (save with Investor Consent to the contrary) automatically be revoked by the service of a Deemed Transfer Notice.

11. Pre-emption Rights on the Transfer of Shares

- 11.1 Except where the provisions of clause 14 or clause 15 apply, any transfer of Shares by a Shareholder shall be subject to the pre-emption rights in this clause 11.
- 11.2 A Shareholder who wishes to transfer Shares (a **Seller**) shall, before transferring or agreeing to transfer any Shares, give notice in writing (a **Transfer Notice**) to the Company specifying:
 - 11.2.1 subject to clause 10.7.2, the number of Shares he wishes to transfer (Sale Shares);
 - 11.2.2 the name of the proposed transferee, if any;

- 11.2.3 subject to clause 13.3, the price per Sale Share (in cash), if any, at which he wishes to transfer the Sale Shares (the **Proposed Sale Price**); and
- 11.2.4 subject to clause 10.7.1, whether the Transfer Notice is conditional on all or a specific number of the Sale Shares being sold (a **Minimum Transfer Condition**).
- 11.3 Except in the case of a Deemed Transfer Notice (which may not be withdrawn), where the Transfer Price of the Sale Shares comprised within a Transfer Notice is to be the Fair Value and such Fair Value less than the Proposed Sale Price the Seller may, within 10 Business Days of receipt of notification of the Fair Value, withdraw the Transfer Notice. Otherwise, a Transfer Notice may only be withdrawn with Investor Consent.
- 11.4 A Transfer Notice (or Deemed Transfer Notice) constitutes the Company the agent of the Seller for the sale of the Sale Shares at the Transfer Price.
- 11.5 As soon as practicable following the later of:
 - 11.5.1 receipt of a Transfer Notice (or in the case of a Deemed Transfer Notice, the date such notice is deemed to be served); and
 - 11.5.2 the determination of the Transfer Price,

the Directors shall (unless the Transfer Notice is withdrawn in accordance with clause 11.3) offer the Sale Shares for sale to the Eligible Shareholders in the manner set out in the remaining provisions of this clause 11 at the Transfer Price. Each offer shall be in writing and shall give details of the number and Transfer Price of the Sale Shares offered.

- 11.6 An offer of Sale Shares made in accordance with clause 11.5 shall remain open for acceptance for a period from the date of the offer to the date 10 Business Days after the offer (both dates inclusive). Any Sale Shares not allocated within that period shall be dealt with in accordance with clause 11.7 and clause 11.8.
- Subject to clause 11.6, the Directors shall offer the Sale Shares in the order of priority referred to in clause Error! Reference source not found. or clause Error! Reference source not found. (as appropriate) to the First Offer Shareholders (other than the Seller), inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 10 Business Days after the offer (both dates inclusive) (the First Offer Period) for the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to buy.
- 11.8 If:
 - 11.8.1 at the end of the First Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Sale Shares, the Directors shall

allocate the Sale Shares to each First Offer Shareholder who has applied for Sale Shares in the proportion which his existing holding of Shares bears to the total number of Shares of the class being offered held by all First Offer Shareholders (other than the Seller). Fractional entitlements shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number (save where such rounding would result in not all Sale Shares being allocated, in which case, the allocation of any such fractional entitlements shall be determined by the Directors (acting with Investor Consent)). No allocation shall be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy;

- 11.8.2 not all Sale Shares are allocated following allocations in accordance with clause 11.8.1, but there are applications for Sale Shares that have not been satisfied, the Directors shall allocate the remaining Sale Shares to such applicants in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 11.8.1. The procedure set out in this clause 11.8.2 shall apply on any number of consecutive occasions until either all Sale Shares have been allocated or all applications for Sale Shares have been satisfied; and
- 11.8.3 at the end of the First Offer Period, the total number of Sale Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares, the Directors shall allocate the Sale Shares to the First Offer Shareholders in accordance with their applications. The balance (the **Initial Surplus Shares**) shall be dealt with in accordance with clause 11.9.
- 11.9 At the end of the First Offer Period, the Directors shall offer the Initial Surplus Shares (if any) to the Second Offer Shareholders (other than the Seller), inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 20 Business Days after the offer (both dates inclusive) (the **Second Offer Period**) for the maximum number of Initial Surplus Shares they wish to buy.

