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**Special Resolution** of AstraZeneca PLC

Passed 26 May 2000

At the Annual General Meeting of the above-named Company, duly convened and held at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2 on the 26th day of May 2000, the following Resolution was passed as a Special Resolution:-

"That the regulations contained in the document produced to the Annual General Meeting and signed by the Chairman for the purposes of identification be and are hereby approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for the existing Articles of Association."

Dated this 7th day of June 2000

G H R MUSKER

Secretary

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### A PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

### AstraZeneca PLC

(Adopted by special resolution passed on 26 May 2000)

### **PRELIMINARY**

Table A

1. The regulations in Table A as in force at the date of the incorporation of the Company shall not apply to the Company.

Definitions

2. In these Articles, except where the subject or context otherwise requires:

Act means the Companies Act 1985 including any modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force;

Approved Depositary means a custodian or other person (or a nominee for such custodian or other person) appointed under contractual arrangements with the Company or other arrangements approved by the directors whereby such custodian or other person or nominee holds or is interested in shares of the Company or rights or interests in shares of the Company and issues securities or other documents of title or otherwise evidencing the entitlement of the holder thereof to or to receive such shares, rights or interests, provided and to the extent that such arrangements have been approved by the directors for the purpose of these Articles and shall include without limitation custodians or other persons appointed from time to time by the Company to hold Share Warrants;

Articles means these articles of association as altered from time to time by special resolution;

auditors means the auditors of the Company;

**the board** means the directors or any of them acting as the board of directors of the Company;

certificated share means a share in the capital of the Company that is not an uncertificated share and references in these Articles to a share being held in certificated form shall be construed accordingly;

clear days in relation to the giving of a notice means the period excluding the day on which a notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect:

Companies Acts has the meaning given by section 744 of the Act and includes any enactment passed after those Acts which may, by virtue of that or any other such enactment, be cited together with those Acts as the "Companies Acts" (with or without the addition of an indication of the date of any such enactment);

director means a director of the Company;

dividend means dividend or bonus;

electronic communication means a communication sent by electronic transmission in any form through any medium;

employees' share scheme has the meaning given by section 743 of the Act;

entitled by transmission means, in relation to a share in the capital of the Company, entitled as a consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise by operation of law;

holder in relation to a share in the capital of the Company means the member whose name is entered in the register as the holder of that share;

London Stock Exchange means London Stock Exchange Limited;

member means a member of the Company;

*Memorandum* means the memorandum of association of the Company as amended from time to time;

office means the registered office of the Company;

paid means paid or credited as paid;

recognised person means a recognised clearing house or a nominee of a recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange, each of which terms has the meaning given to it by section 185(4) of the Act;

register means the register of members of the Company;

Regulations means the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995;

seal means the common seal of the Company and includes any official seal kept by the Company by virtue of section 39 or 40 of the Act;

secretary means the secretary of the Company and includes a joint, assistant, deputy or temporary secretary and any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary;

uncertificated share means a share in the capital of the Company which is recorded on the register as being held in uncertificated form and title to which may, by virtue of

the Regulations, be transferred by means of a relevant system and references in these articles to a share being held in uncertificated form shall be construed accordingly; and

United Kingdom means Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

#### Construction

3. References to a document being executed include references to its being executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by any other method and references to a document or instrument include references to any information in visible form whether having physical substance or not.

References to writing include references to any visible substitute for writing, including by way of an electronic communication and to anything partly in one visible form and partly in another visible form.

Words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa; words denoting the masculine gender include the feminine gender; and words denoting persons include corporations.

Words or expressions contained in these Articles which are not defined in Article 2 but are defined in the Act have the same meaning as in the Act (but excluding any modification of the Act not in force at the date of adoption of these Articles) unless inconsistent with the subject or context.

Words or expressions contained in these Articles which are not defined in Article 2 but are defined in the Regulations have the same meaning as in the Regulations (but excluding any modification of the Regulations not in force at the date of adoption of these Articles) unless inconsistent with the subject or context.

Subject to the preceding two paragraphs, references to any provision of any enactment or of any subordinate legislation (as defined by section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978) include any modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.

Headings and marginal notes are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the construction of these Articles.

In these Articles, (a) powers of delegation shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given to them; (b) the word **board** in the context of the exercise of any power contained in these Articles includes any committee of the board, any director holding executive office and any local or divisional board, manager or agent of the Company to which or, as the case may be, to whom the power in question has been delegated; (c) no power of delegation shall be limited by the existence or, except where expressly provided by the terms of delegation, the exercise of that or any other power of delegation; and (d) except where expressly provided by the terms of delegation, the delegation of a power shall not exclude the concurrent exercise of that power by any other body or person who is for the time being authorised to exercise it under these Articles or under another delegation of the power.

Where, in relation to a share, these Articles refer to a relevant system, the reference is to the relevant system in which that share is a participating security at the relevant time.

### SHARE CAPITAL

4.1 The authorised share capital of the Company on the adoption of these Articles Share capital is US\$600,000,000 and £50,000 divided into 2,400,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.25 each (Ordinary Shares) and 50,000 redeemable preference shares of £1 each (Redeemable Preference Shares).

4.2 The rights attaching to the Redeemable Preference Shares are as follows:

Rights attaching to Redeemable Preference Shares

- On a distribution of assets of the Company among its members on a winding up or other return of capital (other than a redemption or purchase by the Company of its own shares), the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares shall be entitled, in priority to any holder of any Ordinary Shares, to receive an amount equal to the aggregate of the capital paid up or credited as paid up on each Redeemable Preference Share.
- Save as provided in Article 4.2(a), the holders of the (b) Redeemable Preference Shares shall not be entitled to any participation in the profits or assets of the Company.
- The holders of Redeemable Preference Shares have no right to (c) receive notice of and do not have the right to attend any general meeting of the Company subject to the following exceptions:
  - if it is proposed at the meeting to consider any resolution approving the winding up of the Company, the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares shall be entitled to attend such a meeting but not to speak or vote;
  - if it is proposed at the meeting to consider any (ii) resolution which abrogates or adversely varies or otherwise directly adversely affects the special rights and privileges attaching to the Redeemable Preference Shares, the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares shall have the right to attend such a meeting and to speak and vote only on such resolution or any motion for adjournment of the meeting before such resolution is voted on.
- If entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company, every holder of Redeemable Preference Shares present in person or by proxy (or, being a corporation, by a duly authorised representative) shall have one vote for every 50,000 Redeemable Preference Shares held by him.
- Notwithstanding the rights of the holders of Redeemable Preference Shares under Article 4.2(a), the written consent of the holders of three-quarters in nominal value of the issued Redeemable Preference Shares or the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares is required if the special rights and privileges attaching to the Redeemable Preference Shares are to be abrogated, or adversely varied or otherwise directly adversely affected in any way.

The creation, allotment or issue of shares or securities which rank in priority to or equally with the Redeemable Preference Shares (or of any right to call for the allotment or issue of such shares or securities) is for these purposes deemed not to be an abrogation or variation or to have an effect on the rights and privileges attaching to Redeemable Preference Shares.

- (f) All provisions of the Articles relating to general meetings of the Company shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to every general meeting of the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares.
- (g) Subject to the Act, the Company shall have the right at any time to redeem any such Redeemable Preference Share (provided that it is credited as fully paid) by giving to the registered holder not less than 7 days written notice of its intention to do so (the *Redemption Notice*).
- (h) The Redemption Notice must specify the number of Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed, the amount payable on redemption and the time (*Redemption Date*) and place at which:
  - (i) the share certificates in respect of the Redeemable Preference Shares must be delivered to the Company for cancellation; and
  - (ii) the Company shall pay to the registered holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed the redemption money in respect of such Redeemable Preference Shares

and the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed shall be bound by the Redemption Notice.

- (i) The amount to be paid on redemption of each Redeemable Preference Share shall equal the amount credited as paid up on it (excluding any share premium) and in the case of a partial redemption proportionately in respect of each holding of Redeemable Preference Shares; and if, in accordance with the Act, the Redeemable Preference Shares shall not on any such date be capable of being redeemed by the Company, such redemption shall be effected as soon as is possible after the Redeemable Preference Shares shall have become capable of being redeemed.
- (j) If any holder of a Redeemable Preference Share to be redeemed fails or refuses to surrender the share certificate(s) or indemnity for such Redeemable Preference Share (or fails or refuses to accept the redemption money payable in respect of it), the Company shall retain such money and hold it on trust for such holder without interest but, nevertheless, the Redeemable Preference Shares shall be redeemed and cancelled by the Company and the Company shall have no further obligation whatsoever to the holder of a Redeemable Preference Share.
- (k) No Redeemable Preference Share shall be redeemed otherwise than out of distributable profits or the proceeds of a fresh issue of

shares made for the purposes of the redemption or out of capital to the extent permitted by the Act.

- No Redeemable Preference Share redeemed by the Company (1) shall be capable of re-issue and on redemption of any Redeemable Preference Shares the directors may convert the authorised share capital created as a consequence of such redemption into shares of any other class of share capital into which the authorised share capital of the Company is or may at that time be divided of a like nominal amount (as nearly as may be) as the shares of such class then in issue or into unclassified shares of the same.
- 5.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts and without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares for the time being issued, any share in the Company may be classified and be issued in any currency with such preferred, deferred or other special rights, or subject to such restrictions, whether as regards dividend, return of capital, voting or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine (or, in the absence of any such determination, as the directors may classify and determine) and the Company may issue any shares which are, or at the option of the Company or the holder are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by these Articles.

