

Company No. 2558509

COMPANIES ACT 2006
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS
OF
VANQUIS BANK LIMITED


Pursuant to section 288 of the Companies Act 2006 (**CA 2006**) Provident Financial plc, being the sole eligible member (as defined by section 289 CA 2006) of the Company for this purpose, signify agreement to and pass the following written resolutions as an ordinary resolution and a special resolution of the Company as designated below

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

- 1 That the directors of the Company are empowered to exercise the powers conferred by section 550 of the Companies Act 2006 to allot shares.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

- 2 That the regulations attached to these resolutions and initialled by an officer of the Company for the purpose of identification are adopted as the Company's new articles of association in substitution for and to the exclusion of (i) the Company's existing articles of association and (ii) all provisions of the Company's memorandum of association as at 30 September 2009 treated by section 28 of the Companies Act 2006 as included in the existing articles of association

Signature 
For and on behalf of Provident Financial plc

Name Peter Stuart Crook

Date 20 September 2012

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(This explanatory statement is not part of any proposed written resolution)

- 1 This document is proposed by the board of directors of the Company
- 2 This document is sent to the sole eligible member on 20 September 2012 (the **Circulation Date**)
- 3 "**Eligible members**" are the members who are entitled to vote on the resolution on the Circulation Date
- 4 If you wish to signify agreement to this document, please follow the procedure below
 - (a) you (or someone acting on your behalf) must sign, print your name beneath your signature (if it is not already printed) and date this document.
 - (b) if someone else is signing this document on your behalf under a power of attorney or other authority, please send a certified copy of the relevant power of attorney or authority when returning this document
 - (c) please return the document to the Company at its registered office and marked "For the attention of the Company Secretary"
- 5 Please note that it is not possible to withdraw your consent once this document, signed by you or on your behalf, has been duly received
- 6 To be valid, this document must be received no later than the end of the period of 28 days beginning on the Circulation Date, otherwise it will lapse

Initials of Company's officer .

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COMPANIES ACT 2006

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

VANQUIS BANK LIMITED

**Incorporated on 15 November 1990
(adopted by special resolution
passed on 20 September 2012)**

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2 **Directors to take decisions collectively**

Without prejudice to the provisions of regulation 7(2), a sole director may take decisions by way of written resolution.

3 **Unanimous decisions**

- 3 1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article 3 when all eligible directors indicate by any means that they share a common view on a matter
- 3 2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each eligible director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing A proposed directors' written resolution is adopted when all the directors who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution at a directors' meeting have signed one or more copies of it
- 3 3 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum had the matter been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting
- 3 4 Article 3 1 is without prejudice to regulation 7 save that the reference in that regulation to "a decision taken in accordance with article 8" shall have effect replaced by "a decision taken in accordance with articles 3 1 to 3 3 of these articles"

4 **Change of name**

The Company may change its name by decision of the directors

5 **Interested director to vote and count for quorum**

Provided that a director has disclosed any interest he may have in accordance with the CA 2006, a director may vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on a resolution or participate in any unanimous decision concerning any matter in which he is interested, and (whether or not he votes or participates) he may be counted in the quorum when that resolution or matter is considered

6 **Directors' power to authorise conflict situations**

- 6 1 For the purposes of section 175 of the CA 2006, the directors shall have the power to authorise, on such terms (including as regards duration and revocation) and subject to such limits or conditions (if any) as they may determine (**Conflict Authorisation**), any matter proposed to them in accordance with these articles which would, or might, if not so authorised, constitute or give rise to a situation in which a director (a **Relevant Director**) has, or could have, a direct or indirect interest which conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company (a **Conflict Situation**) Any Conflict Authorisation shall extend to any actual or possible conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the Conflict Situation so authorised
- 6 2 Where directors give a Conflict Authorisation:
- (a) the terms of such Conflict Authorisation shall be recorded in writing (but the authorisation shall be effective whether or not the terms are so recorded),
 - (b) the directors may revoke or vary such Conflict Authorisation at any time but this will not affect anything done by the Relevant Director prior to such revocation or variation in accordance with the terms of such authorisation, and

- (ii) make arrangements not to receive documents and information relating to the Conflict Situation concerned,

and the Company will not treat anything done (or omitted to be done) by the director concerned in accordance with the Group Conflict Authorisation Terms as a breach by him of his duties under sections 172 to 174 (inclusive) of the CA 2006

6 5 A Group Conflict Authorisation given or deemed given under article 6.4 may be revoked, varied or reduced in its scope or effect by special resolution

6 6 For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held or decision taken pursuant to this article 6 to authorise a Conflict Situation, if there is only one eligible director in office other than the Relevant Director, the quorum for such meeting (or part of meeting) shall be one eligible director Regulation 11(2) shall be modified accordingly.

