COMPANIES FORM No. 466(Scot)

## Particulars of an instrument of alteration to a floating charge created by a company registered in Scotland



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Company number

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insert full name of Company

THE 1887 COMPANY LIMITED (THE "COMPANY")

Date of creation of the charge (note 1)

01 APRIL 2011

Name of company

Description of the instrument creating or evidencing the charge or of any ancillary document which has been altered (note 1)

BOND AND FLOATING CHARGE

Names of the persons entitled to charge

LLOYDS BANK PLC AS SECURITY TRUSTEE

Short particulars of all the property charged

THE WHOLE OF THE CHARGED ASSETS

"CHARGED ASSETS" MEANS THE WHOLE OF THE PROPERTY, ASSETS AND UNDERTAKING (INCLUDING UNCALLED CAPITAL) FROM TIME TO TIME OF THE COMPANY

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1.	A description of the instrument e.g. "Instrument of Charge" "Debenture" etc, as the case may be, should be given. For the date of creation of a charge see section 410(5) of the Companies Act.	† delete as appropriate
2.	In accordance with section 466(1) the instrument of alteration should be executed by the company, the holder of the charge and the holder of any other charge (including a fixed security) which would be adversely affected by the alteration.	
3.	A certified copy of the instrument of alteration, together with this form with the prescribed particulars correctly completed must be delivered to the Registrar of Companies within 21 days after the date of execution of that instrument.	
4.	A certified copy must be signed by or on behalf of the person giving the certification and where this is a body corporate it must be signed by an officer of that body.	
5.	A fee of £13 is payable to Companies House in respect of each register entry for a mortgage or charge. Cheques and Postal Orders are to be made payable to <b>Companies House</b> .	
6.	The address of the Registrar of Companies is: Companies House, 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2	

## Names, and addresses of the persons who have executed this instrument of alteration

NAME	ADDRESS
THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC as security trustee for the Lender Finance Parties under the Lender Facilities Agreement	36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YB
LLOYDS BANK PLC as security trustee for the NPA Finance Parties under the NPA Security Trust Deed	25 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7HN
THE 1887 COMPANY LIMITED (SC199077)	West Kinfauns, Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ
HIGHLAND DISTILLERS GROUP LIMITED (SC001645)	West Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ
HIGHLAND DISTILLERS LIMITED (SC158731)	West Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ
HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED (SC011757)	West Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ
HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION VENTURES LIMITED (SC198207)	West Kinfauns, Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ
HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION NETHERLANDS LIMITED (SC185657)	West Kinfauns, Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ
HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (SC192174)	West Kinfauns, Kinfauns, Perth, Perthshire, PH2 7XZ

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A statement of the provisions, if any, imposed by the instrument of alteration varying or otherwise regulating the order of the ranking of the floating charge in relation to fixed securities or to other floating charges

Clause 3 (Ranking of Security Documents) of the Ranking Agreement

The Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents shall rank together equally and on a pari passu basis without any preference between them.

## **Definitions**

2011 Noteholders	means: (a) the Original 2011 Noteholders; and (b) any person which becomes a party to the Intercreditor Deed as a 2011 Noteholder pursuant to Clause 14.8 (Creditor Accession Undertaking) of the Intercreditor Deed, and the term "2011 Noteholder" shall be construed accordingly
2011 Note Purchase Agreement	means the note purchase agreement made between the Parent, the 2011 Noteholders and others dated 1 March 2011 in respect of Notes issued up to US\$300,000,000
2015 Noteholders	means: (a) the Original 2015 Noteholders; and (b) any person which becomes a party to the Intercreditor Deed as a 2015 Noteholder pursuant to Clause 14.8 ( <i>Creditor Accession Undertaking</i> ) of the Intercreditor Deed, and the term "2015 Noteholder" shall be construed accordingly
2015 Note Purchase Agreement	means the note purchase agreement made between the Parent, the 2015 Noteholders and others dated on or about 29 April 2015 in respect of Notes issued up to £120,000,000
Ancillary Facility	has the meaning given to that term in the Lender Facilities Agreement
Ancillary Lenders	means each Lender which makes an Ancillary Facility available pursuant to the terms of the Lender Facilities Agreement
HDL	means Highland Distillers Limited (SC158731)
HDCL	means Highland Distribution Company Limited (SC192174)
HDGL	means Highland Distillers Group Limited