Shares with special rights

5.2 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts and Articles 5.3 to 5.7, the Share warrants to Company with respect to any fully-paid shares may issue to such persons as the bearer directors may decide (the Bearer) Share Warrants to bearer (Share Warrants) under the seal stating that the Bearer is entitled to the shares therein specified and may provide (by coupons or otherwise) for the payment or making of future dividends or other distributions, and the issue of shares pursuant to Article 117, on or in respect of the shares included in such Share Warrants.

- 5.3 A Share Warrant shall entitle the bearer thereof to the shares specified in it, and the shares represented by it may be transferred by the delivery of the Share Warrant, and the provisions (other than this Article 5.3) with respect to the transfer and transmission of shares and untraced shareholders shall not apply thereto.
- 5.4 The directors shall be entitled (but not obliged) to accept a certificate (in such form as the directors may approve) of an Approved Depositary, or of any bank or agent of the Company, that such bank, agent or Approved Depositary holds a specified Share Warrant on behalf of the person named in the certificate as sufficient evidence of the facts stated in such certificate including the number of shares specified in it, and may treat the deposit of such certificate at the office at which the Company's share register is situated (the Transfer Office) as equivalent to the deposit, presentation or delivery there of the Share Warrant for the purposes of these presents other than in relation to Article 5.7.
- 5.5 The Share Warrants shall be subject to the following conditions:

Conditions of issue of share warrants

Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (g) of this Article 5.5, no Share (a) Warrant shall be issued except upon a request in writing by the person for the time being named in the register as the holder of the shares in respect of which

- the Share Warrant is to be issued. The directors shall not be under any obligation to accede to any such request.
- (b) The request shall be in such form, and supported by such evidence as to the identity of the person making the same and of his right or title to the shares, as the directors shall from time to time require, and shall be lodged at the Transfer Office.
- (c) Before the issue of a Share Warrant the share certificates (if any) then outstanding in respect of the shares to be included in the Share Warrant shall be delivered up to the Company for cancellation.
- (d) Save as otherwise agreed by the Company, any person applying to have a Share Warrant issued shall be responsible for, and shall indemnify the Company against, any stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, bearer instrument duty, taxes, charges, fees, interest and penalties payable (if any) in respect of the issue of the Share Warrant and shall pay to the Company at the time of such issue such amount in respect thereof as the Company may reasonably require.
- (e) Each Share Warrant shall represent such number of shares and be in such language and form as the directors shall think fit.
- (f) The Company shall be entitled to recognise an absolute right in the Bearer for the time being of any Share Warrant to such amount of dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of the shares included in such Share Warrant, as shall have been declared or otherwise be payable, upon the presentation or delivery of such Share Warrant, and payment by or on behalf of the Company to an account or accounts specified by the person presenting such Share Warrant to the Transfer Office against such presentation or delivery shall be a good discharge to the Company accordingly.
- (g) Save as otherwise agreed by the Company, subject to the payment to the Company of all (if any) stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, bearer instrument duty, taxes, charges, fees, interest and penalties which may thereby be involved and for which the Company may be required to account:
  - (i) if any Share Warrant is worn out, damaged or defaced, a replacement Share Warrant will be issued upon request and upon surrender of the old Share Warrant for cancellation;
  - (ii) if any Share Warrant is alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, a replacement Share Warrant may, at the discretion of the directors, be issued to the person claiming to be entitled thereto upon request and upon compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the directors may think fit provided that no new Share Warrant may be issued to replace one that has been lost unless the directors are satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the original has been destroyed; and

- (iii) a Bearer may surrender for cancellation any Share Warrant and request that the Company issue in lieu two or more Share Warrants which together represent the same shares in such proportion as he may specify and directors may, if they think fit, authorise the cancellation of the original Share Warrant and the issuance of such new Share Warrants.
- (h) A Bearer may at any time deposit the Share Warrant together with a written declaration specifying his name and address at such place as the directors may from time to time appoint (or, in default of such appointment, at the Transfer Office), and, so long as the Share Warrant remains so deposited, the depositor shall have the same right of signing a requisition for calling a meeting of the Company, of giving notice of intention to submit a resolution to a meeting, of attending and voting, giving a proxy and exercising the other rights and privileges of a member at any meeting held after the expiration of 48 hours from the time of deposit, as if from the time of deposit his name were inserted in the register as the holder of the shares specified in the deposited Share Warrant. Not more than one person shall be recognised as depositor of any Share Warrant. Every Share Warrant which shall have been so deposited as aforesaid shall remain so deposited until after the close of the meeting at which the depositor desires to attend or to be represented. Save as otherwise expressly provided, no person shall, as bearer of a Share Warrant, be entitled to sign a requisition for calling a general meeting of the Company.
- (i) Subject as otherwise expressly provided in Article 5.2 to 5.7, a Bearer (or the depositor of a Share Warrant in accordance with Article 5.5(h)) shall be entitled in all other respects to the same rights, benefits, privileges and advantages, accorded from time to time pursuant to the Articles or by the Companies Acts (subject to the Articles) and subject to the same obligations and duties as if he were named in the register as the holder of the shares specified in the Share Warrant, and he shall be deemed to be a member of the Company for these purposes.
- 5.6(a) In the case of an offer of shares, securities or debentures to any class of members, or a proposed issue of shares pursuant to Article 117, it shall be sufficient, so far as any Bearer is concerned, to advertise the fact of the proposed offer or issue once in a leading London daily newspaper and once in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and in one leading Swedish daily newspaper, and such other newspapers (if any) as the directors may from time to time determine, and upon the Bearer depositing the Share Warrant (or, if appropriate, the requisite coupon) at the Transfer Office, or some other place or places mentioned in the advertisement, within the time limit prescribed in the offer, he shall have the same right to receive the offer and accept the proportionate number of shares, securities or debentures within the time limit prescribed in the offer, or to participate in the proposed issue of shares pursuant to Article 117 as if he were the registered holder of the shares comprised in the Share Warrant.
- (b) In the case of any notice or document or other communication with members or any class of members, it shall be sufficient, so far as any Bearer is concerned, to advertise the notice, document or other communication once in a

leading London daily newspaper and once in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and in one leading Swedish daily newspaper, and such other newspapers (if any) as the directors may from time to time determine, and giving an address or addresses where copies of the notice, document or other communication may be obtained by any Bearer.

# Surrender of share warrants

- If a Bearer shall desire to surrender a Share Warrant and be registered as a 5.7 member or request that another person be registered as a member in respect of all or any of the shares included in such Share Warrant, he shall lodge at such place as the directors may from time to time appoint (or, in default of such appointment, at the Transfer Office) for cancellation of such Share Warrant together with a declaration in writing signed by him in such form and authenticated in such manner as the directors may require, requesting to be registered as a member in respect of all or some of the shares specified in such Share Warrant and stating in such declaration his full name and address. Save as otherwise agreed by the Company, upon the payment to the Company of all (if any) stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, bearer instrument duty, taxes, charges, fees, interest and penalties which may thereby be incurred by the Company or for which the Company is required to account, the person giving such declaration shall thereupon be entitled to have his name entered as a member in the register in respect of the relevant shares specified in the Share Warrant so surrendered and to receive a share certificate therefor. If the Bearer shall desire to be registered as a member in respect of part only of the shares included in such Share Warrant, a Share Warrant for the balance of the shares shall be issued to such person without charge upon cancellation of the Share Warrant so surrendered.
- 5.8 Subject to Articles 5.2 to 5.7, the Company shall not be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise any right in respect of the share represented by a Share Warrant other than the Bearer's absolute right to the Share Warrant.

# Uncertificated shares

6.1 Subject to the provisions of the Regulations, the board may permit the holding of shares in any class of shares in uncertificated form and the transfer of title to shares in that class by means of a relevant system and may determine that any class of shares shall cease to be a participating security.

# Not separate class of shares

- 6.2 Shares in the capital of the Company that fall within a certain class shall not form a separate class of shares from other shares in that class because any share in that class:
- (a) is held in uncertificated form; or
- (b) is permitted in accordance with the Regulations to become a participating security.

#### Exercise of Company's entitlements in respect of uncertificated share

6.3 Where any class of shares is a participating security and the Company is entitled under any provision of the Companies Acts, the Regulations or the Articles to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, forfeit, re-allot, accept the surrender of or otherwise enforce a lien over a share held in uncertificated form, the Company shall be entitled, subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the Regulations, the Articles and the facilities and requirements of the relevant system:

- (a) to require the holder of that uncertificated share by notice to change that share into certificated form within the period specified in the notice and to hold that share in certificated form so long as required by the Company;
- (b) to require the holder of that uncertificated share by notice to give any instructions necessary to transfer title to that share by means of the relevant system within the period specified in the notice;
- (c) to require the holder of that uncertificated share by notice to appoint any person to take any step, including without limitation the giving of any instructions by means of the relevant system, necessary to transfer that share within the period specified in the notice; and
- (d) to take any action that the board considers appropriate to achieve the sale, transfer, disposal, forfeiture, re-allotment or surrender of that share or otherwise to enforce a lien in respect of that share.
- 7.1 The board has general and unconditional authority to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to the section 80 amount, for each prescribed period.

Section 80 authority

7.2 The board is empowered for each prescribed period to allot equity securities for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by Article 7.1 as if section 89(1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that its power shall be limited to:

Section 89 disapplication

- (a) the allotment of equity securities in connection with a rights issue; and
- (b) the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to Article 7.2(a)) of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to the section 89 amount.
- 7.3 Before the expiry of a prescribed period the Company may make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities or other relevant securities to be allotted after such expiry. The board may allot equity securities or other relevant securities in pursuance of that offer or agreement as if the prescribed period during which that offer or agreement was made had not expired.