11.10 If:

11.10.1 at the end of the Second Offer Period, the number of Initial Surplus Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Initial Surplus Shares, the Directors shall allocate the Initial Surplus Shares to each Second Offer Shareholder who has applied for Initial Surplus Shares in the proportion which his existing holding of Shares of the class held by Second Offer Shareholders bears to the total number of Shares of the class held by all Second Offer Shareholders (other than the Seller). Fractional entitlements shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number (save where such rounding would result in not all Initial Surplus Shares being allocated, in which case, the allocation of any such fractional entitlements shall be determined by the Directors (acting with Investor Consent)). No allocation shall be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Initial Surplus Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy;

- 11.10.2 not all Initial Surplus Shares are allocated following allocations in accordance with Drafting note, 19.12(a) Fractional entitlements, but there are applications for Initial Surplus Shares that have not been satisfied, the Directors shall allocate the remaining Initial Surplus Shares to such applicants in accordance with the procedure set out in Drafting note, 19.12(a) Fractional entitlements. The procedure set out in this clause 11.10.2 shall apply on any number of consecutive occasions until either all Initial Surplus Shares have been allocated or all applications for Initial Surplus Shares have been satisfied; and
- 11.10.3 at the end of the Second Offer Period, the total number of Initial Surplus Shares applied for is less than the number of Initial Surplus Shares, the Directors shall allocate the Initial Surplus Shares to the Second Offer Shareholders in accordance with their applications. The balance (the **Second Surplus Shares**) shall, subject to clause 11.11, be offered to any other person in accordance with clause 11.15.
- 11.11 Where the Transfer Notice contains a Minimum Transfer Condition:
 - 11.11.1 any allocation made under clause 11.6 to clause 11.10 (inclusive) shall be conditional on the fulfilment of the Minimum Transfer Condition; and
 - 11.11.2 if the total number of Sale Shares applied for under clause 11.6 to clause 11.10 (inclusive) is less than the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall notify the Seller and all those Shareholders to whom Sale Shares have been conditionally allocated stating that the condition has not been met and that the relevant Transfer Notice has lapsed with immediate effect.

11.12 Where either:

- 11.12.1 the Transfer Notice does not contain a Minimum Transfer Condition; or
- 11.12.2 allocations have been made in respect of all the Sale Shares,

the Directors shall, when no further offers or allocations are required to be made under clause 11.6 to clause 11.10 (inclusive), give notice in writing of the allocations of Sale Shares (an **Allocation Notice**) to the Seller and each Shareholder to whom Sale Shares have been allocated (each an **Applicant**). The Allocation Notice shall specify the number of Sale Shares allocated to each Applicant and the place and time for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares (which shall be at least five Business Days, but not more than ten Business Days, after the date of the Allocation Notice).

11.13 On the date specified for completion in the Allocation Notice, the Seller shall, against payment from an Applicant, transfer the Sale Shares allocated to such

Applicant, in accordance with any requirements specified in the Allocation Notice.

- 11.14 If the Seller fails to comply with clause 11.13:
 - 11.14.1 the Chairman (or, failing him, any other Director or some other person nominated by a resolution of the Directors) may, as agent and attorney on behalf of the Seller:
 - 11.14.1.1 complete, execute and deliver in his name all documents necessary to give effect to the transfer of the relevant Sale Shares to the Applicants;
 - 11.14.1.2 receive the Transfer Price and give a good discharge for it (and no Applicant shall be obliged to see to the distribution of the Transfer Price); and
 - 11.14.1.3 (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter the Applicants in the register of Shareholders as the holders of the Shares purchased by them; and
 - 11.14.2 the Company shall pay the Transfer Price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) for the Seller until he has delivered his certificate(s) for the relevant Shares (or an indemnity, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Directors, in respect of any lost certificate, together with such other evidence (if any) as the Board may reasonably require to prove good title to those Shares) to the Company.
- 11.15 Where a Transfer Notice lapses pursuant to clause 11.11.2 or an Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares, then, subject to clause 11.16, the Seller may, at any time during the ten Business Days following the date of lapse of the Transfer Notice, or the date of service of the Allocation Notice as the case may be, transfer the Sale Shares (in the case of a lapsed offer) or the Second Surplus Shares (as the case may be) to any person at a price at least equal to the Transfer Price. The sale of the Sale Shares (following the lapse of a Transfer Notice) in accordance with this clause 11.15 shall continue to be subject to any Minimum Transfer Condition.
- 11.16 The Seller's right to transfer Shares under clause 11.15 does not apply if the Directors reasonably consider that:
 - 11.16.1 the transferee is a person (or a nominee for a person) whom the Investor(s) determine(s) to be a competitor of the business of any Group Company;
 - 11.16.2 the sale of the Sale Shares is not bona fide or the price is subject to a deduction, rebate or allowance to the transferee; or

