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Part 1

Exclusion of model articles, interpretation and limitation of liability

1 Exclusion of model articles

The model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 do not apply to the Company.

2 Defined terms

In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

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);

alternate or alternate director has the meaning given in article 24;

appointor has the meaning given in article 24;

articles means the Company's articles of association;

Associate has the meaning given in section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

bankruptcy includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

Business Day 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);

chairperson has the meaning given in article 13;

chairperson of the meeting has the meaning given in article 46;

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

Company means Aegis Energy Ltd, registered in England Wales with company number 13949000 and with registered offices 124 City Road, London, EC1V 2NX;

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;

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

distribution recipient has the meaning given in article 38;

as they think fit.

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

7 Committees

- (1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.
- (2) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them.

Decision-making by directors

8 Directors to take decisions collectively

- (1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 9.
- (2) If:
 - (a) the Company only has one director; and
 - (b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director,
 the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.

9 Unanimous decisions

- (1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- (2) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

10 Calling a directors' meeting

- (1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice.
- (2) Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate:
 - (a) its proposed date and time;
 - (b) where it is to take place; and
 - (c) if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.
- (3) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing.
- (4) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the Company not more than 7 days

after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

11 Participation in directors' meetings

- (1) Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when:
 - (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles; and
 - (b) each of the directors can hear the proceedings, speak and be heard at the meeting, ask questions, propose resolutions or amendments to resolutions, and to vote in real time on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- (2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other and directors may, for the avoidance of doubt, participate remotely by any electronic means approved by the board including without limitation via video call, online platforms such as *Zoom* or *Microsoft Teams* or telephone audio only conference calls.
- (3) If at any director's meeting that is conducted partly or wholly by electronic means in accordance with article 11(1), then the Company shall ensure that any documents or information made available to the meeting generally be also made available in electronic form to such directors participating in the meeting remotely.

12 Quorum for directors' meetings

- (1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- (2) The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors and, unless otherwise fixed, it is two, unless there shall be a sole director in which case the quorum shall be one.
- (3) If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision:
 - (a) to appoint further directors; or
 - (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors.
- (4) For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to article 22 to authorise a director's conflict, if there is only one eligible director in office other than the conflicted director(s), the quorum for that meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one eligible director.

13 Chairing of directors' meetings

- (1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings.
- (2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairperson.
- (3) The directors may terminate the chairperson's appointment at any time.
- (4) If the chairperson is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

14 Casting vote

(1) If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairperson or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.

(2) But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairperson or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

15 Records of decisions to be kept

The directors must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors.

16 Directors' discretion to make further rules

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

Appointment of directors

17 Number of directors

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (excluding alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall be not less than two.

18 Methods of appointing directors

- (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 by:
 - (a) ordinary resolution;
 - (b) the shareholder or shareholders who at the time hold a majority in nominal value of the shares in the Company giving notice of appointment in writing to the Company (in which case the appointment takes effect on receipt by the Company of the notice or, if later, on the date specified in the notice); or
 - (c) a decision of the directors.
- (2) In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder.

19 Termination of director's appointment

A person ceases to be a director as soon as

- (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a director by law;
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;

- (e) notification is received by the Company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms;
- (f) the Company receives notice in writing of removal of that person as a director from the shareholder or shareholders who at the time hold a majority in nominal value of the shares in the Company.

Any appointment of a director to an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the Company.

20 Directors' remuneration

- (1) Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide.
- (2) Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine:
 - (a) for their services to the Company as directors; and
 - (b) for any other service which they undertake for the Company.
- (3) Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may:
 - (a) take any form; and
 - (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director (including to or in respect of any members of a director's family).
- (4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.
- (6) The directors may make arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of a past director of the Company or to a present or past director of any of its subsidiaries or any body corporate associated with, or any business acquired by, any of them, including in each case to or in respect of any members of a director's family.