Allotment after expiry

7.4 In this Article:

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prescribed period means any period for which the authority conferred by Article 7.1 is given by ordinary or special resolution stating the section 80 amount and/or the power conferred by Article 7.2 is given by special resolution stating the section 89 amount;

rights issue means an offer of equity securities to ordinary shareholders (whether by way of rights issue, open offer or otherwise) where the equity securities respectively attributable to the interests of ordinary shareholders are proportionate (as nearly as practicable) to the respective numbers of ordinary shares held by them, but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or any legal, regulatory or practical problems under the laws or regulations of any overseas territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange;

section 80 amount means, for any prescribed period, the amount stated in the relevant ordinary or special resolution; and

section 89 amount means, for any prescribed period, the amount stated in the relevant special resolution.

# Residual allotment powers

- 8. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts relating to authority, preemption rights or otherwise and of any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant to those provisions, and, in the case of redeemable shares, the provisions of Article 9:
- (a) all unissued shares for the time being in the capital of the Company shall be at the disposal of the board; and
- (b) the board may allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over, or otherwise dispose of them to such persons on such terms and conditions and at such times as it thinks fit.

# Redeemable shares

9. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares or class of shares, shares may be issued 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 these Articles.

#### Commissions

10. The Company may exercise all powers of paying commissions or brokerage conferred or permitted by the Companies Acts. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, any such commission or brokerage 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.

# Trusts not recognised

11. Except as required by law or as otherwise provided by these Articles, the Company shall recognise no person as holding any share on any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share (or in any fractional part of a share) except the holder's absolute right to the entirety of the share (or fractional part of the share).

#### **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

# Method of varying rights

12.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, if at any time the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class may (unless otherwise provided by the terms of allotment of the shares of that class) be varied or abrogated, whether or not the Company is being wound up, either with the consent in writing of the holders of three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class (but not otherwise).

# When rights deemed to be varied

- 12.2 For the purposes of this Article, if at any time the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, unless otherwise expressly provided by the rights attached to any share or class of shares, those rights shall be deemed to be varied by:
- (a) the reduction of the capital paid up on that share or class of shares otherwise than by a purchase or redemption by the Company of its own shares; and

the allotment of another share ranking in priority for payment of a dividend or (b) in respect of capital or which confers on its holder voting rights more favourable than those conferred by that share or class of shares,

but shall not be deemed to be varied by:

- (c) the creation or issue of another share ranking equally with, or subsequent to, that share or class of shares or by the purchase or redemption by the Company of its own shares; or
- the Company permitting, in accordance with the Regulations, the holding of (d) and transfer of title to shares of that or any other class in uncertificated form by means of a relevant system.

#### SHARE CERTIFICATES

Every member, on becoming the holder of any certificated share (except a Members' rights recognised person in respect of whom the Company is not required by law to complete and have ready for delivery a certificate) shall be entitled, without payment, to one certificate for all the certificated shares of each class held by him (and, on transferring a part of his holding of certificated shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of his holding of certificated shares). He may elect to receive one or more additional certificates for any of his certificated shares if he pays for every certificate after the first a reasonable sum determined from time to time by the board. Every certificate shall:

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- be executed under the seal or otherwise in accordance with Article 104 or in (a) such other manner as the board may approve; and
- specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to (b) which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up on the shares.

The Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for certificated shares held jointly by more than one person and delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all of them. Shares of different classes may not be included in the same certificate.

14. If a share certificate is defaced, worn out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed Replacement on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of any exceptional out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in investigating evidence and preparing the requisite form of indemnity as the board may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

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### **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

The instrument of transfer of a certificated share may be in any usual form or Form and 15. in any other form which the board may approve. An instrument of transfer shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor but need not be signed by or on behalf of the certificated share transferee. An instrument of transfer need not be under seal.

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#### Invalid transfers of certificated shares

- 16.1 The board may refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share unless the instrument of transfer:
- (a) is lodged, duly stamped (if stampable), at the office or at another place appointed by the board accompanied by the certificate for the share to which it relates and such other evidence as the board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- (b) is in respect of only one class of shares; and
- (c) is in favour of not more than four transferees.

# Transfers by recognised persons

16.2 In the case of a transfer of a certificated share by a recognised person, the lodgement of a share certificate will only be necessary if and to the extent that a certificate has been issued in respect of the share in question.

# Notice of refusal to register

17. If the board refuses to register a transfer of a share, it shall send the transferee notice of its refusal within two months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged with the Company or the Operator-instruction was received, as the case may be.

# Suspension of registration

18. The registration of transfers of shares or of transfers of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding 30 days in any year) as the board may determine, except that the board may not suspend the registration of transfers of any participating security without the consent of the Operator of the relevant system.

# No fee payable on registration

19. No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to a share.

### Retention of transfers

20. The Company shall be entitled to retain an instrument of transfer which is registered, but an instrument of transfer which the board refuses to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

### TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

### Transmission

21. If a member dies, the survivor or survivors where he was a joint holder, and his personal representatives where he was a sole holder or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest. Nothing in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased member (whether a sole or joint holder) from any liability in respect of any share held by him.

# Elections permitted

22.1 A person becoming entitled by transmission to a share may, on production of any evidence as to his entitlement properly required by the board, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have another person nominated by him registered as the transferee. If he elects to become the holder he shall give notice to the Company to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered and the share is a certificated share, he shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person. If he elects to have himself or another person registered and the share is an uncertificated share, he shall take any action the board may require (including without limitation the execution of any document and the giving of any instruction by means of a relevant system) to enable himself or that person to be registered as the holder of

the share. All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer of shares apply to that 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 or other event giving rise to the transmission had not occurred.

- 22.2 The board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect Elections required either to be registered himself or to transfer the share. If the notice is not complied with within 60 days, the board may after the expiry of that period withhold payment of all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.
- 23. A person becoming entitled by transmission to a share shall, on production of Rights of persons any evidence as to his entitlement properly required by the board and subject to the entitled by transmission requirements of Article 22, have the same rights in relation to the share as he would have had if he were the holder of the share, subject to Article 113. That person may give a discharge for all dividends and other moneys payable in respect of the share, but he shall not, before being registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to receive notice of, or to attend or vote at, any meeting of the Company or to receive notice of or to attend or vote at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company.

### ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

24. The Company may by ordinary resolution: Alterations by ordinary resolution

- increase its share capital by such sum to be divided into shares of such amount (a) as the resolution prescribes;
- consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger (b) amount than its existing shares;
- subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, sub-divide its shares, or any (c) of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum 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 date 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.
- 25. All shares created by ordinary resolution pursuant to Article 24 shall be:

New shares subject to these Articles

- subject to all the provisions of these Articles including, without limitation, (a) provisions relating to transfer and transmission; and
- unclassified, unless otherwise provided by these Articles, by the resolution (b) creating the shares or by the terms of allotment of the shares.
- 26. Whenever any fractions arise as a result of a consolidation or sub-division of Fractions arising shares, the board may on behalf of the members deal with the fractions as it thinks fit. In particular, without limitation, the board may sell shares representing fractions to

which any members would otherwise become entitled to any person (including, subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the Company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those members. Where the shares to be sold are held in certificated form the board may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the buyer. Where the shares to be sold are held in uncertificated form, the board may do all acts and things it considers necessary or expedient to effect the transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the buyer. The buyer shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase moneys and his title to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in, or invalidity of, the proceedings in relation to the sale.

# Power to reduce capital

27. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, capital redemption reserve and share premium account in any way.

#### **PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES**

#### Power to purchase own shares

28. Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts and without prejudice to any relevant special rights attached to any class of shares, the Company may purchase any of its own shares of any class (including without limitation redeemable shares) in any way and at any price (whether at par or above or below par).

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

# Types of general meeting

29. All general meetings of the Company other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings. The board shall convene and the Company shall hold general meetings as annual general meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

#### Class meetings

- 30. All provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings of the Company shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to every separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company, except that:
- (a) the necessary quorum shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of the class or, at any adjourned meeting of such holders, one holder present in person or by proxy, whatever the amount of his holding, who shall be deemed to constitute a meeting;
- (b) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll; and
- (c) each holder of shares of the class shall, on a poll, have one vote in respect of every share of the class held by him.

# Convening general meetings

31. The board may call general meetings whenever and at such times and places as it shall determine. On the requisition of members pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the board shall promptly convene an extraordinary general meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts. If there are insufficient directors available to call a general meeting any director of the Company may call a

general meeting, but where no director is willing or able to do so, any two members of the Company may summon a meeting for the purpose of appointing one or more directors.

### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting called for the Period of notice passing of a special resolution or a resolution appointing a person as a director shall be called by at least 21 clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least 14 clear days' notice.

Subject to the provisions of these Articles and to any restrictions imposed on 32.2 any shares, the notice shall be given to all the members, to each of the directors and to the auditors.

