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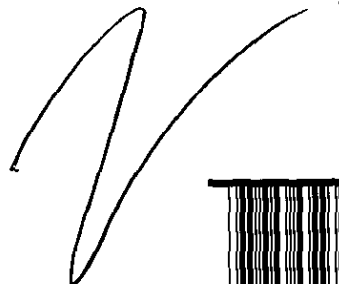
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(Adopted by Sole Member Decision on 18 September 2000)

1. **Table A**

- 1.1 The Regulations in Table A in the schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985, as amended at the date of adoption of these Articles ("Table A"), shall except where the same are excluded or varied by or inconsistent with these Articles apply to the Company. No other regulations set out in any statute or statutory instrument concerning companies shall apply as regulations of the Company.

2. **Interpretation**

- 2.1 In these Articles unless the context otherwise requires:

"these Articles" means these Articles of Association in their present form or as from time to time altered;

the "Companies Acts" means every statute from time to time in force concerning companies insofar as the same applies to the Company;

"Member" means a member of the Company;

every reference in Table A to the "Act" shall be construed as if the reference were to the Companies Acts;

any words or expressions defined in the Companies Act 1985 in force at the date when these Articles or any part thereof are adopted shall bear the same meaning in these Articles or such other part (as the case may be);

where for any purpose an ordinary resolution of the Company is required, a special or extraordinary resolution shall also be effective, and where an extraordinary resolution is required a special resolution shall also be effective.

3. **Unissued share capital**

- 3.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts and these Articles and to any direction to the contrary which may be given by ordinary or other resolution of the Company, any unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Directors who may offer, allot, grant options over or grant any right or rights to subscribe for such shares or any right or rights to convert any security into such shares or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may determine.
- 3.2 For the purposes of section 80 of the Companies Act 1985, the Directors are generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the Company to allot relevant securities as defined in the said section up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,000. This authority shall expire five years from the date of incorporation of the Company but may be previously revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting and may from time to time be renewed by the Company in general meeting for a further period not exceeding five years. The Company may make any offer or agreement before the expiry of this authority that would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after this authority has expired and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of any such offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired.
- 3.3 This Article shall not apply to redeemable shares which shall be governed by the provisions of Article 4 of these Articles.
- 3.4 Sub-section (1) of section 89 and sub-sections (1) to (6) (inclusive) of section 90 of the Companies Act 1985 shall not apply.

4. **Redeemable shares**

- 4.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, any shares may, with the sanction of a special resolution, be issued on terms that they are, or at the option of the Company or the Member registered in respect of such shares are liable, to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as may be provided for by these Articles. Regulation 3 of Table A shall not apply.

5. **Transfers of shares**

- 5.1 The Directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares nor may they suspend registration thereof where such transfer is executed by any bank or institution as mortgagee and legal owner of the shares or as holder of a charge or other security interest over such shares, pursuant to a power of sale under any mortgage or charge or other security interest and a certificate of any official of such bank or institution that the shares were so mortgaged or charged or subject to a security interest and the transfer was so executed shall be conclusive evidence of that fact. Regulation 24 of Table A shall not apply.

6. **Liens on Unpaid Share Capital**

- 6.1 Regulation 8, 9 and 19 of Table A shall not apply.

7. **Notice of general meetings**

- 7.1 Notice of every general meeting shall be given in any manner authorised by or under these Articles to all Members other than such as, under the provisions of these Articles or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, **Provided** that any Member may in writing waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively and if he shall do so it shall be no objection to the validity of such meeting that notice was not given to him.

8. **Proceedings at general meetings**

- 8.1 At any general meeting a poll may be demanded by the Chairman or by any Member present in person or by proxy and Regulation 46 of Table A shall be varied accordingly.

9. **Votes of Members**

- 9.1 Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, on a show of hands every Member present in person and every person present as a proxy for a Member or Members shall have one vote, and on a poll every Member shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder. Regulation 54 of Table A shall not apply.
- 9.2 The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company (or at such other place in the United Kingdom as is specified for that purpose in the notice of meeting or any instrument of proxy sent by the Company in relation to the meeting) not less than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or handed to the Chairman of the meeting or adjourned meeting before the commencement of such meeting, and, in default, the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. Regulation 62 of Table A shall not apply.

10. **Alternate Directors**

- 10.1 An alternate Director may be paid expenses and shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent mutatis mutandis as if he were a Director but shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate Director except only such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to the Director appointing him as such Director may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct and Regulation 66 of Table A shall be varied accordingly.

11. **The seal**

- 11.1 The Company may exercise all the powers conferred by the Companies Acts with regard to having any official seal, or otherwise in relation to the execution of documents by the Company, and such powers shall be vested in the Directors. Any document to which an official seal is affixed shall be signed by such persons, if any, as the Directors may from time to time determine and unless otherwise so determined shall be signed by a Director and by the Secretary or a second Director. Any document to which an official seal is affixed or which is otherwise executed by the Company shall be delivered at such time, and in such manner, as the Directors may from time to time determine, and shall not be deemed to be delivered by the Company solely as a result of having been executed by the Company. Regulation 101 of Table A shall not apply.