11.16.3 the Seller has failed or refused to promptly provide information available to him and reasonably requested to enable it to form the opinion referred to in clause 11.16.2.

12. VALUATION

- 12.1 The Transfer Price for each Sale Share the subject of a Transfer Notice (or Deemed Transfer Notice) shall, save where expressly provided otherwise in these Articles, be the price per Sale Share (in cash) agreed between the Directors (any Director with whom the Seller is connected not voting), acting with Investor Consent, and the Seller or, in default of agreement within 15 Business Days of the date of service of the Transfer Notice (or, in the case of a Deemed Transfer Notice, the date on which the board of Directors first has actual knowledge of the facts giving rise to such deemed service), the Fair Value of each Sale Share.
- 12.2 The Fair Value shall be the price per Sale Share determined by the Independent Expert on the following bases and assumptions:
 - 12.2.1 valuing the Sale Shares as on an arm's-length sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer as at the date the Transfer Notice was served (or deemed served);
 - 12.2.2 if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, on the assumption that it will continue to do so;
 - 12.2.3 that the Sale Shares are capable of being transferred without restriction;
 - 12.2.4 valuing the Sale Shares as a rateable proportion of the total value of all the issued Shares without any premium or discount being attributable to the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent; and
 - 12.2.5 reflecting any other factors which the Independent Expert reasonably believes should be taken into account.
- 12.3 If any difficulty arises in applying any of these assumptions or bases then the Independent Expert shall resolve that difficulty in whatever manner it shall in its absolute discretion think fit.
- 12.4 The Directors will give the Independent Expert access to all accounting records or other relevant documents of the Group, subject to it agreeing such confidentiality provisions as the Directors may reasonably impose.
- 12.5 The parties are entitled to make submissions to the Independent Expert including oral submissions and shall provide (or procure that others provide) the

- Independent Expert with such assistance and documents as the Independent Expert may reasonably require for the purpose of reaching a decision.
- 12.6 The Independent Expert shall act as expert and not as arbitrator and its determination shall be final and binding on the parties (in the absence of fraud or manifest error).
- 12.7 The Independent Expert shall be requested to determine the Fair Value within 20 Business Days of its appointment and to deliver its certificate to the Company. Forthwith upon receipt, the Company shall deliver a copy of the certificate to the Seller.
- 12.8 The cost of obtaining the Independent Expert's certificate shall be borne by the parties equally or in such other proportions as the Independent Expert directs.

13. COMPULSORY TRANSFERS

- 13.1 A person entitled to a Share in consequence of the bankruptcy of a Shareholder (or equivalent procedure in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales) shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of that Share at such time as the Directors (acting with Investor Consent) may determine.
- 13.2 If an Employee becomes a Departing Employee a Transfer Notice shall, unless the Directors (with Investor Consent) otherwise direct in writing in respect of any particular Relevant Shares prior to or within 20 Business Days after the relevant Termination Date, be deemed to have been served on the relevant Termination Date in respect of all Relevant Shares (a **Compulsory Employee Transfer**) and any Transfer Notice served in respect of any of such Relevant Shares before the date such Employee becomes a Departing Employee shall automatically lapse.
- 13.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Transfer Price in respect of a Compulsory Employee Transfer shall, where the Departing Employee is:
 - 13.3.1 a Bad Leaver, be restricted to a maximum of the lower of the aggregate Issue Price of such Sale Shares and the aggregate Fair Value of such Sale Shares; or
 - 13.3.2 an Early Leaver, be the aggregate Fair Value of such proportion of the Sale Shares as has vested between the Adoption Date and the date of the service of the deemed notice under article 11.5, on the basis that the Sale Shares shall vest in equal proportions on a monthly basis over a period of 4 years; or
 - 13.3.3 a Good Leaver, be the aggregate Fair Value of such Sale Shares.

