

**British Steel  
(Industry)  
Limited**

COMPANY NO. 535960

The Companies Act 1985

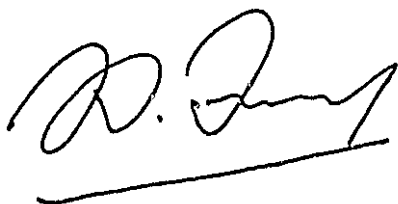
Company limited by shares

Special Resolution of British Steel (Industry) Limited  
passed on 24th September 1992  
(Resolution 2)

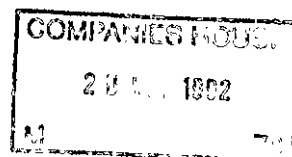
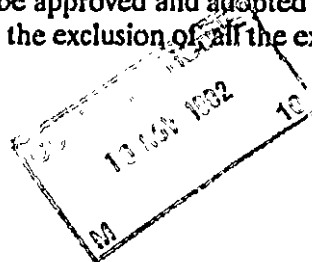
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company duly convened and held at Scotland the following Resolution was proposed and duly passed as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the Company.

**RESOLUTION:-**

THAT the regulations set forth in the printed document produced at the meeting, and for the purpose of identification signed by the Chairman of the meeting, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof.



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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

BRITISH STEEL (INDUSTRY)

LIMITED

(Articles adopted on 24 September 1992)

ADOPTION OF TABLE A

1. In these articles "Table A" means Table A scheduled to The Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended prior to the date of adoption of these articles. The regulations contained in Table A shall, except where they are excluded or modified by these articles, apply to the company and, together with these articles, shall constitute the articles of the company. No other regulations set out in any statute concerning companies, or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation made under any statute, shall apply as the regulations or articles of the company.

INTERPRETATION

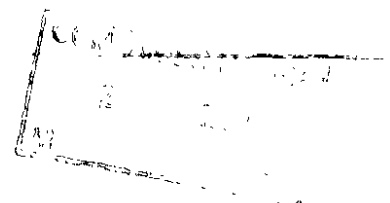
2. Words and expressions which bear particular meanings in Table A shall bear the same meanings in these articles. References in these articles to writing include references to any method of representing or reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form. Headings are for convenience only and shall not affect construction.

RIGHTS ATTACHED TO SHARES

3. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any rights conferred on the holders of any other shares, any share may be issued with or have attached to it such rights and restrictions as the company may by ordinary resolution decide or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the directors may decide. Regulation 2 of Table A shall not apply.

PARI PASSU ISSUES

4. The rights conferred upon the holders of any shares shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided in the rights attaching to those shares, be



deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking pari passu with them.

#### UNISSUED SHARES

5. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to these articles any unissued shares of the company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the directors who may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine.

#### INITIAL AUTHORITY TO ISSUE RELEVANT SECURITIES

6. Subject to any direction to the contrary which may be given by the company in general meeting, the directors are unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the company to allot relevant securities. The maximum nominal amount of relevant securities that may be allotted under this authority shall be the nominal amount of unissued shares at the date of adoption of this article or such other amount as may from time to time be authorised by the company in general meeting. The authority conferred on the directors by this article shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of adoption of this article but may be revoked varied or renewed from time to time by the company in general meeting in accordance with the Act.

#### EXCLUSIONS OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

7. Section 89(1) of the Act shall not apply to the allotment by the company of any equity security.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

8. The directors may, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason for so doing, decline to register any transfer of any share, whether or not it is a fully paid share. Regulation 24 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Notice of any general meeting need not be given to persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or to the directors or auditors in their capacity as such. Regulation 38 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

#### VOTES OF MEMBERS

10. At a general meeting, but subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative and every proxy for any member (regardless of the number or the holdings of the members for whom he is a proxy) shall have one vote, and on a poll every member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder. Regulation 54 of Table A shall not apply.

#### MEMBERS MAY VOTE WHEN MONEY PAYABLE BY THEM

11. Regulation 57 of Table A shall not apply.

#### DELIVERY OF PROXIES

12. The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the directors) any authority under which it is executed or a copy of the authority, certified notarially or in some other manner approved by the directors, may be delivered to the office (or to such other place or to such person as may be specified or agreed by the directors) before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to act or, in case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting, before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and an instrument of proxy which is not so delivered shall be invalid. The directors may at their discretion treat a faxed or other machine made copy of an instrument appointing a proxy as such an instrument for the purpose of this article. Regulation 62 of Table A shall not apply.