Recipients of notice

33.1 The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting (including without limitation any satellite meeting place arranged for the purposes of Article 34.1, which shall be identified as such in the notice) and, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business. All business that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting shall be deemed special. All business transacted at an annual general meeting shall be deemed special except:

Contents of notice: general

- the declaration of dividends; (a)
- the consideration and adoption of the accounts and balance sheet and the (b) reports of the directors and auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the accounts;
- (c) the appointment and re-appointment of directors;
- the appointment of auditors where special notice of the resolution for such (d) appointment is not required by the Companies Acts; and
- the fixing of, or the determining of the method of fixing, the remuneration of (e) the directors or auditors.
- In the case of an annual general meeting, the notice shall specify the meeting Contents of as such. In the case of a meeting to pass a special or extraordinary resolution, the notice shall specify the intention to propose the resolution as a special or extraordinary resolution, as the case may be.

notice: additional requirements

33.3 The notice shall include details of any arrangements made for the purpose of Article 34.3 Article 34.3 (making clear that participation in those arrangements will not amount to attendance at the meeting to which the notice relates).

arrangements

34.1 The board (or the chairman of the meeting in the case of an adjourned meeting) may resolve to enable persons entitled to attend a general meeting (or an adjourned general meeting, as the case may be) to do so by simultaneous attendance and participation at one or more satellite meeting places anywhere in the world. The members present in person or by proxy at satellite meeting places shall be counted in the quorum for, and entitled to vote at, the general meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid if the chairman of the

General meetings at more than one

general meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the general meeting to ensure that members attending at all the meeting places are able to:

- (a) participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;
- (b) hear and see all persons who speak (whether by the use of microphones, loudspeakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise) in the principal meeting place and any satellite meeting place; and
- (c) be heard and seen by all other persons so present in the same way.

The chairman of the general meeting shall be present at, and the meeting shall be deemed to take place at, the principal meeting place.

Interruption or adjournment where facilities inadequate

34.2 If it appears to the chairman of the general meeting that the facilities at the principal meeting place or any satellite meeting place have become inadequate for the purposes referred to in Article 34.1, then the chairman may, without the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn the general meeting. All business conducted at that general meeting up to the time of that adjournment shall be valid. The provisions of Article 40.2 shall apply to that adjournment.

Other arrangements for viewing/hearing proceedings 34.3 The board may make arrangements for persons entitled to attend a general meeting or an adjourned general meeting to be able to view and hear the proceedings of the general meeting or adjourned general meeting and to speak at the meeting (whether by the use of microphones, loudspeakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise) by attending at a venue anywhere in the world not being a satellite meeting place. Those attending at any such venue shall not be regarded as present at the general meeting or adjourned general meeting and shall not be entitled to vote at the meeting at or from that venue. The inability for any reason of any member present in person or by proxy at such a venue to view or hear all or any of the proceedings of the meeting or to speak at the meeting shall not in any way affect the validity of the proceedings of the meeting.

Controlling level of attendance

34.4 The board may from time to time make any arrangements for controlling the level of attendance at any venue for which arrangements have been made pursuant to Article 34.3 (including without limitation the issue of tickets or the imposition of some other means of selection) it in its absolute discretion considers appropriate, and may from time to time change those arrangements. If a member, pursuant to those arrangements, is not entitled to attend in person or by proxy at a particular venue, he shall be entitled to attend in person or by proxy at any other venue for which arrangements have been made pursuant to Article 34.3. The entitlement of any member to be present at such venue in person or by proxy shall be subject to any such arrangement then in force and stated by the notice of meeting or adjourned meeting to apply to the meeting.

Change in place and/or time of meeting 34.5 If, after the giving of notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a general meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the board decides that it is impracticable or unreasonable for a reason beyond its control to hold the meeting at the declared place (or any of the declared places, in the case of a meeting to which Article 34.1 applies) and/or time, it may change the place (or any of the places, in the case of a meeting to which Article 34.1 applies) and/or postpone the time at

which the meeting is to be held. If such a decision is made, the board may then change the place (or any of the places, in the case of a meeting to which Article 34.1 applies) and/or postpone the time again if it decides that it is reasonable to do so. In either case:

- (a) no new notice of the meeting need be given, but the board shall, if practicable, advertise the date, time and place of the meeting in at least two leading national daily newspapers with appropriate circulation in the United Kingdom and in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and one leading Swedish daily newspaper and shall make arrangements for notices of the change of place and/or postponement to appear at the original place and/or at the original time; and
- (b) notwithstanding Article 60(a), an instrument of proxy in relation to the meeting may be delivered to the office or at such other place within the United Kingdom or overseas as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent by the Company in relation to the meeting at any time not less than 48 hours before any new time appointed for holding the meeting.
- For the purposes of this Article 34, the right of a member to participate in the Meaning of business of any general meeting shall include without limitation the right to speak, vote on a show of hands, vote on a poll, be represented by proxy and have access to all documents which are required by the Companies Acts or these Articles to be made available at the meeting.

participate

The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting, or to send a form of proxy Accidental with a notice where required by these Articles, to any person entitled to receive it, or the non-receipt of a notice of meeting or form of proxy by that person, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

omission to give notice

The board and, at any general meeting, the chairman may make any Security arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction it or he considers appropriate to ensure the security of a general meeting including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place. The board and, at any general meeting, the chairman are entitled to refuse entry to a person who refuses to comply with these arrangements, requirements or restrictions.

### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

36. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is Quorum present, but the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the choice or appointment of a chairman, which shall not be treated as part of the business of the meeting. Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, two persons present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the business to be transacted shall be a quorum.

37. If such a quorum is not present within five minutes (or such longer time not If quorum not exceeding 30 minutes as the chairman of the meeting may decide to wait) from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved, and in any other case shall stand adjourned to such time and place as the chairman of

present

the meeting may determine. The adjourned meeting shall be dissolved if a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting.

Chairman

38. The chairman, if any, of the board or, in his absence, any deputy chairman of the Company or, in his absence, some other director nominated by the board, shall preside as chairman of the meeting. If neither the chairman, a deputy chairman nor such other director (if any) is present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or is not willing to act as chairman, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman. If there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman. If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within five 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.

Directors entitled to speak

39. 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 capital of the Company.

Adjournments: chairman's powers

- 40.1 The chairman may, with the consent of a 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. No business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. In addition (and without prejudice to the chairman's power to adjourn a meeting conferred by Article 34.2), the chairman may adjourn the meeting to another time and place without such consent if it appears to him that:
- (a) it is likely to be impracticable to hold or continue that meeting because of the number of members wishing to attend who are not present; or
- (b) the unruly conduct of persons attending the meeting prevents or is likely to prevent the orderly continuation of the business of the meeting; or
- (c) an adjournment is otherwise necessary so that the business of the meeting may be properly conducted.

Adjournments: procedures

Any such adjournment may be for such time and to such other place or places 40.2 as the chairman may, in his absolute discretion, determine, notwithstanding that by reason of such adjournment some members may be unable to be present at the adjourned meeting. The discretion of the chairman shall include the discretion as to whether to make arrangements for a satellite meeting place in respect of the adjourned meeting and whether the meeting place of the adjourned meeting should be in a different country from the original principal meeting place. Any member unable to be present at the adjourned meeting may execute a form of proxy for the adjourned meeting which, if delivered by him to the chairman or the secretary, shall be valid even though it is given at less notice than would otherwise be required by these Articles. When a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more or for an indefinite period, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place (or places, in the case of an adjourned meeting to which the chairman has determined that the provisions of Article 34.1 should apply) of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

Amendments to resolutions

- 41. If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is in good faith ruled out of order by the chairman, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. With the consent of the chairman, an amendment may be withdrawn by its proposer before it is voted on. No amendment to a resolution duly proposed as a special or extraordinary resolution may be considered or voted on (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error). No amendment to a resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution may be considered or voted on (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) unless either (a) at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the ordinary resolution is to be considered, notice of the terms of the amendment and the intention to move it has been lodged at the office, or (b) the chairman in his absolute discretion decides that the amendment may be considered and voted on.
- 42. All special or extraordinary resolutions put to the vote of a general meeting Methods of voting shall be decided on a poll. All other resolutions put to the vote of a general meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless, before or on the declaration of the result of a vote on the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll, a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, a poll may be demanded by:
- (a) the chairman of the meeting; or
- (b) at least two members present in person or by proxy; or
- (c) any member or members present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
- (d) any member or members present in person or by proxy holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right.

A demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.

43. Unless a poll is duly demanded (and the demand is not withdrawn before the poll is taken) or is required under Article 42, 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 shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

Declaration of result

44. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

Chairman's casting vote

45. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn before the poll is taken, but only with the consent of the chairman. A demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made. If the

With drawal of demand for poll

demand for a poll is withdrawn, the chairman or any other member entitled may demand a poll.

Conduct of poll

46. Subject to Article 47, a poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may, and shall if required by the meeting, appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place 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.

When poll to be taken

47. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken at the meeting at which it is demanded. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either at the meeting or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than 30 days after the poll is demanded. 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.

Notice of poll

48. No notice need be given of a poll not taken at the meeting at which it is demanded if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

Effectiveness of special and extraordinary resolutions 49. Where for any purpose an ordinary resolution of the Company is required, a special or extraordinary resolution shall also be effective. Where for any purpose an extraordinary resolution is required, a special resolution shall also be effective.

### **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

Right to vote

50. Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

Votes of joint holders

51. In the case of joint holders of a share, 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. For this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register.

Member under incapacity

52. A member in respect of whom an order has been made by a court or official 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 for that purpose appointed by that court or official. That receiver, curator bonis or other person may also vote by proxy. The right to vote shall be exercisable only if evidence satisfactory to the board of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote has been delivered to the office, or at another place specified in accordance with these Articles for the delivery 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.