- 13.4 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 13.3, the Investor(s) may, by notice in writing served on the Company and the relevant Seller(s), direct that some higher (but not lower) Transfer Price shall apply to any or all Sale Shares which would otherwise be subject to clause 13.3.
- 13.5 Forthwith upon a Transfer Notice being deemed to be served under article clause 13 the Shares subject to the relevant Deemed Transfer Notice (**Restricted Shares**) shall cease to confer on the holder of them any rights
 - 13.5.1 to vote (whether on a show of hands, on a poll or otherwise and whether in person, by proxy or otherwise), including in respect of any resolution of any class of Shares; or
 - 13.5.2 to receive dividends or other distributions otherwise attaching to those Shares.

The Directors may (with Investor Consent) reinstate the rights referred to in clause 13.5 at any time and, in any event, such rights shall be reinstated in respect of any Shares transferred pursuant to article clause 13 on completion of such transfer.

14. MANDATORY OFFER ON CHANGE OF CONTROL

- 14.1 In the event that a proposed transfer of Shares (other than a transfer of Shares made pursuant to clause 13, but after the operation of the pre-emption procedure set out in clause 11), whether made as one or as a series of transactions (a **Proposed Transfer**) would, if completed, result in any person (the **Buyer**), together with any person acting in concert with the Buyer, acquiring a Controlling Interest, the remaining provisions of this clause 14 shall apply.
- 14.2 The Company shall procure that, prior to the completion of the Proposed Transfer, the Buyer shall make an offer (the **Offer**) to each Shareholder (each an **Offeree**) on the date of the Offer other than any holder(s) of Restricted Shares, to buy all of the Ordinary Shares held by such Offerees on the date of the Offer for a consideration in cash per Ordinary Share (the **Offer Price**) which is equal to the highest price per Equity Share offered, paid or to be paid by the Buyer, or any person acting in concert with the Buyer, for any Ordinary Shares in connection with the Proposed Transfer.
- 14.3 The Offer shall be made by notice in writing (an **Offer Notice**) addressed to each Offeree on the date of the Offer at least ten Business Days (the **Offer Period**) before the date fixed for completion of the Proposed Transfer (the **Sale Date**). The Offer Notice shall specify:
 - 14.3.1 the identity of the Buyer (and any person(s) acting in concert with the Buyer);

- 14.3.2 the Offer Price and any other terms and conditions of the Offer;
- 14.3.3 the Sale Date; and
- 14.3.4 the number of Ordinary Shares which would be held by the Buyer (and persons acting in concert with the Buyer) on completion of the Proposed Transfer.
- 14.4 The completion of the Proposed Transfer shall be conditional in all respects on:
 - 14.4.1 the making of an Offer in accordance with this clause 14; and
 - 14.4.2 the completion of the transfer of any Ordinary Shares by any Offeree (each an Accepting Offeree) who accepts the Offer within the Offer Period,
 - and the Directors shall refuse to register any Proposed Transfer made in breach of this clause 14.4.
- 14.5 The Proposed Transfer is, but the purchase of Shares from Accepting Offerees pursuant to an Offer made under this clause 14 shall not be, subject to the preemption provisions of clause 11.

15. DRAG ALONG

- 15.1 If the Investor(s) (the **Selling Shareholders**) wish to transfer all of their interest in Ordinary Shares (**Sellers' Shares**) to a bona fide purchaser on arm's-length terms (**Proposed Buyer**), the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (**Drag Along Option**) to require all the other holders of Ordinary Shares on the date of the request (**Called Shareholders**) to sell and transfer all their interest in Ordinary Shares with full title guarantee to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct) in accordance with the provisions of this clause 15.
- 15.2 The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving notice in writing to that effect (a **Drag Along Notice**), at any time before the completion of the transfer of the Sellers' Shares, to the Proposed Buyer and each Called Shareholder. A Drag Along Notice shall specify:
 - 15.2.1 that the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Ordinary Shares (Called Shares) pursuant to this clause 15;
 - 15.2.2 the identity of the Proposed Buyer (and, if relevant, the transferee(s) nominated by the Proposed Buyer);
 - 15.2.3 the consideration payable for the Called Shares calculated in accordance with clause 15.4;

