# **COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

# **MEMORANDUM**

AND

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

REGIONAL POWER GENERATORS LIMITED

DATE OF INCORPORATION
24 FEBRUARY 1989

COMPANY NO.

2352390



#### **THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

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#### REGIONAL POWER GENERATORS LIMITED

- 1. The Company's name is "REGIONAL POWER GENERATORS LIMITED1".
- 2. The Company's registered office is to be situated in England.
- 3. The Company's objects are:
  - A. (i) To carry on the businesses of electricity generation, electrical operators, electricians, electrical engineers, civil constructional, aeronautical, automobile, agricultural, marine, hydraulic, heating, ventilating, lighting, chemical, signalling, control, mechanical, sanitary, gas, water and precision engineers, ironmongers, manufacturers, producers, suppliers of and dealers in engines, motors, telephones, bells, electric lamps and other lamps, electric light fittings, heating and cooling apparatus, metals, india rubber, asbestos and other insulating materials and chemical and medical apparatus and in all other forms of mechanical, electrical and other equipment and appliances, apparatus, devices and things required to or capable of being used in connection with the generation, distribution, supply, transmission and employment of electricity, either alone or in conjunction with fossil fuel for all purposes and also of contractors for the supply of electricity, whether for heating or lighting, motive power, telegraphs, telephonic, electroplating, metallurgy or other manufacturing processes or other purposes whatsoever.
    - (ii) To act as consulting engineers, advisers, co-ordinators, and investigators, supervisors and consultants in all branches of engineering, to make experiments in connection with any business or proposed business, to carry out studies, surveys, tests, trials and investigations, to make reports and recommendations and to prepare schemes, designs and specifications, to advise on buildings, layouts, equipment and

The Company's name was changed to "REGIONAL POWER GENERATORS LIMITED" on 11 April 1989.

ancillary services, and to co-ordinate and supervise delivery and installation programmes.

- (B) To carry on the following businesses, namely, contractors, garage proprietors, filling station proprietors, owners and charterers of road vehicles, aircraft and ships and boats of every description, lightermen and carriers of goods and passengers by road, rail, water or air, forwarding, transports and commission agents, custom agents, stevedores, wharfingers, cargo superintendents, packers, warehouse storekeepers, cold store keepers, hotel proprietors, caterers, publicans, consultants, advisers, financiers, bankers, advertising agents, insurance brokers, travel agents, ticket agents and agency business of all kinds and generally to provide entertainment for and render services of all kinds to others and to carry on any other trade or business whatsoever which can in the opinion of the Directors be advantageously carried on by the Company in connection with or as auxiliary to the general business of the Company or any other trade or business whatsoever which can in the opinion of the Directors be advantageously carried on by the Company in connection with or as auxiliary to the general business of the Company.
- (C) To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, after, improve, manipulate, prepare for market, let on hire, and generally deal in all kinds of plant, machinery, apparatus, tools, utensils, materials, produce, substances, articles and things for the purpose of any of the businesses specified herein, or likely to be required by customers or other persons having, or about to have, dealings with the Company.
- (D) To build, construct, maintain, alter, enlarge, pull down and remove or replace any buildings, shops, factories, offices, works, machinery, engines and to clear sites for the same or to join with any person, firm or company in doing any of the things aforesaid and to work, manage and control the same or join with others in so doing.
- (E) To enter into contracts, agreements and arrangements with any other company for the carrying out by such other company on behalf of the Company of any of the objects for which the Company is formed.
- (F) To acquire, undertake and carry on the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on or possess, or which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property or rights, or any property suitable for the purposes of the Company.

- (G) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or authorities, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Company may think it is desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (H) To apply for, or join in applying for, purchase or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, any patents, patent rights, brevete d'invention, licences, registered designs, protections and concessions, which may appear likely to be advantageous or useful to the Company, and to use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting and testing and making researches, and in improving or seeking to improve any patents, inventions or rights which the Company may acquire or propose to acquire.
- (I) To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession, or otherwise with any company, or with any employees of the Company, including in such case if thought fit the conferring of a participation in the management or its directorate, or with any company carrying on or engaged in any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, and to give to any company special rights or privileges in connection with or control over this Company, and in particular the right to nominate one or more Directors of this Company. And to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares or securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same.
- (J) To subsidise, and assist any persons or companies and to act as agents for the collection, receipt or payment of money and generally to act as agents for and render services to customers and others.
- (K) Either with or without the company receiving any consideration or advantage, direct or indirect, from giving any such guarantee, to guarantee or otherwise provide security by personal covenant or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets present and future and uncalled capital or by both such methods or by any other means whatsoever the performance of the obligations and the payment of any moneys (including but not limited to capital or principal, premiums, dividends or interest, commissions, charges, discount and any costs or expenses relating thereto whether on any

stocks, shares or securities or in any other manner whatsoever) by any company, firm or person including but not limited to any company which is for the time being the Company's holding company as defined by Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 or a subsidiary of the Company or of the Company's holding company as so defined or any company, firm or person who is for the time being a member or otherwise has any interest in the Company or is associated with the Company in any business or venture or any other person, firm or company whatsoever. A guarantee shall also include any other obligation (whatever called) to pay, purchase, provide funds (whether by advance of money the purchase of or the subscription of shares or other securities the purchase of assets or services or otherwise) for the payment of or otherwise be responsible for any indebtedness of any other company, firm or person.