21 Directors' expenses

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

- (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors;
- (b) general meetings; or
- (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

Directors' conflicts of interest

22 Conflict situations

- (1) The directors may authorise any matter or situation which would, if not authorised, be an infringement by that director of his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or may possibly conflict, with the interests of the Company.
- (2) Any authorisation under this article may extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised.
- (3) Any authorisation under this article is effective only if:
 - (a) the matter or situation in question has been proposed by a director for consideration at a meeting of directors in accordance with the board's normal procedures or in such other manner as the directors may approve;
 - any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the directors at which the matter or situation is considered is met without counting the director in question or any other interested director (together the Interested Directors);
 - (c) the matter or situation was agreed to without the Interested Directors voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.
- (4) Any authorisation of a conflict under this article may:
 - (a) be subject to such terms and for such duration or impose such limits or conditions as the directors may determine whether at the time the authorisation is given or subsequently; and
 - (b) be terminated or varied by the directors at any time.
- (5) Where the directors authorise a conflict they may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) provide, without limitation, that the director:
 - (a) is excluded from discussions (whether at meetings of directors or otherwise) related to the conflict;
 - (b) is not given any documents of other information relating to the conflict; and
 - (c) may or may not vote (or may or may not be counted in the quorum) at any future meeting of directors in relation to any resolution relating to the conflict *or* otherwise participate in any decision relating to the conflict.
- (6) Where the directors authorise a conflict:
 - (a) the director must conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the directors in relation to the conflict; and
 - (b) the director does not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act provided he acts in accordance with such terms, limits and conditions (if any) as the directors impose in respect of the authorisation.
- (7) A director is not required, by reason of his office, to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he (or a person connected with him as defined in section 252 of the Act) derives from a matter or situation authorised under this article, subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation. No transaction or arrangement is liable to be avoided on such grounds.

- (8) If a matter or situation is authorised pursuant to this article the director is not required to:
 - (a) disclose to the Company any confidential information received by him (other than by virtue of his position as director of the Company) relating to that matter or situation; or
 - (b) use that information in relation to the Company's affairs;

if to do so would result in a breach of a duty of confidence owed by him to another person in relation to that matter or situation.

(9) A director does not require authorisation by the directors under this article in respect of any actual or potential conflict which may reasonably be expected to arise by reason only of that director also being a director of another group undertaking (as defined in section 1161(5) of the Act). A director is not to be regarded infringing his duty under section 175 of the Act as a result of the lack of such authorisation.

23 Transactions or other arrangements with the Company

- (1) A director must declare the nature and extent of his interests in a proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Company in accordance with section 177 or section 182 of the 2006 Act.
- (2) Provided he has complied with paragraph (1), a director:
 - (a) is to be counted as participating in the decision-making process (including for quorum and voting purposes) notwithstanding that it in any way concerns or relates to an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he has, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest;
 - (b) may be party to, or otherwise directly or indirectly interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company (or any body corporate in which the Company is directly or indirectly interested) or in which the Company is otherwise directly or indirectly interested; and
 - (c) is not, except as he may otherwise agree, required to account to the Company for remuneration, profit or other benefit which he (or a person connected with him as defined in section 252 of the Act) derives from any such transaction or arrangement, and no transaction or arrangement is be liable to be avoided on such grounds.
- (3) For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairperson whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairperson is to be final and conclusive.
- (5) If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairperson, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairperson is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

Alternate directors

24 Appointment and removal of alternate directors

(1) Any director (the **appointor**) may appoint as an alternate any other director or any other person to:

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- (a) exercise that director's powers; and
- (b) carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor.

- (2) Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- (3) The notice must:
 - (a) identify the proposed alternate; and
 - (b) in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.

25 Rights and responsibilities of alternate directors

- (1) An alternate director has the same rights, in relation to any decision of the directors as the alternate's appointor.
- (2) Except as the articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:
 - (a) are deemed for all purposes to be directors;
 - (b) are liable for their own acts and omissions;
 - (c) are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors; and
 - (d) are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors.
- (3) For the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating:
 - a person who is an alternate director but not a director may be counted as
 participating only if that person's appointor is not participating, but no alternate may be
 counted as more than one director for such purposes; and
 - (b) a director who is also an alternate director does not count as more than one director.
- (4) At a directors' meeting:
 - (a) a person who is an alternate director but not a director has a vote on behalf of each appointor who is not participating in the meeting but would have been entitled to vote if they were participating in it; and
 - (b) a director who is also an alternate director has an additional vote on behalf of each appointor who is not participating in the meeting but would have been entitled to vote if they were participating in it.
- (5) Where the directors take a unanimous decision in accordance with regulation 9 a person who is an alternate director but not a director:
 - (a) may participate in the decision only if his appointor is an eligible director in relation to that decision, but does not participate; and
 - (b) does not count as more than one director for such purposes.