	(SC001645)
HDHL	means Highland Distribution Holdings Limited (SC011757)
HDNL	means Highland Distribution Netherlands Limited (SC185657)
HDVL	means Highland Distribution Ventures Limited (SC198207)
Intercreditor Deed	means the intercreditor deed made between the Lender Security Trustee, the NPA Security Trustee, the Obligors and others dated 2 June 2016
Lenders	means: (a) the Original Lenders; (b) any person which becomes party to the Intercreditor Deed as a Lender pursuant to Clause 14.8 (Creditor Accession Undertaking) of the Intercreditor Deed; and (c) the Ancillary Lenders, and "Lender" shall be construed accordingly
Lender Agent	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as agent for the Lender Finance Parties under the terms of the Lender Facilities Agreement
Lender Arrangers	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Lloyds Bank plc, Barclays Bank plc, HSBC Bank plc, Investment Banking, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken ab (publ) and Santander UK plc as mandated lead arrangers in respect of the Lender Facilities Agreement
Lender Facilities Agreement	means the facility agreement dated on or around the date 02 June 2016 between, amongst others, (1) the Parent, (2) the Lender Security Trustee, (3) the Lender Agent and (4) the Original Lenders pursuant to which the Lenders (as defined in the Lender Facilities Agreement) made available to the Borrowers (as defined in the Lender Facilities Agreement) multicurrency revolving facilities of up to £330,000,000 upon the terms and conditions contained therein (as that agreement may from time to time be amended, restated, varied, novated, supplemented or replaced including, without limitation, by the increase or maturity of the facility)
Lender Finance Parties	means the Lender Agent, the Lender Security Trustee, the Lender Arrangers, the Lenders, the Lender Hedge Counterparties, the Ancillary Lenders and each party which accedes to the Intercreditor Deed in any such capacity and the term "Lender Finance Party"

	shall be construed accordingly
Lender Hedge Counterparties	means: (a) an Original Lender Hedge Counterparty; and (b) any person which becomes a party to the Intercreditor Deed as a Lender Hedge Counterparty pursuant to Clause 14.8 (Creditor Accession Undertaking) of the Intercreditor Deed,
	which, in each case, is or has become party to the Lender Facilities Agreement as a Hedge Counterparty (as that term is defined in the Lender Facilities Agreement)
Lender Security Documents	means  (a) the bond and floating charge dated 02  June 2016 made by the Parent in favour of the  Lender Security Trustee;
	(b) the bond and floating charge dated 02 June 2016 made by HDGL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
	(c) the bond and floating charge dated 02 June 2016 made by HDL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
	(d) the bond and floating charge dated 02 June 2016 made by HDHL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
	(e) the bond and floating charge 02 June 2016 made by HDVL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
	(f) the bond and floating charge 02 June 2016 made by HDNL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
	(g) the bond and floating charge 02 June 2016 made by HDCL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee; and
	(h) any other Security from time to time granted or created by any Obligor in favour of the Lender Security Trustee
Lender Security Trustee	means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as security trustee for the Lender Finance Parties under the Lender Facilities Agreement
Note	means a loan note issued by an Obligor under the terms of a Note Purchase Agreement and "Notes" shall be construed accordingly

Noteholders	means the 2011 Noteholders and the 2015 Noteholders
NPA Finance Parties	means the 2011 Noteholders, the 2015 Noteholders, the NPA Hedge Counterparties, the NPA Security Trustee and each party which accedes to the Intercreditor Deed in any such capacity and the term "NPA Finance Party" shall be construed accordingly
NPA Hedge Counterparty	means: (a) any person who is party as an NPA Hedge Counterparty (as listed in Part 5 of Schedule 1 as Hedge Counterparties under the NPA Security Trust Deed); and (b) any person which becomes a party to the Intercreditor Deed as a NPA Hedge Counterparty pursuant to Clause 14.8 (Creditor Accession Undertaking), which, in each case, is or has become party to
	the NPA Security Trust Deed as a Hedge Counterparty (as that term is defined in the NPA Security Trust Deed)
NPA Security Documents	means:
	(a) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by the Parent in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
	(b) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDGL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
	(c) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
	(d) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDHL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
	(e) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDVL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of

	amendment dated 22 April 2015;
	(f) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDNL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
	(g) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDCL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015; and
	(h) any other Security from time to time granted or created by any Obligor in favour of the NPA Security Trustee
NPA Security Trustee	means Lloyds Bank plc as security trustee for the NPA Finance Parties under the NPA Security Trust Deed
NPA Security Trust Deed	means the security trust deed dated 4 April 2011 between the Noteholders, the NPA Security Trustee, the Obligors and others, as amended and restated on 29 April 2015
Obligors	means the Parent, HDGL, HDL, HDHL, HDVL, HDNL and HDCL and " <b>Obligor</b> " shall mean any one of them
Original 2011 Noteholders	as listed in Part 3 of Schedule 1 as Noteholders under the 2011 Note Purchase Agreement
Original 2015 Noteholders	as listed in Part 4 of Schedule 1 as Noteholders under the 2015 Note Purchase Agreement
Original Lenders	As listed in part 1 of schedule 1 to the Lenders Facilities Agreement
Original Lender Hedge Counterparty	listed in part 2 of schedule 1 to the Lenders Facilities Agreement
Parent	means the Company
Ranking Agreement	means the ranking agreement dated 2 June 2016 between the NPA Security Trustee, the Lender Security Trustee and the Obligors
Security	means a mortgage, charge (fixed or floating), pledge, lien, standard security, security assignment, assignation in security or other security interest securing any obligation of any person or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect



# CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARGE

COMPANY NO. 199077 CHARGE NO. 6

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CHARGE CREATED BY THE 1887 COMPANY LIMITED

