Company No: 2318349

# **CANDIDOAK LIMITED**

(the "Company")

# WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMPANY

The following resolution was passed by the Company as a Special Resolution on 30 June 2004 by way of written resolution in accordance with Section 381A of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended):

**THAT** the Regulations contained in the document presented to the sole member with this Written Resolution be adopted as the new Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for the existing Articles of Association.

Certified to be a true copy

S M L Parden

Director



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# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

**OF** 

# **CANDIDOAK LIMITED**

(adopted by written resolution dated 30 June 2004)

## 1. PRELIMINARY

The regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Table A to F) Regulations 1985 (as amended) ("**Table A**") shall, except to the extent that they are excluded or amended by these articles, apply to the Company.

## 2. SHARE CAPITAL

- 2.1 The directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, pursuant to section 80 of the Act, to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities for a period expiring on the fifth anniversary of the date of adoption of this article unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting, provided that:
  - the maximum amount of relevant securities which may be allotted pursuant to the authority conferred by this article is the amount of the authorised but as yet unissued share capital of the Company at the date of adoption of this article; and
  - (ii) by the authority conferred by this article, the directors may before the authority expires make an offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities of the Company to be allotted after it expires and may allot relevant securities in pursuance of that offer or agreement.
- 2.2 In accordance with section 91(1) of the Act, sections 89(1) and 90(1) to (6), inclusive, of the Act shall not apply to the Company.

#### 3. CLASS RIGHTS

- 3.1 (a) The share capital of the Company is £5,000,100 divided into 5,000,000 redeemable preference shares of £1 each ("the Preference Shares") and 100 ordinary shares of £1 each ("the Ordinary Shares") In these Articles reference to "Shares" shall mean both the Preference Shares and the Ordinary Shares except where the context precludes such interpretation
  - (b) The Preference Shares and the Ordinary Shares shall confer upon a holder of such shares the following respective rights and privileges and are subject to the following conditions and restrictions:-

# (1) As Regards Dividends

The net profit in respect of each financial year of the Company which by law is available for distribution by the Company shall be applied in payment of dividends to members of the Company in the following manner and order of priority subject in the case of dividends payable on Ordinary Shares to the prior approval of a general meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders

- (a) Firstly the Preference Shares shall be entitled to a dividend equal to one-third of the profits by law available for distribution provided that if such dividend shall exceed 10 per cent of the amounts for the time being paid up or credited as paid up on the Preference Shares the dividend shall be limited to 10 per cent to become payable and to be paid on the 15th December in each year the first such payment being on 15th December 1989. The right to dividends shall be non-cumulative with the result that if by reason of insufficiency of profits a dividend is not paid or not paid in full on the 15th December 1989 or in any subsequent year the shares shall not carry any entitlement to be paid that dividend or the amount thereof unpaid on 15th December 1989 or at a subsequent date
- (b) Secondly and subject to the dividend referred to in (a) above having been declared and paid in full in respect of the financial year in question the holders of the Ordinary Shares and the Preference Shares shall be entitled to a dividend or dividends of such amount if any as the Board of Directors shall recommend to be paid in the following proportions:-
  - (i) As to 99 per cent of such amount in respect of the Ordinary Shares; to be paid in proportion to the amounts paid up or credited as paid up thereon
  - (ii) As to 1 per cent of such amount in respect of the Preference Shares

# 3.2 As Regards Capital

On a return of assets whether on a dissolution winding-up or otherwise the assets of the Company available for distribution amongst the holders of the shares shall be applied as follows: -

- (a) an amount per share equal to 105 per cent of the nominal value of the share (or if a Preference Share is not fully paid up or credited as fully paid an amount equal to 105 per cent of the sum paid up) together with interest of 10 per cent per annum on that amount from the date of the resolution or court order for dissolution or winding-up until the amount is paid to the holders of the Preference Shares
- (b) Secondly in paying over the balance if any of such assets to the holders of the Ordinary Shares in proportion to the amounts paid up or credited as paid up on the number of such shares held by them respectively
- 3.3 Except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Article the Preference Shares shall not carry any other right to participate in profits or assets

# 3.4 As Regards Voting Rights

- (a) The Preference Shares shall confer on the holders the right to receive notice of all general meetings of the Company whether or not the holders are entitled to vote at such general meetings
- (b) The Preference Shares shall not confer on the holders the right to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company other than those rights conferred by Sections 125 and 127 of the Act.

