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PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

**WRITTEN RESOLUTION
OF
NORTHERN & SHELL PLC
(the "Company")**

Circulated on 26/02 2009 (the "Circulation Date")

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006, the directors of the Company propose that the following resolution is passed as a special resolution (the "Resolution"):

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

"**THAT** the articles of association attached to this written resolution be and hereby are approved and adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing articles of association of the Company"


AGREEMENT

Please read the notes at the end of this document before signifying your agreement to the Resolution.

The undersigned, being all of the members entitled to vote on the Resolution on the Circulation Date, hereby irrevocably agree to the Resolution:



for and on behalf of
Northern & Shell Network Limited



for and on behalf of
RCD 1 Limited

Dated: 26/02 2009

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1 **PRELIMINARY**

1.1 The regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to The Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended by any subsequent or any future regulations (such Table being hereinafter called "**Table A**") shall apply to the Company so far as it relates to private companies limited by shares but save in so far as they are excluded or varied hereby and such regulations (save as so excluded or varied) and the articles hereinafter contained shall be the articles of association of the Company.

1.2 Any model articles of association promulgated under the 2006 Act shall not apply to the Company.

1.3 In these articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

'the 1985 Act' means the Companies Act 1985 (to the extent that the provisions of such Act are from time to time in force) and any reference in these articles to any provision of the 1985 Act shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force save where express reference is made to the 2006 Act;

'the 2006 Act' means the Companies Act 2006 (to the extent that the provisions of such Act are from time to time in force) and every statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;

'these articles' means these articles of association as originally adopted or as altered from time to time by special resolution;

'Associated has the meaning given to that term in section 256 of the 2006 Act.

Company'

'clear days'	means, in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day on which the notice is given or is deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
'conflict of interest'	any reference in these articles to a conflict of interest includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties;
'dividend'	includes all moneys payable on or in respect of a share;
'electronic means'	has the meaning given to that term in section 1168 of the 2006 Act;
'the seal'	means the common seal of the Company and includes any official seal kept by the Company by virtue of sections 39 or 40 of the 1985 Act;
'the secretary'	means the secretary of the Company and includes any assistant or deputy secretary and a person appointed by the directors to perform any of the duties of the secretary;

- 1.4 where an ordinary resolution of the Company is expressed to be required for any purpose, a special resolution is also effective for that purpose;
- 1.5 the headings in these articles do not affect the interpretation of these articles;
- 1.6 words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa; words denoting the masculine gender include the feminine gender; and words denoting persons include corporations; and
- 1.7 subject as aforesaid, any word or expression to which a meaning is assigned by the 1985 Act or the 2006 Act has the meaning so assigned to it on the date on which these articles become binding on the Company.
- 1.8 In these articles:
 - 1.8.1 powers of delegation shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given thereto;
 - 1.8.2 the word **'directors'** in the context of the exercise of any power contained in these articles includes any committee consisting of one or more directors, any director holding executive office and any local or divisional directors of the Company to which or, as the case may be, to whom the power in question has been delegated;
 - 1.8.3 no power of delegation shall be limited by the existence or, except where expressly provided by the terms of delegation, the exercise of that or any other power of delegation; and
 - 1.8.4 except where expressly provided by the terms of delegation, the delegation of a power shall not exclude the concurrent exercise of that power by another body or

person who is for the time being authorised to exercise it under these articles or under another delegation of the power.

2 **SHARE CAPITAL**

2.1 **Authorised Share Capital**

The share capital of the Company at the date of adoption of these Articles is £1,600,000 divided into 1,100,000 Preferred Ordinary Shares of £1 each ('**Preferred Ordinary Shares**') and 500,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each ('**Ordinary Shares**').

