#### I.W.S. NOMINEE COMPANY LIMITED

(the "Company")

## SOLE MEMBER'S WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

[ 13TH FEBRUARY

2012 (the "Circulation Date")

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, the directors of the Company propose that the following resolutions are passed as special resolutions (the "Resolutions")

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- THAT the articles of association of the Company be amended by deleting all the provisions of the Company's memorandum of association which, by virtue of s28 Companies Act 2006, are to be treated as provisions of the Company's articles of association, and,
- THAT the articles of association of the Company contained in the document attached hereto be adopted as the new articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing articles of association of the Company

Please read the Notes at the end of this document before signifying your agreement to the Resolutions below

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Director

**AGREEMENT** 

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, being the sole member of the Company entitled to vote on the Resolutions on [13<sup>TM</sup> FEBRUARY] 2012, HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREE to the Resolutions

Director

for and on behalf of

The Woolmark Company Pty Limited

Dated 13 [ == ] 2012

WEDNESDAY

\*A1280.000

A138909K\*

22/02/2012

COMPANIES HOUSE

#100

# NOTES

- To signify your agreement to the Resolutions you should sign and date this document where indicated above and return it to the Company by delivering the signed copy by hand or by post to 100 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6JA
- 2 Once you have signified your agreement to the Resolutions you may not revoke your agreement
- Unless within 28 days of the date of circulation (where the Circulation Date counts as day 1) sufficient agreement has been received for the Resolutions to pass, it will lapse
- 4 The Resolutions were circulated to the auditors on the Circulation Date

#### I.W.S. NOMINEE COMPANY LIMITED

(the "Company")

# Written Resolutions of the Directors passed in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association

## 1. ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

There is annexed hereto draft written resolutions to be proposed to the sole member -

- (a) to amend the articles of association of the Company by deleting all the provisions of the Company's memorandum of association which, by virtue, of s28 of the Companies Act 2006, are to be treated as provisions of the Company's articles of association, and
- (b) to adopt new articles of association of the Company

#### 2. MEMBER'S WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

IT IS NOTED that the following written resolutions be proposed to the sole member of the Company for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- (a) THAT the articles of association of the Company be amended by deleting all the provisions of the Company's memorandum of association which, by virtue, of section 28 of the Companies Act 2006, are to be treated as provisions of the Company's articles of association, and
- (b) THAT the articles of association of the Company contained in the document produced to the meeting be adopted as the new articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing articles of association of the Company

# 2 2 IT IS RESOLVED that

- (a) the form of written resolutions be and are hereby approved, and
- (b) the secretary be instructed to despatch the form of written resolutions to the sole member of the Company for consideration and, if appropriate, signature, and
- (c) subject to the approval of the written resolutions by the sole member, the secretary be authorized to execute form CC04 on behalf of the Company, and to make all the necessary arrangement to file certified copies of the members' written resolutions and a copy of the new articles of association and the form CC04 with Companies House



X Marchall

Tracy Marshall

13/2/12

Date

Stuart McCullough

Date

Company Number: 760488

#### THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

#### PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

**OF** 

#### I.W.S. NOMINEE COMPANY LIMITED

(Adopted by special resolution passed on 13th February 2012)

#### PART 1

## **PRELIMINARY**

#### 1. Articles of association

These articles constitute the articles of association of the company No regulations contained in any statute or subordinate legislation, including the regulations contained in Schedule 2 to The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008, apply to the company

## INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

## 2. Defined Terms

In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise

"alternate" or "alternate director" has the meaning given in article 25,

"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,

"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 and "directors" means the directors or any of them acting as the board of directors of the company,

"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,

<sup>&</sup>quot;appointer" has the meaning given in article 25,

<sup>&</sup>quot;articles" means the company's articles of association,

<sup>&</sup>quot;chairman" has the meaning given in article 14,

<sup>&</sup>quot;chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 33,

"member" has the meaning given in section 112 of the Companies Act 2006,

"ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006,

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 12,

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 39,

"secretary" means the secretary of the company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary,

