

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
NEW
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of
24N LEVELS LTD
Company number: 12743696
(the "Company")

(Adopted by a special resolution passed on 7 March 2022)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The model articles for private companies limited by shares contained or incorporated in Schedule 1 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these articles (the "**Model Articles**") shall apply to the Company, save insofar as they are varied or excluded by, or are inconsistent with, the following Articles.
- 1.2 In these Articles and the Model Articles any reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include a reference to each and every statutory amendment, modification, re-enactment and extension thereof from time to time.
- 1.3 In these Articles article headings are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.

2. Defined terms

In these Articles the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Act" means 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 from time to time);

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

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

"Civil Partner" means in relation to a Shareholder, a civil partner (as defined in the Civil Partnership Act 2004) of the Shareholder;

"Controlling Interest" means an interest in shares giving to the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;

"Date of Adoption" means the date on which these Articles were adopted;

"Director(s)" means a director or directors of the Company from time to time;

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

"Fair Value" is as determined in accordance with Article 9.3;

"Family Trusts" means trust(s) under which no immediate beneficial interest in any of the shares in question is for the time being vested in any person other than a Shareholder who is an individual and/or Privileged Relations of that individual;

"Group" means the Company and its subsidiary undertaking(s) (if any) from time to time;

"Holding Company" means a newly formed holding company, pursuant to which the shareholders of, and the proportion and class(es) of shares held by each of them in, such holding company (immediately after a transfer of the issued share capital of the Company to such holding company) are the same as the shareholders of and their shareholdings in the Company immediately prior to the transfer of the issued share capital of the Company to such holding company;

"Investor" has the meaning given to that term in the shareholders' agreement relating to the Company entered into on the Date of Adoption between, inter alia, Luis De Vera, Robert Hartley, Stuart Bathgate and the Company;

"a Member of the same Group" means as regards any company, a company which is from time to time a parent undertaking or a subsidiary undertaking of that company or a subsidiary undertaking of any such parent undertaking;

"New Securities" means any shares or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for, those shares issued by the Company after the Date of Adoption, other than (a) options to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under any Share Option Plan and Shares issued on the exercise of any such options or (b) any Shares or other securities issued in consideration of the acquisition by the Company of any company or business or (c) shares or other securities which the Shareholders have agreed (by way of Special Consent) should be issued without complying with Article 5;

"Original Shareholder" has the meaning given in Article 7.1;

"Ordinary Shares" means the ordinary shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company, from time to time;

"Permitted Transfer" means a transfer of Shares in accordance with Article 7;

"Permitted Transferee" means:

- (a) in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual, any of his Privileged Relations, Trustees or Qualifying Company; or
- (b) in relation to a Shareholder which is an undertaking means any Member of the same Group; and

- (c) Whom the Investor, for so long as the Investor holds 5% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares, has given prior written consent may be a Permitted Transferee (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed);

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

"Qualifying Company" means a company in which a Shareholder or Trustee(s) hold the whole of the share capital and which they control;

"Seller" has the meaning given in Article 8.1;

"Shareholder" means any holder of any Shares;

"Share Option Plan" means any share option plan of the Company, the terms of which have been approved by Special Consent;

"Shares" means shares (of any class) in the capital of the Company and **Share**: shall be construed accordingly;

"Special Consent" the prior written consent of Shareholders holding not less than 75% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares from time to time;

"Transfer Notice" has the meaning given in Article 8.1; and

"Trustees" means the trustee(s) of a Family Trust.