ON 1 APRIL 2011

FOR SECURING ALL SUMS DUE OR TO BECOME DUE

IN FAVOUR OF LLOYDS TSB BANK PLC

WAS DELIVERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 878 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006 ON 9 APRIL 2011

GIVEN AT COMPANIES HOUSE, EDINBURGH 21 JUNE 2016





## Maclay Murray & Spens LLP

## **RANKING AGREEMENT**

among

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC **Lender Security Trustee** 

and

LLOYDS BANK PLC **NPA Security Trustee** 

and

THE 1887 COMPANY LIMITED **Parent** 

and

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS GROUP LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION VENTURES LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION NETHERLANDS LIMITED

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

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## RANKING AGREEMENT delivered on 2 JUNE 2016

## AMONG:

- (1) THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC as security trustee for the Lender Finance Parties under the Lender Facilities Agreement (the "Lender Security Trustee");
- (2) LLOYDS BANK PLC as security trustee for the NPA Finance Parties under the NPA Security Trust Deed (the "NPA Security Trustee");
- (3) THE 1887 COMPANY LIMITED (Registered No. SC199077) (the "Parent");
- (4) HIGHLAND DISTILLERS GROUP LIMITED (Registered No. SC001645) ("HDGL");
- (5) HIGHLAND DISTILLERS LIMITED (Registered No. SC158731) ("HDL");
- (6) HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED (Registered No. SC011757) ("HDHL");
- (7) HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION VENTURES LIMITED (Registered No. SC198207) ("HDVL");
- (8) HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION NETHERLANDS LIMITED (Registered No. SC185657) ("HDNL"); and
- (9) HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (Registered No. SC192174) ("HDCL").

## WHEREAS:-

- A. The Obligors have granted or are about to grant in favour of the Lender Security Trustee, the Lender Security Documents (as hereinafter defined);
- B. The Obligors have granted in favour of the NPA Security Trustee, the NPA Security Documents (as hereinafter defined); and
- C. The parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of regulating the ranking and preference of the Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents as is evidenced by their execution of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto have agreed and do hereby AGREE as follows:-

## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 In this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires:-

"Creditor"

means the Lender Security Trustee or the NPA Security Trustee and "Creditors" shall be construed accordingly;

"Intercreditor Deed"

means the intercreditor deed made between the Lender Security Trustee, the NPA Security Trustee, the Obligors and others, dated on or around the date of this Agreement;

## "Lender Security Documents"

## means

- (a) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date
   of this Agreement made by the Parent in favour of the
   Lender Security Trustee;
- (b) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDGL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
- (c) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
- (d) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDHL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
- the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDVL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
- (f) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDNL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
- (g) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDCL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee, and
- (h) any other Security from time to time granted or created by any Obligor in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;

## "NPA Security Documents"

#### means:

(a) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by the Parent in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;

- (b) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDGL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
- (c) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
- (d) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDHL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
- (e) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDVL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
- (f) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDNL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015;
- (g) the bond and floating charge dated 1 April 2011 made by HDCL in favour of the NPA Security Trustee and registered at Companies House on 9 April 2011 as amended by deed of amendment dated 22 April 2015; and
- (h) any other Security from time to time granted or created by any Obligor in favour of the NPA Security Trustee;

"Obligors"

means the Parent, HDGL, HDL, HDHL, HDVL, HDNL and HDCL and "Obligor" shall mean any one of them;

"Security Documents"

means the Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents and "Security Document" shall mean any one of them.

- 1.2 Save where otherwise defined herein, terms and expressions defined in the Intercreditor Deed shall have the same meaning where used herein.
- 1.3 Reference to the Creditors shall be deemed to include successors, transferees and assignees of the Creditors.
- 1.4 In this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and vice versa. Clause headings are for convenience only.
- 1.5 References to a "person" shall be construed as a reference to any person, firm, company, corporation or any association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality) or to two or more of the foregoing.
- 1.6 Words importing any gender shall include the other gender, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.7 Reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include reference to any statute or statutory provision which amends, extends, consolidates or replaces the same or which has been amended, extended, consolidated or replaced by the same, and to any order, regulation, instrument or other subordinate legislation made under the relevant statute.
- 1.8 Where any Security Document ranks with any other Security Document, such ranking shall be upon the assets secured thereby.
- 1.9 All defined terms shall be read in accordance with what the context requires and, without prejudice to the generality thereof, the inadvertent substitution of a lower case for an upper case in the first letter of any defined term or the inadvertent inclusion or omission of a definite or indefinite article shall not be deemed to be material.

## 2. OVERRIDING EFFECT

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply and the Security Documents shall be given effect in accordance with the terms hereof notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 464 or 466 of the Companies Acts 1985, or any other rule of law which might operate to the contrary effect, or the terms of the Security Documents or any of them or the dates of creation or registration or intimation thereof or the date or dates on which the Creditors or any of them or any person on behalf of which they are holding security may have made or may hereafter make advances to the Obligors on the date or dates on which such advances to the Obligors or the date or dates on which such advances have been or shall be drawn out or debited to the Obligors or the date or dates on which sums due or becoming due to either of the Creditors have been or shall become due and irrespective of the composition of or fluctuations in such sums or the existence at any time of a credit balance on any current or other account.