2.2 **Preferred Ordinary Shares**

The Preferred Ordinary Shares shall entitle the holders thereof to the following rights:

2.2.1 As regards dividend:

- (a) the Company shall, in priority to payment of any dividend to all other shareholders, pay to the holders of the Preferred Ordinary Shares a fixed cumulative preferential dividend (the '**Preferred Ordinary Dividend**') at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum (not of any advance corporation tax payable by the Company) (or such other rate as the holders of Preferred Ordinary Shares may require if the value of the Preferred Ordinary Shares on issue is different from the value subsequently determined by the Inland Revenue (the '**Adjusted Rate**')) accruing on a daily basis on the nominal value of such shares, and payable half yearly in arrears on 1 July and 1 January in each year provided that the first payment of such dividend shall be on 1 July 1993 in respect of the period from the date of issue of such shares to that date;
- (b) the Company shall pay to the holders of the Preferred Ordinary Shares a participating dividend equal in aggregate amount to 4 per cent. of the aggregate amount of any distribution paid on the Ordinary Shares (payment to be made on the same day as payment of dividend to holders of Ordinary Shares); and
- (c) if dividend at the Adjusted Rate is subsequently payable the dividend from the date of issue to the date the Adjusted Rate is set shall be recalculated at the Adjusted Rate: any additional dividend shall be paid immediately and any overpayment shall be a deduction prior to payment of any later Preferred Ordinary Dividend. Interest at the official rate for the purposes of Section 160 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be payable immediately by the Company to the holders of Preferred Ordinary Shares on the said additional dividend and by the holders of Preferred Ordinary Shares to the Company on any overpayment.

2.2.2 As regards capital:

on a return of assets on a liquidation, reduction of capital or otherwise, the holders of Preferred Ordinary Shares shall be entitled (in proportion to the number of Preferred Ordinary Shares held by each of them), in priority to all other shareholders, to be paid out of the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities an amount equal to the nominal value of the Preferred Ordinary Shares together with a sum equal to any Arrears calculated down to the date of the return of capital – for the purposes of this article ‘Arrears’ shall mean in relation to any share, all accruals, deficiencies and arrears of any dividend payable in respect of such share, whether or not earned or declared and irrespective of whether or not the Company has had at any time sufficient distributable profits to pay such dividend together with all interest and other amounts payable thereon and also together with [*] per cent of the aggregate amount of the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities.

2.2.3 As regards voting at general meetings:

the holders of the Preferred Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company; on a show of hands every holder of Preferred Ordinary Shares who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative or by proxy, shall have one vote for every twenty Preferred Ordinary Shares on a show of hands and on a poll every holder of Preferred Ordinary Shares so present shall have one vote for every twenty Preferred Ordinary Shares held by him.

2.2.4 As regards redemption, the Preferred Ordinary Shares shall, subject to the Acts, be redeemed on and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the Preferred Ordinary Shares shall be redeemed by the Company on 31 December 2002;
- (b) on each date on which Preferred Ordinary Shares are to be redeemed pursuant to this article (‘a **Redemption Date**’), each registered holder of Preferred Ordinary Shares to be redeemed shall deliver to the Company at its registered office the share certificates for such Preferred Ordinary Shares and thereupon the Company shall pay to such holder (or, in the case of joint holders, to the holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of such shares) the amount due to him in respect of such redemption and shall issue a new share certificate in respect of any unredeemed Preferred Ordinary Shares comprised in the certificate delivered by him;

- (c) as a condition of any redemption, there shall be paid on each Preferred Ordinary Share redeemed the nominal value of such share together with a sum equal to any Arrears in respect of such Preferred Ordinary Share calculated down to the relevant Redemption Date; and
- (d) the receipt of the registered holder (or, in the case of joint holders, the holder whose name stands first in the register of members) for the time being of any Preferred Ordinary Shares being redeemed for the moneys payable on redemption of such shares shall constitute an absolute discharge to the Company in respect thereof.

2.3 Ordinary Shares

The Ordinary Shares shall entitle the holders thereof to the following rights:

2.3.1 As regards dividend:

after making all necessary provisions for payment in any financial year of the Preferred Ordinary Dividend (including Arrears in respect of any period), the Company shall apply any profits which the Directors resolve thereafter to distribute in any such year in paying any balance of such profits to the holders of the Ordinary Shares *pari passu* and pro rata to the number of such shares held by each of them and to the holders of the Preferred Ordinary Shares in respect of their participating dividend specified in article 2.2.1(a).