# 3.5 As Regards Redemption

- (a) The Company may in its sole discretion subject to the provisions of the Act redeem at any time the whole or any part of the Preference Shares for the time being issued and outstanding upon giving to the holders of the shares to be redeemed not less than one month's notice in writing
- (b) The Company shall have the right subject to the provisions of the Act to redeem on or after the 31st day of January 1992 the whole or any part of the Preference Shares for the time being issued and outstanding upon giving to the holders of the shares to be redeemed not less than one month's notice in writing

- (c) If
  - (i) in the opinion of the Directors there is no reason why the Company should not redeem the Preference Shares and
  - (ii) the holders of the Preference Shares have passed a special resolution requesting the Company to redeem the outstanding Preference Shares on or as soon as practicable after the date specified in that resolution (which shall be not earlier than 31st January 1992) then the Company shall redeem the Preference Shares Not less than one month's previous notice in writing shall be given to the holders of such shares specifying the date upon which the same will be redeemed
- (d) In the case of any partial redemption under sub-paragraph (i) above the Company shall for the purpose of ascertaining the particular shares to be redeemed cause a drawing to be made at the Office or at such other place as the Directors may decide in the presence of a representative of the Auditors
- (e) Any notice of redemption shall specify the particular shares to be redeemed the date fixed for redemption and the place at which the certificates for such shares are to be presented for redemption and upon such date each of the holders of the shares concerned shall be bound to deliver to the Company at such place the certificates for such of the shares concerned as are held by him in order that the same may be cancelled Upon such delivery the Company shall pay to such holder the amount due to him in respect of such redemption If any certificate so delivered to the Company includes any shares not redeemable on that occasion a fresh certificate for such shares shall be issued to the holder delivering such certificate to the Company
- (f) There shall be paid on each Preference Share redeemed an amount per share equal to 105 per cent of the nominal value of the share (or if a Preference Share is not fully paid up or credited as fully paid an amount equal to 105 per cent of the sum paid up)
- (g) As from the date fixed for redemption of any Preference Shares dividends shall cease to accrue on the shares except on any such share in respect of which upon due presentation of the certificate relating thereto payment of the money due at such redemption shall be refused
- (h) The receipt of the registered holder for the time being of any Preference Shares or in the case of joint registered holders the receipt of any of them for the monies payable on redemption of such shares shall constitute an absolute discharge to the Company in respect thereof

#### 4. TRANSFER OF SHARES

The directors may, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to register the transfer of a share to any person, whether or not it is a fully-paid share. Regulation 24 of Table A shall be amended accordingly.

#### 5. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 5.1 Regulation 37 of Table A shall be amended by the deletion of the words "eight weeks" and the substitution for them of the words "28 days".
- 5.2 Any director or the secretary of a corporation which is a member shall be deemed to be a duly authorised representative of that member
  - (i) for the purpose of agreeing to short notice of, or attending and voting at, any general meeting of the company and
  - (ii) without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, for the purpose of Article 5.1 and Regulation 54 of Table A.

#### 6. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. One member holding more than one half in nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company for the time being and present in person or by proxy or representative shall constitute a quorum and shall be deemed for this purpose to constitute a valid meeting but, save in such case two members present in person or by proxy or representative shall be a quorum. Regulation 40 of Table A shall not apply.
- A general meeting or a meeting of any class of members of the Company may consist of a conference between members some or all of whom are in different places provided that each member who participates is able:
  - (i) to hear each of the other participating members addressing the meeting; and
  - (ii) if he so wishes, to address all of the other participating members simultaneously,

whether directly, by telephone conference or by any other form of communication equipment (whether in use when these articles are adopted or not) or by a combination of those methods.

A meeting held in this way is deemed to take place at the place where the largest group of participating members is assembled or, if no such group is readily identifiable, at the place from where the chairman of the meeting participates.