"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, 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

Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of

- (a) any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it, and
- (b) any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts

Clause and paragraph headings are inserted for ease of reference only and shall not affect construction

## 3. Liability Of Members

The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member, for

- (a) payment of the company's debts and liabilities contracted before he ceases to be a member,
- (b) payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and
- (c) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves

#### PART 2

#### **DIRECTORS**

#### DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## 4. Directors' General Authority

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

## 5. Members' Reserve Power

- (1) The members may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action
- (2) No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution

## 6. Directors May Delegate

- (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) Any such delegation shall, in the absence of express provision to the contrary in the terms of delegation, be deemed to include authority to sub-delegate all or any of the powers delegated
- (3) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

#### 7. Committees

- (1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors
- (2) The directors may co-opt persons other than directors onto any such committee. Any such co-opted persons may enjoy voting rights in the committee. The co-opted members shall be less than one half of the total membership of the committee and a resolution of any committee shall be effective only if a majority of the members present are directors.
- (3) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them

#### 8. Associate Directors

The directors may appoint any person to any office or employment having a designation or title including the word "director" and/or may attach such a designation or title to any existing office or employment with the company and may terminate any such appointment or the use of any such designation or title. The inclusion of the word "director" in the designation or title of any such office or employment shall in no way imply that the holder is a director of the company, and the holder shall not thereby be empowered in any respect to act as, or be deemed to be, a director of the company for any of the purposes of the articles

#### DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

## 9. Directors To Take Decisions Collectively

- (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 10
- (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, save that he shall comply with the requirements of article 19

#### 10. Unanimous Decisions

- (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 where each eligible director has signed one ore more copies of it, 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 (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter)
- (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

## 11. Calling A Directors' Meeting

- (1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the 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 7 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

# 12. Participation In Directors' Meetings

- (1) Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when
  - (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and
  - they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting
- (2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other
- (3) 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 In default of such a decision, the 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 is

## 13. Quorum For Directors' Meetings

- (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 two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two
- (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
  - (a) to appoint further directors, or
  - (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors

# 14. Chairing Of Directors' Meetings

- (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

## 15. Voting At Directors' Meetings: General Rules

- (1) Subject to the articles, each director participating in a directors' meeting has one vote
- (2) Subject to such disclosure as is required by law and the articles, a director who is interested in an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the company is to be counted as participating in the decision making process (including for this purpose any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting) for quorum and voting purposes

## 16. Chairman's casting vote at directors' meetings

If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote

# 17. Voting At Directors' Meetings

A director who is also an alternate director has an additional vote on behalf of each appointor who is

- (a) not participating in a directors' meeting, and
- (b) would have been entitled to vote if they were participating in it

#### 18. Conflicts of interest

- (1) Subject to the articles, and provided that he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts, a director notwithstanding his office
  - (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested,
  - (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the company or in which the company is otherwise interested, and
  - (c) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any parent undertaking or subsidiary undertaking of the company, or any subsidiary undertaking of any parent undertaking of the company, or any body corporate in which any such parent undertaking or subsidiary undertaking is interested

and

(1) unless the directors decide otherwise shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the company for any remuneration or other benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit,

- (11) shall not infringe his duty to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company as a result of holding any such office or employment with or being a party to any such transaction or arrangement or otherwise being interested in any such body corporate,
- (111) shall not be required to disclose to the company, or use in performing his duties as a director of the company, any information relating to any such office or employment if to make such a disclosure or use would result in a breach of a duty or obligation of confidence owed by him in relation to or in connection with that office, employment, transaction, arrangement or interest, and
- (iv) may absent himself from discussions, whether in meetings of the directors or otherwise, and exclude himself from the receipt or use of information, which will or may relate to that office, employment, transaction, arrangement or interest
- (2) The directors may authorise (subject to such terms and conditions, if any, as they may think fit to impose from time to time, and subject always to their right to vary or terminate such authorisation), to the fullest extent permitted by law
  - (a) any matter which would otherwise result in a director infringing his duty to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company and which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest (including a conflict of interest and duty or conflict of duties), and
  - (b) a director to accept or continue in any office, employment or position in addition to his office as a director of the company (not being an office, employment or position which the director is authorised to hold pursuant to article 18(1)(b) and/or article 18(1)(c)

and may authorise the manner in which a conflict of interest arising out of such matter, office, employment or position may be dealt with, either before or at the time that such a conflict of interest arises