2.3.2 As regards capital:

on a return of assets on a liquidation, reduction of capital or otherwise, the holders of the Ordinary Shares shall, subject to the rights of the holders of the Preferred Ordinary Shares, be entitled (in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares held by each of them) to the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities; and

2.3.3 As regards voting in general meetings:

the holders of the Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company; on a show of hands every holder of Ordinary Shares who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative or by proxy shall have one vote and on a poll every holder of Ordinary Shares so present shall have one vote for each Ordinary Share held by him.

- 2.4 Unless the Company is prohibited by law, the Preferred Ordinary Dividend shall (notwithstanding any provision of these articles and in particular notwithstanding that there has not been a recommendation of the directors or resolution of the Company in general meeting) be paid immediately on the due date and if not then paid shall be a debt due by the Company and be payable on priority to any other dividend.

- 3 Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares of class of shares, any shares in the capital of the Company for the time being may be issued with such special rights, privileges or restrictions as the Company in general meeting may (before the issue of such shares) from time to time direct and in particular any such shares may be issued with a preferential, deferred or qualified right to dividends or to the distribution of assets and with a special or without any right of voting and (subject to the provisions of the Statute) on the terms that they are, or at the option of the Company are to be liable, to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company in general meeting may (before the issue of such shares) determine.

4 **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

- 4.1 Whenever the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any shares of that class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be modified, varied, extended, abrogated or surrendered with the written consent of the holders of three-fourths of nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of such shares. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these articles relating to general meetings shall (*mutatis mutandis*) apply, except that:

- 4.1.1 the necessary quorum shall be two persons at least holding or representing by proxy one-third in nominal amount of the issued shares of the class in question;
- 4.1.2 if any such separate general meeting shall be adjourned by reason of there being no quorum present and at the adjourned meeting a quorum shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for such adjourned meeting, those holders of the shares of the class in question who are present shall be a quorum;
- 4.1.3 any holder of shares of the class in question who is present in person or by proxy may demand a poll; and
- 4.1.4 on a poll every holder of shares of the class in question who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of that class held by him.

- 5 If any class of shares shall have any preferential right to dividend or return of capital, the conferring upon other shares of rights to either dividend or return of capital ranking in point of priority in some or all respects either *pari passu* with or after that class shall not (unless otherwise expressly provided by these articles or by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) be deemed a variation of the rights of the holders of that class of shares.

6 **ALLOTMENT OF SHARES**

- 6.1 Shares which are comprised in the authorised share capital with which the Company is incorporated shall be under the control of the directors who may (subject to section 80 of the 1985 Act and to article 6.3 below) allot and grant options over or otherwise dispose of the same, to such persons, on such terms and in such manner as they think fit.

6.2 In accordance with section 91(1) of the 1985 Act, sections 89(1) and 90(1) to (6) (inclusive) of the 1985 Act shall not apply to the Company.

6.3 The directors are generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of section 80 of the 1985 Act to exercise any power of the Company to allot and grant rights to subscribe for or convert securities into shares of the Company up to the amount of the authorised share capital of the Company at any time or times during the period of five years from the date of adoption of these articles provided that the nominal value of the shares to be allotted shall not, when aggregated with the nominal value of securities already allotted, exceed the authorised capital of the Company, and the directors may, after that period, allot any shares or grant any such rights under this authority in pursuance of an offer or agreement made by the Company within that period. The authority hereby given may at any time (subject to the said section 80) be renewed, revoked or varied by ordinary resolution.

7 LIEN ON SHARES

7.1 The lien conferred by regulation 8 in Table A shall attach also to fully paid-up shares, and the Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on all shares, whether fully paid or not, standing registered in the name of any person indebted or under liability to the Company, whether he shall be the sole registered holder thereof or shall be one of two or more joint holders, for all moneys presently payable by him or his estate to the Company. Regulation 8 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

7.2 The liability of any member in default in respect of a call shall be increased by the addition at the end of the first sentence of regulation 18 in Table A of the words "and all expenses that may have been incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment".

8 TRANSFER OF SHARES

Subject to section 771 of the 2006 Act, the directors may, in their absolute discretion, decline to register the transfer of a share, whether or not it is a fully paid share, and the first sentence of regulation 24 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

9.1 Every notice convening a general meeting shall comply with the provisions of the 2006 Act as to giving information to members in regard to their right to appoint proxies.

9.2 If and for so long as the Company has only one member, that member present in person or by proxy or (if that member is a corporation) by a duly authorised representative shall be a quorum.

9.3 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for a general meeting the general meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the directors may determine; and if at the adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed therefor such adjourned general meeting shall be dissolved.

- 9.4 Regulation 41 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 9.5 If and for so long as the Company has only one member and that member takes any decision which is required to be taken in general meeting or by means of a written resolution, that decision shall be as valid and effectual as if agreed by the Company in general meeting, subject as provided in article 9.7 below.
- 9.6 Any decision taken by a sole member pursuant to article 9.5 above shall be recorded in writing and delivered by that member to the Company for entry in the Company's minute book.
- 9.7 Resolutions under section 168 of the 2006 Act for the removal of a director before the expiration of his period of office and under section 510 of the 2006 Act for the removal of an auditor before the expiration of his period of office shall only be considered and passed by the Company in general meeting.
- 9.8 An instrument of proxy is deemed (unless the contrary is stated in it) to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to speak at the meeting and to vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll) on any resolution or amendment of a resolution put to, or other business which may properly come before, the meeting or meetings for which it is given, as the proxy thinks fit.
- 9.9 Where the same person is appointed proxy for more than one member he shall on a show of hands have as many votes as the number of members for whom he is proxy in addition to his own vote (if any) as a member. Regulation 54 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.
- 9.10 Unless resolved by ordinary resolution that regulation 62 in Table A shall apply without modification, the instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the directors may be deposited at the place specified in regulation 62 in Table A up to the commencement of the meeting or (in any case where a poll is taken otherwise than at the meeting) of the taking of the poll or may be handed to the chairman of the meeting prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting.

10 DIRECTORS

- 10.1 Regulation 64 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 10.2 The maximum number and minimum number respectively of the directors may be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution. Subject to and in default of any such determination there shall be no maximum number of directors and the minimum number of directors shall be one. Whenever the minimum number of directors is one, a sole director shall have authority to exercise all the powers and discretions by Table A and by these articles expressed to be vested in the directors generally, and regulation 89 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

- 10.3 The directors shall not be required to retire by rotation and regulations 76 to 79 (inclusive) in Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 10.4 No person shall be appointed a director at any general meeting unless either:
- 10.4.1 he is recommended by the directors; or
- 10.4.2 not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date appointed for the general meeting, notice signed by a member qualified to vote at the general meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment, together with notice signed by that person of his willingness to be appointed.
- 10.5 Subject to article 10.4, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director.
- 10.6 The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number determined in accordance with article 10.2 above as the maximum number of directors and for the time being in force.
- 10.7 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at a general meeting may, by memorandum in writing signed by or on behalf of them and delivered to the Company's registered 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 such director was appointed).
- 11 **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**
- 11.1 Unless otherwise determined by the Company in general meeting by ordinary resolution an alternate director shall not be entitled as such to receive any remuneration from the Company, save that he may be paid by the Company such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct, and the first sentence of regulation 66 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.
- 11.2 A director, or any such other person as is mentioned in regulation 65 in Table A, may act as an alternate director to represent more than one director, and an alternate director shall be entitled at any meeting of the directors or 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 he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- 12 **DIRECTORS' BENEFITS**
- 12.1 The directors may exercise the powers of the Company conferred by its Memorandum of Association in relation to the payment of pensions, gratuities and other benefits and shall be

entitled to retain any benefits received by them or any of them by reason of the exercise of any such powers.