- A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by each member indicating to the chairman (in such manner as the chairman may direct) whether the member votes in favour of or against the resolution or abstains. Regulation 46 of Table A shall be amended accordingly.
- References in this article to members shall include their duly appointed proxies and, in the case of corporate members, their duly appointed proxies or authorised representatives.
- A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter, facsimile, telegram or telex by or on behalf of all the members of the Company who would be entitled to vote on it if it had been proposed at a general meeting or at a meeting of any class of members of the Company shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting or at such a class meeting (as the case may be) duly convened and held. The resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in similar form each stating the terms of the resolution accurately and signed by or on behalf of one or more of the members. This article is in addition to, and not limited by, the provisions in sections 381A, 381B and 381C of the Act. Regulation 53 of Table A shall not apply.
- 6.7 In the case of a member which is a corporation the signature of any director or the secretary of that corporation or, in the case of a share registered in the name of joint holders, the signature of one of such joint holders, shall be deemed to be and shall be accepted as the signature of the member concerned for all purposes including the signature of any form of proxy and the signature of any resolution in writing or other document signed or approved pursuant to Article 5.6.

#### 7. VOTES OF MEMBERS

- 7.1 A proxy appointed by a member of the Company under section 372 of the Act may vote on a show of hands as well as on a poll, but no person present shall be entitled to more than one vote on a show of hands except as provided by Regulation 50 of Table A. Regulation 54 of Table A shall be amended accordingly.
- 7.2 Regulation 57 of Table A shall be amended by the inclusion after the word "shall" of the phrase ", unless the directors otherwise determine,".
- 7.3 The following sentence shall be added to the end of Regulation 59 of Table A: "Deposit of an instrument of proxy does not preclude a member from attending and voting at the meeting or at any adjournment of it.".
- 7.4 An instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing in any usual form or in any other form, which the directors may approve and must be executed by or on behalf of the appointor. Regulations 60 and 61 of Table A shall not apply.

Regulation 62 of Table A shall be amended by the deletion in paragraph (a) of the words "deposited at" and by the substitution for them of the words "left at or sent by post or by facsimile transmission to", by the substitution in paragraph (a) of the words "at any time" in place of "not less than 48 hours" and by the substitution in paragraph (b) of the words "at any time" in place of "not less than 24 hours".

#### 8. SOLE MEMBERS

- 8.1 If and for so long as the Company has only one member:
  - (i) in relation to a general meeting, the sole member or a proxy for that member or (if the member is a corporation) a duly authorised representative of that member is a quorum and Regulation 40 of Table A shall not apply;
  - (ii) a proxy for the sole member may vote on a show of hands and Regulation 54 of Table A shall be amended accordingly;
  - (iii) the sole member may agree that any general meeting be called by shorter notice than that provided for by the articles; and
  - (iv) all other provisions of the articles apply with any necessary amendment (unless the provision expressly provided otherwise).

#### 9. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) is not subject to any maximum and the minimum number is one. Regulation 64 of Table A shall not apply.

## 10. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

An alternate director who is absent from the United Kingdom shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and meetings of committees of directors. Regulation 66 of Table A shall be amended accordingly.

#### 11. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 11.1 The directors are not subject to retirement by rotation and Regulations 73 to 80, inclusive, and the last sentence of Regulation 84 of Table A shall not apply. Reference in Regulations 67 and 84 of Table A to retirement by rotation shall be disregarded.
- The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional director.

The holder or holders of more than half in nominal value of the shares giving the right to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company may appoint any person to be a director and remove any director from office. The appointment or removal shall be effected by notice to the Company signed by or on behalf of the holder or holders. The notice may consist of several documents in similar form each signed by or on behalf of one or more holders and shall be left at or sent by post or facsimile transmission to the office or such other place designated by the directors for the purpose. The appointment or removal shall take effect immediately upon deposit of the notice in accordance with the articles or upon such later date (if any) specified in the notice.

#### 12. DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 12.1 The office of a director shall be vacated if:
  - (i) he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or
  - (ii) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
  - (iii) he becomes, in the opinion of all his co-directors, incapable by reason of mental disorder of discharging his duties as a director; or
  - (iv) he resigns his office by notice to the Company; or
  - (v) he is for more than six consecutive months absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and his alternate director (if any) has not during that period attended any such meetings instead of him, and the directors resolve that his office be vacated; or
  - (vi) he is removed from office by notice addressed to him at his last-known address and signed by all his co-directors.
- 12.2 Regulation 81 of Table A shall not apply.