(6) An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the Company.

26 Termination of alternate directorship

An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates:

- (a) when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;
- (b) on the occurrence in relation to the alternate of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director;
- (c) on the death of the alternate's appointor; or
- (d) when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates.

Part 3

Shares and distributions

Shares

27 Powers to issue different classes of share

- (1) Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the Company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution.
- (2) The Company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares.

28 Company not bound by less than absolute interests

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

29 Share certificates

- (1) The Company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds.
- (2) Every certificate must specify:
 - (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued;
 - (b) the nominal value of those shares;
 - (c) the amount paid up on them; and
 - (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.
- (3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class.

- (4) If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- (5) Certificates must:
 - (a) have affixed to them the Company's common seal; or
 - (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

30 Replacement share certificates

- (1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is:
 - (a) damaged or defaced; or
 - (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.

- (2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:
 - (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
 - (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and
 - (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide.

Transfer and transmission of shares

31 Share transfers

- (1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of:
 - (a) the transferor; and
 - (b) (if any of the shares is partly or nil paid) the transferee,

but no instrument of transfer of a share agreed to be taken by a subscriber to the Company's memorandum of association need be executed by or on behalf of the transferee.

- (2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- (3) The Company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.
- (4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.
- (5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

32 Transmission of shares

(1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, then subject to article 69(1), the Company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share.

- (2) Nothing in these articles releases the estate of a deceased shareholder from any liability in respect of a share solely or jointly held by that shareholder.
- (3) A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require:
 - (a) may, subject to the remainder of these articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
 - (b) subject to the remainder of these articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.
- (4) But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

33 Exercise of transmittees' rights

- (1) Subject to article 69, transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in writing of that wish.
- (2) If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- (3) Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

34 Transmittees bound by prior notices

If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name, or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under article 33(2), has been entered in the register of members.

Consolidation of shares

35 Procedure for disposing of fractions of shares

- (1) This article applies where:
 - (a) there has been a consolidation or division of shares; and
 - (b) as a result, shareholders are entitled to fractions of shares.
- (2) The directors may:
 - (a) sell the shares representing the fractions to any person including the Company for the best price reasonably obtainable;
 - (b) in the case of a certificated share, authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser; and
 - (c) distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among the holders of the shares.
- (3) Where any shareholder's entitlement to a portion of the proceeds of sale amounts to less than a minimum figure determined by the directors, that shareholder's portion may be distributed to an organisation which is a charity for the purposes of the law of England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
- (d) is delivered not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for general meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates to the Company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the relevant notice of the general meeting.

A proxy 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.

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

53 Delivery of proxy notices

- (1) Any notice of a general meeting must specify the address or addresses at which the Company or its agents will receive proxy notices relating to that meeting, or any adjournment of it, delivered in hard copy or electronic form.
- (2) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.
- (3) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- (4) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- (5) If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

54 Amendments to resolutions

- (1) An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
 - (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairperson of the meeting may determine); and
 - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairperson of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- (2) A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:

- (a) the chairperson of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed; and
- (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- (3) If the chairperson of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairperson's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

No voting of shares on which money owed to Company

No voting rights attached to a share may be exercised at any general meeting, at any adjournment of it, or on any poll called at or in relation to it, unless all calls or other sums presently payable to the Company in respect of that share have been paid.

Application of rules to class meetings

56 Class meetings

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

Part 5

Administrative arrangements

57 Company secretary

The directors may from time to time appoint any person who is willing to act as the secretary for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any secretary so appointed may be removed by the directors.

58 Means of communication to be used

- (1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Act provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.
- (2) Subject to the Act, the Company may send or supply documents or information to shareholders by making them available on a website.
- (3) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.

59 Deemed receipt of documents and information

- (1) Where the Company sends a document or information by post (whether in hard copy or electronic form) and the Company is able to show that it was properly addressed, prepaid and posted, it is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient:
 - (a) 48 hours after it was posted, if posted by first class post to an address in the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) on the fifth working day after it was posted, if posted by international signed for post to an address outside the United Kingdom.