- (L) To promote any company for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of this Company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this Company.
- (M) To pay out of the funds of the Company all expenses which the Company may lawfully pay of or incident to the formation, registration and advertising of or raising money for the Company, and the issue of its capital, or for contributing to or assisting any company either issuing or purchasing with a view to issue all or any part of the Company's capital in connection with the advertising or offering the same for sale or subscription, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for or taking, placing or underwriting or procuring the underwriting of shares, debentures or debenture stock.
- (N) To remunerate any persons, firm or company rendering service to the Company whether by cash payment or by the allotment to him or them of shares or securities of the Company credited as fully paid up in full or in part or otherwise.
- (O) Generally to purchase, take on lease or exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business.
- (P) To receive money on deposit upon such terms as the Company may approve.
- (Q) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company in such a manner as may from time to time be determined.
- (R) To lend money with or without security, but not to carry on the business of a registered moneylender.

- (S) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), including its uncalled capital, and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.
- (T) To remunerate any company for services rendered or to be rendered, in placing, or assisting to place, or guaranteeing the placing or procuring the underwriting of any of the shares or debentures, or other securities of the Company or of any company in which this Company may be interested or propose to be interested, or in or about the conduct of the business of the Company, whether by cash payment or by the allotment of shares, or securities of the Company credited as paid up in full or in part, or otherwise.
- (U) To subscribe for either absolutely or conditionally or otherwise acquire and hold shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stock or other obligations of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company.
- (V) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable and transferable instruments.
- (W) To sell, lease, exchange, let on hire, or dispose of any real or personal property of the undertaking of the company, or any part or parts thereof, for such consideration as the company may think fit, and, in particular, for shares whether fully or partly paid up, debentures or securities of any other company, whether or not having objects altogether, or in part, similar to those of the Company, and to hold and retain any shares, debentures or securities so acquired, and to improve, manage, develop, sell, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property or rights of the Company.
- (X) To adopt such means of making known the businesses and products of the company as may seem expedient, and in particular by advertising in the press, by circulars, by purchase and exhibition of works of art or interest, by publication of books and periodicals, and by granting prizes, rewards and donations.
- (Y) To support, subscribe or contribute to any charitable or public object and any institution, society or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its Directors, officers or employees, or the Directors, officers and employees of its predecessors in business or of any subsidiary, allied or associated company, or which may be connected

with any town or place where the Company carries on business and to subsidise or assist any association of employers or employees or any trade association. To give pensions, gratuities, annuities or charitable aid to any person (including any Directors or former Directors) who may have served the Company or its predecessors in business or any subsidiary, allied or associated company or to the wives, children or other dependents or relatives of such persons or make advance provision for the payment of such pensions, gratuities or annuities as aforesaid by establishing or acceding to such trusts, schemes or arrangements (whether or not capable of approval by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under any relevant legislation for the time being in force) as may seem expedient, to appoint trustees or to act as trustees of any such scheme or arrangements.

- (Z) To establish and contribute to any scheme for the purchase or subscription by trustees of shares in the Company to be held for the benefit of the Company's employees, and to lend money to the Company's employees to enable them to purchase or subscribe for shares in the Company and to formulate and carry into effect any scheme for sharing the profits of the Company with employees or any of them.
- (AA) To obtain any Provisional Order or Act of Parliament for enabling the company to carry any of its objects into effect or for effecting any modifications of the Company's constitution or for any other purposes which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.
- (BB) To establish, grant and take up agencies in any part of the world, and to do all such other things as the Company may deem conducive to the carrying on of the Company's business, either as principals, or agents, and the remunerate any persons in connection with the establishment or granting of such agencies upon such terms and conditions as the Company may think fit.
- (CC) To do all or any of the above things in any part of the world and as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others and to procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any foreign country or place.
- (DD) To distribute any of the property of the Company in specie among the shareholders.
- (EE) To amalgamate any other company having objects together or in part similar to those of this Company.

(FF) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

And it is hereby declared that the word "company" in this Clause shall be deemed to include any person or partnership or other body of persons whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and words denoting the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa, and so that the objects specified in each paragraph of this Clause shall, except where otherwise expressed in such paragraph, be regarded as independent objects, and in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or the name of the Company.

- 4. The liability of the members is limited.
- 5. The Company's Share Capital is £100, divided in one hundred shares of £1 each.

