

# THE COWDRAY TRUST LIMITED

Company number 00152433

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Amended by Special Resolution of the Members passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 9th September 2020 pursuant to the Companies Act 2006

# PART I INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

## Defined terms

- 1. In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise -
  - "articles" means the company's articles of association;
  - "bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
  - "chairman" has the meaning given in article 12
  - "chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 36;
  - "Companies Acts" means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the company;
  - "director" means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
  - "document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;
  - "electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
  - "hard copy form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
  - "holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;
  - "instrument" means a document in hard copy form;

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- "Memorandum" means the memorandum of association of the company dated 30 December 1918
- "ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "paid" means paid or credited as paid;
- "participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10:
- "proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 43;
- "shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share;
- "shares" means shares in the company;
- "special resolution" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "subsidiary" has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a
- shareholder or otherwise by operation of law; and
- "writing" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the company.

### Liability of members

2. The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

## PART 2

#### **DIRECTORS**

# DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### President

- 3. (1) The directors may elect and designate such person on such terms and with such rights as they think fit (but not so as to impose any fiduciary or other obligations on that person) as the honorary President of the company in recognition of that person's service and contribution to the company as a director, former director or in any other formal or informal capacity.
- (2) The election and designation of a person as the honorary President of the company shall be a designation for life or until such earlier time as the directors may (by unanimous decision) revoke such designation.

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# Directors' general authority

- 4. (1) The company is established for the purposes and objects expressed in the Memorandum which constitutes the business of the company.
- (2) Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company.

# Directors may delegate

- 5. (1) Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles
  - (a) to such person or committee;
  - (b) by such means (including by power of attorney);
  - (c) to such an extent;
  - (d) in relation to such matters or territories; and
  - (e) on such terms and conditions; as they think fit.
- (2) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- (3) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

#### Committees

6. The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees to which power has been delegated.

#### **DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS**

### Directors to take decisions collectively

- 7. (1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8.
  - (2) If:
    - (a) the company only has one director, and
    - (b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.

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# Unanimous decisions

- 8. (1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- (2) Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.
- (3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting.
- (4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

# Calling a directors' meeting

- 9. (1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice.
  - (2) Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate -
    - (a) its proposed date and time;
    - (b) where it is to take place; and
    - (c) if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.
- (3) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing.
- (4) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company not more than 10 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

### Participation in directors' meetings

10. (1) Any director may participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, in person or by means of video conference, internet voice or video calls, telephone or any suitable electronic means agreed by the directors and by which all those participating in the meeting are able to communicate with all other participants.

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(2) If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

# Quorum for directors' meetings

- 11. (1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- (2) The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than five, and unless otherwise fixed it is five.
- (3) If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors.
- (4) The directors shall be competent to exercise all the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the Memorandum, the Articles and statute for the time being vested in the directors generally at any meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present or by taking a decision taken in accordance with article 8.

## Chairing of directors' meetings

- 12. (1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings.
  - (2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman.
  - (3) The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time.
- (4) If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.
- (5) If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall have a casting vote.

### Conflicts of interest

13. A director may vote at any meeting of the directors or of a committee of the directors on any resolution concerning a transaction or arrangement with the company or in which the company is interested, or concerning any other matter in which the company is interested, notwithstanding that he is interested in that transaction, arrangement or matter or has in relation to it a duty which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the company, and he may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages accruing to him in respect of that transaction, arrangement or matter.



## Records of decisions to be kept

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

## Directors' discretion to make further rules

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

#### APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

## Number of directors

- 16. (1) There shall not be any limitation as to the number of directors.
- (2) If and so long as there is a sole director of the company, he may exercise all the powers and authorities vested in the directors by the articles or the Companies Acts.

# Methods of appointing directors

- 17. (1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director by ordinary resolution
- (2) The directors may, as a condition to the appointment of a director, require the appointee to execute and deliver to the company a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement or similar document in force between the directors and in such form as the directors may reasonably require.

# Alternate directors

- 18. (1) Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors and willing to act, to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him.
- (2) An 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, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointor as a director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for his services as an alternative director.
- (3) A director or any other person may act as alternative director to represent more than one director, and an alternate director shall be entitled at meetings of directors of any committee of the directors to one vote for every director whom he

represents in addition to his own vote (if any) as a director, but shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.

- (4) An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if -
  - (a) his appointor ceases to be a director; or
  - (b) on the occurrence of any event specified in paragraph 19 of these articles occurring in respect of that alternate director.

# Termination of director's appointment

- 19 (1) A person ceases to be a director as soon as
  - (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law;
  - (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
  - (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
  - (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
  - (e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have;
  - (f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.
- (2) A director shall not be required to vacate his office and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a director by reason of his attaining the age of 70 or any other age.

# Directors' remuneration

- 20. (I) Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide.
  - (2) Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine -
    - (a) for their services to the company as directors, and
    - (b) for any other service which they undertake for the company.
  - (3) Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may –

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- (a) take any form, and
- (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.
- (4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- (5) Directors are not accountable to the company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the company is interested.