3. Proceedings of Directors

- 3.1 The quorum for Directors' meetings shall be two Directors. Article 11(2) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 3.2 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 the same day in the next week at the same time and place. If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within 30 minutes from the time appointed, then the meeting shall proceed.
- 3.3 In the case of any equality of votes, the chairman shall not have a second or casting vote. Article 13 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

4. Directors' interests

4.1 *Specific interests of a Director*

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

- (a) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is party to or in any way directly or indirectly interested in, or has any duty in respect of, any existing or proposed contract, arrangement or transaction with the Company or any other undertaking in which the Company is in any way interested;

- (b) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a director, employee or other officer of, or a party to any contract, arrangement or transaction with, or in any way interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;
- (c) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a Shareholder or a shareholder in, employee, director, member or other officer of, or consultant to, a parent undertaking of, or a subsidiary undertaking of a parent undertaking of, the Company;
- (d) where a Director (or a person connected with him) holds and is remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor) in respect of the Company or body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
- (e) where a Director is given a guarantee, or is to be given a guarantee, in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested; or
- (f) where a Director (or a person connected with him or of which he is a member or employee) acts (or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested of which he is a director, employee or other officer may act) in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested (other than as auditor) whether or not he or it is remunerated for this.

5. Allotment of new shares or other securities: pre-emption

- 5.1 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act do not apply to an allotment of equity securities made by the Company.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise determined by Special Consent, any New Securities shall, before they are allotted or granted on any terms, be first offered by the Company in writing to each Shareholder by:
 - (a) giving details of the number and subscription price of the New Securities;
 - (b) inviting him to apply for the New Securities at the subscription price (being on no less favourable terms);
 - (c) stating that he will have a period of at least 14 days from the date of the notice in which to apply;
 - (d) stating that, if there is competition among the Shareholders for the New Securities, the New Securities will be allocated to him in proportion (as nearly as may be) to his existing holdings of Ordinary Shares (his "**Proportionate Allocation**"); and
 - (e) inviting him to indicate if he is willing to purchase New Securities in excess of his Proportionate Allocation ("**Extra Securities**") and, if so, the number of Extra Securities.
- 5.3 On expiry of an offer made in accordance with Article 5.2 (or sooner if applications or refusals have been received from all Shareholders and all requisite approvals have been given), the Company shall allot or grant (as the case may be) the New Securities as follows:

- (a) if the total number of New Securities applied for is equal to or less than the New Securities offered, each Shareholder shall be allocated the number applied for by him; or
- (b) if the total number of New Securities applied for is more than the New Securities offered, each Shareholder shall be allocated his Proportionate Allocation or, if less, the number of New Securities for which he has applied; and
- (c) applications for Extra Securities shall be allocated in accordance with such applications or, in the event of competition, among those Shareholders applying for Extra Securities in proportion to their Proportionate Allocations but so that no applicant shall be allocated more Extra Securities than he has applied for and so that if there is a surplus further allocations shall be made on the same basis (and if necessary more than once) until all New Securities have been allocated;
- (d) fractional entitlements shall be rounded to the nearest whole number;

following which the Directors may, subject to these Articles and the Act, allot or grant (as the case may be) such New Securities as have not been taken up in such manner as they think fit, but on no less favourable terms.

5.4 The Company may issue Shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder. The Directors are not authorised to determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption unless express authorisation to do so is given by the Shareholders by Special Consent. Article 22(2) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

5.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, for so long as the Investor holds 5% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares, Shares may not be allotted without the prior written consent of the Investor (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

6. Transfers of Shares – general

6.1 Reference to the transfer of a Share in these Articles includes the transfer or assignment of a beneficial or other interest in that Share or the creation of a trust or Encumbrance over that Share and reference to a Share includes a beneficial or other interest in a Share.

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

6.3 The Directors may refuse to register a transfer of a Share if a Shareholder transfers a Share other than in accordance with these Articles. Article 26(5) of the Model Articles shall be modified accordingly.

6.4 The Directors may, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of Shares, require the transferee to execute and deliver to the Company a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement in force between some or all of the Shareholders and the Company.

6.5 Articles 27 to 29 of the Model Articles regarding transmission of shares shall not apply to the Company.

6.6 Any transfer of a Share by way of sale which is required to be made under Articles 8 to 12 (inclusive) will be deemed to include a warranty that the transferor sells with full title guarantee.