WE, the subscribers to this Memorandum of Association, wish to be formed into a company pursuant to this Memorandum, and we agree to take the number of shares shown opposite our respective names.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SUBSCRIBERS

Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber

JACQUELINE SAMUELS
For and on behalf of:
Legibus Secretaries Limited
Royex House
Aldermanbury Square
LONDON, EC2V 7LD

ONE

CHRISTINE ANNE LEE
For and on behalf of:
Legibus Nominees Limited
Royex House
Aldermanbury Square
LONDON, EC2V 7LD

ONE

Total shares taken

TWO

DATED the seventh day of February 1989

WITNESS to all the above signatures

DENISE WARD Royex House Aldermanbury Square LONDON, EC2V 7LD

#### THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

# (AS AMENDED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 1989)

#### PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

#### REGIONAL POWER GENERATORS LIMITED

#### **PRELIMINARY**

1. The marginal notes hereto shall not affect the construction hereof, and in these Articles unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith: -

"The Act" means the Companies Act 1985 (as amended by the Companies Act 1989) including any statutory modification or reenactment thereof for the time being in force.

"These Articles" means these Articles of Association or other articles of association of the Company from time to time in force.

"The Holder" in relation to shares means the Member whose name is entered in the Register of Members as the holder of the shares.

"The Office" means the registered office for the time being of the Company.

"The Seal" means the Common Seal of the Company, and includes the official seal (if any) kept by the Company by virtue of Section 40 of the Act.

"Secretary" includes an assistant or deputy secretary, and any person appointed by the Directors to perform the duties of the Secretary.

Expressions referring to writing shall be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Words and expressions defined in the Act shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings in these Articles.

2. None of the regulations contained in Table "A" in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (as amended by the Companies (Tables A-F) (amendment) Regulation 1985) shall apply to the Company except so far as embodied in any of the following Articles, which shall be the regulations for the management of the Company.

#### PRIVATE COMPANY

3. The Company is a private company and accordingly any invitation to the public to subscribe for any shares or debentures of the Company is prohibited.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

- 4. The share capital of the Company is £15,000,000 divided into 15,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each.
- 5. (A) The Directors shall have unconditional authority to allot, grant options over, offer or otherwise deal with or dispose of any relevant securities or other shares of the Company to such persons, at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as the Directors may determine. The authority hereby conferred shall, subject to Section 80(7) of the Act, be for a period expiring on the first day of August 1996 unless renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in General Meeting, and the maximum amount of relevant securities which may be allotted pursuant to such authority shall be the authorised but as yet unissued share capital of the Company at the date of adoption of these Articles, or where the authority is renewed, at the date of the renewal.
  - (B) The Directors shall be entitled under the authority conferred by subparagraph (A) of this Article or under any renewal thereof to make at any time prior to the expiry of such authority any offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities of the Company to be allotted after the expiry of such authority.
- 6. The pre-emption provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 89 of the Act and the provisions of sub-sections (1) to (5) inclusive of Section 90 of the Act shall not apply to any allotment of the Company's equity securities.
- 7. Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or such restrictions, as the Company may by Ordinary Resolution determine.

- 8. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may issue shares which are to be redeemed or are to be liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the Holder on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by the Articles.
- 9. In addition to all other powers of paying commissions, the Company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, such commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- 10. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust, and (except only as by these Articles or by law otherwise provided) the Company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the Holder.

# **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

11. Unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to any shares, those rights shall be deemed to be varied by the reduction of the capital paid up on those shares and by the allotment of further shares ranking in priority thereto for payment of a dividend or in respect of capital, but shall not be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares which do not confer on the Holders thereof voting rights more favourable than those conferred by such first mentioned shares and which rank pari passu therewith or subsequent thereto.

#### SHARE CERTFICATES

- 12. Every Member shall be entitled without payment to one certificate for all the shares of each class held by him (and, upon transferring a part of his holding of shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of such holding) or several certificates each for one or more of his shares upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable sum as the Directors may determine. Every certificate shall be under the Seal and shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon. But the Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as the joint holders of any share (except in the case of the executors or trustees of a deceased member) nor to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by several persons and delivery of a certificate for a share to one joint Holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all the Holders.
- 13. If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed without payment on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of the expenses incurred by the Company in investigating evidence as the Directors may determine, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

#### LIEN

- 14. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (whether a fully paid share or not) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. The Directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this Article. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all moneys payable thereon or in respect thereof.
- 15. The Company may sell, in such manner as the Directors determine, any shares on which the Company has a lien, but no sales shall be made unless a sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, and is not paid within fourteen clear days after the notice has been given to the holder of the share, or the person entitled to it in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.
- 16. To give effect to a sale the Directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument or transfer of the shares sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application by the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by an irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 17. The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs thereof, shall be applied in payment of so much of the amount for which the lien exists as is presently payable, and any residue shall (upon surrender to the Company for cancellation of the Certificate for the shares sold and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable as existed upon the shares before the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

# CALLS ON SHARES AND FORFEITURE

- 18. Subject to the terms of allotment of any shares, the Directors may make Calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid thereon (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and each Member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the Company as required by the notice the amount called on his shares. A Call may be required to be paid by instalments. A call may before receipt by the Company of a sum due thereunder, be revoked in whole or in part and payment of a Call may in whole or part be postponed. A person upon whom a Call is made shall remain liable for Calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect whereof the Call was made.
- 19. A Call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorising the Call was passed.
- 20. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all Calls in respect thereof.