Section 212 of the Act: restrictions if in default 53.1 If at any time the board is satisfied that any member, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by such member, has been duly served with a notice under section 212 of the Act (a section 212 notice) and is in default for the

prescribed period in supplying to the Company the information thereby required, or, in purported compliance with such a notice, has made a statement which is false or inadequate in a material particular, then the board may, in its absolute discretion at any time thereafter by notice (a *direction notice*) to such member direct that:

- (a) in respect of the shares in relation to which the default occurred (the *default shares*, which expression includes any shares issued after the date of the section 212 notice in respect of those shares) the member shall not be entitled to attend or vote either personally or by proxy at a general meeting or at a separate meeting of the holders of that class of shares or on a poll; and
- (b) where the default shares represent at least ¼ of one per cent. in nominal value of the issued shares of their class, the direction notice may additionally direct that in respect of the default shares:
  - (i) no payment shall be made by way of dividend and no share shall be allotted pursuant to Article 112;
  - (ii) no transfer of any default share shall be registered unless:
    - (A) the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information requested and the transfer when presented for registration is accompanied by a certificate by the member in such form as the board may in its absolute discretion require to the effect that after due and careful enquiry the member is satisfied that no person in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the shares the subject of the transfer; or
    - (B) the transfer is an approved transfer; or
    - (C) registration of the transfer is required by the Regulations.
- 53.2 The Company shall send a copy of the direction notice to each other person Copy of notice to appearing to be interested in the default shares, but the failure or omission by the interested persons Company to do so shall not invalidate such notice.
- 53.3 Where any person appearing to be interested in shares has been duly served with a section 212 notice and the shares in which he appears to be interested are held by an Approved Depositary, the provisions of this Article shall be treated as applying only to those shares held by the Approved Depositary in which such person appears to be interested and not (insofar as such person's apparent interest is concerned) to any other shares held by the Approved Depositary.

53.4 Where the member on which a section 212 notice is duly served is an Approved Depositary acting in its capacity as such, the obligations of the Approved Depositary as a member of the Company shall be limited to disclosing to the Company such information relating to any person appearing to be interested in the shares held by it as has been recorded by it pursuant to the arrangements entered into by the Company or approved by the directors pursuant to which it was appointed as an Approved Depositary and the default shares shall be those shares held by it in respect of which it or any other person has not complied with such obligations.

Service on Approved Depositaries

# When restrictions cease to have effect

- 53.5 Any direction notice shall cease to have effect not more than seven days after the earlier of receipt by the Company of:
- (a) a notice of an approved transfer, but only in relation to the shares transferred; or
- (b) all the information required by the relevant section 212 notice, in a form satisfactory to the board.

Board may cancel restrictions Conversion of uncertificated shares

- 53.6 The board may at any time give notice cancelling a direction notice.
- 53.7 The Company may exercise any of its powers under Article 6.3 in respect of any default share that is held in uncertificated form.

#### Provisions supplementary to Article 53

- 54.1 For the purposes of Article 53:
- (a) a person shall be treated as appearing to be interested in any shares if the member holding such shares has given to the Company a notification under section 212 of the Act which either (i) names such person as being so interested or (ii) fails to establish the identities of all those interested in the shares, and (after taking into account the said notification and any other relevant section 212 notification) the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person in question is or may be interested in the shares;
- (b) the prescribed period is 14 days from the date of service of the section 212 notice; and
- (c) a transfer of shares is an approved transfer if:
  - (i) it is a transfer of shares pursuant to an acceptance of a takeover offer (within the meaning of section 428(1) of the Act); or
  - (ii) the board is satisfied that the transfer is made pursuant to a sale of the whole of the beneficial ownership of the shares the subject of the transfer to a party unconnected with the member and with any other person appearing to be interested in the shares; or
  - (iii) the transfer results from a sale made through a recognised investment exchange as defined in the Financial Services Act 1986 or any other stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded.

# Section 216 of the Act

54.2 Nothing contained in Article 53 limits the power of the Company under section 216 of the Act.

#### Errors in voting

55. If any votes are counted which ought not to have been counted, or might have been rejected, the error shall not vitiate the result of the voting unless it is pointed out at the same meeting, or at any adjournment of the meeting, and, in the opinion of the chairman, it is of sufficient magnitude to vitiate the result of the voting.

# Objection to voting

56. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting or poll at which the vote objected to is tendered. Every

vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid and every vote not counted which ought to have been counted shall be disregarded. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A member Supplementary 57. entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the voting votes he uses in the same way.

#### PROXIES AND CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and executed by the 58. appointor or his attorney or, if the appointor is a corporation, executed by a duly authorised officer, attorney or other authorised person or under its common seal.

Appointment of

59. Instruments of proxy shall be in any usual form or in any other form which the Form of proxy board may approve. The board may, if it thinks fit, but subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, at the Company's expense send forms of instrument of proxy for use at the meeting with the notice of any meeting. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or poll concerned. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion, save that each such appointment shall specify the number of shares in respect of which the appointment is made and the aggregate number of shares in respect of which the appointments are made shall not exceed the number of shares registered in the name of such member.

60. The instrument appointing a proxy and any power of attorney or other written authority under which it is executed or an office or notarially certified copy or a copy certified in accordance with the Powers of Attorney Act 1971 (or in accordance with equivalent legislation in any jurisdiction) of such power or written authority shall:

Delivery of form of proxy

- be delivered personally, by post or, to the extent permitted by the Companies (a) Acts, by electronic communication to the office or at such other place within the United Kingdom or overseas as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent by the Company in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or
- in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be (b) delivered 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
- where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after (c) 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.

An instrument of proxy which is not delivered in any such manner shall be invalid. No instrument of proxy shall be valid more than twelve months after the date stated in it as the date of its execution. When two or more valid instruments of proxy are delivered in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting, the one which was executed last shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others as regards that share; if the Company is unable to determine which was executed last, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share. The proceedings at a general meeting shall not be invalidated where an instrument of proxy in respect of that meeting is delivered in a manner permitted by the Articles by electronic transmission, but because of a technical problem it cannot be read by the recipient.

# Validity of form of proxy

61. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to include the right to demand, or join in demanding, a poll but shall not confer any further right to speak at a meeting, except with the permission of the chairman. The instrument of proxy shall also be deemed to confer authority to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The instrument of proxy shall, unless it provides to the contrary, be valid for any adjournment of the meeting as well as for the meeting to which it relates.

### Corporate representatives

62. Any corporation or corporation sole which is a member of the Company (in this Article the *grantor*) may (in the case of a corporation, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by authority to be given under seal or under the hand of an officer duly authorised by it) authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares. A person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of the grantor as the grantor could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company, save that a director, the secretary or other person authorised for the purpose by the secretary may require such person to produce a certified copy of the resolution of authorisation or other authority before permitting him to exercise his powers. The grantor shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present at it.

# Revocation of authority

63. A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the determination was received by the Company at the office or at such other place to which the instrument of proxy was duly delivered and in the same manner in which the instrument of proxy was duly delivered at least three hours before the start 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**

#### Limits on number of directors

64. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors shall be not less than 5 nor more than 14.

### APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

# Number of directors to retire

65. At the annual general meeting of the Company in every year, all of the directors shall retire. A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

# Appointment of directors

66. The Company at the meeting at which a director retires in manner aforesaid may, subject to Article 68, fill the vacated office by electing a person thereto. In default the retiring director shall, if offering himself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless:

- (a) at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or a resolution for the re-election of such director shall have been put to the meeting and lost;
- such director has given notice in writing to the Company that he is unwilling (b) to be re-elected:
- (c) the default is due to the moving of a resolution in contravention of Article 98.

The retirement shall not have effect until the conclusion of the meeting except where a resolution is passed to elect some other person in the place of the retiring director or a resolution for his re-election is put to the meeting and lost and accordingly a retiring director who is re-elected or deemed to have been re-elected will continue in office without a break.

A resolution for the election of 2 or more persons as directors by a single resolution shall not be moved at any general meeting unless a resolution that it shall be so moved has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it; and any resolution moved in contravention of this provision shall be void.

Separate resolutions on appointment

68. No person (other than a director retiring at the general meeting in question) shall be appointed a director at any general meeting unless:

Eligibility for election

- (a) he is recommended by the Company's nomination committee; or
- not less than seven nor more than 42 days before the date appointed for the (b) meeting, notice executed by a member qualified to vote at the meeting (not being the person to be proposed) has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment stating the particulars which would, if he were so appointed, be required to be included in the Company's register of directors, together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed.
- Subject as aforesaid, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint a Additional powers 69. person who is willing to act to be a director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director. The appointment of a person to fill a vacancy or as an additional director shall take effect from the end of the meeting.

of the Company

The directors shall have the power to appoint a director to replace a director, provided such replacement director has been nominated by the Company's nomination committee, but so that the total number of directors shall not at any time exceed the number fixed by or pursuant to Article 64. If the directors appoint such a person they shall, within a reasonable time (unless an annual general meeting is reasonably imminent), call an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to consider the appointment of such director. Any director so appointed shall hold office only until this extraordinary general meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election.

Appointment by board

No person shall be disqualified from being appointed or re-appointed a Age limit director, and no director shall be required to vacate that office, by reason only of the fact that he has attained the age of 70 years or any other age nor shall it be necessary by reason of his age to give special notice under the Companies Acts of any resolution. Where the board convenes any general meeting of the Company at which

(to the knowledge of the board) a director will be proposed for appointment or reappointment who at the date for which the meeting is convened will have attained the age of 70 or more, the board shall give notice of his age in years in the notice convening the meeting or in any document accompanying the notice, but the accidental omission to do so shall not invalidate any proceedings, or any appointment or re-appointment of that director, at that meeting.

Share qualification

72. By way of qualification, a director shall be required to be the beneficial owner of Ordinary Shares of the Company of aggregate nominal amount of US\$125, such qualification to be obtained within 2 months of the date of his appointment.