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

13. Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any other director, or any other person who is willing to act, to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him. Regulation 65 of Table A shall not apply.

#### POWER TO PROVIDE FOR EMPLOYEES

14. The directors may by resolution exercise any power conferred by the Act to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary.

#### DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

15. The directors may delegate any of their powers (with power to sub-delegate) to committees consisting of such person or persons (whether directors or not) as they think fit. Regulation 72 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

#### APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS BY MAJORITY SHAREHOLDERS

16. Any member holding, or any members holding in aggregate, a majority in nominal value of such of the issued share capital for the time being of the company as carries the right of attending and voting at general meetings of the company may by memorandum in writing signed by or on behalf of him or them and delivered to the office or tendered at a meeting of the directors or at a general meeting of the company at any time and from time to time appoint any person to be a director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, or remove any director from office no matter how he was appointed.

#### APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS BY BOARD

17. Without prejudice to the powers conferred by any other article, any person may be appointed a director by the directors, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director.

#### NO AGE LIMIT OR SHARE QUALIFICATION

18. No director shall be required to retire or vacate his office, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a director, by reason of his having attained any particular age. No shareholding qualification for directors shall be required.

#### EXCLUSION OF ROTATION REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER PROVISIONS

19. Regulations 73 to 80 (inclusive) and the last sentence of regulation 84 of Table A shall not apply.

#### DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

20. The office of a director shall be vacated not only upon the happening of any of the events mentioned in regulation 81 of Table A but also if he is removed from office pursuant to these articles. Regulation 81 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

#### DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

21. The directors may exercise all the powers of the company to provide benefits, either by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or in any other manner whether similar to the foregoing or not, for any director or former director or the relations, connections or dependants of any director or former director who holds or has held any executive office or employment with the company or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the company or with a predecessor in business of the company or of any such body corporate and may contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit. No director or former director shall be accountable to the company or the members for any benefit provided pursuant to this article and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a director of the company. Regulation 87 of Table A shall not apply.

## NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS

22. Notice of a meeting of the directors shall be deemed to be properly given to a director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the company for this purpose. A director absent or intending to be absent from the United Kingdom may request the directors that notices of meetings of the directors shall during his absence be sent in writing to him at an address given by him to the company for this purpose, but such notices need not be given any earlier than notices given to directors not so absent and if no request is made to the directors it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the directors to any director who is for the time being absent from the United Kingdom. A director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively. Regulation 88 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

## PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE

23. All or any of the members of the board or any committee of the board may participate in a meeting of the board or that committee by means of a conference telephone or any communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote or be counted in a quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.

## DIRECTORS MAY VOTE WHEN INTERESTED

24. A director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the company shall declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the directors in accordance with the Act. Subject where applicable to such disclosure, a director shall be entitled to vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract in which he is interested and if he shall do so his vote shall be counted and he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present. Regulations 94 and 95 of Table A shall not apply.

#### OFFICIAL SEAL

25. The company may exercise all the powers conferred by the Act with regard to having any official seal and such powers shall be vested in the directors. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any instrument to which an official seal is affixed shall be signed by such persons, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine.

#### NOTICES

26. Any notice or other document may be served on or delivered to any member by the company either personally, or by sending it by first class post addressed to the member at his registered address or by fax or telex to a number provided by the member for this purpose, or by leaving it at his registered address addressed to the member, or by any other means authorised in writing by the member concerned. In the case of joint holders of a share, service or delivery of any notice or other document on or to one of the joint holders shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders. Regulation 112 of Table A shall not apply.

#### TIME OF SERVICE

27. Any notice or other document, if sent by first class post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered twenty four hours after posting and, in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or document was properly addressed, stamped and put in the post. Any notice or other document left at a registered address otherwise than by post, or sent by fax or telex or other instantaneous means of transmission, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered when it was so left or sent. Regulation 115 of Table A shall not apply.