- 6.7 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, for so long as the Investor holds 5% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares, Shares may not be transferred without the prior written consent of the Investor (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

7. Permitted Transfers

- 7.1 A Shareholder (the "**Original Shareholder**") may transfer all or any of his or its Shares to a Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- 7.2 Shares previously transferred as permitted by Article 7.1 may be transferred by the transferee to the Original Shareholder or any other Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- 7.3 Where, upon death of a Shareholder, the persons legally or beneficially entitled to any Shares are Permitted Transferees of that deceased Shareholder, the legal representative of the deceased Shareholder may transfer any Share to those Permitted Transferees without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- 7.4 A transfer of any Shares approved by the Board and with Special Consent may be made without restriction as to price or otherwise and each transfer shall be registered by the Directors.
- 7.5 Any Shares may at any time be transferred where there is a transfer of the entire issued share capital of the Company to a Holding Company, which has been approved the Board and with Special Consent.
- 7.6 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, for so long as the Investor holds 5% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares, Shares may not be transferred, including but not limited to transfers between a Permitted Transferee and Original Shareholder or another Permitted Transferee, without the prior written consent of the Investor (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

8. Transfers of Shares subject to pre-emption rights

- 8.1 Save where the provisions of Articles 7, 11 and 12 apply, a Shareholder who wishes to transfer Shares (a "**Seller**") shall give notice in writing (which cannot be withdrawn save with the consent of the Board) (a "**Transfer Notice**") to the Company (constituting the Company the agent of the Seller) specifying:
- (a) the number of Shares which he wishes to transfer (the "**Sale Shares**");
 - (b) except where the Shareholder is deemed to have given a Transfer Notice, the name of the proposed transferee; and
 - (c) the price at which he wishes to transfer the Sale Shares (the price at which he is to transfer the Sale Shares being deemed to be Fair Value of the Sale Shares if no price is agreed between the Seller and the Board (but with any Director who is a Seller not being entitled to vote) within five Business Days after the date when the Board received the Transfer Notice (the "**Transfer Price**")).

If a Shareholder is deemed to have given a Transfer Notice, the price at which he is to transfer the Sale Shares (being in this case the Transfer Price) shall be agreed between such Shareholder and the Board (with any Director who is a Seller not being entitled to

vote) within five Business Days after the date when the Board received the Transfer Notice and failing such agreement such price will be deemed to be the Fair Value of such Shares.

8.2 As soon as practicable following the receipt of a Transfer Notice (or, in the case where the Transfer Price has not been agreed, the determination of the Transfer Price under Article 9), the Company shall give notice in writing to each Shareholder other than the Seller (each an "**Eligible Shareholder**"):

- (a) inviting him to apply for the Sale Shares at the Transfer Price;
- (b) stating that he will have a period of at least 14 days from the date of the notice in which to apply;
- (c) stating that, the Sale Shares shall be offered to the Eligible Shareholders and if there is competition among the Eligible Shareholders for the Sale Shares, the Sale Shares will be allocated to him in proportion (as nearly as may be) to his existing holding of Shares (his "**Proportionate Sale Allocation**"); and
- (d) inviting him to indicate if he is willing to purchase Sale Shares in excess of his Proportionate Allocation ("**Extra Shares**") and, if so, the number of Extra Shares.

8.3 On expiry of an offer made in accordance with Article 8.2 (or sooner if applications or refusals have been received from all Eligible Shareholders), the Company shall allocate the Sale Shares as follows:

- (a) if the total number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or less than the number of Sale Shares, each Eligible Shareholder shall be allocated the number applied for by him; or
- (b) if the total number of Sale Shares applied for is more than the available number of Sale Shares, each Eligible Shareholder shall be allocated his Proportionate Sale Allocation or, if less, the number of Sale Shares for which he has applied;
- (c) applications for Extra Shares shall be allocated in accordance with such applications or, in the event of competition, among those Eligible Shareholders applying for Extra Shares in proportion to their Proportionate Sale Allocations but so that no applicant shall be allocated more Extra Shares than he has applied for and so that if there is a surplus further allocations shall be made on the same basis (and if necessary more than once) until all Shares have been allocated; and
- (d) fractional entitlements shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

8.4 The Company shall give written notice of allocation (an "**Allocation Notice**") to the Seller which shall specify the number of Sale Shares to be allocated to each applicant and the place and time (being not less than 7 nor more than 14 days after the date of the Allocation Notice) for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares.