## 3. RANKING OF SECURITY DOCUMENTS

The Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents shall rank together equally and on a *pari passu* basis without any preference between them.

## 4. NATURE AND EXTENT OF LENDER SECURITY DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 The Lender Security Trustee represents and warrants to the NPA Security Trustee that each Lender Security Document entered into by an Obligor is on terms which are not more onerous or restrictive than the terms of the equivalent NPA Security Document entered into by that Obligor.
- The Obligors and the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each Lender Finance Party so as to bind each such Lender Finance Party as if it were a party to this Agreement) hereby agree and covenant and undertake with the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each NPA Finance Party) that the Security created by the Lender Security Documents now or at any time in the future:
  - 4.2.1 shall be granted in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) only;
  - 4.2.2 shall create floating charges only over those assets as are charged or made subject to Security under the NPA Security Documents;
  - 4.2.3 shall not create Security over any asset that is not subject to Security under the NPA Security Documents;
  - 4.2.4 shall not create any fixed or specific security interest unless the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) holds an equivalent fixed or specific security interest or the relevant Obligor or Group Company (as the case may be) creates in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) an equivalent fixed or specific security interest on a contemporaneous basis; and
  - 4.2.5 shall not be created by any Group Company that is not an Obligor unless the NPA. Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) holds equivalent Security from the relevant Group Company or the relevant Group Company creates in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) equivalent Security on a contemporaneous basis.

## 5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF NPA SECURITY DOCUMENTS

5.1 The NPA Security Trustee represents and warrants to the Lender Security Trustee that each NPA Security Document entered into by an Obligor is on terms which are not more onerous or

restrictive than the terms of the equivalent Lender Security Document entered into by that Obligor.

- The Obligors and the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each NPA Finance Party so as to bind each such NPA Finance Party as if it were a party to this Agreement) hereby agree and covenant and undertake with the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each Lender Finance Party) that the Security created by the NPA Security Documents now or at any time in the future:
  - 5.2.1 shall be granted in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) only;
  - 5.2.2 shall create floating charges only over those assets as are charged or made subject to Security under the Lender Security Documents;
  - 5.2.3 shall not create Security over any asset that is not subject to Security under the Lender Security Documents;
  - 5.2.4 shall not create any fixed or specific security interest unless the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) holds an equivalent fixed or specific security interest or the relevant Obligor or Group Company (as the case may be) creates in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) an equivalent fixed or specific security interest on a contemporaneous basis; and
  - 5.2.5 shall not be created by any Group Company that is not an Obligor unless the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) holds equivalent Security from the relevant Group Company or the relevant Group Company creates in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) equivalent Security on a contemporaneous basis.

## 6. FLUCTUATING ADVANCES

The foregoing ranking provisions shall be valid and effective irrespective of the date or dates on which sums have been or shall be advanced by any of the Creditors or any person on behalf of which they are holding security to the Obligors or have been or shall be drawn out by or debited to the Obligors, the Obligors having no concern with the composition of or fluctuations in the sum or sums due by the Obligors to any of the Creditors or any person on behalf of which they are holding security.

#### 7. VARIATION/ALTERATION

The Security Documents are hereby varied to the extent specified in this Agreement and this Agreement shall be construed and receive effect as an Instrument of Alteration within the meaning of Section 466 of the Companies Act 1985.

## 8. COMPENSATION

The Creditors hereby agree that, if this Agreement is regarded by any one or more liquidators, receivers, administrators or administrative receivers of the Obligors as failing to bind him or them, any party or parties who will have benefited as a result of any action by any one or more liquidators or others aforesaid will forthwith compensate the party or parties who will have been correspondingly prejudiced to the extent of the aforesaid provisions as to the ranking as detailed in Clause 3 above.

## 9. CONSENT

- 9.1 Each of the Creditors shall be deemed to have given timeously all consents necessary to the granting by the Obligors of the Security Documents.
- 9.2 Subject to the foregoing provisions as to ranking, none of the Security Documents shall, in any way, prejudice or affect any other of them as security for or in respect of any sums which now are or have been or at any time hereafter become due, owing or incurred by the Obligors to either of the Creditors, and subject as aforesaid, all such sums shall be fully and effectually secured by and under and in terms of each of the Security Documents as if all such sums had become due or owing or incurred to the Lender Finance Parties and/or the NPA Finance Parties before the creation of any other of the Security Documents.

## 10. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

All Enforcement Action will be taken in accordance with Clause 10 (Enforcement Action) of the Intercreditor Deed.

## 11. ASSIGNATION AND TRANSFER

- 11.1 This Agreement is binding on the permitted successors and assignees of the parties to this Agreement.
- An Obligor may not assign or transfer all or any of its rights, obligations or benefits under this Agreement.
- 11.3 The Creditors shall not assign or transfer any of their respective rights, obligations or benefits in respect of the Security Documents unless the assignee or transferee agrees in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The parties hereto confirm that any such assignee or transferee will become a party to this Agreement.

