# PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES WRITTEN RESOLUTION

of

# **NIAGRO LIMITED**

(the "Company")

(Company Number NI060917)

Circulation Date:

23rd June

2017

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, we the sole members of the Company propose that the following resolution is passed as a special resolution (the "Special Resolutions"), as incited below.

# SPECIAL RESOLUTION

1. THAT the regulations contained in the draft Articles of Association produced to the meeting and signed for identification by the Chairman be adopted as the Articles of Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles of Association of the Company.

# **AGREEMENT**

The undersigned, persons entitled to vote on the Special Resolution on 23rd June 2017, hereby irrevocably agree to the Special Resolution:

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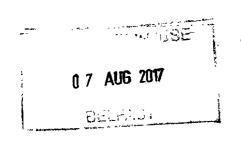
# **NOTES**

- 1. If you agree with the Special Resolution, please indicate your agreement by signing and dating this document where indicated above and returning it to the Company using one of the following methods:
  - **By Hand:** delivering the signed copy to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company.
  - **By Post:** returning the signed copy by post to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company.

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

- 2. Once you have indicated your agreement to the Special Resolution, you may not revoke your agreement.
- 3. Unless, within 28 days from the Circulation Date, sufficient agreement has been received from the required majority of eligible members for the Special Resolution to pass, it will lapse. If you agree to the Special Resolution, please ensure that your agreement reaches us on or before this date.
- 4. In the case of joint holders of shares, only one vote of the senior holder who votes will be counted by the Company. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the register of members.
- 5. If you are signing this document on behalf of a person under a power of attorney or other authority, please send a copy of the relevant power of attorney or authority when returning this document.

### PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES



# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

### **NIAGRO LIMITED**

# **COMPANY NUMBER NI060917**

(Adopted by Special Resolution passed on 23rd June 2017)

### 1. PRELIMINARY

1.1 In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

'Act' means the Companies Act 2006 including

any statutory re-enactment or modification

from time to time in force;

'A Shares' means the A ordinary shares of £1.00 each

in the share capital of the Company from

time to time;

'Auditors' means the auditors of the Company from

time to time:

'Board' means the board of directors of the

Company from time to time;

'B shares' means the B ordinary shares of £1.00 each

in the share capital of the Company from

time to time;

'Controlling Interest' an interest in shares giving the holder or

Holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 840 of the Income and

Corporation Taxes Act 1988

'C shares' means the C ordinary shares of £1.00 each

in the share capital of the Company from

time to time;

'D shares'

means the D ordinary shares of £1.00 each in the share capital of the Company from time to time:

'Deemed Transfer Notice'

means a Transfer Notice deemed to be given under any provision of these Articles or any Relevant Agreement;

Encumbrance'

means and includes any interest or equity of any person (including, ,without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any right to acquire, option or right of pre-emption) or any mortgage, pledge, lien or assignment or any other security interest or arrangement of whatsoever nature over or in the relevant property;

'Financial Year'

means a financial year or other period in respect of which the Company prepares its accounts in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act;

'Model Articles'

means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles;

'Ordinary Shares'

means the A Shares, the B Shares, the C Shares and the D shares together;

'paid up'

means, in relation to a share, paid up or credited as paid up;

'Relevant Agreement'

means any agreement relating (in whole or in part) to the management and/or affairs of the Company ,which is binding from time to time on the Company and the members and which (expressly or by implication) supplements and/or prevails over any provisions of these Articles;

'Representatives'

means, in relation to a member, any person or persons who have become entitled to his shares in consequence of his death, bankruptcy or mental incapacity;

'share'

means a share in the capital of the Company of whatever class;

'Subsidiary'

in relation to a company wherever incorporated (a holding company) means "subsidiary" as defined in section 1159 of the Act and any other company which is itself a subsidiary (as so defined) of a company which is itself a subsidiary of such holding company. Unless the context requires otherwise, the application of the definition of Subsidiary to any company at any time shall apply to the company as it is at that time; and

'Transfer Notice'

has the meaning attributed thereto in Article 8.2 and includes, where the context admits, a Deemed Transfer Notice.

- 1.2 Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles but excluding any statutory modification of them not in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company.
- 1.3 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.4 A reference in these Articles to an "article" is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 1.5 Any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the ,words preceding those terms.
- 1.6 Save as expressly provided otherwise in these 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 for the time being in force.

# 2. ADOPTION OF THE MODEL ARTICLES

- 2.1 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles or are inconsistent with these Articles, and, subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies, shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation.
- 2.2 Articles 6(2), 7, 8, 9(1), 11 to 14 (inclusive), 16, 17, 22, 26(5), 27 to 29 (inclusive), 36, 38, 39, 43, 44(2) and 50 to 53 (inclusive) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 2.3 Article 20 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "(including alternate directors and the secretary)" before the words "properly incur".

2.4 Articles 3 I(a) to (cl) (inclusive) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the deletion, in each case, of the words "either" and "or as the directors may otherwise decide".

# 3. SHARE CAPITAL

- 3.1 The A Shares, the B Shares, the C Shares and the D Shares shall be separate classes of shares and shall carry the following respective rights and restrictions and be subject to the restrictions on transfer as hereinafter provided:-
- 3.1 As regards voting
- 3.1.1 The holders of the A Shares, B Shares, C Shares and D Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company.
- 3.2 As regards income
- 3.2.1 The holders of the A Shares, the B Shares, the C Shares and the D Shares shall be entitled to any profits of the Company available for dividend.
- 3.3 As regards capital
- 3.3.1 On a return of assets on liquidation, sale, reduction of capital or otherwise, the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall belong to and be distributed amongst the holders of the A Shares, the B Shares, the C Shares and the D Shares in proportion to the amounts paid up or credited as paid up thereon.