12.2 Regulation 87 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

13 **DIRECTORS' POWERS**

The directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money without limit as to amount and upon such terms and in such manner as they think fit, and subject (in the case of any security convertible into shares) to section 80 of the 1985 Act to grant any mortgage, charge or standard security over its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock, and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

14 **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

14.1 Subject to article 14.4 a director may vote, at any meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors, on any resolution, notwithstanding that it in any way concerns or relates to a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest whatsoever, and if he shall vote on any such resolution his vote shall be counted; and in relation to any such resolution as aforesaid he shall (whether or not he shall vote on the same) be taken into account in calculating the quorum present at the meeting.

14.2 Each director shall comply with his obligations to disclose the nature and extent of his interests in proposed and existing transactions and arrangements with the Company under sections 177 and 182 of the 2006 Act. A director shall not be required to disclose the nature and extent of his interests in proposed transactions and arrangements with the Company under this article 14.2 where the interest or potential interest has arisen by reason of that director also acting as a director of any group undertaking (as defined in section 1161(5) of the 2006 Act)

14.3 Regulations 94 to 97 (inclusive) in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

14.4 The directors may (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) authorise:

14.4.1 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);

14.4.2 a director to accept or continue in any office, employment or position in addition to his office as a director of the Company and without prejudice to the generality of article 14.4.1 of this article 14 may authorise the manner in which a conflict of

interest arising out of such office, employment or position may be dealt with, either before or at the time that such a conflict of interest arises;

provided that for this purpose the director in question and any other interested director are not counted in the quorum at any board meeting at which such matter, or such office, employment or position, is approved and it is agreed to without their voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.

- 14.5 For the purposes of this article 14 an interest includes both direct and indirect interests.
- 14.6 A director shall not be regarded as in breach of the duty set out in section 175 of the 2006 Act in relation to conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest which arise by reason of that director also acting as a director of any group undertaking (as defined in section 1161(5) of the 2006 Act).
- 14.7 Where a matter, or office, employment or position, has been authorised by the directors subject to terms and conditions under article 14.4, the director must act in accordance with those terms and conditions.
- 14.8 If a matter, or office, employment or position, has been authorised by the directors in accordance with this article 14 then:
- 14.8.1 the director shall not be required to disclose any confidential information relating to such matter, or such office, employment or position, to the Company or to use such information in relation to the Company's affairs if to make such a disclosure or use would result in a breach of duty or obligation or confidence owed by him to another person in relation to or in connection with that matter, or that office, employment or position;
- 14.8.2 the director may absent himself from meetings of the directors at which anything relating to that matter, or that office, employment or position, will or may be discussed; and
- 14.8.3 the director may make such arrangements as such director thinks fit for Board and committee papers of the Company to be received and read by a professional adviser on behalf of that director.
- 14.9 The general duties which a director owes to the Company pursuant to sections 171 to 177 of the 2006 Act will not be infringed by anything done (or omitted to be done) by a director in accordance with the provisions of this article or any terms or conditions imposed pursuant to article 14.4.
- 14.10 A director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any matter, or from any office, employment or position, which has been approved by the directors pursuant to this article 14 (subject to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject), nor shall the receipt of such benefit constitute a breach

of his duty under section 176 of the 2006 Act, and any contract, transaction or arrangement relating thereto shall not be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such benefit.

15 PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

15.1 A director or his alternate director may participate in a meeting of the board or a committee of the board through the medium of conference telephone or similar form of communication equipment, including electronic means if all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other throughout the meeting. A person participating in this way is deemed to be present in person at the meeting and is counted in a quorum and entitled to vote at the meeting. Subject to the 2006 Act, all business transacted in this way is for the purposes of these articles deemed to be validly and effectively transacted at a meeting of the board or a committee of the board even though fewer than two directors or alternate directors are physically present at the same place.