## 12. COUNTERPARTS

- This Charge may be executed in any number of counterparts, and on such execution, the counterparts shall be treated as a single document pursuant to the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 12.2 Where this Agreement is executed in counterparts:-
  - 12.2.1 it shall not take effect until all counterparts have been delivered;
  - 12.2.2 all counterparts shall be held as undelivered until the parties agree the date on which they are to be treated as delivered;
  - 12.2.3 such date of delivery shall be inserted in the blank provided for that purpose on page 1.
- 12.3 Where this Agreement is not executed in counterparts, it shall become effective on the date agreed among the parties and inserted in the blank provided for that purpose on page 1.

## 13. GOVERNING LAW

- 13.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Scotland.
- 13.2 The Court of Session in Scotland (the Court) has exclusive jurisdiction to settle any claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (whether or not contractual in nature and including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Agreement).
- 13.3 The Obligors irrevocably waive any right that it may have to object to an action being brought in the Court, to claim that the action has been brought in an inconvenient forum or to claim that the Court does not have jurisdiction.

Such aforesaid submission to the jurisdiction of the Court shall not (and shall not be construed as to) limit the right of the Creditors to bring legal proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the courts having jurisdiction by reason of the Obligors' place of incorporation). Legal proceedings by the Creditors in any one or more jurisdictions shall not preclude legal proceedings by them or it in any other jurisdiction, whether by way of substantive action, ancillary relief, enforcement or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents consisting of this and the preceding eight pages are subscribed as follows:

## The Lender Security Trustee:

in the presence of:

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## Maclay Murray & Spens LLP

## **RANKING AGREEMENT**

among

THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC Lender Security Trustee

and

LLOYDS BANK PLC NPA Security Trustee

and

THE 1887 COMPANY LIMITED Parent

and

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS GROUP LIMITED

and

**HIGHLAND DISTILLERS LIMITED** 

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION HOLDINGS LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION VENTURES LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION NETHERLANDS LIMITED

and

HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

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## RANKING AGREEMENT delivered on 2 JUNE 2016

### AMONG:

- (1) THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC as security trustee for the Lender Finance Parties under the Lender Facilities Agreement (the "Lender Security Trustee");
- (2) LLOYDS BANK PLC as security trustee for the NPA Finance Parties under the NPA Security Trust Deed (the "NPA Security Trustee");
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- (9) HIGHLAND DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (Registered No. SC192174) ("HDCL").

## WHEREAS:-

- A. The Obligors have granted or are about to grant in favour of the Lender Security Trustee, the Lender Security Documents (as hereinafter defined);
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- C. The parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of regulating the ranking and preference of the Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents as is evidenced by their execution of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE the parties hereto have agreed and do hereby AGREE as follows:-

## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1.1 In this Agreement unless the context otherwise requires:-

"Creditor"

means the Lender Security Trustee or the NPA Security Trustee and "Creditors" shall be construed accordingly;

"Intercreditor Deed"

means the intercreditor deed made between the Lender Security Trustee, the NPA Security Trustee, the Obligors and others, dated on or around the date of this Agreement;

## "Lender Security Documents"

## means

- (a) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by the Parent in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;
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- (g) the bond and floating charge dated on or around the date of this Agreement made by HDCL in favour of the Lender Security Trustee; and
- (h) any other Security from time to time granted or created by any Obligor in favour of the Lender Security Trustee;

## "NPA Security Documents"

#### means:

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- (h) any other Security from time to time granted or created by any Obligor in favour of the NPA Security Trustee;

"Obligors"

means the Parent, HDGL, HDL, HDHL, HDVL, HDNL and HDCL and "Obligor" shall mean any one of them;

"Security Documents"

means the Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents and "Security Document" shall mean any one of them.

- 1.2 Save where otherwise defined herein, terms and expressions defined in the Intercreditor Deed shall have the same meaning where used herein.
- 1.3 Reference to the Creditors shall be deemed to include successors, transferees and assignees of the Creditors.
- 1.4 In this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and vice versa. Clause headings are for convenience only.
- 1.5 References to a "person" shall be construed as a reference to any person, firm, company, corporation or any association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality) or to two or more of the foregoing.
- 1.6 Words importing any gender shall include the other gender, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.7 Reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include reference to any statute or statutory provision which amends, extends, consolidates or replaces the same or which has been amended, extended, consolidated or replaced by the same, and to any order, regulation, instrument or other subordinate legislation made under the relevant statute.
- 1.8 Where any Security Document ranks with any other Security Document, such ranking shall be upon the assets secured thereby.
- 1.9 All defined terms shall be read in accordance with what the context requires and, without prejudice to the generality thereof, the inadvertent substitution of a lower case for an upper case in the first letter of any defined term or the inadvertent inclusion or omission of a definite or indefinite article shall not be deemed to be material.