- (2) Where the Company sends or supplies a document or information by electronic means and the Company is able to show that it was properly addressed, it is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient 24 hours after it was sent.
- (3) Where the Company sends or supplies a document or information by means of a website, it is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient:
 - (a) when the material was first made available on the website; or
 - (b) if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website.
- (4) In calculating a period of hours for the purposes of this article, no account is to be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.
- (5) A director may agree with the Company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent.

60 Company seals

- (1) Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors.
- (2) The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- (3) Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the Company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- (4) For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is:
 - (a) any director of the Company;
 - (b) the company secretary (if any); or
 - (c) any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

No right to inspect accounts and other records

Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder.

Provision for employees on cessation of business

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

Indemnity and insurance

63 Indemnity

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2) the Company may indemnify:
 - (a) any relevant director or any relevant secretary against any liability incurred by or attaching to that person in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties,

the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office;

(b) any relevant director or any relevant secretary against any liability incurred by him in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act).

Where a director or any secretary is indemnified against a liability in accordance with this article, the indemnity may extend to all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him.

- (2) This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.
- (3) Subject to the Companies Acts, the Company may:
 - (a) provide a relevant director and any relevant secretary with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in defending any criminal or civil proceedings referred to in section 205(1)(a)(i) of the Act or in connection with any application under the provisions mentioned in section 205(1)(a)(ii) of the Act; and
 - (b) do anything to enable that person to avoid incurring such expenditure;

but so that, in the case of a director, the terms set out in section 205(2) of the Act shall apply to any such provision of funds or other things done.

- (4) In this article:
 - (a) companies are **associated** if one is a Subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and
 - (b) a **relevant director** means any director or former director of the Company or an associated company, and a **relevant secretary** means any secretary or former secretary of the Company or an associated company.

64 Insurance

- (1) Except to the extent prohibited or restricted by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law, the directors may purchase and maintain, at the expense of the Company, insurance against any relevant liability for the benefit of any person who is or has at any time been a relevant officer.
- (2) In this article:
 - (a) relevant officer means:
 - (i) a director or secretary or employee of the Company or an associated company or of any predecessor in business of the Company or an associated company; or
 - (ii) a trustee of any employees' share scheme, pension fund or retirement, death or disability scheme for the benefit of any employee of the Company or associated company or of any predecessor in business of the Company or an associated company;
 - (b) relevant liability means any liability incurred by a relevant officer in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported discharge or his duties or in the exercise or purposed exercise of his powers or otherwise as a relevant officer;

(c) companies are associated if one is a Subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

65 Allotment of new shares or other securities: pre-emption

- (1) Sections 561(1) and 562(1) to (5) (inclusive) of the Act do not apply to an allotment of Equity Securities made by the Company.
- Unless otherwise agreed by special resolution, if the Company proposes to allot any New Securities those New Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has in the first instance offered them to all holders of Shares (the Subscribers) on the same terms and at the same price as those New Securities are being offered to other persons on a pari passu and pro rata basis to the number of Shares (as if the Shares constituted one and the same class) held by those Subscribers (as nearly as may be without involving fractions). The offer:
 - shall be in writing, be open for acceptance from the date of the offer to the date

 10 Business Days after the date of the offer (inclusive) (the **Subscription Period**) and
 give details of the number and subscription price of the New Securities; and
 - (b) may stipulate that any Subscriber who wishes to subscribe for a number of New Securities in excess of the proportion to which each is entitled shall in their acceptance state the number of excess New Securities for which they wish to subscribe.
- (3) If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of New Securities, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers who have applied for New Securities on a pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by such Subscribers which procedure shall be repeated until all New Securities have been allotted (as nearly as may be without involving fractions or increasing the number allotted to any Subscriber beyond that for which they applied).
- (4) If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is less than the number of New Securities, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers in accordance with their applications and any remaining New Securities shall be offered to any other person as the Directors may determine at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the Subscribers.
- (5) Subject to the requirements of Articles 65(1) to 65(4) (inclusive) and to the provisions of section 551 of the Act, any New Securities shall be at the disposal of the Board who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to any persons at those times and generally on the terms and conditions they think proper.
- (6) The provisions of Articles 65(2) to 65(5) (inclusive) shall not apply to:
 - (a) options to subscribe for Ordinary Shares under any employee share option plan adopted by the Company from time to time; or
 - (b) New Securities issued or granted in order for the Company to comply with its obligations under these Articles.
- (7) No Shares shall be allotted (nor any Treasury Shares be transferred) to any employee, director, prospective employee or prospective director of the Company, who in the opinion of the Board is subject to taxation in the United Kingdom, unless such person has entered into a joint section 431 ITEPA election with the Company if so required by the Company.