## 13. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

13.1 Regulation 88 of Table A shall be amended by the deletion of the third sentence and the substitution for it of the following sentences: "Every director must receive notice of a meeting, whether or not he is absent from the United Kingdom. A director may waive the requirement that notice be given to him of a board meeting, either prospectively or retrospectively. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any director entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting".

- A director or his alternate may validly participate in a meeting of the directors or a committee of directors by telephone conference or any other form of communication equipment (whether in use when these articles are adopted or not) or by a combination of those methods, 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 shall be counted in a quorum and entitled to vote. Subject to the Act, all business transacted in this way by the directors or a committee of directors is for the purposes of the articles deemed to be validly and effectively transacted at a meeting of the directors or of a committee of directors although fewer than two directors or alternate directors are physically present at the same place. The meeting is 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 participates.
- 13.3 Without prejudice to the obligation of any director to disclose his interest in accordance with section 317 of the Act, a director may vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on any resolution concerning a matter in respect of which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty. The director must be counted in the quorum present at a meeting when any such resolution is under consideration and if he votes his vote must be counted. An interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his. Regulations 94 to 98, inclusive, of Table A shall not apply.
- A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter, facsimile, telegram or telex by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held. The resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in similar form each stating the terms of the resolution accurately and signed by one or more of the directors. Regulation 93 of Table A shall not apply.

# 14. SOLE DIRECTOR

If and for so long as there is a sole director of the Company:

- (i) he may exercise all the powers conferred on the directors by the articles by any means permitted by the articles or the Act;
- (ii) for the purpose of Regulation 89 of Table A, the quorum for the transaction of business is one;
- (iii) all other provisions of the articles apply with any necessary amendment (unless the provision expressly provides otherwise); and
- (iv) Regulation 90 of Table A shall not apply.

#### 15. DIVIDENDS

The directors may deduct from a dividend or other amounts payable to a person in respect of a share any amounts due from him to the Company on account of a call or otherwise in relation to a share.

## 16. CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

The directors may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, resolve that any shares allotted, under Regulation 110 of Table A, to any member in respect of a holding by him of any partly-paid shares rank for dividend, so long as those shares remain partly paid, only to the extent that those partly-paid shares rank for dividend. Regulation 110 of Table A shall be amended accordingly.

#### 17. NOTICES

- 17.1 The Company may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by prepaid airmail or first class post or telex or facsimile transmission to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.
- 17.2 Regulation 112 of Table A shall not apply and Regulation 116 of Table A shall apply as if the words "within the United Kingdom" did not appear.
- 17.3 A notice sent to a member (or another person entitled to receive notices under the articles) by post to an address within the United Kingdom is deemed to be given:
  - (i) 24 hours after posting, if pre-paid as first class, or
  - (ii) 48 hours after posting, if pre-paid as second class.
- A notice sent to a member (or other person entitled to receive notices under the articles) by post to an address outside the United Kingdom is deemed to be given 72 hours after posting, if pre-paid as airmail. Proof that an envelope containing the notice was properly addressed, pre-paid and posted is conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice not sent by post but left at a member's registered address is deemed to have been given on the day it was left.
- 17.5 Regulation 115 of Table A shall not apply.

#### 18. INDEMNITY

- Subject to the provisions of the Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may otherwise be entitled, each person who is a director, alternate director or secretary of the Company must be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses and liabilities incurred by him in the proper execution of his duties or the proper exercise of his powers, authorities and discretion including, without limitation, a liability incurred:
  - (i) defending proceedings (whether civil or criminal) in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted, or which are otherwise disposed of without a finding or admission of material breach of duty on his part; or
  - (ii) in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Company.
- The directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of a person who is or was:
  - a director, alternate director, secretary or auditor of the Company or of a company which is or was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company or in which the Company has or had an interest (whether direct or indirect), or
  - (ii) a trustee of a retirement benefits scheme or other trust in which a person referred to in the preceding paragraph is or has been interested,

indemnifying him against liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust or other liability, which may lawfully be insured against by the Company.

18.3 Regulation 118 of Table A shall not apply.