12. **Delegation of Directors' powers**

- 12.1 The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such person or persons (whether Directors or not) as they think fit. The Directors may also entrust to and confer upon any Director any of the powers exercisable by them. Any such delegation may be made upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they may think fit, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and the Directors may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers. Subject to any such terms, conditions or restrictions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by these Articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying. Regulation 72 of Table A shall not apply.

13. **Appointment and retirement of Directors**

- 13.1 Without prejudice to any other provisions of or incorporated in these Articles governing the appointment and removal of Directors, any Member or Members holding a majority in nominal value of such of the issued share capital for the time being of the Company as carries the right of attending and voting at general meetings of the Company may by memorandum in writing signed by or on behalf of him or them and delivered to the registered office of the Company or tendered at a meeting of the Board, or of the Company in general meeting, at any time and from time to time appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors or remove any Director from office howsoever appointed.
- 13.2 The Directors and the Company by ordinary resolution shall each have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors. Any Director so appointed shall (subject to Regulation 81 of Table A and to the provisions of the Companies Acts) hold office until he is removed pursuant to these Articles.
- 13.3 Regulations 73 to 80 (inclusive), Regulation 81(e) and the last sentence of Regulation 84 of Table A shall not apply.

14. **Directors' gratuities and pensions**

- 14.1 The Directors on behalf of the Company may exercise all the powers of the Company to grant pensions, annuities, gratuities and superannuation or other allowances and benefits in favour of any person including any Director or former Director or the relations, connections or dependants of any Director or former Director. A Director or former Director shall not be accountable to the Company or the Members for any benefit of any kind conferred under or pursuant to this Article and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a Director of the Company.

15. **Proceedings of Directors**

- 15.1 The Directors may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meetings shall be determined by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall, at any time call a meeting of the Directors. Notice of any meeting of the Directors may be given by telephone, facsimile or telex. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the Directors to any Director for the time being absent from the United Kingdom unless
- he has given to the Company an address, whether within or outside the United Kingdom, at which notices can be served on him, or
 - in the opinion of the Secretary or Director calling the meeting it is possible at the time notice is to be given to give him such notice by telephone, facsimile or telex and it will be possible for him to participate in the meeting by telephone or other communication equipment as referred to in Regulation 14.3 of these Articles.

Meetings may be held in any part of the world.

- 15.2 The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed from time to time by the Directors and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two. An alternate Director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum. A meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors. Any Director who ceases to be a Director at a meeting of the Directors may continue to be present and act as a Director, and

be counted in the quorum, until termination of the meeting if no other Director objects and if otherwise a quorum of Directors would not be present.

- 15.3 A Director shall be treated as present in person at a meeting of the Directors notwithstanding that he is not physically present at the place where the meeting is held if he is in communication with the meeting by conference telephone or other communication equipment permitting each person physically present at or so in communication with the meeting to hear and be heard by each other such person. Such a Director shall be counted in the quorum of the meeting and shall be entitled to vote thereat.
- 15.4 Subject to the provisions of these Articles and provided a Director shall have disclosed such interest in accordance with Regulation 85 of Table A, a Director shall be entitled to vote in respect of any transaction, contract, arrangement or agreement with the Company in which he is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested and if he shall do so his vote shall be counted and he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present. For the purpose of this Article, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Act, connected with a Director shall be treated as an interest of the Director and, in relation to an alternate Director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate Director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate Director has otherwise.
- 15.5 Regulations 88-89 (inclusive) and 94-98 (inclusive) of Table A shall not apply.

16. **Notices**

- 16.1 Any notice or other document (including a share certificate) may be served on or delivered to any Member by the Company either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register of Members, or by delivering it to or leaving it at such registered address, addressed as aforesaid, or by any other means provided such other means have been authorised in writing by the Member concerned. In the case of joint holders of a share, service or delivery of any notice or other document on or to one of the joint holders shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders. Any notice or other document served or delivered in accordance with these Articles shall be deemed duly served or delivered notwithstanding that the Member is then dead or bankrupt or otherwise under any legal disability or incapacity and whether or not the Company had notice thereof. Any such notice or other document, if sent by first-class post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day after the day when the same was put in the post, and in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or document was properly addressed, prepaid and put in the post. Regulations 112, 115 and 116 of Table A shall not apply.

17. **Winding up**

- 17.1 If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision, or by the Court) the liquidator may, with the authority of an extraordinary resolution and subject to any provision sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts, divide among the Members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such values as he deems fair upon any assets to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The Liquidator may, with the like authority, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Members as the Liquidator with the like authority shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the Company dissolved, but so that no contributory shall be compelled to accept any shares or other property in respect of which there is a liability and the Liquidator may make any provision referred to in and sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts. Regulation 117 of Table A shall not apply.

18. **Indemnity**

- 18.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the Company may purchase and maintain for any of the Company's Directors, alternate Directors, Auditors, Secretaries and other officers insurance against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to any such person in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company and (whether or not any such insurance is effected) every such person shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto including any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, that relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as an officer or employee of the Company and in which judgement is given in his favour (or the proceedings otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part) or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under any statute for relief from liability in respect of any such act or omission in which relief is granted by the Court. Regulation 118 of Table A shall not apply.