- 21. If a Call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the unpaid sum from the day it became due until it is paid at such rate as may be fixed by the terms of allotment of the share, or if no rate is so fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by Section 107 of the Act) but the Directors may waive payment of the interest wholly or in part.
- 22. Any sum which by or pursuant to the terms of allotment of a share becomes due and payable on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a Call, shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a Call, and if it is not paid when due all the provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest and expenses, lien, forfeiture, sale or otherwise shall apply as if that sum had become due and payable by virtue of a Call.
- 23. The Directors may, on the allotment of shares, differentiate between the allottees or Holders as to the amount of Calls to be paid and the times of payment.
- 24. If a Call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the Directors may give notice to the person from whom it is due requiring payment of the amount unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued.
- 25. The notice shall name a day (not earlier than fourteen clear days from the date the notice is given) on or before which and the place where the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall state that if the notice is not complied with the shares in respect of which the Call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 26. If the notice is not complied with, any share in respect of which it was given may, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors, and the forfeiture shall include all dividends or other monies payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.
- 27. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Directors determine either to the person who was before the forfeiture the Holder, or to any other person, and at any time before a sale, re-allotment or other disposition the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit. Where for the purposes of its disposal a forfeited share is to be transferred to any person the Directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person.
- 28. A person any of whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of them and shall surrender to the Company for cancellation the Certificate for the shares forfeited, but shall remain liable to the Company for all monies which, at the date of forfeiture, were payable by him to the Company in respect of those shares, with interest at such rate as may be fixed by the terms of allotment of the share or in the notice of the Call or, if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by Section 107 of the Act), from the date of forfeiture until payment, but the Directors may waive payment wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for

the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.

29. A statutory declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and the declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration, if any, nor shall his title to the share be affected by an irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share.

# TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 30. (A) Unless in any particular case all the Holders for the time being of the ordinary shares otherwise agree in writing, none of the shares of the Company shall be transferred except in accordance with the provisions contained in this Article.
  - (B) Every Holder of shares in the Company who wishes to transfer his shares or any of them (hereinafter referred to as a "Vendor") shall notify the Directors of the Company in writing of his wish so to do. Such notification (hereinafter called the "transfer notice") shall constitute the Directors his agent for the sale of such shares (hereinafter called "the shares") at the fair value (hereinafter defined) and (save as hereinafter provided) shall not be withdrawn.
  - (C) For the purpose of this Article the fair value shall be such price as may be agreed between the Vendor and the Directors or, in default of agreements, the price which an accountant nominated between the Vendor and the Company (or in default of agreement by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator shall certify to be in his opinion the fair value of the shares as between a willing vendor and a willing purchaser having regard to the fair value of the business of the Company and the restrictions on transferability of such shares under these Articles but taking into account such other matters as he shall deem relevant. Any fees and expenses of the Accountant in connection with such certificate shall be borne as to half by the Vendor as to the remaining half amongst the purchasers (if any) of the shares in proportion to the numbers of shares to be purchased by them respectively but if there are no such purchasers or if the Vendor gives a counter-notice pursuant to paragraph (G) hereof, such remaining half shall also be borne by the Vendor.
  - (D) In the event of the fair value determined as aforesaid not being acceptable to the Vendor he may give notice in writing to the Directors

within fourteen days of service on him of the certificate as aforesaid and thereupon the transfer notice shall be deemed to be withdrawn. If the Vendor gives notice hereunder he shall bear the whole of the feeds and expenses of any such certificate as aforesaid.

- (E) Forthwith upon the fair value being so agreed as aforesaid, or if (the price having been certified as aforesaid) the Vendor has not given a notice operating to withdraw the transfer notice within a period of fourteen days pursuant to paragraph (D) hereof, the Directors shall forthwith give notice of the number and price (being the fair value) of the shares on offer to each Member of the Company (other than the Vendor). The Directors shall invite each such Member to state in writing within twenty-one days from the date of the notice whether he is willing to purchase any of the shares and, if so, the maximum number thereof. At the expiration of the time limited by the notice the Directors shall allocate the shares to the Members who shall have notified the Directors of their willingness to purchase all or any of the shares and (in the case of competition) as nearly as may be in proportion to the number of shares in the Company held by them respectively at the date of the notice and such Members shall thereupon become bound to purchase the same at the fair value. No person shall be obliged to take more than the maximum number of shares so notified by him as aforesaid.
- (F) If the Directors shall be unable within the said period of twenty-one days from the date of the notice given by the Directors pursuant to paragraph (E) hereof to find a Member or Members willing to purchase all of the shares the subject of a transfer notice such of the shares for which a purchasers has not been found shall at the expiration of such period and for three months thereafter be offered by the Directors at the fair value to any purchaser or purchasers nominated by the Directors as a suitable person or persons for membership of the Company and the Directors shall at any time during the three-months period aforesaid invite any such person or persons to state in writing within twenty-one days whether he or they are willing to purchase of the shares if so the maximum number thereof.
- (G) If the Directors shall find a person or persons willing to purchase all or any of the shares pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Article or if within the period specified under the preceding paragraph they shall have been unable to find any such person or persons willing to purchase the same they shall give notice thereof to the Vendor. If the Directors shall have found a person or persons willing to purchase some but not all of the shares, the Vendor may within twenty-one days of the receipt of such notice from the directors give a counter-notice in writing to the Directors withdrawing the transfer notice but if the Directors shall have found a person or persons willing to purchase all the shares of if such

counter-notice shall not have been given by the Vendor within the aforesaid period the Vendor shall be bound, in consideration for the fair value, to transfer to such person or persons the number of the shares for which the Directors shall have found a purchasers or purchasers.