### 4 ALLOTMENT OF SHARE CAPITAL

No shares in the Company shall be allotted nor any right to subscribe for or to convert any security into any shares in the Company shall be granted unless ,within one month before that allotment or grant every A Shareholder and every B Shareholder for the time being has consented in ,writing to that allotment or grant and its terms and to the identity of the proposed allottee or grantee. In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment of equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act) ,where the allotment otherwise confirms to the requirements of these Articles.

### 5 REDEMPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 5.1 Subject to any relevant provisions of the Act, any shares of a class within the capital of the Company as authorised from time to time may be issued on terms that they are to be, or at the option of the Company or a member holding such shares are liable to be, redeemed on such date or between such dates as the directors may fix before the issue of such shares and on such terms and conditions as are contained in or, as to the amount payable on redemption, determined in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.
- 5.2 The Company ,will have power to purchase its own shares (whether issued on the terms that they are to be, or are liable to be, redeemed or not) also being subject to the requirements of sections 709 to 723 (inclusive) and section 734 of the Act.
- 5.3 The Company will have power to redeem or purchase its own shares out of capital also being subject to the provisions of sections 709 to 723 (inclusive) and section 734 of the Act.

5.4 Except as required by law, and even, when the Company has express notice, no person will be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and (except as otherwise provided by these Articles or by law) the Company will not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety of it in the holder.

#### 6 TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 6.1 A holder of C Shares or D Shares may not transfer any of the shares held by him or it to any person at any time without the prior, written consent of the holders of all of the A Shares and the B Shares.
- 6.2 In this Article, a 'C Relevant Event' or a 'D Relevant Event' means where a member is an individual holding C Shares or D Shares: -
- 6.2.1 the happening of any such event as is referred to in Article 8.25 of these Articles; or
- 6.2.2 such member dying; or
- 6.2.3 the happening of any such event as is referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e) of Article 18 of the Model Articles.
- 6.3 Upon the happening of a C Relevant Event the relevant holder of the C Shares shall be deemed to have served a notice in, writing to the directors that the relevant member desires to transfer all the shares as shall then be registered in the name of such member to the holder of the A Shares, and the transfer price in respect of such shares shall be nil.
- 6.4 Upon the happening of a D Relevant Event the relevant holder of the D Shares shall be deemed to have served a notice in writing to the directors that the relevant member desires to transfer all the shares as shall then be registered in the name of such member to the holder of the B Shares, and the transfer price in respect of such shares shall be nil.
- 6.6 In this Article, an 'A Relevant Event' or a 'B Relevant Event' means, where a member is an individual holding A Shares or B Shares, such member dying.
- 6.7 Upon the happening of an A Relevant Event the relevant holders of the A Shares and the C Shares shall be bound by the terms of any Relevant Agreement. The transfer price in respect of such shares shall be determined in accordance with such Relevant Agreement.
- 6.8 Upon the happening of a B Relevant Event the relevant holders of the B Shares and the D Shares shall be bound by the terms of any Relevant Agreement. The transfer price in respect of such shares shall be determined in accordance with such Relevant Agreement.

#### 7 PERMITTED TRANSFERS

7.1 No member shall dispose of any interest in, or right attaching to, or renounce or assign any right to receive or subscribe for any share (save as may be required in pursuance of his obligations under these Articles or any Relevant Agreement) or create or permit to exist any Encumbrance or trust over any share or agree (whether subject to any condition precedent, condition subsequent or otherwise) to do any of such things except (but subject always to Article 7.6 below):

- 7.1.1 as permitted by Article 6
- 7.1.2 as permitted by Article 8;
- 7.1.3 as permitted by Article 9; or
- 7.1.4 as permitted by a Relevant Agreement.
- 7.3 If a member at any time attempts to deal with or dispose of a share or any interest therein or right attaching thereto otherwise than as permitted by these A1iicles he shall be deemed immediately prior to such attempt to have given a transfer notice ('Transfer Notice') in respect of such share and all other shares held by him in the Company.
- 7.4 For the purpose of ensuring that a particular transfer of shares is permitted hereunder the directors may require the transferor or the person named as transferee in any transfer lodged for registration to furnish the Company with such information and evidence as the directors may think necessary or relevant. Failing such information or evidence being furnished to the satisfaction of the directors within a period of 14 days after such request the directors shall serve a notice on the transferee stating that the transferee shall not in relation to those shares be entitled to be present or to vote in person or by proxy at any general meeting of the Company or any meeting of the holders of shares of that class, or to vote on a written resolution of the shareholders or to receive dividends on the shares until such evidence or information has been provided to the directors' satisfaction.
- 7.5 Where a Transfer Notice in respect of any share is deemed to have been given under any provision of these Articles and the circumstances are such that the directors (as a whole) are unaware of the facts giving rise to the same, such Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been received by the directors on the elate on which such directors (as a whole) actually became aware of such facts and the provisions of Article 7 shall apply accordingly.
- 7.6 A Deemed Transfer Notice shall be deemed not to include a Total Transfer Condition as defined in Article 8.3 and shall not be revocable.
- 7.7 The Directors shall not refuse to register any transfer of a share which is permitted under these Articles but may, in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any transfer of any share which would otherwise be permitted hereunder if it is a transfer of a share on which the Company has a lien Or of a share (not being a fully paid share) to a person to whom they shall not approve and shall in any event refuse to register the transfer of a share which is prohibited by any Relevant Agreement.
- 7.8 If a member or his Representatives becomes aware of any event which is deemed to give rise to an obligation to serve a Transfer Notice he shall fo1ihwith give written notice thereof to the Directors.

# 8 PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

8.1 Subject to the provisions of Article 6, except for a transfer of shares which is permitted under these Articles as mentioned in Article 7.1, no share or shares in the Company shall be transferred until there is compliance with the following conditions of this Article.