- (3) Any authorisation pursuant to article 18(2) is effective only if
  - (a) the matter in question was proposed in writing for consideration at a directors' meeting, in accordance with normal procedures or in such other manner as the directors may approve,
  - (b) any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting at which the matter is considered is met without counting the director in question or any other interested director, and
  - (c) the matter was agreed to without their voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted
- (4) In relation to any matter, office, employment or position that has been authorised pursuant to article 18(2) (subject to such terms and conditions, if any, as the directors may think fit to impose from time to time, and subject always to their right to vary or terminate such authorisation or the permissions set out below)

- (a) the director shall not be required to disclose to the company, or use in performing his duties as a director of the company, any information relating to such matter, or such office, employment or position, if to make such a disclosure or use would result in a breach of a duty or obligation of confidence owed by him in relation to or in connection with that matter, or that office, employment or position,
- (b) the director may absent himself from discussions, whether in directors' meetings or otherwise, and exclude himself from the receipt or use of information, which will or may relate to that matter, or that office, employment or position, and
- (c) the director shall not, by reason of his office as a director of the company, be accountable to the company for any remuneration or other benefit which he derives from any such matter, or from any such office, employment or position

## 19. Records Of Decisions To Be Kept

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

#### 20. Directors' Discretion To Make Further Rules

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

## 21. Methods Of Appointing and Removing Directors

- (1) Any member or members holding for the time being of more than one half of the total voting rights of all members having a right to vote at a general meeting of the company may at any time and from time to time appoint 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, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, and may remove any director from office
  - (a) by ordinary resolution, or
  - (b) by a decision of the directors
- (2) Any appointment or removal of a director in accordance with article 21(1) must be effected by notice in writing to the company signed by the person making the appointment or removal or in any other manner approved by the directors
- (3) The directors shall also have the power to appoint any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director

## 22. Termination Of Director's Appointment

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
- (g) that person is convicted of a criminal offence involving fraud or dishonesty and the directors resolve that he shall for that reason cease to be a director,
- (h) that person is removed as a director in accordance with article 21, or
- (1) that person is requested to resign in writing by all of the other directors

#### 23. Directors' Remuneration

- (1) 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
  - (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

## 24. Directors' Expenses

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) separate meetings of the holders of any class of debentures of the company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

# 25. Appointment and removal of alternates

- (1) Any director (the "appointor") may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, and who has been approved by decision of the directors, to
  - (a) exercise that director's powers, and
  - (b) carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor

(2) Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the company signed by the appointor or in any other manner approved by the directors

# 26. Rights And Responsibilities Of Alternate Directors

- (1) An alternate director may act as alternate director for more than one director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors as the alternate's appointor
- (2) Except as the articles specify otherwise, alternate directors
  - (a) are deemed for all purposes to be directors,
  - (b) are liable for their own acts and omissions,
  - (c) are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors, and
  - (d) are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors
- (3) A person who is an alternate director and also a director is entitled, in the absence of his appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor, in addition to his own vote, on any decision of the directors, but shall not be counted as more than one director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present
- (4) A person who is an alternate director but not a director
  - (a) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's appointor is not participating),
  - (b) may participate in taking a decision in accordance with article 10 (but only if that person's appointor has not so participated), and
  - (c) shall not be counted as more than one director for the purposes of articles 26(4)(a) and 26(4)(b)
- (5) An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the company