15.2 A meeting at which one or more of the directors attends in the manner referred to in article 15.1 is deemed to be held at such place as the directors shall at the said meeting resolve. In the absence of a resolution as aforesaid, the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place, if any, where a majority of the directors attending the meeting are physically present, or in default of such a majority, the place at which the chairman of the meeting is physically present.

16 THE SEAL

16.1 If the Company has a seal it shall only be used with the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by (i) the secretary, (ii) a second director or (iii) a witness in whose presence a director signs and attests the signature. The obligation under regulation 6 of Table A relating to the sealing of share certificates shall apply only if the Company has a seal. Regulation 101 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

16.2 The Company may exercise the powers conferred by section 39 of the 1985 Act with regard to having an official seal for use abroad, and such powers shall be vested in the directors.

17 NOTICES

17.1 Any documents or information to be sent or supplied to the Company pursuant to the 1985 Act, the 2006 Act, these articles or otherwise, must be sent or supplied in accordance with the provisions of sections 1143 to 1148 and Schedule 4 of the 2006 Act.

17.2 Any documents or information to be sent or supplied by the Company pursuant to the 1985 Act, the 2006 Act, these articles or otherwise, must be sent or supplied in accordance with the provisions of sections 1143 to 1148 and Schedule 5 of the 2006 Act.

17.3 Regulation 115 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

18 INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS AND FUNDING DIRECTORS' DEFENCE COSTS

18.1 For the purposes of this article a "liability" is any loss or liability incurred by a person in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or otherwise in connection with his duties, powers or office in relation to the Company.

18.2 To the extent permitted by the 1985 Act and the 2006 Act and without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may otherwise be entitled, every person who is or was a director or other officer of the Company (other than any person (whether or not an officer of the Company) engaged by the Company as auditor) shall be and shall be kept indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses and liabilities incurred by him (whether in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him or otherwise) in relation to the Company or its affairs provided that such indemnity shall not apply in respect of any liability incurred by him:

18.2.1 to the Company or to any Associated Company; or

18.2.2 to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings; or

18.2.3 to pay a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (howsoever arising); or

18.2.4 in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted; or

18.2.5 in defending any civil proceedings brought by the Company, or an Associated Company, in which judgment is given against him; or

18.2.6 in connection with any application under any of the following provisions in which the court refuses to grant him relief, namely:

(a) section 144(3) or (4) of the 1985 Act (acquisition of shares by innocent nominee); or

(b) section 727 of the 1985 Act (general power to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct).

18.3 To the extent permitted by the 1985 Act and the 2006 Act and without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may otherwise be entitled, every person who is or was a director or officer of the Company acting as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme shall be and shall be kept indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses and liabilities incurred by him in connection the Company's activities as trustee of the scheme provided that such indemnity shall not apply in respect of any liability incurred by him:

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or

18.3.3 in defending criminal proceedings in which he is convicted.

18.4 Without prejudice to article 18.2 or to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, and to the extent permitted by the 1985 Act and the 2006 Act and otherwise upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the board may in its absolute discretion think fit, the board shall have the power to make arrangements to provide a director or other officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in defending any criminal or civil proceedings or in connection with an application under section 144(3) or (4) of the 1985 Act (acquisition of shares by innocent nominee) or section 727 of the 1985 Act (general power to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct) or in defending himself in an investigation by a regulatory authority or against action proposed to be taken by a regulatory authority or to enable a director to avoid incurring any such expenditure, so long as if it is done under the terms as provided under section 205 of the 2006 Act.

18.5 Subject to the provisions of the 1985 Act and the 2006 Act and without prejudice to any protection from liability which may otherwise apply the directors shall have power to purchase and maintain for any director or other officer of the Company, or of an Associated Company, insurance against any liability as is mentioned in this article 18.

18.6 This article 18 shall only have effect in so far as its provisions are not avoided by section 232 of the 2006 Act.

18.7 Regulation 118 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.