66 Permitted Transfers

- (1) A shareholder (who is not a Permitted Transferee) (the **Original Shareholder**) may transfer all or any of their shares to a Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise (a **Permitted Transfer**).
- Shares previously transferred as permitted by article 66(1) may be transferred by the transferree to any other Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- (3) Where under the provision of a deceased shareholder's will or laws as to intestacy, the persons legally or beneficially entitled to any shares, whether immediately or contingently, are Permitted Transferees of the deceased shareholder, the legal representative of the deceased shareholder may transfer any share to those Permitted Transferees, in each case without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- (4) If a Permitted Transferee who is a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder ceases to be a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder whether by reason of divorce or otherwise they must, within 15 Business Days of so ceasing either:
 - (a) execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the shares held by them to the Original Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder) for such consideration as may be agreed between them; or
 - (b) give a Transfer Notice to the Company in accordance with article 66(2),

failing which they shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.

On the death of a Permitted Transferee (other than a joint holder) the personal representatives or directors for such Permitted Transferee must within five Business Days after the date of the grant of probate 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 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, the personal representative or will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.

67 Transfers of Shares subject to pre-emption rights

- (1) Save where the provisions of articles 66, 69, or 71 apply, any transfer of shares by a shareholder shall be subject to the pre-emption rights contained in this article 67.
- (2) A shareholder who wishes to transfer shares (a **Seller**) shall, except as otherwise provided in these articles, before transferring or agreeing to transfer any shares give notice in writing (a **Transfer Notice**) to the Company specifying:
 - (a) the number of shares which they wish to transfer (the Sale Shares);
 - (b) if they wish to sell the Sale Shares to a third party, the name of the proposed transferee:
 - (c) the price at which they wish to transfer the Sale Shares; and
 - (d) whether the Transfer Notice is conditional on all or a specific number of the Sale Shares being sold to shareholders (a **Minimum Transfer Condition**).

If no cash price is specified by the Seller, the price at which the Sale Shares are to be transferred (the **Transfer Price**) must be agreed by the Board. In addition, if the price is not specified in cash, an equivalent cash value price must be agreed between the Seller and the

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- Board. In both cases, the price will be deemed to be the Fair Value of the Sale Shares if no price is agreed within 5 Business Days of the Company receiving the Transfer Notice.
- (3) No Transfer Notice once given or deemed to have been given under these articles may be withdrawn.
- (4) A Transfer Notice constitutes the Company as the agent of the Seller for the sale of the Sale Shares at the Transfer Price.
- (5) As soon as practicable following the later of:
 - (a) receipt of a Transfer Notice; and
 - (b) in the case where the Transfer Price has not been agreed, the determination of the Transfer Price under article 68.

the Board shall offer the Sale Shares for sale to the shareholders in the manner set out in articles 67(6) and articles 67(7) to 67(10) (inclusive). Each offer must be in writing and give details of the number and Transfer Price of the Sale Shares offered.

Priority for offer of Sale Shares

(6) The Sale Shares shall be offered to the holders of shares (as if the shares constituted one and the same class) in each case on the basis set out in articles 67(7) to 67(10) (inclusive).

Transfers: Offer

- (7) The Board shall offer the Sale Shares to all shareholders specified in the offer other than the Seller (the **Continuing Shareholders**) inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 10 Business Days after the offer (inclusive) (the **Offer Period**) for the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to buy.
- (8) If the Sale Shares are subject to a Minimum Transfer Condition then any allocation made under articles 67(7) to 67(10) (inclusive) will be conditional on the fulfilment of the Minimum Transfer Condition.
- (9) If, at the end of the Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to each Continuing Shareholder who had applied for Sale Shares in the proportion (fractional entitlements being rounded to the nearest whole number) which their existing holding of shares bears to the total number of shares held by those Continuing Shareholders who have applied for Sale Shares which procedure shall be repeated until all Sale Shares have been allocated but no allocation shall be made to a shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which they have stated they are willing to buy.
- (10) If, at the end of the Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to the Continuing Shareholders in accordance with their applications and the balance will be dealt with in accordance with article 67(15).