8.5 On service of an Allocation Notice, the Seller shall, against payment of the Transfer Price, transfer the Sale Shares in accordance with the requirements specified in it.

8.6 If the Seller fails to comply with the provisions of Article 8.5:

- (a) the chairman of the Board or, failing him, one of the Directors, or some other person nominated by a resolution of the Board, may on behalf of the Seller:

- (i) complete, execute and deliver in his name all documents necessary to give effect to the transfer of the relevant Sale Shares to the applicants;
 - (ii) receive the transfer price and give a good discharge for it and (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter each applicant in the register of members as the holders of the Sale Shares allocated to him; and
 - (b) the Company shall pay the transfer price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) for the Seller until he has delivered to the Company his certificate(s) for the relevant Shares (or a suitable indemnity).
- 8.7 If an Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares then, subject to Article 8.9, the Seller may, within eight weeks after service of the Allocation Notice, transfer the unsold Sale Shares not included in the Allocation Notice to any person (subject to Clause 8.8) at a price at least equal to the Transfer Price.
- 8.8 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, for so long as the Investor holds 5% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares, Shares may not be transferred without the prior written consent of the Investor (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- 8.9 The right of the Seller to transfer Shares under Article 8.7 does not apply if the Board is of the opinion on reasonable grounds that:
- (a) 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
 - (b) the Seller has failed or refused to provide promptly information available to it or him and reasonably requested by the Board for the purpose of enabling it to form the opinion mentioned above.

9. Valuation of Shares

- 9.1 If no price is agreed between the Seller and the Board then, upon service of the Transfer Notice the Board shall appoint an expert valuer in accordance with Article 9.2 (the "**Expert Valuer**") to certify the Fair Value of the Sale Shares or if the Fair Value has been certified by the Expert Valuer within the preceding 12 weeks, such certified Fair Value shall apply.
- 9.2 The Expert Valuer will be the auditors of the Company unless this is not agreed by the Seller and the Board or the Company has not appointed an auditor in which case it will be an independent firm of Chartered Accountants to be agreed between the Board and the Seller or failing agreement within 10 Business Days after the date of service of the Transfer Notice to be nominated by the then President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on the application of either party and appointed by the Company.
- 9.3 The "**Fair Value**" of the Sale Shares shall be determined by the Expert Valuer on the following assumptions and bases:
- (a) valuing the Sale Shares as on an arm's-length sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer;
 - (b) if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, on the assumption that it will continue to do so;

- (c) that the Sale Shares are capable of being transferred without restriction;
 - (d) valuing the Sale Shares as a rateable proportion of the total value of all the issued Shares without any premium or discount being attributable to the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent; and
 - (e) reflecting any other factors which the Expert Valuer reasonably believes should be taken into account.
- 9.4 The Expert Valuer shall be requested to determine the Fair Value within 20 Business Days of its appointment and to notify the Board and the Seller of its determination. The Expert Valuer shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and its determination shall be final and binding on the parties (in the absence of fraud or manifest error).
- 9.5 The cost of obtaining the certificate shall be paid by the Company unless the Transfer Price certified by the Expert Valuer is less than the price (if any) offered by the Directors to the Seller for the Sale Share before the Expert Valuer was instructed in which case the Seller shall bear the cost.
- 10. Compulsory transfers – general**
- 10.1 A person entitled to a Share in consequence of the bankruptcy of a Shareholder shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of that Share at a time determined by the Directors.
- 10.2 If a Shareholder which is a company, either suffers or resolves for the appointment of a liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver over it or any material part of its assets, the relevant Shareholder (and all its Permitted Transferees) shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of all the Shares held by the relevant Shareholder and its Permitted Transferees save to the extent that, and at a time, the Directors may determine.
- 10.3 If a Permitted Transferee ceases to be a Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder, the Permitted Transferee must not later than five Business Days after the date on which the Permitted Transferee so ceases, transfer the Shares held by it to the Original Shareholder or another Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise, failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of those Shares.
- 10.4 On the death, bankruptcy, liquidation, administration or administrative receivership of a Permitted Transferee (other than a joint holder) his personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy, or its liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver must within five Business Days after the date of the grant of probate, the making of the bankruptcy order or the appointment of the liquidator, administrator or the administrative receiver execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by the Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise. The transfer shall be to the Original Shareholder if still living (and not bankrupt or in liquidation) or, if so directed by the Original Shareholder, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder. If the transfer is not executed and delivered within five Business Days of such period or if the Original Shareholder has died or is bankrupt or is in liquidation, administration or administrative receivership, the personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.
- 10.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, for so long as the Investor holds 5% (by nominal value) of the issued Shares, Shares may not be transferred, including