- (H) If the Vendor makes default in so transferring the shares as aforesaid the Directors shall if so required by the person or persons willing to purchase such shares under the foregoing provisions receive and give a good discharge for the purchase money on behalf of the Vendor and shall authorise some person to execute transfers of the shares in favour of the purchasers and shall enter the names of the purchasers in the Register of Members as the holders of such of the shares on offer as shall have been transferred to them as aforesaid to the exclusion of the Vendor.
- (I) Following the proper completion of the procedure set out in the foregoing provisions of this Article, the Vendor shall be at liberty to transfer all or any of such shares as are the subject of an outstanding transfer notice and which have not been sold as aforesaid by the Directors. Such transfer by the Vendor may be to any person at any price not being less than the fair value and may take place at any time within six months of the notice by the Directors to the Vendor pursuant to paragraph (G) hereof.
- (J) The Directors shall refuse to register any proposed transfer of a share other than a transfer made pursuant to or permitted by the foregoing provisions of this Article.
- (K) The Directors may decline to register the transfer of a share on which the Company has a lien.
- (L) For the purposes of this Article 30 the following shall be deemed to constitute the service of a transfer notice:-
  - (i) The death of any Member being an individual.
  - (ii) The committing of any act of bankruptcy of any Member being an individual.
  - (iii) The making of an order or the passing of an effective resolution for the winding-up of any Member being a corporation or the appointment of a receiver over any or all of the assets of any Member.
  - (iv) The change of control (as hereinafter defined) of any Member being a corporation.

For the purposes hereof a person shall be deemed to "control" a body corporate if that person either on his own or with others acting in concert with him either:-

- (a) owns shares conferring in the aggregate more than 50 per cent of the total voting rights conferred by all the shares in the capital of such body corporate for the time being in issue and conferring the right to vote at general meetings thereof, or
- (b) controls the composition of the Board of Directors of such body corporate (whether by holding shares therein or otherwise).
- 31. The instrument of transfer of a share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the Directors may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is full paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.
- 32. The Directors may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer unless it:-
  - (a) is duly stamped, is lodged at the Office or at such other place as the Directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
  - (b) is in respect of only one class of share; and
  - (c) is in favour of not more than four transferees.
- 33. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding thirty days in any year) as the Directors may determine.
- 34. No fee shall be charged for the registration of any transfer, or other document relating to or affecting the title to any shares.
- 35. The Company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered but any instrument of transfer which the Directors refuse to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

# TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

36. If a Member dies the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint Holder, and the legal personal representatives of the deceased where he was a sole or

only survivor of joint Holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased Holder (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share which had been jointly held by him.

- 37. A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member may, upon such evidence being produced as the Directors may properly require, elect either to become the Holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee. If he elects to become the Holder, he shall give notice to the Company that he so elects. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share of that person. All the provisions of the Articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the Member and the death or bankruptcy of the Member had not occurred.
- 38. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a Member shall have the same rights to which he would be entitled if he were the Holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as the Holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to receive notice of or attend or vote at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the Holders of any class of shares in the Company.

### CONVERSION OF SHARES INTO STOCK

- 39. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution convert any paid-up shares into stock, and reconvert any stock into paid-up shares of any denomination.
- 40. A holder of stock may transfer it as if the shares from which the stock arose had not been converted, or as near thereto as circumstances admit; and the Directors may fix the minimum amount of stock transferable at any amount not exceeding the nominal amount of any share from which any part of the stock arose.
- 41. A holder of stock shall have the same rights as if he held the shares from which the stock arose, but no rights (except participation in the assets and profits of the Company) shall be conferred by an amount of stock which would not, if existing in shares, have conferred that right.
- 42. The Articles applicable to paid-up shares shall apply to stock, and the words "share" and "shareholder" therein shall include "stock" and "stockholder".

#### ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

- 43. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution:-
- (a) increase the share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes;

- (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
- (c) subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from the sub-division, any of them may have any preference or advantage as compared with the others; and
- (d) cancel shares which, at the sate of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 44. Whenever as a result of a consolidation of shares any Members would become entitled to fractions of a share, the Directors may, on behalf of those Members, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable to any person (including, subject to the provision of the Act, the Company) and distribute the proceeds of sale in due proportion among those Members and, the Directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 45. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by Special Resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way. The Company may also by Ordinary Resolution cancel any shares not taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 46. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) and make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of any of its own shares otherwise than out of its distributable profits or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 47. All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 48. The Directors may call General Meetings. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient Directors to form a quorum, any Director or any Member of the Company may call a General Meeting.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

49. An Annual General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the passing of a Special Resolution shall be called by twenty-one clear days' notice at least, and all other Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by at least fourteen

clear days' notice. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given but a General Meeting may be called by shorter notice than that specified in this Article if it is so agreed:-

- (a) in the case of the Annual General Meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
- (b) in the case of any other Meeting by a majority in number of the Members having a right to attend and vote, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

The notice shall specify the time and place of the Meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, shall specify the Meeting as such.