Completion of transfer of Sale Shares

- (11) If the Transfer Notice includes a Minimum Transfer Condition and the total number of Shares applied for does not meet the Minimum Transfer Condition the Board shall notify the Seller and all those to whom Sale Shares have been conditionally allocated under articles 67(7) to 67(10) (inclusive) stating the condition has not been met and that the relevant Transfer Notice has lapsed with immediate effect.
- (12) If:

- (a) the Transfer Notice does not include a Minimum Transfer Condition; or
- (b) the Transfer Notice does include a Minimum Transfer Condition and allocations have been made in respect of all or the minimum required number of the Sale Shares,

the Board shall, when no further offers are required to be made under articles 67(7) to 67(10) (inclusive) and once the requirements of article 70 have been fulfilled to the extent required, give written notice of allocation (an **Allocation Notice**) to the Seller and each Continuing Shareholder to whom Sale Shares have been allocated (an **Applicant**) specifying the number of Sale Shares allocated to each Applicant and the place and time (being not less than 5 Business Days nor more than 10 Business Days after the date of the Allocation Notice) for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares.

- Upon service of an Allocation Notice, the Seller must, against payment of the Transfer Price, transfer the Sale Shares in accordance with the requirements specified in it.
 - (14) If the Seller fails to comply with the provisions of article 67(13):
 - (a) the chairperson of the Company or, failing them, one of the directors, or some other person nominated by a resolution of the Board, may on behalf of the Seller:
 - complete, execute and deliver in their 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
 - (iii) (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter the Applicants in the register of members as the holders of the shares purchased by them, and
 - (b) the Company shall pay the Transfer Price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) or otherwise hold the Transfer Price on trust for the Seller until they have delivered their certificate or certificates for the relevant Shares (or an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board) to the Company.
 - (15) If an Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares then, subject to article 14.8, the Seller may, within eight weeks after service of the Allocation Notice, transfer the unallocated Sale Shares to any person at a price at least equal to the Transfer Price.
 - (16) The right of the Seller to transfer Shares under articles 67(11) to 67(16) (inclusive) do not apply if the Board is of the opinion on reasonable grounds that:
 - (a) the transferee is a person (or a nominee for a person) who the Board determines in its absolute discretion is a competitor with (or an Associate of a competitor with) the business of the Company or with a Subsidiary Undertaking of the Company;
 - (b) 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
 - (c) the Seller has failed or refused to provide promptly information available to them and reasonably requested by the Board for the purpose of enabling it to form the opinion mentioned above.

68 Valuation of Shares

(1) If no Transfer Price can be agreed between the Seller and the Board in accordance with provisions of articles 68(10) or 67(2) or otherwise then, on the date of failing agreement, the Board shall either:

- (a) appoint an expert valuer in accordance with article 68(2) (the **Expert Valuer**) to certify the Fair Value of the Sale Shares; or
- (b) (if the Fair Value has been certified by an Expert Valuer within the preceding 12 weeks) specify that the Fair Value of the Sale Shares will be calculated by dividing any Fair Value so certified by the number of Sale Shares to which it related and multiplying such Fair Value by the number of Sale Shares the subject of the Transfer Notice.
- (2) The Expert Valuer will be either:
 - (a) the Auditors; or
 - (b) (if otherwise agreed by the Board and the Seller) an independent firm of Chartered Accountants to be agreed between the Board and the Seller or failing agreement not later than the date 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 joint application the parties (whereupon the costs of the President will be shared equally between the Board and the Seller) or otherwise pursuant to a court order.
- (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 (excluding any shares held as Treasury Shares) without any premium or discount being attributable to the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent but taking account of the rights attaching to the Sale Shares; and
 - reflect any other factors which the Expert Valuer reasonably believes should be taken into account.
- (4) If any difficulty arises in applying any of these assumptions or bases then the Expert Valuer shall resolve that difficulty in whatever manner they shall in their absolute discretion think fit.
- (5) The Expert Valuer shall be requested to determine the Fair Value within 20 Business Days of their appointment and to notify the Board of their determination.
- (6) The Expert Valuer shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and their determination shall be final and binding on the parties (in the absence of fraud or manifest error).
- (7) The Board will give the Expert Valuer access to all accounting records or other relevant documents of the Company subject to them agreeing to such confidentiality provisions as the Board may reasonably impose.
- (8) The Expert Valuer shall deliver their certificate to the Company. As soon as the Company receives the certificate it shall deliver a copy of it to the Seller. Unless the Sale Shares are to be sold under a Transfer Notice, which is deemed to have been served, the Seller may by notice in writing to the Company within five Business Days of the service on them of the copy certificate, cancel the Company's authority to sell the Sale Shares.