but not limited to transfers between a Permitted Transferee and Original Shareholder or other Permitted Transferee, without the prior written consent of the Investor (which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

- 10.6 If a Share remains registered in the name of a deceased Shareholder for longer than one year after the date of his death the Directors may require the legal personal representatives of that deceased Shareholder either:
- (a) to effect a Permitted Transfer of such Shares (including for this purpose an election to be registered in respect of the Permitted Transfer); or
 - (b) to show to the satisfaction of the Directors that a Permitted Transfer will be effected before or promptly upon the completion of the administration of the estate of the deceased Shareholder.

If either requirement in this Article 10.5 shall not be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Directors a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of each such Share save to the extent that, the Directors may otherwise determine.

- 10.7 If there is a change in control (as control is defined in section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010) of any Shareholder which is a company, it shall be bound at any time, if and when required in writing by the Directors to do so, to give (or procure the giving in the case of any Permitted Transferee and/or nominee) a Transfer Notice in respect of all the Shares registered in its name, its Permitted Transferee name and their respective nominees' names save that, in the case of the Permitted Transferee, it shall first be permitted to transfer those Shares back to the Original Shareholder from whom it received its Shares or to any other Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder before being required to serve a Transfer Notice.

11. Tag-along

- 11.1 In the event that a proposed transfer of Shares (other than a transfer of Shares made pursuant to Article 7 or Article 10), whether made as one or as a series of transactions (a **Proposed Transfer**) would, if completed, result in any person other than an existing Shareholder (the **Buyer**), together with any person Acting in Concert with the Buyer, acquiring a Controlling Interest, the remaining provisions of this Article 11 shall apply.
- 11.2 The Shareholder wishing to make such transfer 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, to buy all of the Shares held by such Offerees on the date of the Offer for a consideration per Share (the **Offer Price**) which is equal to the highest price per Share offered, paid or to be paid by the Buyer, or any person Acting in Concert with the Buyer, for any Shares in connection with the Proposed Transfer.
- 11.3 The Offer shall be made by notice in writing (an **Offer Notice**) addressed to each Offeree on the date of the Offer at least 10 Business Days (the **Offer Period**) before the date fixed for completion of the Proposed Transfer (the **Sale Date**). To the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the Offer Notice shall specify:
- (a) the identity of the Buyer (and any person(s) Acting in Concert with the Buyer);
 - (b) the Offer Price and any other terms and conditions of the Offer;
 - (c) the Sale Date; and
 - (d) the number of Shares which would be held by the Buyer (and persons Acting in Concert with the Buyer) on completion of the Proposed Transfer.

- 11.4 The completion of the Proposed Transfer shall be conditional in all respects on:
- (a) the making of an Offer in accordance with this Article 11; and
 - (b) the completion of the transfer of any 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 Article 11.

- 11.5 The Proposed Transfer is, but the purchase of Shares from Accepting Offerees pursuant to an Offer made under this Article 11 shall not be, subject to the pre-emption provisions of Article 8.