- 8.2 Any member proposing to transfer a share ('the Proposing Transferor') shall first give written notice ('the Transfer Notice') to the Directors that the Proposing Transferor desires to transfer such share. In the Transfer Notice the Proposing Transferor shall specify:
- 8.2.1 the number and class of shares ,which the Proposing Transferor wishes to transfer ('the Transfer Shares') (which may be all or part only of the shares then held by the Proposing Transferor); and
- 8.2.2 whether or not the Proposing Transferor has received an offer from a third party for the Transfer Shares and if so the identity of such third party and the price offered for the Transfer Shares.
- 8.3 A Transfer Notice shall also state whether the Proposing Transferor wishes to impose a total transfer condition ('Total Transfer Condition') meaning a condition that unless all of the Transfer Shares are sold pursuant to the following provisions of this Article none shall be so sold but in the absence of such a statement the Transfer Notice shall be deemed not to include a Total Transfer Condition. Any two or more members shall be entitled to serve a joint Transfer Notice (meaning a notice signed by each of them specifying the shares which they wish together to transfer) containing a Total Transfer Condition and such notice shall for all the purposes of this Article take effect as if it ,were a single Transfer Notice and the Total Transfer Condition related to all the shares the subject of the joint Transfer Notice but the obligations of these members thereunder or in respect thereof shall be several only in proportion to the number of Transfer Shares which they hold respectively.
- 8.4 The Transfer Notice shall constitute the Company (by the Board) as the agent of the Proposing Transferor empowered to sell the Transfer Shares (together with all rights attaching thereto at the date of the Transfer Notice or at any time thereafter) at the Transfer Price (as hereinafter defined) on the terms and subject to the provisions of this Article.
- 8.5 Save as expressly provided in these Articles or in any Relevant Agreement, a Transfer Notice shall be revocable at any time until the expiration of the Withdrawal Period (as hereinafter defined). If a Proposing Transferor revokes a Transfer Notice he may not subsequently transfer the shares which are the subject of the Transfer Notice (or any interest therein) otherwise than in accordance with these Articles.
- 8.6 Not used.
- 8.7 Within seven days after the receipt of any Transfer Notice the directors shall serve a copy of that Transfer Notice on all the members other than the Proposing Transferor. In the case of a Deemed Transfer Notice the directors shall similarly serve notice on all the members (including the Proposing Transferor), notifying them that the same has been deemed to have been given, within 3 months after (i) the date of the event giving rise to the Deemed Transfer Notice or (ii) (if later) the date on which the directors (as a whole) actually became aware of such event.
- 8.8 Subject as provided otherwise in these Articles or in any Relevant Agreement the Transfer Shares shall be offered for purchase (as hereinafter provided) at a price per Transfer Share ('the Transfer Price') determined in accordance with the provisions of Articles 8.9 to 8.15 (inclusive) below.
- 8.9 The Transfer Price shall be such price as shall be agreed in writing among all the members or in the absence of such agreement (whether by reason of disagreement,

absence, death or otherwise) within 21 days after the service of notices pursuant to Article 8.7 above, the Transfer Price shall be certified by the Auditors acting as experts and not as arbitrators and whose written determination shall be final and binding on the members.

- 8.10 The Auditors will certify the open market value of the Transfer Shares as at the date of the Transfer Notice on the following assumptions and bases:
- 8.10.1 valuing the Transfer Shares as on an arm's length sale between a willing vendor and a willing purchaser;
- 8.10.2 if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, on the assumption that it will continue to do so;
- 8.10.3 that the Transfer Shares are capable of being transferred without restriction; and
- 8.10.4 valuing the Transfer Shares as a rateable proportion of the total value of all the issued shares of the Company without any premium or discount being attributable to the class of the Transfer Shares or the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent.
- 8.11 If any difficulty shall arise in applying any of the foregoing assumptions or bases then such difficulty shall be resolved by the Auditors in such manner as they shall in their absolute discretion think fit.
- 8.12 The Transfer Price shall be a sum equal to the open market value of the Transfer Shares determined as aforesaid divided by the number of Transfer Shares. The Company will use its best endeavours to procure that the Auditors determine the Transfer Price within 21 days of being requested so to do.
- 8.13 If the determination of the Transfer Price is referred to the Auditors the elate of determination of the Transfer Price ('the Determination Date') shall be the date on which the Directors receive the Auditors' determination of the Transfer Price in writing. If the Transfer Price is determined by written agreement between the Proposing Transferor and the other members as aforesaid, then the Determination Date shall be the elate on which such agreement is made.
- 8.14 Where the Auditors have determined the Transfer Price as aforesaid the Proposing Transferor shall be entitled if the Transfer Price is not acceptable to him to revoke the Transfer Notice by giving notice in writing to the Directors that he does so within a period of 14 days after the Determination Date (such period being herein referred to as ('the "Withdrawal Period').
- 8.15 The costs and expenses of the Auditors in determining the Transfer Price and of their appointment shall be borne as to one half by the Proposing Transferor and as to the other half by the Purchasers (as hereinafter defined) pro rata according to the number of Transfer Shares purchased by them unless:-
- 8.15.1 the Proposing Transferor shall revoke the Transfer Notice pursuant to Article 8.14; or
- 8.15.2 none of the Transfer Shares are purchased pursuant to Articles 8.16, 8.17 or 8.19 in either of which events the Proposing Transferor shall pay all of such costs and expenses. In the event of default by a person on paying his due proportion of such costs and expenses any of the other contributors or (if the Proposing Transferor is solely responsible for such costs and expenses) the Company may pay such sum in

his stead and any payment made in so doing shall be recoverable from the defaulter as a debt payable on demand.