## 2. OVERRIDING EFFECT

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply and the Security Documents shall be given effect in accordance with the terms hereof notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 464 or 466 of the Companies Acts 1985, or any other rule of law which might operate to the contrary effect, or the terms of the Security Documents or any of them or the dates of creation or registration or intimation thereof or the date or dates on which the Creditors or any of them or any person on behalf of which they are holding security may have made or may hereafter make advances to the Obligors on the date or dates on which such advances to the Obligors or the date or dates on which such advances have been or shall be drawn out or debited to the Obligors or the date or dates on which sums due or becoming due to either of the Creditors have been or shall become due and irrespective of the composition of or fluctuations in such sums or the existence at any time of a credit balance on any current or other account.

## 3. RANKING OF SECURITY DOCUMENTS

The Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents shall rank together equally and on a *pari passu* basis without any preference between them.

#### 4. NATURE AND EXTENT OF LENDER SECURITY DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 The Lender Security Trustee represents and warrants to the NPA Security Trustee that each Lender Security Document entered into by an Obligor is on terms which are not more onerous or restrictive than the terms of the equivalent NPA Security Document entered into by that Obligor.
- 4.2 The Obligors and the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each Lender Finance Party so as to bind each such Lender Finance Party as if it were a party to this Agreement) hereby agree and covenant and undertake with the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each NPA Finance Party) that the Security created by the Lender Security Documents now or at any time in the future:
  - 4.2.1 shall be granted in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) only;
  - 4.2.2 shall create floating charges only over those assets as are charged or made subject to Security under the NPA Security Documents;
  - 4.2.3 shall not create Security over any asset that is not subject to Security under the NPA Security Documents;
  - 4.2.4 shall not create any fixed or specific security interest unless the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) holds an equivalent fixed or specific security interest or the relevant Obligor or Group Company (as the case may be) creates in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) an equivalent fixed or specific security interest on a contemporaneous basis; and
  - 4.2.5 shall not be created by any Group Company that is not an Obligor unless the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) holds equivalent Security from the relevant Group Company or the relevant Group Company creates in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) equivalent Security on a contemporaneous basis.

### 5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF NPA SECURITY DOCUMENTS

5.1 The NPA Security Trustee represents and warrants to the Lender Security Trustee that each NPA Security Document entered into by an Obligor is on terms which are not more onerous or

restrictive than the terms of the equivalent Lender Security Document entered into by that Obligor.

- 5.2 The Obligors and the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each NPA Finance Party so as to bind each such NPA Finance Party as if it were a party to this Agreement) hereby agree and covenant and undertake with the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each Lender Finance Party) that the Security created by the NPA Security Documents now or at any time in the future:
  - 5.2.1 shall be granted in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) only;
  - 5.2.2 shall create floating charges only over those assets as are charged or made subject to Security under the Lender Security Documents;
  - 5.2.3 shall not create Security over any asset that is not subject to Security under the Lender Security Documents;
  - 5.2.4 shall not create any fixed or specific security interest unless the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) holds an equivalent fixed or specific security interest or the relevant Obligor or Group Company (as the case may be) creates in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) an equivalent fixed or specific security interest on a contemporaneous basis; and
  - 5.2.5 shall not be created by any Group Company that is not an Obligor unless the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) holds equivalent Security from the relevant Group Company or the relevant Group Company creates in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) equivalent Security on a contemporaneous basis.

## 6. FLUCTUATING ADVANCES

The foregoing ranking provisions shall be valid and effective irrespective of the date or dates on which sums have been or shall be advanced by any of the Creditors or any person on behalf of which they are holding security to the Obligors or have been or shall be drawn out by or debited to the Obligors, the Obligors having no concern with the composition of or fluctuations in the sum or sums due by the Obligors to any of the Creditors or any person on behalf of which they are holding security.

## 7. VARIATION/ALTERATION

The Security Documents are hereby varied to the extent specified in this Agreement and this Agreement shall be construed and receive effect as an Instrument of Alteration within the meaning of Section 466 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### 8. COMPENSATION

The Creditors hereby agree that, if this Agreement is regarded by any one or more liquidators, receivers, administrators or administrative receivers of the Obligors as failing to bind him or them, any party or parties who will have benefited as a result of any action by any one or more liquidators or others aforesaid will forthwith compensate the party or parties who will have been correspondingly prejudiced to the extent of the aforesaid provisions as to the ranking as detailed in Clause 3 above.

## 9. CONSENT

- 9.1 Each of the Creditors shall be deemed to have given timeously all consents necessary to the granting by the Obligors of the Security Documents.
- 9.2 Subject to the foregoing provisions as to ranking, none of the Security Documents shall, in any way, prejudice or affect any other of them as security for or in respect of any sums which now are or have been or at any time hereafter become due, owing or incurred by the Obligors to either of the Creditors, and subject as aforesaid, all such sums shall be fully and effectually secured by and under and in terms of each of the Security Documents as if all such sums had become due or owing or incurred to the Lender Finance Parties and/or the NPA Finance Parties before the creation of any other of the Security Documents.

#### 10. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

All Enforcement Action will be taken in accordance with Clause 10 (*Enforcement Action*) of the Intercreditor Deed.