- 15.2.4 the proposed date of completion of transfer of the Called Shares.
- 15.3 Once given, a Drag Along Notice may not be revoked save with the prior consent of the Directors, acting with Investor Consent. However, a Drag Along Notice shall lapse if, for any reason, the Selling Shareholders have not completed the transfer of all the Sellers' Shares to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct) within 60 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.
- 15.4 The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares shall be the same or equivalent to that paid by the Proposed Buyer to the Selling Shareholders.
- 15.5 No Drag Along Notice shall require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically set out in this clause 15.
- 15.6 Completion of the sale and purchase of the Called Shares shall take place on the same date as, and conditional upon the completion of, the sale and purchase of the Sellers' Shares unless:
 - 15.6.1 all of the Called Shareholders and the Selling Shareholders otherwise agree; or
 - 15.6.2 that date is less than 10 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice, in which case completion of the sale and purchase of the Called Shares shall take place 10 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice.
- Notice on the Called Shareholders, the Called Shareholders shall deliver stock transfer forms for their Ordinary Shares in favour of the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct), together with the share certificate(s) in respect of those Ordinary Shares (or a suitable indemnity in respect thereof) to the Company. On the expiration of that five Business Day period the Company shall pay the Called Shareholders, on behalf of the Proposed Buyer, the amounts they are respectively due pursuant to clause 15.4 to the extent the Proposed Buyer has put the Company in the requisite funds. The Company's receipt for the amounts due pursuant to clause 15.4 shall be a good discharge to the Proposed Buyer. The Company shall hold the amounts due to the Called Shareholders pursuant to clause 15.4 in trust for the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.
- 15.8 To the extent that the Proposed Buyer has not, on the expiration of the five Business Day period, put the Company in funds to pay the amounts due pursuant to clause 15.4, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer forms and share certificate(s) (or suitable indemnity) for

- the relevant Ordinary Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under this clause 15 in respect of their Ordinary Shares.
- 15.9 If any Called Shareholder fails to deliver to the Company a duly executed stock transfer form (or forms) in respect of the Called Shares held by him (together with the share certificate(s) in respect of those Called Shares (or a suitable indemnity in respect thereof)) the defaulting Called Shareholder shall be deemed to have appointed any person nominated for the purpose by the Selling Shareholders to be his agent and attorney to execute and deliver all necessary transfers on his behalf, against receipt by the Company (on trust for such holder) of the consideration payable for the Called Shares. After the Proposed Buyer (or person(s) nominated by the Proposed Buyer) has been registered as the holder of any such Called Shares, the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any person. Failure to produce a share certificate shall not impede the registration of any transfer of Shares under this clause 15.
- 15.10 Upon any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a Shareholder (or increasing an existing shareholding) including, without limitation, pursuant to the exercise of any option, warrant or other right to acquire or subscribe for, or to convert any security into, Ordinary Shares, whether or not pursuant to a Share Option Scheme (a New Shareholder), a Drag Along Notice shall be deemed to have been served upon the New Shareholder, on the same terms as the previous Drag Along Notice, who shall then be bound to sell and transfer all such Ordinary Shares acquired by him to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct) and the provisions of this clause 15 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the New Shareholder, save that completion of the sale of such Ordinary Shares shall take place forthwith upon the later of the Drag Along Notice being deemed served on the New Shareholder and the date of completion of the sale of the Called Shares. References in this Article 23.11 to a person becoming a Shareholder (or increasing an existing shareholding) shall include the Company, in respect of the acquisition of any of its own Ordinary Shares.
- 15.11 A transfer of Called Shares to a Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct) pursuant to a sale in respect of which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served shall not be subject to the pre-emption provisions of clause 11.
- 15.12 Any Transfer Notice or Deemed Transfer Notice served in respect of the transfer of any Share which has not completed before the date of service of a Drag Along Notice shall automatically be revoked by the service of a Drag Along Notice.

DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

16. GENERAL MEETINGS

16.1 No business other than, subject to clause 16.2, the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum is

present at the commencement of the meeting and also when that business is voted on.

The Chairman shall chair general meetings. If there is no Chairman in office for the time being, or the Chairman is unable to attend any general meeting, the Directors present (or, if no Directors are present, the meeting) must appoint another Director present at the meeting (or, if no Directors are present, a Shareholder) to chair the meeting and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

17. VOTING

- 17.1 Subject to any other provisions in these Articles concerning voting rights, each Share in the Company shall carry the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company.
- 17.2 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting.
- 17.3 Model article 44(3) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made" as a new paragraph at the end of that model article.
- 17.4 Model article 45(1) shall be amended by:
 - 17.4.1 the deletion of model article 45(1)(d) and its replacement with the words "is delivered to the company in accordance with the Articles not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate"; and
 - 17.4.2 the insertion of the words "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid, unless the Directors, in their discretion, accept the notice at any time before the meeting" as a new paragraph at the end of that model article.

18. PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

- 18.1 Subject to the Act but without prejudice to any other provision of these Articles (including, without limitation, article 13.2(e)), the Company may purchase its own shares in accordance with Chapter 4 of Part 18 of the Act, including (without limitation) out of capital up to any amount in a financial year not exceeding the lower of:
 - 18.1.1 £15,000; and

- 18.1.2 the nominal value of 5% of the Company's fully paid share capital at the beginning of each Financial Year.
- 18.2 The provisions of articles 16.4 to 16.11 (inclusive) shall apply to a sale or transfer of Shares held in treasury pursuant to article 26.2(b) save that, for the purposes of this article 26.3:
 - 18.2.1 reference in article 16 to an allotment shall include the sale or transfer of Shares; and
 - 18.2.2 reference in the definition of "Relevant Securities" to Shares "issued after the Adoption Date" shall include Shares to be sold or transferred by the Company,

that immediately before the sale or transfer were, in each case, held by the Company as treasury shares

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

19. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 19.1 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on, or delivered to, the intended recipient:
 - 19.1.1 if delivered by hand, at the time of delivery; or
 - 19.1.2 if sent by pre-paid United Kingdom first class post, recorded delivery or special delivery to an address in the United Kingdom, two Business Days after posting; or
 - 19.1.3 if sent by airmail to an address outside the country from which it is sent, five Business Days after posting; or
 - 19.1.4 if sent by reputable international overnight courier to an address outside the country from which it is sent, at the time of delivery; or
 - 19.1.5 if sent or supplied by e-mail, one hour after the notice, document or information was sent or supplied; or
 - 19.1.6 if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website; and
 - 19.1.7 if deemed receipt under the previous paragraphs of this article 19.1 is not within business hours (meaning 9.00 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday on a day that is not a public holiday in the place of receipt), when business next starts in the place of deemed receipt. For the

purposes of this article, all references to time are to local time in the place of deemed receipt.

- 19.2 To prove service, it is sufficient to prove that:
 - 19.2.1 if delivered by hand or by reputable international overnight courier, the notice was delivered to the correct address; or
 - 19.2.2 if sent by post or by airmail, the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed, paid for and posted; or
 - 19.2.3 if sent by e-mail, the notice was properly addressed and sent to the e-mail address of the recipient.
- 19.3 In proving that any notice, document or information was properly addressed, it shall suffice to show that the notice, document or information was addressed to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

20. INDEMNITY

- 20.1 Subject to clause 20.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a Relevant Officer is otherwise entitled:
 - 20.1.1 each Relevant Officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a Relevant Officer in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation thereto, including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted, or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part, or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a Relevant Officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's affairs; and
 - 20.1.2 the Company may provide any Relevant Officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in clause 20.1 and otherwise may take any action to enable such Relevant Officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.
- This clause 20 does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law.

20.3 The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any Relevant Officer in respect of any Relevant Loss.

20.4 In this clause 20:

- 20.4.1 Relevant Loss means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a Relevant Officer in connection with that Relevant Officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company or any pension fund of the Company; and
- 20.4.2 **Relevant Officer** means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of any Group Company, but excluding in each case any person engaged by a Group Company as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor.