Company Number: 01997379

(the "Company")

## **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

OF

# SENIOR TRUSTEE LIMITED (the "Company")

Passed on 7 June 2011

The following resolution was duly passed as a special resolution on 7 June 2011 by way of written resolution under Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006

A copy of the written resolution is appended

# **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

# 1. Amendment of articles of association

The Articles of Association in the form appended be and are hereby approved (A) and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association

Signed

-Director/ Company secretary

A23

10/06/2011 **COMPANIES HOUSE** 

### A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

WRITTEN RESOLUTION

OF

SENIOR TRUSTEE LIMITED

Company Number: 01997379

Certified a True Copy of the Original

Group Company Secretary

Date: 9 June 2011

(the "Company")

PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 291 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

# **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

1. Amendment of articles of association

THAT

(A) The Articles of Association appended to this Resolution be and are hereby approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association

# INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 291(4) COMPANIES ACT 2006

- 1 Eligible members are the members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution on the circulation date of the written resolution
- 2 The circulation date of the written resolution is 7 June 2011 (the "Circulation Date")
- 3 The procedure for signifying agreement by eligible members to a written resolution is as follows
  - (A) the sole member signifies his/her/its agreement to a proposed written resolution when the Company receives from him/her/it (or someone acting on his/her/its behalf) an authenticated document
    - (i) identifying the resolution to which it relates, and
    - (ii) indicating his/her/its agreement to the resolution,
  - (B) the document must be sent to the Company in hard copy form or in electronic form.
  - (C) a member's agreement to a written resolution, once signified, may not be revoked, and
  - (D) a written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it
- 4 The period for agreeing to the written resolution is the period of 15 days beginning with the Circulation Date

## AGREEMENT BY ELIGIBLE MEMBER TO WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

- I, being the eligible member of the Company
- 1 confirm that we have received a copy of the above written resolution in accordance with section 291 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- 2 hereby resolve and agree that the above resolution be passed as a written resolution pursuant to Section 288 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the resolution shall take effect as a special resolution

For and on behalf of

7 June 2011

Senior Engineering Investments Limited

Company No 01997379

Certified a True Copy of the Original

Group Company Secretary

Date: 9 June 2011

Senior Trustee Limited

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

# Index to the Articles

Part 1	Interpretation, Limitation of Liability, and Objects	1	
1	Exclusion of other regulations and defined terms	1	
2	Liability of members	2	
3	Objects	2	
Part 2	Directors - Directors' Powers and Responsibilities	3	
4	Directors' general authority	3	
5	Directors may delegate	3	
6	Committees	2	
Decision-Making by Directors			
7	Directors to take decisions collectively	4	
8	Decisions taken by written resolution	4	
9	Calling a directors' meeting	4	
10	Participation in directors' meetings	5	
11	Quorum for directors' meetings	5	
12	Chairing of directors' meetings	5	
13	Casting vote	6	
14	Directors' Interests	6	
15	Records of decisions to be kept	8	
16	Directors' discretion to make further rules	8	
17	Change of name	8	
Appoir	ntment of Directors	8	
18	Methods of appointing directors	8	
19	Termination of director's appointment	8	
20	Appointment and removal of directors by majority shareholders	9	

21	Member Nominated Directors	9
22	Directors' expenses	10
Part 3	Shares and Distributions Shares	10
23	All shares to be fully paid	10
24	Powers to issue different classes of share	10
25	Company not bound by less than absolute interests	11
26	Share certificates	11
27	Replacement share certificates	11
28	Share transfers	12
29	Transmission of shares	12
30	Exercise of transmittees' rights	12
31	Transmittees bound by prior notices	13
Part 4	Decision-Making by Shareholders Organisation of General Meetings	13
32	Written resolution	13
33	Attendance and speaking at general meetings	13
34	Quorum for general meetings	14
35	Chairing general meetings	14
36	Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders	14
37	Adjournment	15
Voting	at General Meetings	15
38	Voting general	15
39	Errors and disputes	15
40	Poll votes	16
41	Content of proxy notices	16
42	Delivery of proxy notices	17