# Directors' expenses

- 21. The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at
  - (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,
  - (b) general meetings, or
  - (c) otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company.

#### PART 3

### SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

# **SHARES**

### Powers to issue different classes of share

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

## Share certificates

- 23. (1) The company shall, upon request, issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds.
  - (2) Every certificate must specify -
    - (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued;
    - (b) the nominal value of those shares; and
    - (c) the extent to which the shares are paid
- (3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class.

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

# Replacement share certificates

- 24. (1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is -
  - (a) damaged or defaced, or
  - (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed, that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.
- (2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate
  - (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
  - (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced; and
  - (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide.

### Prohibited Share transfers

- 25. (1) Any person who holds any shares shall not -
  - (a) grant any legal or equitable mortgage or charge over any share; or
  - (b) transfer any interest in or grant any option over or to acquire either or both of the legal or beneficial ownership in a share or any voting right attached thereto.
- (2) Any person who holds, or becomes entitled to, any shares shall not, except with the prior written consent or in accordance with any prior written agreement of each of the shareholders, effect a transfer of any shares.

## Share transfers

- 26. (1) Subject to article 25(2) shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in a form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor.
- (2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- (3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.

- (4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.
- (5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share for any reason, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.
- (6) The directors may, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of shares, require the transferee to execute and deliver to the company a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement or similar document in force between the shareholders in such form as the directors may reasonably require (provided the transferee's obligations or liabilities thereunder are not greater than those of the propose transferor). If any such condition is imposed, the transfer may not be registered unless such deed has been executed and delivered by the transferee to the satisfaction of the directors.

#### Transmission of shares

- 27. (I) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share.
- (2) A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require
  - (a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
  - (b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.
- (3) But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

# Exercise of transmittees' rights

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



given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register of members.

#### DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

# Procedure for declaring dividends

- 29. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts the company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- (2) A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors.
- (3) No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights.
- (4) Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.
- (5) If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear.
- (6) The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.
- (7) If the directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights.

### Payment of dividends and other distributions

- 30. (1) Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means -
  - (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide:
  - (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
  - (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide; or

- (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide.
- (2) In the articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable
  - (a) the holder of the share; or
  - (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
  - (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

## No interest on distributions

- 31. The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by
  - (a) the terms on which the share was issued, or
  - (b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company.

# **Unclaimed distributions**

- 32. (1) All dividends or other sums which are -
  - (a) payable in respect of shares, and
  - (b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable, may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed.
- (2) The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it.
  - (3) If -
    - (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
    - (b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it, the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company.

# Non-cash distributions

33. (1) Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company).

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- (2) For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution
  - (a) fixing the value of any assets;
  - (b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and
  - (c) vesting any assets in trustees.

# Waiver of distributions

- 34. Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if—
  - (a) the share has more than one holder, or
  - (b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share.

#### PART 4

# DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

# Quorum for general meetings

35. No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.

### Chairing general meetings

- 36. (1) If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- (2) If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start—
  - (a) the directors present, or
  - (b) (if no directors are present), the meeting, shall appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting shall be the first business of the meeting.
- (3) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the chairman of the meeting".



# Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- 37. (1) A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting whether in person or by means of video conference, internet voice or video calls, telephone or any suitable electronic means by which that person is able to communicate with all other participants.
- (2) A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when -
  - (a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting (whether in person or by means of video conference, internet voice or video calls, telephone or any suitable electronic means by which that person is able to communicate with all other participants), on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
  - (b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- (3) In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- (4) Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

### Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders

- 38. (1) The President and Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders and shall be entitled to receive notice and copies of all papers circulated in respect of a general meeting as if they were shareholders.
  - (2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not
    - (a) shareholders of the company, or
    - (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting.

# Adjournment

- 39. (1) If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting shall adjourn it.
- (2) The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if
  - (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or

- (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.
- (3) The chairman of the meeting shall adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- (4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting shall
  - (a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and(b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- (5) If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)
  - (a) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and
  - (b) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- (6) No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

#### **VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

# Voting: general

40. A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles.

### Errors and disputes

- 41. (1) No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.
- (2) Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.

#### Poll votes

42. (1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded –

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- (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
- (b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.
- (2) A poll may be demanded by -
  - (a) the chairman of the meeting;
  - (b) the directors;
  - (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
  - (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.
- (3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if -
  - (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
  - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- (4) Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs.

# Content of proxy notices

- 43 (1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which
  - (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy;
  - (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
  - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
  - (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- (2) The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- (3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
  - (4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as -
    - (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
    - (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

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# Delivery of proxy notices

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

## Amendments to resolutions

- 45. (1) An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if
  - (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
  - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- (2) A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if
  - (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
  - (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- (3) If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

#### PART 5

# **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

#### Means of communication to be used

- 46. (1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company.
- (2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- (3) A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.

### Company seals

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

#### DIRECTORS' INSURANCE

## Insurance

- 48. (1) The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss.
  - (2) In this article -

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- (a) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company,
- (b) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that director's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company, and
- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

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