- 3.16 Within 7 days after the Determination Date or, if the Transfer Notice is capable of being revoked, within 7 days of the expiry of the Withdrawal Period the Transfer Shares shall be offered for purchase at the Transfer Price by the directors, to all the members (other than the Proposing Transferor) in proportion to the number of shares then held by them respectively. Every such offer shall be made in writing and shall specify (i) the total number of Transfer Shares; (ii) the number of Transfer Shares offered to the member ('Pro-Rata Entitlement'); (iii) whether or not the Transfer Notice contained a Total Transfer Condition; and (iv) a period (being not less than 14 days and not more than 21 days) within which the offer must be accepted or shall lapse, and shall be accompanied by a form of application for use by the member in applying for his Pro-Rata Entitlement and for any shares in excess of such entitlement which he wishes to purchase. Upon the expiry of the said offer period, the Directors shall allocate the Transfer Shares in the following manner:
- 8.16.I to each member who has agreed to purchase shares, his Pro-Rata Entitlement or such lesser number of Transfer Shares for which he may have applied; and
- 8.16.2 if any member has applied for less than his Pro-Rata Entitlement, such shares shall first be offered to those members who have applied for any part of such excess in proportion to the number of shares of the class then held by them respectively (but without allocating to any member a greater number of Transfer Shares than the maximum number applied for by him) and any remaining excess shall be apportioned by applying this paragraph without taking account of any member whose application has already been satisfied in full.
- 8.17 Not used.
- 8.18 If any of the Transfer Shares shall not be capable of being offered or allocated as aforesaid ,without involving fractions, the same shall be offered to or allocated amongst the members, or some of them, in such proportions as may be determined by lots drawn in respect thereof, and the lots shall be drawn in such manner as the directors shall think fit (save that in the case of competition the Transfer Shares shall be sold to the acceptors in proportion to the aggregate nominal value of the shares then held by each of them respectively).
- 8.19 If by the foregoing procedure, the directors shall not receive acceptances from members in respect of all the Transfer Shares -,,; within the period(s) of the aforesaid offer(s) the directors shall forthwith give notice in writing of that fact to all the members, whereupon the holders of at least three quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the Company (excluding the shares held by the Proposing Transferor) shall be entitled within 14 days of service of that notice to nominate (by giving notice in writing to the directors signed by each such holder or on his behalf and which may consist of several notices in the like form) any person or persons (whether or not a member) who has expressed his, willingness in writing to purchase all or any of those Transfer Shares in respect of which acceptances have not been received at the Transfer Price as the Purchaser(s) of all or such Transfer Shares (and the directors shall be deemed to have made an offer of such shares accordingly); Provided that if any such nominated Purchaser shall fail to complete any such purchase in accordance with this clause or to perform or discharge any of his other obligations hereunder, the members (other than those who did not sign the aforesaid notice(s)) shall be jointly and severally liable to complete such purchase in place of that nominated purchaser and to perform and discharge all such other obligations.

- 8.20 If the Transfer Notice in question contained a Total Transfer Condition then no offer of Transfer Shares made by the directors pursuant to these Articles shall be capable of acceptance until all of the Transfer Shares shall have been accepted. If, by the foregoing procedure the directors shall not receive acceptances in respect of all the Transfer Shares within the period(s) of the aforesaid offer(s) they shall forthwith give notice in writing of that fact to the Proposing Transferor and none of the Transfer Shares will be sold to the members or any person or persons nominated as aforesaid pursuant to this Article. Subject as provided below, the Proposing Transferor may within a period of 3 months after the date of the directors' said notice sell all (but not some only) of the Transfer Shares to any person or persons (including any member) at any price which is not less than the Transfer Price (after deducting, where appropriate, any net dividend or other distribution to be retained by the Proposing Transferor).
- 8.21 If, by the foregoing procedure, the directors shall receive acceptances or nominations in respect of all of the Transfer Shares the directors shall forthwith give notice in writing as hereinafter mentioned to the Proposing Transferor and to the member or members who have agreed to purchase the same or to the person or persons nominated pursuant to Article 8.19 ('Purchaser' or 'Purchasers') and the Proposing Transferor shall thereupon become bound upon, payment of the Transfer Price to the Proposing Transferor, (whose receipt shall be a good discharge to the Purchaser, the Company and the directors therefore none of whom shall be bound to see to the application thereof), to transfer to each Purchaser those Transfer Shares accepted by him. Every such notice shall state the name and address of each Purchaser, the number of Transfer Shares agreed to be purchased by him and the place and time appointed by the directors for the completion of the purchase (being not less than 7 clays nor more than 28 days after the date of the said notice and not being at a place outside Northern Ireland). Subject to the giving of such notice the purchase shall be completed at the time and place appointed by the directors.
- 8.22 If the Transfer Notice in question did not contain a Total Transfer Condition and if by the foregoing procedure the directors shall receive acceptances in respect of none or part only of the Transfer Shares within the period(s) of the aforesaid offer(s) they shall forthwith give notice in writing of that fact to the Proposing Transferor, and the Proposing Transferor:
- 8.22.1 shall thereupon become bound upon payment of the Transfer Price to transfer to each purchaser (if any) those Transfer Shares accepted by him and the provisions of Article 8.21 shall apply mutatis mutandis thereto; and
- 8.22.2 may within a period of 3 months after the date of the directors' said notice sell all or any of those Transfer Shares which have not been accepted as aforesaid to any person or persons (including any member) at any price which is not less than the Transfer Price (after deducting, where appropriate., the amount of any net dividend or other distribution to be retained by the Proposing Transferor).
- 8.23 If a Proposing Transferor, having become bound to transfer any Transfer Shares pursuant to these Articles, makes default in transferring the same the directors may authorise some person (who is (as security for the performance of the Proposing Transferor's obligations) hereby irrevocably and unconditionally appointed as the attorney of the Proposing Transferor for the purpose) to execute the necessary instrument of transfer of such Transfer Shares and may deliver it on his behalf and the Company may receive the purchase money and shall thereupon (subject to such instrument being duly stamped) cause the transferee to be registered as the holder of such Transfer Shares and shall hold such purchase money on behalf of the Proposing

Transferor. The Company shall not be bound to earn or pay interest on any money so held and shall not pay such money to the Proposing Transferor until he shall have delivered his share certificates (or an appropriate indemnity in respect of any lost certificates) to the Company. The receipt of the Company for such purchase money shall be a good discharge to the transferee who shall not be bound to see to the application thereof, and after the name of the transferee has been entered in the register of members in purported exercise of the aforesaid power the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person.