- (9) The cost of obtaining the certificate shall be paid by the Company unless:
 - (a) the Seller cancels the Company's authority to sell; or
 - (b) the aggregate price of the Sale Shares certified by the Expert Valuer is less than the price (if any) offered by the directors to the Seller for the Sale Shares before Expert Valuer was instructed,

in which case the Seller shall bear the cost.

- (10) If a Transfer Notice is required to be given by the Board or is deemed to have been given under these articles, the Transfer Notice, unless otherwise specified in the articles, will be treated as having specified that:
 - (a) the Transfer Price for the Sale Shares will be as agreed between the Board (any director who is a Seller or with whom the Seller is connected (within the meaning of section 252 of the Act) not voting) and the Seller, or, failing agreement within five Business Days after the date on which the Board becomes aware that a Transfer Notice has been deemed to have been given, will be the Fair Value of the Sale Shares:
 - (b) it does not include a Minimum Transfer Condition (as defined in article 67(2)(d)); and
 - (c) the Seller wishes to transfer all of the shares held by it.
- (11) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor

69 Compulsory transfers – general

- (1) Upon the death of a Shareholder, unless their shares are to pass to a Permitted Transferee in accordance with their will or intestacy, then they will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of all of their shares.
- (2) If a share remains registered in the name of a deceased shareholder for longer than one year after the date of 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.
- (3) If either requirement in this article 69(2) 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.
- (4) Upon a shareholder becoming permanently incapacitated (as may be decided by the Board acting in good faith and reasonably), then they shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of all of their shares.

70 Mandatory Offer on a Change of Control

(1) Except in the case of Permitted Transfers and transfers pursuant to articles 69 and 71 and after going through the pre-emption procedure in article 67, the provisions of article 70(2) will apply if one or more Proposed Sellers propose to transfer in one or a series of related transactions any shares (the Proposed Transfer) which would, if put into effect, result in any

Proposed Purchaser (and their Associates or persons Acting in Concert with them) acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company.

- (2) A Proposed Seller must, before making a Proposed Transfer procure the making by the Proposed Purchaser of an offer (the **Offer**) to the other shareholders to acquire all of the shares for a consideration per share the value of which is at least equal to the Specified Price (as defined in article 70(7)).
- (3) The Offer must be given by written notice (a **Proposed Sale Notice**) at least 10 Business Days (the **Offer Period**) prior to the proposed sale date (**Proposed Sale Date**). The Proposed Sale Notice must set out, to the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the identity of the Proposed Purchaser, the purchase price and other terms and conditions of payment, the Proposed Sale Date and the number of Shares proposed to be purchased by the Proposed Purchaser.
- (4) If any other holder of shares is not given the rights accorded them by this article, the Proposed Sellers will not be entitled to complete their sale and the Company will not register any transfer intended to carry that sale into effect.
- (5) If the Offer is accepted by any shareholder (an **Accepting Shareholder**) within the Offer Period, the completion of the Proposed Transfer will be conditional upon the completion of the purchase of all the shares held by Accepting Shareholders.
- (6) The Proposed Transfer is subject to the pre-emption provisions of article 67 but the purchase of the Accepting Shareholders' shares shall not be subject to article 67.
- (7) For the purpose of this article:
 - (a) the expression **Specified Price** shall mean in respect of each Share a sum in cash equal to the highest price per Share offered or paid by the Proposed Purchaser:
 - (i) in the Proposed Transfer; or
 - (ii) in any related or previous transaction by the Proposed Purchaser or any person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser in the 12 months preceding the date of the Proposed Transfer,

plus an amount equal to the Relevant Sum, as defined in article 70(7)(b), of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) paid or payable by the Proposed Purchaser or any other person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser, which having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole, can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or payable for the shares (the **Supplemental Consideration**);

(b) Relevant Sum = C ÷ A

where: A = number of shares being sold in connection with the relevant Proposed Transfer;

C = the Supplemental Consideration.