43	Amendments to resolutions	17	
Part 5	Administrative Arrangements	18	
44	Means of communication to be used	18	
45	Company seals	18	
46	No right to inspect accounts and other records	19	
47	Provision for employees on cessation of business	19	
Directo	Directors' Insurance		
48	Insurance	19	
49	Definitions	19	

#### Part 1

## Interpretation, Limitation of Liability, and Objects

# 1 Exclusion of other regulations and defined terms

- (1) No regulations or model articles contained in any statute or subordinate legislation, including those contained in Table A or the Model Articles, apply to the company
- (2) In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise

"articles" means the company's articles of association,

"bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,

"chairman" has the meaning given in article 12,

"chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 35,

"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,

"Conflict Procedure" has the meaning given in article 14,

"director" means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,

"document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,

"employer nominated director" means any director who is not a member nominated director,

"fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company,

"holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares,

"instrument" means a document in hard copy form,

"member nominated director" means an individual appointed as a member nominated director of the Company in accordance with the procedure adopted for the purpose of the Pensions Act 2004 from time to time in relation to any pension plan to which the company is a trustee,

"Model Articles" means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2009/3229) as amended prior to the adoption of these articles,

"paid" means paid or credited as paid,

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10,

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 41,

"Recused Director" has the meaning given in article 14,

"Recused Matter" has the meaning given in article 14,

"Relevant Conflict" has the meaning given in article 14,

"shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share,

"shares" means shares in the company,

"Table A" means Table A in the schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (S I 1985 No 805) (as amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S I 1985 No 1052), the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S I 2007 No 2541) and the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2007 (S I 2007 No 2826)),

"transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law, and

"writing" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise

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

## 2 Liability of members

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

# 3. Objects

The company shall have unrestricted objects except insofar as the object of the company is to act as trustee and as executor or administrator, and to undertake and execute trusts of all kinds, whether public or private, including religious or charitable trusts, and either gratuitously or for reward, to act as trustee of pension and

superannuation funds and schemes, and generally to carry on what is usually known as trustee and executor business and to undertake any other trusts the undertaking whereof may seem desirable

#### 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 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) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated
- Where a provision in the articles refers to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion by the directors and that power, authority or discretion has been delegated by the directors to a committee, the provision shall be construed as permitting the exercise of the power, authority or discretion by the committee
- (4) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

#### 6 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 make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them

### **Decision-Making by Directors**

## 7. Directors to take decisions collectively

(1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be a majority decision either at a meeting or evidenced by written resolution in accordance with article 8

### 8. Decisions taken by written resolution

- (1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when a majority of eligible directors indicate to each other that they share a common view on a matter
- (2) Such a decision shall take the form of a resolution in writing, at least one copy of which has been signed by a majority of eligible directors or to which a majority of eligible directors have otherwise indicated agreement in writing (or more than one identical document which together contain the signatures of a majority of the directors)
- (3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter and whose vote would have been counted had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting
- (4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

## 9 Calling a directors' meeting

- (1) Any director or the company secretary may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors
- (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 either before or 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.

## 10 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
  - (b) 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, the meeting will be treated as taking place wherever the majority of participating directors are. If there is no majority in any one place, the participating directors may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

### 11. 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 will be two
- (3) If the total number of directors for the time being in office 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

## 12 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 may appoint one of themselves to chair it

# 13 Casting vote

- (1) If the numbers of votes at a meeting of directors for and against a proposal are equal (ignoring any votes which are to be discounted in accordance with the articles or the Companies Acts), the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote
- (2) Article 13(1) does not apply in respect of a particular meeting (or part of a meeting) if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes

### 14. Directors' Interests

- (1) A director shall declare any interest which he is required to declare by the Companies Acts in the manner provided for in the Companies Acts
- (2) Subject to making the declaration of interest required under paragraph 1 above and notwithstanding his office, a director
  - (a) may be a party, whether as trustee or otherwise, to, or otherwise be interested (whether directly or indirectly) in, any transaction, arrangement or other dealing with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested, and
  - (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, a party to any transaction, arrangement or other dealing with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested (whether directly or indirectly)
- (3) Subject to making the declaration of interest required under paragraph 1 above, a director shall not be disqualified from office by reason of any interest. He shall be entitled to vote in respect of any transaction, arrangement or other dealing in which he is interested. If he shall do so, his vote shall be counted and he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present.
- (4) Subject to making the declaration of interest required under paragraph 1 above, a director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he derives (whether directly or indirectly) from any office or employment or from any transaction, arrangement or other dealing in which he is interested
- (5) Subject to making the declaration of interest required under paragraph 1 above, a director is not required 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
- (6) (a) The board may (but shall be under no duty to do so) from time to time adopt such written conflicts of interest management procedure (a Conflict Procedure) as the board may determine to be appropriate under which a director with a conflict of interest to which that Conflict Procedure applies (the Relevant

**Conflict**) in relation to that Relevant Conflict is excluded from the receipt of information, the participation in discussion or the making of decisions (whether at meetings of the board or otherwise) relating to the Relevant Conflict to the extent provided for in that Conflict Procedure

- (b) That Conflict Procedure may impose upon such a director such other term and conditions for the purpose of dealing with the Relevant Conflict as the board may determine
- (c) That director shall be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the board under that Conflict Procedure in relation to that Relevant Conflict, so long as such terms and conditions do not override paragraph 7 or paragraph 11 below
- (7) (a) Where a director has a conflict of interest, that director may elect to recuse himself from acting for the company in relation to the matter to which the conflict of interest relates (the **Recused Matter**)
  - (b) A director who elects under paragraph 7(a) above (a **Recused Director**) shall give notice of such election to the board in writing or at a meeting of the board
  - (c) A Recused Director
    - (i) shall not count in the quorum at any meeting of the board at which the Recused Matter is considered,
    - (ii) shall not participate in any proceedings of the board in relation to the Recused Matter.
    - (III) shall have no right to receive any information of the company in relation to the Recused Matter, and
    - (iv) that Recused Director's duties to the company shall be modified accordingly
- (8) In this section 'Directors' Interests' "interest" includes any duty which a director owes to the company or to a person other than the company
- (9) The provisions of paragraph 6 and paragraph 7 above shall apply in relation to any committee of the board in the same way as they apply to the board but as if references to the board were to that committee of the board
- (10) Subject to making the declaration of interest required under paragraph 1 above, where a director holds information
  - (a) which is confidential information,
  - (b) which that director has acquired other than when acting in his capacity as a director or employee of the company, and

(c) In relation to which that director has a duty to a person other than the company to keep that information confidential,

that director shall be under no duty to the company to disclose to the company that confidential information and may continue to act as a director

(11) For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of section 180(4)(b) of the Companies Act 2006 the directors are hereby expressly authorised to act in any manner permitted by this article 14

## 15 Records of decisions to be kept

The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 6 years from end of scheme year to which the decision relates, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors

### 16 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

## 17 Change of name

The company may change its name by a decision of the directors

### **Appointment of Directors**

### 18 Methods of appointing directors

- (1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director
  - (a) by ordinary resolution,
  - (b) by a decision of the directors, or
  - (c) by a notice of his appointment given in accordance with article 20
- (2) In any case where, as a result of death, bankruptcy or other events, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint one or more persons to be a director
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (3), where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder

## 19 Termination of director's appointment

(1) A person ceases to be a director as soon as

- 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 has for more than six consecutive months been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors resolve that that person should cease to be director, and
- (h) notice of his removal is given in accordance with article 20
- (2) In addition to the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 1, the office of a director shall be vacated immediately before he is disqualified from being a trustee of any trust scheme under or pursuant to section 29 of the Pensions Act 1995

# 20 Appointment and removal of directors by majority shareholders

A shareholder or shareholders holding a majority in nominal value of the issued shares may by notice in writing signed by or on behalf of him or them and delivered to the 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 who is willing to act, and is permitted by law to do so, 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). The appointment or removal takes effect immediately on deposit of the notice or on such later date (if any) specified in the notice.