## 11. ASSIGNATION AND TRANSFER

- 11.1 This Agreement is binding on the permitted successors and assignees of the parties to this Agreement.
- 11.2 An Obligor may not assign or transfer all or any of its rights, obligations or benefits under this Agreement.
- 11.3 The Creditors shall not assign or transfer any of their respective rights, obligations or benefits in respect of the Security Documents unless the assignee or transferee agrees in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The parties hereto confirm that any such assignee or transferee will become a party to this Agreement.

## 12. COUNTERPARTS

- 12.1 This Charge may be executed in any number of counterparts, and on such execution, the counterparts shall be treated as a single document pursuant to the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 12.2 Where this Agreement is executed in counterparts:-
  - 12.2.1 it shall not take effect until all counterparts have been delivered;
  - 12.2.2 all counterparts shall be held as undelivered until the parties agree the date on which they are to be treated as delivered;
  - 12.2.3 such date of delivery shall be inserted in the blank provided for that purpose on page 1.
- 12.3 Where this Agreement is not executed in counterparts, it shall become effective on the date agreed among the parties and inserted in the blank provided for that purpose on page 1.

#### 13. GOVERNING LAW

- 13.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Scotland.
- 13.2 The Court of Session in Scotland (the Court) has exclusive jurisdiction to settle any claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (whether or not contractual in nature and including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Agreement).
- 13.3 The Obligors irrevocably waive any right that it may have to object to an action being brought in the Court, to claim that the action has been brought in an inconvenient forum or to claim that the Court does not have jurisdiction.

13.4 Such aforesaid submission to the jurisdiction of the Court shall not (and shall not be construed as to) limit the right of the Creditors to bring legal proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the courts having jurisdiction by reason of the Obligors' place of incorporation). Legal proceedings by the Creditors in any one or more jurisdictions shall not preclude legal proceedings by them or it in any other jurisdiction, whether by way of substantive action, ancillary relief, enforcement or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents consisting of this and the preceding eight pages are subscribed as follows:

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- 1.4 In this Agreement, the singular includes the plural and vice versa. Clause headings are for convenience only.
- 1.5 References to a "person" shall be construed as a reference to any person, firm, company, corporation or any association or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality) or to two or more of the foregoing.
- 1.6 Words importing any gender shall include the other gender, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.7 Reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include reference to any statute or statutory provision which amends, extends, consolidates or replaces the same or which has been amended, extended, consolidated or replaced by the same, and to any order, regulation, instrument or other subordinate legislation made under the relevant statute.
- 1.8 Where any Security Document ranks with any other Security Document, such ranking shall be upon the assets secured thereby.
- 1.9 All defined terms shall be read in accordance with what the context requires and, without prejudice to the generality thereof, the inadvertent substitution of a lower case for an upper case in the first letter of any defined term or the inadvertent inclusion or omission of a definite or indefinite article shall not be deemed to be material.

## 2. OVERRIDING EFFECT

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply and the Security Documents shall be given effect in accordance with the terms hereof notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 464 or 466 of the Companies Acts 1985, or any other rule of law which might operate to the contrary effect, or the terms of the Security Documents or any of them or the dates of creation or registration or intimation thereof or the date or dates on which the Creditors or any of them or any person on behalf of which they are holding security may have made or may hereafter make advances to the Obligors on the date or dates on which such advances to the Obligors or the date or dates on which such advances have been or shall be drawn out or debited to the Obligors or the date or dates on dates on which sums due or becoming due to either of the Creditors have been or shall become due and irrespective of the composition of or fluctuations in such sums or the existence at any time of a credit balance on any current or other account.

### 3. RANKING OF SECURITY DOCUMENTS

The Lender Security Documents and the NPA Security Documents shall rank together equally and on a *pari passu* basis without any preference between them.

### 4. NATURE AND EXTENT OF LENDER SECURITY DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 The Lender Security Trustee represents and warrants to the NPA Security Trustee that each Lender Security Document entered into by an Obligor is on terms which are not more onerous or restrictive than the terms of the equivalent NPA Security Document entered into by that Obligor.
- The Obligors and the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each Lender Finance Party so as to bind each such Lender Finance Party as if it were a party to this Agreement) hereby agree and covenant and undertake with the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each NPA Finance Party) that the Security created by the Lender Security Documents now or at any time in the future:
  - 4.2.1 shall be granted in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) only;
  - 4.2.2 shall create floating charges only over those assets as are charged or made subject to Security under the NPA Security Documents;
  - 4.2.3 shall not create Security over any asset that is not subject to Security under the NPA Security Documents;
  - 4.2.4 shall not create any fixed or specific security interest unless the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) holds an equivalent fixed or specific security interest or the relevant Obligor or Group Company (as the case may be) creates in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) an equivalent fixed or specific security interest on a contemporaneous basis; and
  - 4.2.5 shall not be created by any Group Company that is not an Obligor unless the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) holds equivalent Security from the relevant Group Company or the relevant Group Company creates in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) equivalent Security on a contemporaneous basis.

# 5. NATURE AND EXTENT OF NPA SECURITY DOCUMENTS

5.1 The NPA Security Trustee represents and warrants to the Lender Security Trustee that each NPA Security Document entered into by an Obligor is on terms which are not more onerous or

restrictive than the terms of the equivalent Lender Security Document entered into by that Obligor.