71 Drag-along

(1) If the holders in aggregate of at least 66.667% or more of the shares in the issued share capital of the Company by number (the Selling Shareholders) wish to transfer all their interest in shares (the Sellers' Shares) to a Proposed Purchaser, the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (the Drag Along Option) to compel each other holder of shares (each a Called Shareholder and together the Called Shareholders) to sell and transfer all their shares to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct (the Drag Purchaser) in accordance with the provisions of this article.

- (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 forthwith copy to the Called Shareholders at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Drag Purchaser. A Drag Along Notice shall specify that:
 - (a) the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their shares (the Called Shares) under this article:
 - (b) the person to whom they are to be transferred;
 - (c) the consideration for which the Called Shares are to be transferred (calculated in accordance with this article);
 - (d) the proposed date of transfer, and
 - (e) the form of any sale agreement or form of acceptance or any other document of similar effect that the Called Shareholders are required to sign in connection with such sale (the Sale Agreement).

(and, in the case of paragraphs (b) to (d) above, whether actually specified or to be determined in accordance with a mechanism described in the Drag Along Notice). No Drag Along Notice or Sale Agreement may require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically provided for in this article.

- (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 Drag Purchaser within 60 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.
- (4) The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares shall be that to which they would be entitled if the total consideration proposed to be paid by the Drag Purchaser were distributed to the holders of the Called Shares and the Sellers' Shares upon a liquidation (the **Drag Consideration**).
- (5) In respect of a transaction that is the subject of a Drag Along Notice and with respect to any Drag Document, a Called Shareholder shall only be obliged to undertake to transfer their shares with full title guarantee (and provide an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board if so necessary) in receipt of the Drag Consideration when due and shall not be obliged to give warranties or indemnities except a warranty as to capacity to enter into a Drag Document (as defined below) and the full title guarantee of the shares held by such Called Shareholder.
- (6) Within three Business Days of the Company copying the Drag Along Notice to the Called Shareholders (or such later date as may be specified in the Drag Along Notice) (the **Drag Completion Date**), each Called Shareholder shall deliver:
 - (a) duly executed stock transfer form(s) for its Shares in favour of the Drag Purchaser;
 - (b) the relevant share certificate(s) (or a duly executed indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board) to the Company, and
 - (c) duly executed Sale Agreement, if applicable, in the form specified in the Drag Along Notice or as otherwise specified by the Company,

(together the Drag Documents).

(7) On the Drag Completion Date, the Company shall pay each Called Shareholder, on behalf of the Drag Purchaser, the Drag Consideration that is due to the extent the Drag Purchaser has paid such consideration to the Company. The Company's receipt of the Drag Consideration

- shall be a good discharge to the Drag Purchaser. The Company shall hold the Drag Consideration in trust for each of the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.
- (8) To the extent that the Drag Purchaser has not, on the Drag Completion Date, paid the Drag Consideration that is due to the Company, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the immediate return of the Drag Documents for the relevant Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under this article 71 in respect of their Shares.
- (9) If a Called Shareholder fails to deliver the Drag Documents for its Shares to the Company by the Drag Completion Date, the Company and each Director shall be constituted the agent and attorney of such defaulting Called Shareholder to take such actions and enter into any Drag Document or such other agreements or documents as are necessary to effect the transfer of the Called Shareholder's Shares pursuant to this article 71 and the Directors shall, if requested by the Drag Purchaser, authorise any Director to transfer the Called Shareholder's Shares on the Called Shareholder's behalf to the Drag Purchaser to the extent the Drag Purchaser has, by the Drag Completion Date, paid the Drag Consideration to the Company for the Called Shareholder's Shares offered to them. The Board shall then authorise registration of the transfer once appropriate stamp duty has been paid. The defaulting Called Shareholder shall surrender their share certificate for their Shares (or suitable executed indemnity) to the Company. On surrender, they shall be entitled to the Drag Consideration due to them.
- (10) Any transfer of Shares to a Drag Purchaser 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 67.
- (11) On any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a shareholder pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option or warrant 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 Drag Purchaser 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.