Subject to the provisions of the Articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice shall be given to all the Members, to all the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member and Auditor.

50. The omission to give notice of a Meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a Meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that Meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 51. No business shall be transacted at any Meeting unless a quorum is present when the Meeting proceeds to transact that business. Two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted each being a Member or a proxy for a Member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation shall constitute a quorum.
- 52. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the Meeting or if during a Meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the Meeting, shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or to such day and at such time and place as the Directors may determine. If at the adjourned Meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the Meeting, the Meeting shall be dissolved.
- 53. The Chairman, if any, of the Board of Directors or in his absence, some other Director nominated by the Directors shall preside as Chairman of the Meeting, but if neither the Chairman nor such other Director be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the Meeting or if neither of them is willing to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to be Chairman and, if there is only one Director present and willing to act, he shall be Chairman.
- 54. If no Director is willing to act as Chairman or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the Meeting, the Members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.

- 55. A Director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a Member, be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting and at any separate Meeting of the Holders of any class of shares in the Company.
- 56. The Chairman may, with the consent of any Meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the Meeting) adjourn the Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the Meeting had the adjournment not taken place. It shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjourned Meeting.
- 57. A resolution put to the vote of the Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is duly demanded by the Chairman or by any Member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote.

Unless a poll is duly demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry made to that effect in the Minutes of the Meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

The demand for the poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn with the consent of the Chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

- 58. A poll shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman direct and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be Members) and fix a place and time for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 59. In the case of equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman shall not be entitled to a further or casting vote.
- 60. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such later time and at such place as the Chairman directs not being more than thirty days from the conclusion of the Meeting. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a Meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the Meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 61. No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is taken are announced at the Meeting at which it is demanded. In any other

case, seven clear days notice at the least shall be given specifying the place, the day and the time at which the poll is to be taken.

62. A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each Member who could have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a General Meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a General Meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by or on behalf of one or more of the Members. If such a resolution in writing is described as a Special Resolution or as an Extraordinary Resolution, it shall have effect accordingly.

#### VOTES OF MEMBERS

- 63. Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every Member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative or proxy, not being himself a Member entitled to vote, shall have one vote, and on a poll every Member shall have one vote for every £1.00 in nominal value of the shares of which he is the holder.
- 64. In the case of joint Holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint Holders; and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the Holders stand in the Register of Members.
- 65. A Member in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf appointed by that court, and any such receiver, curator bonis or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the Office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with the Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting or Adjourned Meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.
- 66. No Members shall, unless the Directors otherwise determine, be entitled to vote at any General Meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all monies presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.
- 67. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the Meeting or Adjourned Meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, an every vote not disallowed at the Meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

- 68. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy, and a Member entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses the same way. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing in any usual form or in any other form which the Directors may approve and shall be executed by the appointor or by his agent authorised in writing, or, if the appointor is a corporation, shall be either under its seal, or executed by an officer or agent so authorised. A Member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. Deposit of an instrument of proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting at the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof.
- 69. 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: -
- (a) be deposited at the Office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the Meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the Meeting not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the Meeting or Adjourned Meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or
- (b) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
- (c) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the Meeting at which the poll was demanded, to the Chairman or to the Secretary or to any Director;

and instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in a manner so permitted shall be invalid.

70. A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous termination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the termination was received by the company at the office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before the commencement of the Meeting or Adjourned Meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the Meeting or Adjourned Meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

# NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

71. Unless otherwise determined by Ordinary Resolution of the Company the number of Directors (other than alternate Directors) shall be not less than two and not more than five.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As amended by Special Resolution passed on 7 May 1999.

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 72. Any Director (other than an alternate Director) may appoint any other Director, or any other person who is willing to act, to be an alternate Director and may remove from office an alternate Director so appointed by him.
- 73. An alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Directors and of all meetings of committees of Directors of which his appointor is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the Director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointor as a Director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for his services as an alternate Director. But it shall not be necessary to give notice of such a meeting to an alternate Director who is absent from the United Kingdom.
- 74. An alternate Director shall cease to be an alternate Director if his appointor ceases to be a Director; but, if a Director retires but is reappointed or deemed to have been reappointed at the meeting at which he retires, any appointment of an alternate Director made by him which was in force immediately prior to his retirement shall continue after his reappointment.
- 75. Any appointment or removal of an alternative Director shall be by notice to the Company signed by the Director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the Directors.
- 76. Save as otherwise provided in the Articles, an alternate Director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a Director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him.

#### **BORROWING POWERS**

77. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital and subject to Section 80 of the Act to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

#### POWER OF DIRECTORS

78. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Memorandum and the Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who may exercise all the powers of the Company. No alteration of the Memorandum or Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this Article shall not be limited by any special power given to the Directors by the Articles and a meeting of

Directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the Directors.