## 27. Termination Of Alternate Directorship

An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates

- (a) when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the company in writing specifying when it is to terminate,
- (b) on the occurrence in relation to the alternate of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director,
- (c) on the death of the alternate's appointor,
- (d) when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates, or
- (e) when the alternate director resigns his office by notice to the company

#### **SECRETARY**

## 28. Appointment And Removal Of Secretary

- (1) Subject to the articles, the secretary shall be appointed by ny persons or persons representing not less than one half of the total voting rights of all members having a right to vote at a general meeting of the company or the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and any secretary so appointed may be removed by such appointor(s)
- (2) Two or more joint secretaries, each of whom shall have full authority to act alone and independently of each other, may be appointed pursuant to the provisions of this article 28

#### PART 3

#### **MEMBERS**

## BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

## 29. Applications For Membership

No person shall become a member of the company unless

- (a) that person has completed an application for membership in a form approved by the directors, and
- (b) the directors have approved the application

## 30. Termination Of Membership

- (1) A member may withdraw from membership of the company by giving 7 days' notice to the company in writing
- (2) A person's membership terminates when that person dies or ceases to exist
- (3) Membership is not transferable

#### ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

## 31. Attendance And Speaking At General Meetings

- (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, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting
- (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, 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) The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it
- (4) 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
- (5) 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

## 32. Quorum For General Meetings

- (1) 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
- (2) Save in the case of a company having only one member, two qualifying persons present at a meeting shall be a quorum, unless each is a qualifying person only because
  - (a) he is duly authorised to act as the representative of a corporation in relation to the meeting and they are representatives of the same corporation, or
  - (b) he is appointed as proxy of a member in relation to the meeting and they are proxies of the same member
- (3) In the case of a company having only one member, one qualifying person present at a meeting shall be a quorum
- (4) In this article, a "qualifying person" means
  - (a) an individual who is a member of the company,
  - (b) a person duly authorised to act as the representative of a corporation in relation to the meeting, or
  - (c) a person appointed as a proxy of a member in relation to the meeting

## 33. Chairing General Meetings

- (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,

must appoint a director or member to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must 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"

# 34. Attendance And Speaking By Directors And Non-Members

- (1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are members
- (2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not members of the company to attend and speak at a general meeting

## 35. Adjournment

- (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 must 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 must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting
- (4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must
  - (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**

## 36. Voting: General

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

## 37. Errors And Disputes

- (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

## 38. Poll Votes

- (1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded
  - (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, or
  - (c) any member (being an individual) present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) present by a duly authorised representative or by proxy 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 at such time and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs

# 39. Content Of Proxy Notices

- (1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which
  - (a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy,

- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed,
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member 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

## 40. Delivery Of Proxy Notices

- (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) Subject to articles 40(3) and 40(4), a proxy notice must be delivered to the company or to such other place as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the company in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates
- (3) In the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, the notice must be delivered to the company or to such other place as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the company in relation to the meeting not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll
- (4) In the case of a poll not taken during the meeting but taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, the proxy notice must be delivered in accordance with article 40(2) or at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman, the secretary (if any) or any director
- (5) 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
- (6) 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
- (7) If a proxy notice is not signed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who signed it to sign it on the appointor's behalf

#### 41. Amendments To Resolutions

- (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 4

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

# 42. Means Of Communication To Be Used

- (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

## 43. Company Seals

- (1) Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors
- (2) The directors may decide 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 at least one authorised person

- (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
- (5) If the company has an official seal for use abroad, it may only be affixed to a document if its use on that document, or documents of a class to which it belongs, has been authorised by a decision of the directors

# 44. No Right To Inspect Accounts And Other Records

Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a member

## 45. Provision For Employees On Cessation Of Business

The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary

#### DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

## 46. Indemnity

- (1) Subject to article 46(2) a relevant director of the company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the company's assets against
  - (a) any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company or an associated company,
  - (b) any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006), and
  - (c) any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the company or an associated company
- (2) This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law
- (3) In this article
  - (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
  - (b) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company

#### 47. Insurance

- (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
  - (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