- 8.24 Without prejudice to the generality of Article 7.3, the directors may require to be satisfied that any shares being transferred by the Proposing Transferor pursuant to either Article 8.20 or Article 8.22 are being transferred in pursuance of a bona fide sale for the consideration stated in the Transfer Notice and if not so satisfied may refuse to register the instrument of transfer.
- 8.25 In this Article a 'Relevant Event' means:
- 8.25.1 in relation to a member being a individual:
  - 8.25.1.1 such member being adjudicated bankrupt; or
  - 8.25.1.2 such member suffering from mental disorder or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either he is detained for treatment within the meaning of Article 12(5) of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 or an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental health disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a controller, receiver, curator bonus or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or
  - 8.25.1.3 where such member is a holder of A Shares or B Shares, such member ceasing to be connected with the Company (otherwise than by reason of unfair or wrongful dismissal); and for these purposes an individual shall be treated as connected with the Company if but only if and so long as he is a director or employee of the Company or of any subsidiary of the Company;
- 8.25.2 a member making a voluntary arrangement or composition with his creditors;
- 8.25.3 in relation to a member being a body corporate:
  - 8.25.3.1 a receiver, manager, administrative receiver or administrator is appointed of such member or over all or any pa1i of its undertakings or assets; or
  - 8.25.3.2 such member entering into liquidation (other than voluntary liquidation for the purpose of a bona fide scheme of solvent amalgamation or reconstruction); or
  - 8.25.3.3 such member ceasing to be controlled (as defined by Section 416 of the Income and C01voration Taxes Act 1988) by the person(s) who controlled such member on the date on which it became a member of the Company or on the date of adoption of these Articles (whichever shall be later).

- 8.26 Upon the happening of any Relevant Event, the member in question shall be deemed to have immediately given a Transfer Notice in respect of all the shares as shall then be registered in the name of such member.
- 8.27 If the Relevant Event shall be the bankruptcy of a member, and if any of the shares which are offered pursuant to the Deemed Transfer Notice shall not be sold to the members or any person or persons nominated pursuant to Article 8.19 ('the unsold shares') then, after the expiration of the period during which the unsold shares might have been purchased by a member or members or person or persons nominated as aforesaid pursuant thereto the Representatives of the member in question shall be registered themselves as the holders of the unsold shares (but so that such election shall not give rise to any obligation to serve a Transfer Notice in respect of the unsold shares).
- 8.28 An obligation to transfer a share under the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be an obligation to transfer the entire legal and beneficial interest in such share free from any Encumbrance.
- 8.29 The provisions of this Article 8 may be waived in whole or in part in any particular case with the prior written consent of all the members.
- 8.30 If, under any of the provisions of this Article, any members become jointly and severally liable to complete the purchase of any Transfer Shares in place of any nominated purchaser, then as between such members, each of them shall purchase such number thereof as shall bear to the total number of Transfer Shares in question the same proportion as the number of shares held by such member at the date of the relevant nomination bore to the total number of shares then held by all such members.

# 9. TAG ALONG RIGHTS AND DRAG ALONG RIGHTS

### 9.1 TAG ALONG RIGHTS

In addition to the pre-emptive procedures set out in Article 8, in the event that a holder of A Shares and/or B Shares (the Transferor) wish to make any transfer of all (but not some) of their shares, to a bona fide arms length purchaser (Proposed Transfer) the following procedure shall first be implemented:

- 9.1.1 the Transferors shall notify the other holders of A Shares or B Shares (as applicable) (Tagged Shareholder) of the Company in writing (the Tag- Along Notice), of the number of Shares proposed to be transferred together with the price and the terms and conditions on which the Transferors are proposing to transfer such Shares;
- 9.1.2 within twenty-eight (28) days of the date of the Tag-Along Notice, each of the Tagged Shareholders shall notify the Transferors if they elect to transfer all or any of their shares (Offer Shares). If any of the Tagged Shareholders fail to notify the Transferors within such twenty-eight (28) days such Tagged Shareholder shall be deemed to have waived its rights under this Article in respect of such transfer; and
- 9.1.3 each of the Tagged Shareholders shall have the right to sell to the relevant third party or third parties at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the Transferors such proportion of the shares owned by each of the Tagged Shareholders which equals the proportion that the shares being transferred bears to the total holding of the shares of the Transferors immediately prior to such a transfer of the Transferors' shareholdings to be transferred, and the

Transferors shall procure that such sale shall be effected on terms which include the shares of each of the Tagged Shareholders.

9.1.4 The Proposed Transfer is subject to the rights of pre-emption set out in Article 8, but the purchase of the Offer Shares shall not be subject to those provisions