79. The Directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the Company for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

#### DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

80. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the Directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of Directors so far as they are capable of applying.

#### APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 81. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional Director provided the appointment does not cause the number of Directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with the Articles as the maximum number of Directors.
- 82. The Directors may by a unanimous vote in favour appoint any person 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 fixed by or in accordance with the Articles as the maximum number of Directors. A Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting, and if not then reappointed shall vacate office as the conclusion of the Meeting or upon the appointment at the Meeting of another person in his place.
- 83. No person shall be or become incapable of being appointed a Director by reason only of his having attained the age of seventy or any other age nor shall any special notice be required in connection with the appointment or the approval of the appointment of such person, and no Director shall vacate his office at any time by reason only of the fact that he has attained the age of seventy or any other age.

# REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

84. The Directors shall be entitled to such remuneration as may be determined by the Company in General Meeting by the unanimous vote of its Members and, unless the Resolution provides otherwise, the remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

#### **DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

85. The Directors shall be entitled to be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of Directors or committees of Directors or General Meetings or separate meetings of the Holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

# DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS

- 86. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Directors may by a unanimous vote appoint one or more of their number to the office of Managing Director or to any other executive office under the Company, and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any Director for his employment by the Company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director. Any such appointment or agreement may be made upon such terms as the Directors determine and they may remunerate any such Director for his services as they think fit. Any such appointment to an executive office shall determine if the holder ceases to be a Director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the Director and the Company.
- 87. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office: -
- may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested;
- (b) may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested; and
- (c) shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.
- 88. For the purposes of Article 87: -
- (a) a general notice given to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice of any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and

(b) 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.

#### DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

89. The Directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any Director who has held but no longer holds any executive office or employment with the Company or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the Company or a predecessor in business of the Company or of any such subsidiary, and for any member of his family (including a spouse and a former spouse) or any person who is or was dependent on him, and may (as well before as after he ceases to hold such office or employment) contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit.

# DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 90. The office of a Director shall be vacated if: -
- (a) 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
- (b) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
- (c) he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either: -
  - he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960; or
  - (ii) an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or
- (d) not being a Director who has agreed to serve as a Director for a fixed term, he resigns his office by notice to the Company; or
- (e) he shall for more than six months have been absent without permission of the Directors from meetings of Directors held during that period and his Alternate Director (if any) shall not during such period have attended any such Meetings in his stead, and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 91. Subject to the provisions of the Articles, the Directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time call a meeting of the Directors. A meeting of the Directors shall, unless otherwise agreed by all the Directors, be called by fourteen clear days' notice at least. Questions arising at a Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall not have a second or casting vote. A Director who is also an Alternate Director shall be entitled, in the absence of his appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor in addition to his own vote.
- 92. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the Directors shall be two. A person who holds office only as an alternate Director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the Meeting or if during a Meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place. If at the adjourned Meeting such a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the Meeting, the quorum for that meeting shall be any two Directors.
- 93. The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of Directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum the continuing Directors or Director may act only for the purposes of filling vacancies or of calling a General Meeting.
- 94. The Directors shall appoint one of their number to be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and may at any time remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the Director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of Directors at which he is present. But if there is no Director holding that office, or if the Director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the Meeting, the Directors present may appoint one of their number to be Chairman of the Meeting.
- 95. All acts done by a Meeting of Directors or of a Committee of Directors or by any person acting as a Directors shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any Director, or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director and had been entitled to vote.
- A Resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors entitled to receive notice of a Meeting of the Directors or of a Committee of the Directors, shall be as valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a Meeting of the Directors or (as the case may be) a Committee of Directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more Directors; but a resolution signed by an alternate Director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a

Director who has appointed an alternate Director, it need not be signed by the alternate Director in that capacity.

- 97. Save as otherwise provided by the Articles, a Director shall not vote at any Meeting of Directors or of any Committee of Directors on any Resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company unless his interest or duty arises only because the case falls within one or more of the following paragraphs: -
- (a) the Resolution relates to the giving to him of a guarantee, surety or indemnity in respect of money lent or an obligation incurred by him for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) the Resolution relates to the giving to a third party of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of an obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director has assumed responsibility, in whole or part and whether alone or jointly with others, under a guarantee or indemnity or the giving of security;
- his interest arises by virtue of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe for any shares, debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or by virtue of his being, or intending to become, a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of an offer of shares, debentures or other securities by the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (d) the Resolution relates in any way to a retirement benefit scheme which has been approved or is conditional upon approval by the Board of Inland Revenue for taxation purposes.

For the purposes of this Article, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Act (excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when this regulation becomes binding on the Company), connected with a Director shall be treated as an interest of the Director and, in relation to an alternate Director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate Director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate Director has otherwise.

- 98. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a Meeting in relation to a Resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.
- 99. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution suspend or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the Articles prohibiting a Director from voting at a Meeting of Directors or of a Committee of Directors.

100. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more Directors to offices or employments with the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is interested, the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the Directors concerned shall be entitled to vote, and be counted in the quorum, in respect of each Resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

#### **SECRETARY**

101. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them.