### 21 Member Nominated Directors

Notwithstanding any provision of these articles, no person may be appointed as a director of the company or as chairman of the board of directors of the company, and no person may be removed as a director of the company, unless such appointment or removal, as the case may be, complies with the arrangements relating to directors adopted by the company from time to time in accordance with section 242 of the Pensions Act 2004 and all regulations made under it. Furthermore every other term and

provision of the arrangements so adopted shall override any conflicting provisions of these articles

# 22 Directors' expenses

- (1) 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 shares or 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

(2) Subject to the Companies Acts, the directors shall have power to make arrangements to provide a director with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him for the purpose of the company or for the purpose of enabling him properly to perform his duties as an officer of the company or to avoid him incurring any such expenditure

#### Part 3

### **Shares and Distributions**

## Shares

### 23. All shares to be fully paid

- (1) No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in consideration for its issue
- (2) This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum

### 24 Powers to issue different classes of share

- (1) Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue further classes of shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the directors may decide
- (2) The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares
- (3) The rights, restrictions, terms and conditions attached to any shares issued pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of this article shall apply as if the same were set out in the articles

## 25. Company not bound by less than absolute interests

Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it

#### 26 Share certificates

- (1) The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds
- (2) Every certificate must specify
  - (a) In respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued,
  - (b) the nominal value of those shares,
  - (c) that the shares are fully paid, and
  - (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them
- (3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class
- (4) If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it
- (5) Certificates must
  - (a) have affixed to them the company's common seal, or
  - (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts

## 27. Replacement share certificates

- (1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is
  - (a) damaged or defaced, or
  - (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares

- (2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate
  - may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates,

- (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced, and
- (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide

#### 28. Share transfers

- (1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor
- (2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share
- (3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered
- (4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it
- (5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent

### 29. Transmission of shares

- (1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share
- (2) Subject to article 29(1), a transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require
  - (a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
  - (b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder from whom the transmittee derived such entitlement had
- (3) Transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the event which gave rise to the transmission, unless they become the holders of those shares

## 30. Exercise of transmittees' rights

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these articles, transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish

- (2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these articles, if the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
- (3) Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

# 31 Transmittees bound by prior notices

If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee (or any person nominated under article 29(2)) is entitled to those shares, the transmittee (and any person nominated under article 29(2)) is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register of members

#### Part 4

### **Decision-Making by Shareholders**

### **Organisation of General Meetings**

### 32. Written resolution

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, a resolution in writing signed by all the members of the company who would be entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at a general meeting at which such resolution was to be proposed, or by their duly appointed attorneys, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting of the company duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more of the members or their attorneys and signature in the case of a corporate body which is a member shall be sufficient if made by a director thereof or its duly appointed attorney.

# 33 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

## 34 Quorum for general meetings

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

## 35. Chairing general meetings

- (1) The chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so
- (2) 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 the deputy chairman shall chair the general meeting if present and willing to do so
- (3) If neither the chairman nor the deputy chairman is willing to chair the meeting or if neither the chairman nor the deputy chairman is 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 shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting

(4) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the chairman of the meeting"

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

- (1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders
- (2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not
  - (a) shareholders of the company, or
  - (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting

## 37. 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

### 38 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

### 39 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

#### 40 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, or
  - (b) by any member present in person or in proxy
- (3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if
  - (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
  - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal
- (4) Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs
- (5) 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
- (6) Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final

## 41 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 shareholder appointing the proxy,
  - (b) Identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed,
  - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine, and
  - (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned 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

# 42 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) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates
- (4) The directors may require the production of any evidence which they consider necessary to determine the validity of any proxy notice

#### 43 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 5

### **Administrative Arrangements**

### 44. 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

## 45 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 in the presence of a witness who attests the signature
- (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

# 46. 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 shareholder

# 47 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' Insurance**

#### 48. Insurance

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

#### 49 Definitions

### (1) In article 48

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate,
- (b) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company, and
- (c) 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

505867341