6 7 In this article 6 **Relevant Group** comprises

- (a) the Company,
- (b) each (if any) body corporate which is for the time being a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company,
- (c) each (if any) body corporate of which the Company is for the time being a wholly owned subsidiary (Parent), and
- (d) each (if any) body corporate (not falling within any preceding paragraph of this definition) which is for the time being a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent

7 **Directors permitted to retain benefits**

7 1 A director is not required, by reason of being a director, to account to the Company for any profit, remuneration or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with

- (a) a Conflict Situation which has been authorised by the directors pursuant to article 6, or by the shareholders (subject to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to such authorisation),
- (b) being interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested,
- (c) holding any other office or place of profit under the Company, except that of auditor, in conjunction with the office of director and acting by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (and being entitled to remuneration as the directors may arrange, either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration provided for by any other article), and
- (d) being a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested or as regards which the Company has any powers of appointment

7 2 The Company will not treat the receipt by the director of any profit, remuneration or other benefit referred to in article 7 1 as a breach of duty under section 176 of the CA 2006 No such contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest, profit, remuneration or other benefit

- 11 3 A director acting as alternate director shall have a separate vote for each director for whom he acts as alternate in addition to his own, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present. A person (not himself a director) who acts as alternate director for more than one director shall have a separate vote for each director for whom he acts as alternate, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- 11 4 An alternate director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements with the Company and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified in the same way and to the same extent as a director. However, he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fees for his services as alternate, except only such part (if any) of the fee payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice to the Company direct. Subject to this article 11, the Company shall pay to an alternate director such expenses as might properly have been paid to him if he had been a director.
- 11 5 Every person acting as an alternate director shall be an officer of the Company, shall alone be responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him.

12 Termination of appointment of alternate director

An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director

- (a) if his appointor revokes his appointment by notice in writing delivered to the Company, or in any other manner approved by the directors, or
- (b) if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a director, or
- (c) if any event happens in relation to him which causes his office as director to be vacated or (if not himself a director) would do so if he were himself a director

13 Acts of directors

Subject to the provisions of CA 2006, all acts done by a meeting of directors or by a person acting as a director 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.

14 Gratuities and pensions

The directors may, on behalf of the Company, exercise all the powers of the Company to provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or in any other manner (whether similar to the foregoing or not), for any director or former director or any relation, connection or dependant of any director or former director who holds or has held any executive office or employment with the Company or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the Company or with a predecessor in business of the Company or of any such subsidiary and may contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit. No director or former director shall be accountable to the Company or the members for any benefit permitted by this article 14 and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a director of the Company.

dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share resulting from any such deduction, and how the money deducted has been applied

18 Transfer of shares

18.1 Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of

(a) the transferor, and

(b) (if any of the shares is not fully paid) the transferee

18.2 Subject to article 18.3, the directors may, in their absolute discretion, refuse to register any transfer of a share, whether it is fully paid or not

18.3 Notwithstanding anything contained in these articles, the directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares where such transfer is executed by any person to whom such shares have been charged by way of security, or by any nominee of any such person, pursuant to a power of sale under such security (whether or not such transfer is to the person to whom such person has been charged by way of security or to any nominee of any such person), and a certificate by any such person or any employee of any such person that the shares were so charged and the transfer was so executed shall be conclusive evidence of such facts

19 Transmission of shares

19.1 The directors may at any time give notice requiring any transmittee to elect either to be registered himself in respect of the share or to transfer the share and, if the notice is not complied with within sixty days, the directors may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends, bonuses or other moneys payable in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice shall have been complied with

19.2 Nothing in these articles releases the estate of a deceased holder from any liability in respect of a share solely or jointly held by that holder

20 Calculation of dividends

20.1 Except as otherwise provided by the articles or the rights attached to shares, all dividends must be

(a) declared and paid according to the nominal amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid, and

(b) apportioned and paid proportionately to the nominal amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid

20.2 If any share is issued on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date (whether before, on or after allotment), that share ranks for dividend accordingly

20.3 For the purposes of calculating dividends, no account is to be taken of any amount which has been paid up on a share in advance of the due date for payment of that amount

21 Capitalisation of profits

Without prejudice to regulation 36, a capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied.

26 Failure of proxy to vote in accordance with instructions

The omission or failure by any proxy to vote in accordance with any instructions given to him by his appointor shall not invalidate any vote cast by him or any resolution passed at the general meeting concerned

27 No voting of shares on which money is owed to the Company

No voting rights attached to a share may be exercised at any general meeting, at any adjournment of it, or on any poll called at or in relation to it, unless all amounts due and payable to the Company in respect of that share have been paid

28 Notices

28 1 Any notice, document or information (including a share certificate) which is sent or supplied by the Company

- (a) in hard copy form, or in electronic form but to be delivered other than by electronic means, and which is sent by pre-paid post and properly addressed shall be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient at the expiration of twenty-four hours (or, where first class mail is not used, forty-eight hours) after the time it was posted, and in proving such receipt it shall be sufficient to show that such notice, document or information was properly addressed, pre-paid and posted;
- (b) by electronic means shall be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient twenty-four hours after it was transmitted, and in proving such receipt it shall be sufficient to show that such notice, document or information was properly addressed, and
- (c) by means of a website shall be deemed to have been received when the material was first made available on the website or, if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website

28 2 Any accidental failure on the part of the Company to send, or the non-receipt by any person entitled to, any notice of or other document or information relating to any meeting or other proceeding shall not invalidate the relevant meeting or proceeding. This article shall have effect in place of the Company Communications Provisions relating to deemed delivery of notices, documents or information.

28 3 For the purposes of calculating the time when any notice, document or information sent or supplied by the Company is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient for the purposes of these articles (regardless of whether the period is expressed in hours or days) full account shall be taken of any day, and any part of a day, that is not a working day. This article shall have effect in place of the Company Communications Provisions regarding the calculation of the time when any such notice, document or information is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient

29 Indemnity

29 1 Subject to the CA 2006, the Company

30 7 Regulation 29 shall be amended by the insertion of the words ", or the name of any person nominated under regulation 27(2)," after the words "the transmittee's name"