#### **MINUTES**

- 102. The Directors shall cause Minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:-
  - (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
  - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each Meeting of the Directors and of any Committee of the Directors;
  - (c) of all proceedings of Meetings of the Company, of the holders of any class of shares in the Company, and of the Directors and of Committees of Directors.

# THE SEAL

103. The Seal shall only be used by the authority of the Directors or of a Committee of Directors authorised by the Directors. The Directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the Seal is affixed, and unless otherwise so determined every such instrument shall be signed by a Director and by the Secretary or by a second Director.

# **DIVIDENDS**

- 104. Subject to the provision of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the Members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
- 105. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Directors may pay interim dividends if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution.

If the share capital is divided into different classes, the Directors may pay interim dividends on those shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to

dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. The Directors may also pay at intervals settled by them, any dividend payable at a fixed rate if they are of the opinion that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. Provided the Directors act in good faith, they shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

- 106. Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. Subject as aforesaid, all dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amount paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; but, if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.
- 107. The Directors may deduct from any dividend or other monies payable to any Member on or in respect of a Share any monies presently payable by him to the Company in respect of that share.
- 108. Any General Meeting declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the Directors, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets. Where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same, and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of any assets and may determine that cash shall be paid to any Member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of Members and may vest any assets in trustees.
- 109. Any dividend or other monies payable on or in respect of a share may be paid by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the person entitled or, if two or more persons are the Holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the Holder, the registered address of that one of those persons who is first named in the Register of Members or to such person and to such address as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct. Every such cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct, and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the Company. Any joint Holder or other person jointly entitled to a share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other monies payable on or in respect of the share.
- 110. No dividend or other monies payable on or in respect of a share shall bear interest against the Company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.

111. Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the Directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company.

#### ACCOUNTS

112. The accounting records of the Company shall be open to the inspection of any officer of the Company. No Member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book of documents of the Company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Directors or by Ordinary Resolution of the Company.

#### CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

- 113. The Directors may with the authority of an Ordinary Resolution of the Company:-
- (a) subject as hereinafter provided, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the Company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not the same are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve;
- appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the Members who would have (b) been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum on their behalf, either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full un-issued shares or debentures of the Company of a nominal amount equal to such sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid, to those Members, or as they may direct, in those proportions or partly in one way and partly in the other: but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in the paying up of un-issued shares to be issued to Members credited as fully paid and provided that in the case where any sum is applied in paying amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares of the Company or in paying up in full debentures of the Company the amount of the net assets of the Company at that time is not less than the aggregate of the called up share capital of the Company and its un-distributable reserves and would not be reduced below that aggregate by the payment thereof as shown in the latest audited accounts of the Company or such other accounts as may be relevant;
- (c) resolve that any shares so allotted to any Member in respect of a holding by him of any partly paid shares shall, so long as such shares remain partly paid rank for dividend only to the extent that such partly paid shares rank for dividend;

- (d) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable under this Article in fractions;
- (e) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the Members concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they may be entitled upon such capitalisation (any agreement made under such authority being binding on all such Members); and
- (f) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the Resolution.

#### NOTICES

- 114. Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the Articles shall be in writing, except that a notice calling a meeting of the Directors need not be in writing.
- 115. The Company may give any such notice to a Member personally or by sending it by registered post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the Member at his registered address or by leaving it at the 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. Any Member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who shall give to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but, otherwise no such Member, shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Company.
- 116. Any Member present, either in person or by proxy, at any Meeting of the Company shall be deemed to have received notice of the Meeting, and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.
- 117. Every person who becomes entitled to any share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the Register of Members, has been given to the person from whom he derives his title to the share.
- 118. Any notice sent to any Member by the Company by post, shall be deemed to have been given on the day following that on which the envelope containing it is posted, and in proving the giving of notice it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and posted.
- 119. Any notice delivered or sent by post to the registered address of any Member in pursuance of these Articles shall, notwithstanding that such Member be then dead, bankrupt, mentally disordered or (being a corporation) in liquidation, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death, bankruptcy, mental disorder or liquidation, be deemed to have been given in respect of any share registered in the name of the Member as sole or joint Holder and such notice shall be deemed a sufficient notice to

all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.

#### WINDING UP

120. If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an Extraordinary Resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Act, divide amongst the Members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and may, for that purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any assets and may determine how the division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the Members as he, with the like sanction, determines, but no Member shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is a liability.

#### PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES

121. The Company shall exercise the power conferred upon it by Section 719 of the Act with the prior sanction of a Special Resolution. If at any time the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the exercise of such power as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a variation of the rights attached to each class of shares and shall accordingly require the prior consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of each class or the prior sanction of any Extraordinary Resolution passed at a Separate Meeting of the Holders of the shares of each class duly convened and held.

# **INDEMNITIES**

122. Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a Director may otherwise be entitled every Director or other officer or Auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings relating to his conduct as an officer of the Company, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under Section 727 of the Act in which relief is granted to him by the Court. He shall further be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, expenses, losses, and liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of his office or otherwise in relation thereto.