## 9.2 DRAG ALONG RIGHTS

- 9.2.1 If the holders of the A Shares and/or B Shares in issue for the time being (Selling Shareholders) wishes to transfer all (but not some only) of their interest in its or their shares (Seller's Shares) to a bona fide arm's length purchaser (Proposed Buyer), the Selling Shareholder may require the holders of the C Shares (in the case of a holder of A Shares being a Selling Shareholder) and/or the D Shares (in the case of the holder of B Shares being a Selling Shareholder) (Called Shareholders) to sell and transfer all their Shares (Called Shares) to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer directs) in accordance with the provisions of this Article (Drag Along Option).
- 9.2.2 The Selling Shareholder may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving written notice to that effect to the Called Shareholders (Drag Along Notice) at any time before the transfer of Seller's Shares to the Proposed Buyer. The Drag Along Notice shall specify:
  - (a) that the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all of their Called Shares pursuant to this article 9.2;
  - (b) the person to whom the Called Shares are to be transferred;
  - (c) the purchase price payable for the Called Shares which shall, for each Called Share, be an amount at least equal to the price per Share offered by the Proposed Buyer for the Seller's Shares; and
  - (d) the proposed date of the transfer.
- 9.3 Once issued, a Drag Along Notice shall be irrevocable. However, a Drag Along Notice shall lapse if, for any reason, the Selling Shareholder has not sold the Seller's Shares to the Proposed Buyer within 60 Business Days of serving the Drag Along Notice. The Seller may serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.
- 9.4 No Drag Along Notice shall require the Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically set out in this Article 9.
- 9.5 Completion of the sale of the Called Shares shall take place on the Completion Date. Completion Date means the date proposed for completion of the sale of the Seller's Shares unless:
  - (a) all of the Selling Shareholders and the Called Shareholders agree otherwise in which case the Completion Date shall be the date agreed in writing by them; or
  - (b) that date is less than 60 Business Days after the date on which the Drag Along Notice is served, in which case the Completion Date shall be the 60th Business Day after service of the Drag Along Notice.

- 9.6. The proposed sale of the Seller's Shares to the Proposed Buyer is subject to the rights of pre-emption set out in article 8, but the sale of the Called Shares by the Called Shareholders shall not be subject to those provisions.
- 9.7. Within 20 Business Days of the Selling Shareholder serving a Drag Along Notice on the Called Shareholders, the Called Shareholders shall deliver stock transfer forms for the Called Shares, together with the relevant share certificates (or a suitable indemnity for any lost share certificate) to the Company. On the Completion Date, the Company shall pay the Called Shareholders, on behalf of the Proposed Buyer, the amounts they are due for their shares pursuant to article 9.1 to the extent that the Proposed Buyer has put the Company in the requisite funds. The Company's receipt for the price shall be a good discharge to the Proposed Buyer.
- 9.8. To the extent that the Proposed Buyer has not, on the Completion Date, put the Company in funds to pay the purchase price due in respect of the Called Shares, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer fom1s and share certificates (or suitable indemnity) for the relevant Called Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under this Article 9 in respect of their Shares.
- 9.9 If any Called Shareholders do not, on completion of the sale of the Called Shares, execute transfer(s) in respect of all of the Called Shares held by it, such Called Shareholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably appointed any person nominated for the purpose by the Selling Shareholder to be its agent to execute all necessary transfer(s) on its behalf, against receipt by the Company (on trust for such holder) of the purchase price payable for the Called Shares, and to deliver such transfer(s) to the Proposed Buyer (or as he may direct) as the holder thereof. After the Proposed Buyer (or its nominee) has been registered as the holder, the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any such person. Failure to produce a share certificate shall not impede the registration of shares under this Article 9.

# 10 ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 10.1 The Company may by ordinary resolution:
- 10.1.1 increase its share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes;
- 10.1.2 consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amounts than its existing shares;
- 10.1.3 subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amounts and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from the sub-division, any of them may have any preference or advantage as compared with the others; and
- 10.1.4 cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its authorised share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 10.2 Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by special resolution reduce its issued share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way.

### 11 GENERAL MEETINGS AND NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 11.1 The directors may call general meetings and, on the reqms1tlon of members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, will immediately proceed to convene a general meeting for a date not later than 28 days after the date of the notice convening the meeting. If there are insufficient directors within the United Kingdom to call a general meeting, any director or any member of the Company may call a general meeting.
- 11.2 All other general meetings will also be called by at least 14 clear days' notice, but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is agreed by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.
- 11.3 The notice will specify the time and place of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted.
- 11.4 Subject to the provisions of these Articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice will be given to all members, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member and to the directors and auditors of the Company.
- 11.5 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice will not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

# 12. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 12.1 No business will be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum will be two present members (each being a member entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted (or a proxy for a member) or in the case of a corporate member, a duly authorised representative of that corporation).
- 12.2 If within half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting will be adjourned for a period of not more than 7 days from the date of the convened meeting and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present or ceases to be present then the member or members present will be a quorum.
- 12.3 The chairman, if any, of the board of directors will preside as chairman of the meeting, but if the chairman is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting any director appointed by specific members to represent them present, will elect one of their number to be chairman and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he will be chairman.
- 12.4 A director, despite his not being a member, is entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company.
- 12.5 The chairman may (and must if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place in the following circumstances:
- 12.5.1 with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present;
- 12.5.2 where in his unfettered judgement it is impossible for all the members present to take part in the debate and to vote;

12.5.3 in the event of his considering that disorder is occurring.

No business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, at least 7 clear days' notice must be given specifying the time and the place of the adjourned meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it will not be necessary to give any such notice.

- 12.6 A resolution put to the vote of a meeting will always be decided on a poll basis.
- 12.7 A resolution in writing signed by all the members of the Company entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at a general meeting, or by their duly appointed proxies or attorneys, will, subject to the provisions of the Act, be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a general meeting of the Company properly convened and held whether such resolution would otherwise be required to be passed as a special or elective resolution. Any such resolution may be contained in one document, or in several documents in the same terms, each signed by one or more of the members or their proxies, or attorneys. Signature of documents sent by facsimile will be valid and acceptable under this paragraph. Signature in the case of a corporate member will be sufficient if made by a director of such member or by its duly authorised representative.
- 12.8 The chairman shall not have a casting vote.

# 13 VOTES

- 13.1 Subject to Article 3, on a poll every member will have one vote for every Ordinary Share of which he is the holder and every Ordinary Share in respect of which he is the duly appointed proxy or corporate representative.
- 13.2 On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy or by corporate representative. A member may not appoint more than one proxy and a corporate member may not appoint more than one representative to attend on the same occasion.
- 13.3 An instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing, executed by or on behalf of the appointer (if a corporation, under the hand of a duly authorised officer of the corporation) and be in a form determined by the directors or, failing such determination, in any usual form.
- 13.4 The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed, or a copy of that authority certified notarially, or in some other way approved by the directors may be deposited at the registered office of the Company, or at another place within the United Kingdom specified by the notice convening the meeting, or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting, not less than 1 hour before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote and an instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in the manner permitted above will be invalid.