### **POWERS OF THE BOARD**

Business to be managed by board 73. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the Memorandum and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the board which may exercise all the powers of the Company, including without limitation the power to dispose of all or any part of the undertaking of the Company. No alteration of the Memorandum or Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the board 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 board by these Articles. A meeting of the board at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the board.

Exercise by Company of voting rights 74. The board may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any body corporate held or owned by the Company in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit (including without limitation the exercise of that power in favour of any resolution appointing its members or any of them directors of such body corporate, or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors of such body corporate).

### **DELEGATION OF POWERS OF THE BOARD**

Committees of the board

The directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of their body and such other named persons as they think fit, to be co-opted as hereinafter provided. Insofar as any such power or discretion is delegated to a committee, any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the directors of the power or discretion so delegated shall be read and construed as if it were a reference to the exercise thereof by such committee. Any such delegation (which may include authority to sub-delegate all or any of the powers so delegated) may be collateral with or to the exclusion of the powers which are the subject of the delegation (or sub-delegation) and shall be subject to these Articles and to such other terms, conditions and restrictions as the directors may from time to time impose; and any or all of the powers so delegated may be altered, waived, withdrawn or revoked by the directors. The number of members of any committee referred to in this Article who are not directors shall be less than one-quarter of the total number of members of the committee and less than one-half of the quorum. Subject to any conditions imposed by the board, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by these Articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying, provided that the quorum of any meeting or adjourned meeting shall consist of a majority of directors and no resolution of the committee shall be effective unless a majority of the members of the committee present throughout the meeting are directors.

76. The board may establish local or divisional boards or agencies for managing Local boards, etc. any of the affairs of the Company, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of the local or divisional boards, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration. The board may delegate to any local or divisional board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by the board, with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any local or divisional board, or any of them, to fill any vacancies and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any appointment or delegation made pursuant to this Article may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the board may decide. The board may remove any person so appointed and may revoke or vary the delegation but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of the revocation or variation shall be affected by it.

77. The board may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be Agents the agent of the Company for such purposes, with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in the board) and on such conditions as the board determines, including without limitation authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers, authorities and discretions, and may revoke or vary such delegation.

78. The board may appoint any person to any office or employment having a designation or title including the word "director" or attach to any existing office or employment with the Company such a designation or title and may terminate any such appointment or the use of any such designation or title. The inclusion of the word "director" in the designation or title of any such office or employment shall not imply that the holder is a director of the Company, and the holder shall not thereby be empowered in any respect to act as, or be deemed to be, a director of the Company for any of the purposes of these Articles.

Offices including the title
"director"

#### DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

79. The office of a director shall be vacated if:

Disqualification as a director

- he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provisions of the Companies Acts or (a) these Articles 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
- he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either: (c)
  - (i) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or under any equivalent legislation in any jurisdiction; 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) he resigns his office by notice to the Company or, having been appointed for a fixed term, the term expires; or
- (e) he has been absent for more than six consecutive months without permission of the board from meetings of the board held during that period and the board resolves that his office be vacated; or
- (f) he does not within 2 months from the date of his appointment obtain his qualification holding or, after the expiration of such period, he ceases at any time to hold his qualification holding. A person vacating office under this sub-clause shall be incapable of being re-appointed a director of the Company until he has obtained his qualification holding.

Power of Company to remove director 80. The Company may, without prejudice to the provisions of the Companies Acts, by ordinary resolution remove any director from office (notwithstanding any provision of these Articles or of any agreement between the Company and such director, but without prejudice to any claim he may have for damages for breach of any such agreement). No special notice need be given of any resolution to remove a director in accordance with this Article and no director proposed to be removed in accordance with this Article has any special right to protest against his removal. The Company may, by ordinary resolution, appoint another person in place of a director removed from office in accordance with this Article.

#### REMUNERATION OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ordinary remuneration

81. The ordinary remuneration of the directors who do not hold executive office for their services (excluding amounts payable under any other provision of these Articles) shall not exceed in aggregate £750,000 per annum or such higher amount as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine. Subject thereto, each such director shall be paid a fee (which shall be deemed to accrue from day to day) at such rate as may from time to time be determined by the board.

Additional remuneration for special services

82. Any director who does not hold executive office and who serves on any committee of the board or, at the request of the board, goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company or otherwise performs special services which in the opinion of the board are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director, may (without prejudice to the provisions of Article 81) be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, commission or otherwise as the board may determine.

### **DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

Directors may be paid expenses

83. The directors may be paid all travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of the board or committees of the board, 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.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Appointment to executive office

84. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the board may appoint one or more of its body to be the holder of any executive office (except that of auditor) in 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, agreement or arrangement may be made on such terms, including without limitation terms as to remuneration, as the board determines. The board may revoke or vary any such appointment but without prejudice to any rights or claims which the person whose appointment is revoked or varied may have against the Company because of the revocation or variation.

85. Any appointment of a director to an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any rights or claims which he may have against the Company by reason of such cessation. A director appointed to an executive office shall not cease to be a director merely because his appointment to such executive office terminates.

Termination of appointment to executive office

86. The emoluments of any director holding executive office for his services as Emoluments to be such shall be determined by the board, and may be of any description, including determined by the without limitation admission to, or continuance of, membership of any scheme (including any share acquisition scheme) or fund instituted or established or financed or contributed to by the Company for the provision of pensions, life assurance or other benefits for employees or their dependants, or the payment of a pension or other benefits to him or his dependants on or after retirement or death, apart from membership of any such scheme or fund.

### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, and provided that he has Directors may disclosed to the board the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director Company notwithstanding his office:

- may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement (a) with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested;
- may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (b) (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
- (c) 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
- (d) 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.
- 87.2 For the purposes of this Article:

Notification of interests

(a) a general notice given to the board that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in 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.

### GRATUITIES, PENSIONS AND INSURANCE

# Gratuities and pensions

88.1 The board may (by establishment of, or maintenance of, schemes or otherwise) provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any past or present director or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings or any body corporate associated with, or any business acquired by, any of them, 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.

#### Insurance

- 88.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 134, the board may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any person who is or was:
- (a) a director, officer, employee or auditor of the Company, or any body which is or was the holding company or subsidiary undertaking of the Company, or in which the Company or such holding company or subsidiary undertaking has or had any interest (whether direct or indirect) or with which the Company or such holding company or subsidiary undertaking is or was in any way allied or associated; or
- (b) a trustee of any pension fund in which employees of the Company or any other body referred to in Article 88.2(a) is or has been interested,

including without limitation insurance against any liability incurred by such person in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or in the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to his duties, powers or offices in relation to the relevant body or fund.

# Directors not liable to account

88.3 No director or former director shall be accountable to the Company or the members for any benefit provided pursuant to this Article. The receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a director of the Company.

#### Section 719 of the Act

89. Pursuant to section 719 of the Act, the board is hereby authorised to make such provision as may seem appropriate for the benefit of any persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings in connection with the cessation or the transfer of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or any subsidiary undertaking. Any such provision shall be made by a resolution of the board in accordance with section 719.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

90. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the board may regulate its Convening proceedings as it thinks fit (including holding meetings outside the UK). A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the board. Ouestions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes of those attending, such majority representing not less than one third of all directors. In case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. It shall be necessary to give reasonable notice of a meeting of directors to all directors, taking into account the residence of the directors. Notice of a board meeting shall be deemed to be properly given to a director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or electronic address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose. Any director may waive notice of a meeting and any such waiver may be retrospective.

meetings

The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors shall Quorum be a majority of the full board of directors, of whom at least 4 must be non-executive directors.

92. The continuing directors may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their Powers of number, but, if the number of directors is less than the minimum number fixed by the Articles, the continuing directors may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies to that minimum number or of calling a general meeting.

directors if number falls below minimum

93. The board may appoint one of their number to be the chairman, and one or more of their number to be the deputy chairman or deputy chairmen, of the board and may at any time remove either or any of them from such office. unwilling to do so, the director appointed as chairman, or in his stead any director appointed as a deputy chairman (and if more than one deputy chairman has been appointed, the director who has held the office of deputy chairman for the longest period), shall preside at every meeting of the board at which he is present. If there is no director holding either of those offices, or if neither the chairman nor a deputy chairman is willing to preside or neither of them is 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.

Chairman and deputy chairman

94. All acts done by a meeting of the board, or of a committee of the board, or by Validity of acts of a person acting as a director, shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered the board that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or any member of the committee 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.

95. A resolution in writing executed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the board or of a committee of the board shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the board or (as the case may be) a committee of the board duly convened and held. For this purpose a resolution may consist of several documents to the same effect each signed by one or more directors.

Resolutions in writing

96. Without prejudice to the first sentence of Article 90, a person entitled to be Meetings by present at a meeting of the board or of a committee of the board shall be deemed to be

telephone, etc.

present for all purposes if he is able (directly or by telephonic communication) to speak to and be heard by all those present or deemed to be present simultaneously. A director so deemed to be present shall be entitled to vote and be counted in a quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where it is convened to be held or (if no director is present in that place) where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting is. The word *meeting* in these Articles shall be construed accordingly.