12. Drag-along

- 12.1 If the holders of more than 75% of the Ordinary Shares (the "**Selling Shareholders**") wish to transfer all their interest in Shares (the "**Sellers' Shares**") to a proposed purchaser who has made an offer on arm's length terms (the "**Proposed Purchaser**"), the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (the "**Drag Along Option**") to require all the other holders of Shares (the "**Called Shareholders**") to sell and transfer all their Shares (the "**Called Shares**") to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct in accordance with the provisions of this Article 12.
- 12.2 The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving a written notice to that effect (a "**Drag Along Notice**") to the Company (which the Company shall immediately send to the Called Shareholders) at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Proposed Purchaser. A Drag Along Notice shall specify that the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Called Shares under this Article 12, the person to whom they are to be transferred, the consideration for which the Called Shares are to be transferred (calculated in accordance with this Article 12) and the proposed date of transfer.
- 12.3 Drag Along Notices shall be irrevocable but will lapse if for any reason there is not a sale of the Sellers' Shares by the Selling Shareholders to the Proposed Purchaser within 20 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.
- 12.4 The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares shall be on terms no less favourable than those obtained by the Selling Shareholders from the Proposed Purchaser.
- 12.5 No Drag Along Notice may require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically provided for in this Article 12.
- 12.6 Within five Business Days of the Company serving a Drag Along Notice on the Called Shareholders, the Called Shareholders shall deliver stock transfer forms for their Shares in favour of the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct, together with the relevant share certificate(s) (or an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Directors) to the Company. On the expiration of that five Business Day period the Company shall pay the Called Shareholders, on behalf of the Proposed Purchaser, the amounts they are due pursuant to Article 12.4 to the extent that the Company has received these amounts in cleared funds from the Proposed Purchaser. The Company's receipt for the amounts due pursuant to Article 12.4 shall be a good discharge to the Proposed Purchaser. The Company shall hold the amounts due to the

Called Shareholders pursuant to Article 12.4 in trust for the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.

- 12.7 To the extent that the Proposed Purchaser has not, on the expiration of such five Business Day period, put the Company in funds to pay the amounts due pursuant to Article 12.4, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer forms and share certificates (or an indemnity) for the relevant Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under this Article 12 in respect of their Shares.
- 12.8 If a Called Shareholder fails to deliver stock transfer forms and share certificates (or an indemnity) for its Shares to the Company upon the expiration of that five Business Day period, any Director is authorised to transfer the Called Shareholder's Shares as agent on the Called Shareholder's behalf to the Proposed Purchaser (or its nominee(s)) to the extent the Proposed Purchaser has, at the expiration of that five Business Day period, put the Company in funds to pay the amounts due pursuant to Article 12.4 for the Called Shareholder's Shares offered to him. The Board shall then authorise registration of the transfer once appropriate stamp duty has been paid. The defaulting Called Shareholder shall surrender his share certificate for his Shares (or provide a suitable indemnity) to the Company. On surrender, he shall be entitled to the amount due to him pursuant to Article 12.4.
- 12.9 Any transfer of Shares to a Proposed Purchaser (or as they may direct) pursuant to a sale in respect of which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 8.
- 12.10 On any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a Shareholder pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option to acquire shares in the Company or pursuant to the conversion of any convertible security of the Company (a "**New Shareholder**"), a Drag Along Notice shall be deemed to have been served on the New Shareholder on the same terms as the previous Drag Along Notice who shall then be bound to sell and transfer all Shares so acquired to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser may direct and the provisions of this Article shall apply with the necessary changes to the New Shareholder except that completion of the sale of the Shares shall take place immediately on the Drag Along Notice being deemed served on the New Shareholder.

13. Purchase of own Shares

Subject to the Act, the Company may purchase its own Shares out of capital otherwise than in accordance with Chapter 5 of Part 18 of the Act, to the extent permitted by section 692(1ZA) of the Act.