### 14 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors will be not less than two provided that if and so long as there is only one director in office he may act alone in exercising all the powers and authorities vested in the board of directors.

#### 15. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 15.1 Each director shall be entitled to appoint (by notice to the Company signed by the director making the appointment or in any other manner approved by all the directors) an alternate to represent him at any meeting of the Board at which he is unable to be present provided that the board of directors approve the identity of such alternate prior to such meeting (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- 15.2 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,

and, in particular (without limitation), each alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member.

- 15.3 A person who is an alternate director but not a director:
  - (a) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's appointor is not participating); and
  - (b) may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his appointor is entitled to vote on the decision and does not himself participate).
- 15.4 A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors (but only if his appointor is entitled to vote on the decision and does not himself participate).
- 3.5 An alternate director may be paid expenses and may be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a director but shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any remuneration in his capacity as an alternate director except such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to the alternate's appointor as the appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- 15.6 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; or
  - (c) when the alternate director's appointor ceases to be a director for whatever reason

### 16. POWERS OF DIRECTORS

- 16.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, any Relevant Agreement, the memorandum of association of the Company and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company will be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the Company. No alteration of such memorandum or Articles and no such direction will invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given.
- 16.2 The directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the Company for any purposes and on any conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.
- 16.3 The directors may establish and maintain, or procure the establishment and maintenance of, any employee share scheme, pension or superannuation funds (whether contributory or otherwise) for the benefit of, and give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances and emoluments to, any persons (including directors and other officers) who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company, or of any Company which is or was a subsidiary of the Company or allied to or associated with the Company or any such subsidiary, or of any of the predecessors in business of the Company or of any such other Company as stated above, and the spouses, widows, widowers, families and dependants of any such persons, and make payments to, for or towards the insurance of or provide benefits otherwise for any such persons as stated above.
- 16.4 The remuneration of non-executive directors will be fixed by the board and, unless otherwise resolved, shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

### 17. DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee of directors. They may also delegate to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office any of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members must be governed by the articles regulating the proceedings of directors, so far as they are capable of applying.

# 18. DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 18.1 The office of a director must be vacated in any of the following events namely:
- 18.1.1 if, by notice in writing to the Company, he resigns his office;
- 18.1.2 becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally,
- 18.1.3 if he is, or may be, suffering from a mental disorder and either:
- 18.1.3.1he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986; or

- 18.1.3.2an order is made by a Court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers v,1ith respect to his property or affairs;
- 1.8.1.4 if he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or
- 1.8.1.5 if he is absent from meetings of the board for six successive months without leave, unless prevented by illness, unavoidable accident (or other cause which may seem to the other members of the Board to be sufficient); or
- 1.8.1.6 if he is removed from office by notice in writing served upon him and the directors signed by such shareholders who hold in excess of 50% of the issued Ordinary Shares at that time.
- 18.2 No director will vacate his office or become ineligible for appointment or reappointment as a director by reason only of his having attained any particular age, nor will special notice be required of any resolution appointing or approving the appointment of such a director or any notice be required to state the age of the person to whom such a resolution relates.
- 18.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles a director may be appointed from time to time by notice in writing served upon the directors by such shareholders who hold in excess of 50% of the issued share capital of the Company at that time.

# 19. DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS

- 19.1 The directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be the managing director, or to hold another office in the management, administration or conduct of the business of the Company for any period (subject to section 177 of the Act) and on such terms as they think fit, and, subject to the terms of any agreement entered into in any particular case, may revoke that appointment. Subject to the terms of any such agreement, a managing director or a director appointed to any other office as stated above will be subject to the same provisions as to resignation and removal as the other directors of the Company and will automatically and immediately cease to be the managing director or to hold any other office in the management, administration or conduct of the business of the Company if he ceases to hold the office of director for any reason but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between the director and the Company.
- 19.2 The remuneration of the managing director or any director who may be appointed to any other office in the management, administration or conduct of the business of the Company will from time to time (subject to the provisions of any agreement between him and the Company) be fixed by the directors. It may comprise fixed salary, or commission on the dividends, profits, sales or turnover of the Company, or of any other company in which the Company is interested, or other participation in any such profits, or by way of or provision for a pension or pensions for himself or his dependants, or by all or any of these modes, and (subject as stated above) the remuneration fixed will be additional to any ordinary remuneration to which he may be entitled as a director of the Company.
- 19.3 The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any director which would, if not

- authorised, involve a director (an Interested Director) breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest (Conflict).
- 19.4 Any authorisation under this Article 19 will be effective only if:
- 19.4.1 to the extent permitted by the Act, the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine;
- 19.4.2 any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director; and
- 19.4.3 the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's vote had not been counted.
- 19.5 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this Article 19 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):
- 19.5.1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised;
- 19.5.2 provide that the Interested Director be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict;
- 19.5.3 provide that the Interested Director shall or shall not be an eligible director in respect of any future decision of the directors vote in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict;
- 19.5.4 impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing With the Conflict as the directors think fit;
- 19.5.5 provide that, where the Interested Director obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise than through his position as a director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, he will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and
- 19.5.6 permit the Interested Director to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any meeting of the directors and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the Directors to the extent they relate to such matters.
- 19.6 Where the directors authorise a Conflict, the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the directors in relation to the Conflict.
- 19.7 The directors may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director, prior to such revocation or variation, in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.
- 19.8 In authorising a Conflict the directors may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if a director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict otherwise than as a director of the Company and in

- respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person, the director is under no obligation to:
- 19.8.1 disclose such information to the directors or to any director or other officer or employee of the company; or
- 19.8.2 use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a director, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence.
- 19.9 A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the directors or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.
- 19.10 A director, notwithstanding his office, may be a director or other officer of, employed by, or otherwise interested (including by the holding of shares) in, the shareholder who appointed him as a director of the Company, or any other member of such shareholder's Permitted Group, and no authorisation under Article 19.3 shall be necessary in respect of any such interest.
- 19.11 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement -with the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors before the Company enters into the transaction or arrangement in accordance \With the Act.
- 19.12 Subject to sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement that has been entered into by the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Act, unless the interest has already been declared under Article 19.11.
- 19.13 Subject, where applicable, to any terms and conditions imposed by the directors in accordance with Article 19.4, and provided a director has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company.
  - may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any such transaction or arrangement with the Company, or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;
  - shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors (or of a committee of directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such transaction or arrangement or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
  - c) may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;

- d) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
- e) shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.

### 20. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 20.1 Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the Company Secretary at the request of a director will, call a meeting of the directors. Questions arising at a meeting will be decided and no resolution shall be carried unless a majority of votes cast are in favour of such resolution.
- 20.2 Notice of the time, place and purpose of every meeting of the directors must be given to every director. However, the non-receipt of notice by any director will not invalidate the proceedings of the directors. Unless all the directors indicate their willingness to accept a shorter notice of a meeting of directors, at least seven days' notice except in the case of emergency must be given. Every notice of a meeting of the directors required to be given under these Articles may be given orally (personally or by telephone) served personally or sent by prepaid letter post confirmed facsimile or telemessage to the address for the time being supplied for the purpose to the secretary of the Company.
- 20.3 The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors shall be two.
- 20.4 The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act despite any vacancies in their number. However, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, they or he may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
- 20.5 The directors may elect one of their number to be chairman of the board of the directors and may at any time remove him from that office. If there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it, being entitled to and having been given notice of the meeting of directors, is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for it, the directors present must appoint one of their number to be chairman of that meeting.
- 20.6 A meeting of the directors may subject to notice of it having been given or dispensed, with in accordance with these Articles, be for all purposes deemed to be held when a director is, or directors are, in communication by telephone, television or some other audio visual medium with another director or other directors and all of those directors agree to treat the meeting as properly held, provided always that the number of the said directors participating in the communication constitutes a quorum of the board as stipulated by these Articles. A resolution made by a majority of the said directors in pursuance of this Article 20.6 will be as valid as it would have been if made by them at an actual meeting duly convened and held.

- 20.7 A resolution in writing, signed or approved by letter or confirmed facsimile by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, will be as valid and effective as if it bad been passed at a meeting of directors, or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened c1ncl held. The resolution may consist of several documents in the same terms each signed by one or more directors; but a resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a director who has appointed an alternate director, it need not be signed by the alternate director in that capacity.
- 20.8 All acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director will, despite that it is afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them was disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or was not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
- 20.9 A director who is in any way either directly or indirectly interested in a contract or arrangement, or proposed contract or arrangement, with the Company must declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the directors in accordance with section 177 of the Act. Subject to such a disclosure, a director will be entitled to vote in respect of any contract or arrangement in which he is interested and if he does so, his vote will be counted and he may be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present.

For the purposes of this regulation, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Act (excluding any statutory modification of it not in force when this regulation becomes binding on the Company), connected with a director will be treated as an interest of the director.

- 20.10 A director may not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.
- 20.11 The Company may by special resolution suspend, or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provisions of these Articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.
- 20.12 Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the Company, or with anybody corporate in which the Company is interested, the proposals, will be divided and considered in relation to each director separately. In addition, (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting), each of the directors concerned will be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution, except that concerning his own appointment.
- 20.1.3 If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself will be final and conclusive.

# 21. ACCOUNTS AND INFORMATION

Every member shall be entitled, either himself or through his agents duly authorised in writing, during the Company's normal hours of business to inspect and take copies of the books of account and all other records and documents of the Company and each of its subsidiaries on giving not less than 48 hours written notice to the secretary (or, if there is none at that time, the chairman). The Company shall give each such member all such facilities as he may reasonably require for such purposes including the use of copying facilities. The Company may make a reasonable charge for any copies taken but otherwise shall not charge for any facilities requested as aforesaid. Regulation 109 shall not apply.

# 22. DIVIDENDS

22.1 The following sentence will be added to the end of Article 30(4) of the Model Articles:

'The person entitled to any dividend will be the holder (as defined in the Model Articles) of the share upon the date detem1ined by the resolution declaring the dividend (or in the case of any interim dividend, determined by the directors) in respect of that share.'

22.2 The directors may deduct from any dividend payable on or in respect of a share all sums of money presently payable by the holder to the Company, on any account whatsoever.

## 23 NOTICES

- 23.1 A notice may be given by the Company to any member or director either personally or by sending it by pre-paid post or confirmed facsimile to his registered address within the United Kingdom or to any other address within the United Kingdom supplied by him to the Company for the giving of notice to him, but in the absence of such address the member or director will not be entitled to receive from the Company notice of any meeting. A properly addressed and pre-paid notice sent by post will be deemed to have been given, in the case of a meeting, upon the day following that on which the notice is posted and, in the case of notice of any other matter, at the time at, which the notice would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.
- 23.2 A notice given by confirmed facsimile will be deemed to have been given at the same time as it is transmitted by the Company.
- 23.3 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, all notice to be given pursuant to these articles, other than one calling a meeting of the directors, must be in writing.

## 24. INDEMNITY

- 24.1 Subject to Article 24.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:
- 24.1.1 each relevant officer of the Company shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them and including any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's affairs; and

- 24.1.2 the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in Article 24.1.1 and otherwise may take action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.
- 24.2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law.
- 24.3 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.
- 24.4 In this Article:
- 24.4.1 a "relevant officer " means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor; and
- 24.4.2 a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company.