Directors' power to vote on contracts in which they are interested

- 97.1 A director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the board in accordance with the Act. Except as otherwise provided by these Articles, a director shall not vote at a meeting of the board or a committee of the board on any resolution of the board concerning a matter in which he has an interest (other than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of, or otherwise in or through, the Company) which (together with any interest of any person connected with him) is to his knowledge material unless his interest arises only because the resolution concerns one or more of the following matters:
- (a) the giving of a guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of, the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings;
- (b) the giving of a guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which the director has assumed responsibility (in whole or part and whether alone or jointly with others) under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (c) a contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal concerning an offer of shares, debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for subscription or purchase, in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or subunderwriting of which he is to participate;
- (d) a contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal concerning any other body corporate in which he or any person connected with him is interested, directly or indirectly, and whether as an officer, shareholder, creditor or otherwise, if he and any persons connected with him do not to his knowledge hold an interest (as that term is used in sections 198 to 211 of the Act) representing one per cent. or more of either any class of the equity share capital of such body corporate (or any other body corporate through which his interest is derived) or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant body corporate (any such interest being deemed for the purpose of this Article to be a material interest in all circumstances);
- (e) a contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal for the benefit of employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally accorded to the employees to whom the arrangement relates; and
- (f) a contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal concerning any insurance which the Company is empowered to purchase or maintain for, or for the

benefit of, any directors of the Company or for persons who include directors of the Company.

For the purposes of this Article, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose Interests of 97.2 of the Companies Acts (excluding any statutory modification of the Companies Acts not in force when this Article is adopted), connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director.

connected person and alternate

97.3 The Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of these Articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.

Suspension or relaxation of voting prohibitions by ordinary resolution

98. A director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum present on any resolution Director not to concerning his own appointment as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested including fixing or varying the terms of his appointment or the termination thereof.

vote on his own appointment

99 Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment Division of (including without limitation fixing or varying the terms of 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. In such cases each of the directors concerned shall be entitled to vote in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

proposals

If a question arises at a meeting of the board or of a committee of the board as Decision of to the entitlement of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interests of the director concerned have not been fairly disclosed. If any such question arises in respect of the chairman of the meeting, it shall be decided by resolution of the board (on which the chairman shall not vote) and such resolution will be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature and extent of the interests of the chairman have not been fairly disclosed.

chairman final and conclusive

#### SECRETARY

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the secretary shall be appointed by the board for such term, at such remuneration and on such conditions as it may think fit. Any secretary so appointed may be removed by the board, but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.

Appointment and removal of secretary

### **MINUTES**

102.1 The board shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose of:

Minutes required to be kept

all appointments of officers made by the board; and (a)

(b) all proceedings at meetings of the Company, the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company, the board and committees of the board, including the names of the directors and others present at each such meeting.

### Conclusiveness of minutes

102.2 Any such minutes, if purporting to be executed by the chairman of the meeting to which they relate or of the meeting at which they are read, shall be sufficient evidence of the proceedings at the meeting without any further proof of the facts stated in them.

#### THE SEAL

#### Authority required for execution of deed

103. The seal shall only be used by the authority of a resolution of the board. The board may determine who shall sign any instrument executed under the seal. If they do not, it shall be signed by at least one director and the secretary or by at least two directors. Any document may be executed under the seal by impressing the seal by mechanical means or by printing the seal or a facsimile of it on the document or by applying the seal or a facsimile of it by any other means to the document. A document executed, with the authority of a resolution of the board, by a director and the secretary or by two directors and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the Company has the same effect as if executed under the seal. For the purpose of the preceding sentence only, "secretary" shall have the same meaning as in the Act and not the meaning given to it by Article 2.

# Certificates for shares and debentures

104. The board may by resolution determine either generally or in any particular case that any certificate for shares or debentures or representing any other form of security executed in accordance with Article 13 may have any signature affixed to it by some mechanical or electronic means, or printed on it or, in the case of a certificate executed under the seal, need not bear any signature.

# Official seal for use abroad

105. The Company may exercise the powers conferred by section 39 of the Act with regard to having an official seal for use abroad.

#### REGISTERS

# Overseas and local registers

106. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts and the Regulations, the Company may keep an overseas or local or other register in any place, and the board may make, amend and revoke any regulations it thinks fit about the keeping of that register.

#### Authentication and certification of copies and extracts

107. Any director or the secretary or any other person appointed by the board for the purpose shall have power to authenticate and certify as true copies of and extracts from:

- (a) any document comprising or affecting the constitution of the Company;
- (b) any resolution passed by the Company, the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company, the board or any committee of the board; and
- (c) any book, record and document relating to the business of the Company (including without limitation the accounts).

If certified in this way, a document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or the minutes or an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Company, the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company, the board or a committee of the board shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company in reliance on it or them that the resolution was duly passed or that the minutes are, or the extract from the minutes is, a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

## **DIVIDENDS**

108. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the Company may by Declaration of ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the board.

- Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts, the board may pay interim Interim dividends dividends if it appears to the board that they are justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution. If the share capital is divided into different classes, the board may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or nonpreferred 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 board may also pay at intervals settled by it any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to the board that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. If the board acts in good faith it 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.
- 110.1 Dividends may be declared and paid in any currency or currencies that the directors shall determine. The directors may also determine the exchange rate and/or the relevant date for determining the value of the dividend in any currency.

Payment in different currencies

110.2 If any share is allotted or issued on terms providing that it shall rank for Apportionment of dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.

dividends

111.1 A general meeting declaring a dividend may, on the recommendation of the Dividends in board, by ordinary resolution direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets, including without limitation paid up shares or debentures of another body corporate. The board may make any arrangements it thinks fit to settle any difficulty arising in connection with the distribution, including without limitation (a) the fixing of the value for distribution of any assets, (b) the payment of cash to any member on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of members, and (c) the vesting of any asset in a trustee.

111.2 In respect of any interim dividend declared by the board pursuant to Article 109, the board may, if authorised by an ordinary resolution of the Company, determine that such interim dividend shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets, including without limitation paid up shares or debentures of another body corporate. The board may make any arrangements it thinks fit to settle any difficulty arising in connection with the distribution, including without limitation any of the arrangements referred to in Article 111.1.

specie

Scrip dividends: authorising resolution 112.1 The board may, if authorised by an ordinary resolution of the Company (the **Resolution**), offer any holder of shares the right to elect to receive shares, credited as fully paid, instead of cash in respect of the whole (or some part, to be determined by the board) of all or any dividend specified by the Resolution. The offer shall be on the terms and conditions and be made in the manner specified in Article 112.2 or, subject to those provisions, specified in the Resolution.

Scrip dividends: procedures

- 112.2 The following provisions shall apply to the Resolution and any offer made pursuant to it and Article 112.1.
- (a) The Resolution may specify a particular dividend, or may specify all or any dividends declared within a specified period.
- (b) Each holder of shares shall be entitled to that number of new shares as are together as nearly as possible equal in value to (but not greater than) the cash amount (disregarding any tax credit) of the dividend that such holder elects to forgo (each a *new share*). For this purpose, the value of each new share shall be:
  - (i) equal to the average quotation for the Company's ordinary shares, that is, the average of the middle market quotations for those shares on the London Stock Exchange, as derived from the Daily Official List, on the day on which such shares are first quoted ex the relevant dividend and the four subsequent dealing days; or
  - (ii) calculated in any other manner specified by the Resolution,

but shall never be less than the par value of the new share.

A certificate or report by the auditors as to the value of a new share in respect of any dividend shall be conclusive evidence of that value.

- (c) On or as soon as practicable after announcing that any dividend is to be declared or recommended, the board, if it intends to offer an election in respect of that dividend, shall also announce that intention. If, after determining the basis of allotment, the board decides to proceed with the offer, it shall notify in writing the holders of shares of the terms and conditions of the right of election offered to them, specifying the procedure to be followed and place at which, and the latest time by which, elections or notices amending or terminating existing elections must be delivered in order to be effective.
- (d) The board shall not proceed with any election unless the Company has sufficient unissued shares authorised for issue and sufficient reserves or funds that may be appropriated to give effect to it after the basis of allotment is determined.
- (e) The board may exclude from any offer any holders of shares where the board believes the making of the offer to them would or might involve the contravention of the laws of any territory or that for any other reason the offer should not be made to them.

- (f) The dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been offered) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect of which an election has been made (the *elected shares*) and instead such number of new shares shall be allotted to each holder of elected shares as is arrived at on the basis stated in Article 112.2(b). For that purpose the board shall appropriate out of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including without limitation the profit and loss account), whether or not it is available for distribution, a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the new shares to be allotted and apply it in paying up in full the appropriate number of new shares for allotment and distribution to each holder of elected shares as is arrived at on the basis stated in Article 112.2(b).
- (g) The new shares when allotted shall rank equally in all respects with the fully paid shares of the same class then in issue except that they shall not be entitled to participate in the relevant dividend.
- (h) No fraction of a share shall be allotted. The board may make such provision as it thinks fit for any fractional entitlements including without limitation payment in cash to holders in respect of their fractional entitlements, provision for the accrual, retention or accumulation of all or part of the benefit of fractional entitlements to or by the Company or to or by or on behalf of any holder or the application of any accrual, retention or accumulation to the allotment of fully paid shares to any holder.
- (i) The board may do all acts and things it considers necessary or expedient to give effect to the allotment and issue of any share pursuant to this Article or otherwise in connection with any offer made pursuant to this Article and may authorise any person, acting on behalf of the holders concerned, to enter into an agreement with the Company providing for such allotment or issue and incidental matters. Any agreement made under such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.
- (j) The board may, at its discretion, amend, suspend or terminate any offer pursuant to this Article.
- 113. Where a person is entitled by transmission to a share, the board may retain any dividend payable in respect of that share until that person (or that person's transferee) becomes the holder of that share.