- 5.2 The Obligors and the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each NPA Finance Party so as to bind each such NPA Finance Party as if it were a party to this Agreement) hereby agree and covenant and undertake with the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of each Lender Finance Party) that the Security created by the NPA Security Documents now or at any time in the future:
  - 5.2.1 shall be granted in favour of the NPA Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the NPA Finance Parties) only;
  - 5.2.2 shall create floating charges only over those assets as are charged or made subject to Security under the Lender Security Documents;
  - 5.2.3 shall not create Security over any asset that is not subject to Security under the Lender Security Documents;
  - 5.2.4 shall not create any fixed or specific security interest unless the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) holds an equivalent fixed or specific security interest or the relevant Obligor or Group Company (as the case may be) creates in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) an equivalent fixed or specific security interest on a contemporaneous basis; and
  - 5.2.5 shall not be created by any Group Company that is not an Obligor unless the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) holds equivalent Security from the relevant Group Company or the relevant Group Company creates in favour of the Lender Security Trustee (for itself and for and on behalf of the Lender Finance Parties) equivalent Security on a contemporaneous basis.

### 6. FLUCTUATING ADVANCES

The foregoing ranking provisions shall be valid and effective irrespective of the date or dates on which sums have been or shall be advanced by any of the Creditors or any person on behalf of which they are holding security to the Obligors or have been or shall be drawn out by or debited to the Obligors, the Obligors having no concern with the composition of or fluctuations in the sum or sums due by the Obligors to any of the Creditors or any person on behalf of which they are holding security.

### 7. VARIATION/ALTERATION

The Security Documents are hereby varied to the extent specified in this Agreement and this Agreement shall be construed and receive effect as an Instrument of Alteration within the meaning of Section 466 of the Companies Act 1985.

# 8. COMPENSATION

The Creditors hereby agree that, if this Agreement is regarded by any one or more liquidators, receivers, administrators or administrative receivers of the Obligors as failing to bind him or them, any party or parties who will have benefited as a result of any action by any one or more liquidators or others aforesaid will forthwith compensate the party or parties who will have been correspondingly prejudiced to the extent of the aforesaid provisions as to the ranking as detailed in Clause 3 above.

### 9. CONSENT

- 9.1 Each of the Creditors shall be deemed to have given timeously all consents necessary to the granting by the Obligors of the Security Documents.
- 9.2 Subject to the foregoing provisions as to ranking, none of the Security Documents shall, in any way, prejudice or affect any other of them as security for or in respect of any sums which now are or have been or at any time hereafter become due, owing or incurred by the Obligors to either of the Creditors, and subject as aforesaid, all such sums shall be fully and effectually secured by and under and in terms of each of the Security Documents as if all such sums had become due or owing or incurred to the Lender Finance Parties and/or the NPA Finance Parties before the creation of any other of the Security Documents.

### 10. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

All Enforcement Action will be taken in accordance with Clause 10 (*Enforcement Action*) of the Intercreditor Deed.

### 11. ASSIGNATION AND TRANSFER

- 11.1 This Agreement is binding on the permitted successors and assignees of the parties to this Agreement.
- 11.2 An Obligor may not assign or transfer all or any of its rights, obligations or benefits under this Agreement.
- 11.3 The Creditors shall not assign or transfer any of their respective rights, obligations or benefits in respect of the Security Documents unless the assignee or transferee agrees in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The parties hereto confirm that any such assignee or transferee will become a party to this Agreement.

### 12. COUNTERPARTS

- 12.1 This Charge may be executed in any number of counterparts, and on such execution, the counterparts shall be treated as a single document pursuant to the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 12.2 Where this Agreement is executed in counterparts:-
  - 12.2.1 it shall not take effect until all counterparts have been delivered;
  - 12.2.2 all counterparts shall be held as undelivered until the parties agree the date on which they are to be treated as delivered;
  - 12.2.3 such date of delivery shall be inserted in the blank provided for that purpose on page 1.
- 12.3 Where this Agreement is not executed in counterparts, it shall become effective on the date agreed among the parties and inserted in the blank provided for that purpose on page 1.

### 13. GOVERNING LAW

- 13.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Scotland.
- 13.2 The Court of Session in Scotland (the Court) has exclusive jurisdiction to settle any claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (whether or not contractual in nature and including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Agreement).
- 13.3 The Obligors irrevocably waive any right that it may have to object to an action being brought in the Court, to claim that the action has been brought in an inconvenient forum or to claim that the Court does not have jurisdiction.

13.4 Such aforesaid submission to the jurisdiction of the Court shall not (and shall not be construed as to) limit the right of the Creditors to bring legal proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction (including, without limitation, the courts having jurisdiction by reason of the Obligors' place of incorporation). Legal proceedings by the Creditors in any one or more jurisdictions shall not preclude legal proceedings by them or it in any other jurisdiction, whether by way of substantive action, ancillary relief, enforcement or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents consisting of this and the preceding eight pages are subscribed as follows:

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