Permitted retentions

114.1 Any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may be paid:

Procedure for payment to holders and others entitled

- (a) in cash; or
- (b) by cheque or warrant made payable to or to the order of the holder or person entitled to payment; or
- (c) by any direct debit, bank or other funds transfer system to the holder or person entitled to payment or, if practicable, to a person designated in writing by the holder or person entitled to payment; or

(d) by any other method approved by the board and agreed (in such form as the Company thinks appropriate) by the holder or person entitled to payment including (without limitation) in respect of an uncertificated share by means of the relevant system (subject to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system).

#### Joint entitlement

- 114.2 If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share, or are entitled by transmission jointly to a share, the Company may:
- (a) pay any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the share to any one of them and any one of them may give effectual receipt for that payment; and
- (b) for the purposes of Article 114.1, rely in relation to the share on the written direction, designation or agreement of any one of them.

# Payment by post

- 114.3 A cheque or warrant may be sent by post to:
- (a) where a share is held by a sole holder, the registered address of the holder of the share; or
- (b) if two or more persons are the holders, to the registered address of the person who is first named in the register; or
- (c) if a person is entitled by transmission to the share, as if it were a notice to be given under Article 126; or
- (d) in any case, to such person and to such address as the person entitled to payment may in writing direct.

#### Discharge to Company and risk

114.4 Payment of a cheque or warrant by the bank on which it was drawn or the transfer of funds by the bank instructed to make the transfer or, in respect of an uncertificated share, the making of payment in accordance with the facilities and requirements of the relevant system (which, if the relevant system is CREST, shall be the creation of an assured payment obligation in respect of the dividend or other moneys payable in favour of the settlement bank of the member or other person concerned) shall be a good discharge to the Company. Every cheque or warrant sent in accordance with these Articles shall be at the risk of the holder or person entitled. The Company shall have no responsibility for any sums lost or delayed in the course of payment by any other method used by the Company in accordance with Article 114.1.

# Interest not payable

115. No dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share shall bear interest against the Company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.

### Forfeiture of unclaimed dividends

116.1 Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for 12 years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the board so resolves, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company. The payment of any unclaimed dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may (but need not) be paid by the Company into an account separate from the Company's own account. Such payment shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect of it. The Company shall be entitled to cease sending dividend warrants and cheques by post or otherwise to a member if those instruments have been returned undelivered to, or left uncashed by, that member

on at least two consecutive occasions, or, following one such occasion, reasonable enquiries have failed to establish the member's new address. The entitlement conferred on the Company by this Article in respect of any member shall cease if the member claims a dividend or cashes a dividend warrant or cheque.

116.2 The waiver in whole or part of any dividend on any share by any document (whether or not under seal) shall be effective only if such document is signed by the shareholder (or the person entitled to the share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder) and delivered to the Company and if or to the extent that the same is accepted as such or acted upon by the Company.

Waiver of dividends

### **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES**

117. The board may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company:

Power to capitalise

- (a) subject to the provisions of this Article, resolve to capitalise any undistributed profits of the Company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of any reserve or other fund, including without limitation the Company's share premium account and capital redemption reserve, if any;
- (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members or any class of members on the record date specified in the relevant resolution who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions;
- (c) apply that sum on their behalf in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company of a nominal amount equal to that sum 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 paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid;
- (d) allot the shares, debentures or other obligations 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;
- (e) where shares or debentures become, or would otherwise become, distributable under this Article in fractions, make such provision as they think fit for any fractional entitlements including without limitation authorising their sale and transfer to any person, resolving that the distribution be made as nearly as practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so, ignoring fractions altogether or resolving that cash payments be made to any members in order to adjust the rights of all parties;
- (f) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the members concerned providing for either:
  - (i) the allotment to the members respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares, debentures or other obligations to which they are entitled on the capitalisation; or

(ii) the payment up by the Company on behalf of the members of the amounts, or any part of the amounts, remaining unpaid on their existing shares by the application of their respective proportions of the sum resolved to be capitalised,

and any agreement made under that authority shall be binding on all such members; and

(g) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the ordinary resolution.

## RECORD DATES

# Record dates for dividends, etc.

- 118. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Company or the board may:
- (a) fix any date as the record date for any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue, which may be on or at any time before or after any date on which the dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;
- (b) for the purpose of determining which persons are entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company, or a separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company, and how many votes such persons may cast, specify in the notice of meeting a time, not more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting, by which a person must be entered on the register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting; changes to the register after the time specified by virtue of this Article 118(b) shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting; and
- (c) for the purpose of serving notices of general meetings of the Company, or separate general meetings of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company, under the Articles, determine that persons entitled to receive such notices are those persons entered on the register at the close of business on a day determined by the Company or the board, which day may not be more than 21 days before the day that notices of the meeting are sent.

# **ACCOUNTS**

# Rights to inspect records

119. No member shall (as such) have any right to inspect any accounting records or other book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the board or by ordinary resolution of the Company or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

# Delivery of annual accounts

120. A copy of the Company's annual accounts, together with a copy of the directors' report for that financial year and the auditors' report on those accounts (such accounts and reports, collectively the *Annual Report*) shall, at least 21 clear days before the date of the meeting at which copies of the Annual Report are to be laid in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Acts, be delivered in any manner permitted by the Companies Acts to every member and to every holder of the Company's debentures of whose address the Company is aware, and to every other person who is entitled to receive notice of meetings from the Company under the

provisions of the Companies Acts or of these Articles or, in the case of joint holders of any share or debenture, to one of the joint holders. No accidental non-compliance with the provisions of this Article shall invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

The requirements of Article 120 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person, in any manner permitted by the Companies Acts, where permitted by the Companies Acts and instead of such copies, a summary financial statement (the Summary Financial Statement) derived from the Company's annual accounts and the directors' report, which shall be in the form and containing the information prescribed by the Companies Acts and any regulations made under the Companies Acts.

Summary financial statements

122. Both the Annual Report and the Summary Financial Statement shall be Swedish available in English and in a Swedish translation.

translation

### NOTICES

Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles shall be When notice 123. in writing except that a notice calling a meeting of the board need not be in writing.

required to be in writing

124. The Company may serve or deliver any notice or other document pursuant to Method of giving the Articles on or to a member:

- (a) personally;
- (b) by posting it in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address;
- by leaving it at that address; (c)
- to the extent permitted by the Companies Acts, by sending it as an electronic (d) communication to the member at his electronic address; or
- (e) to the extent permitted by the Companies Acts, by placing it on a website or websites and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a notice of availability). availability may be delivered to the member by any of the means set out in Article 124(a), (b), (c) or (d).

Where a notice or other document is served or sent by post (including by airmail), service or delivery shall be deemed to be effected at the expiration of 48 hours after the time when the cover containing the same is posted and proof that such cover was properly addressed, stamped and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. All shareholders' notices shall be published in Swedish in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and one leading Swedish daily newspaper. All notices shall, subject to Article 128, be posted to overseas shareholders in a way designed to permit receipt within the deemed notice period or by airmail.

No member shall be entitled to have notices or other documents given to him by means of electronic communication if the board deems it necessary or expedient to give him notice by some other means authorised by these Articles. A notice or other document sent by the Company to a member as an electronic communication shall be deemed to be given by the Company to the member on the day following that on which the communication was sent to the member. A notice placed on the Company's website or websites is deemed given by the Company to a member on the day following that on which a notice of availability was sent to the member.

If, on 3 consecutive occasions, notices or other documents or communications have been sent through the post to any holder of shares at his registered address but have been returned undelivered, such holder shall not thereafter be entitled to receive notices or other documents or communications from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing to the Company a new address for the service of notices.

### Notices to joint holders

125.1 In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices or other documents shall be served on or delivered to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register in respect of the joint holding. Any notice or other document so served or delivered shall be deemed for all purposes sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.

# Deemed receipt -of notice

125.2 A member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

#### Notice to persons entitled by ■transmission

126. A notice or other document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to the person or persons entitled by transmission to a share by sending or delivering it in any manner the Company may choose authorised by these Articles for the service or delivery of a notice or other document on or to a member, addressed to them by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt or by any similar description at the address, if any, in the United Kingdom or overseas or an electronic address supplied for that purpose by the person or persons claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice or other document may be served or delivered in any manner in which it might have been served or delivered if the death or bankruptcy or other event giving rise to the transmission had not occurred.

### Transferees etc. bound by prior motice

127. Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the register, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title, provided that no person who becomes entitled by transmission to a share shall be bound by any direction notice issued under Article 53.1 to a person from whom he derives his title.

#### Notice during disruption of services

128.1 If at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom or Sweden, the Company is unable to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, notice of a general meeting shall nonetheless be deemed to have been duly given to all the members and other persons entitled thereto if published in at least 2 leading national daily newspapers with appropriate circulation in the United Kingdom or in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and one leading Swedish daily newspaper (as appropriate) and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members and other persons entitled thereto at noon on the day on which the first such advertisement appears. In any such case, the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post to those members (and other persons

entitled thereto) affected by the suspension or curtailment of postal services, if at least seven days before the meeting the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom or Sweden (as appropriate) again becomes practicable.

128.2 If at any time the Company is unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent by electronic communication as a result of general technical failure, notice of a general meeting shall nonetheless be deemed to have been duly given to all the members and other persons entitled thereto if published in at least 2 leading national daily newspapers with appropriate circulation in the United Kingdom or in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and one leading Swedish daily newspaper (as appropriate) and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members and other persons entitled thereto at noon on the day on which the first such advertisement appears. In any such case, the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by electronic communication to those members (and other persons entitled thereto) affected by the general technical failure, if at least seven days before the meeting the sending of notices by electronic communication again becomes practicable.

129. Any notice required to be given by the Company to members (including the holders of Share Warrants) and not expressly provided for by these Articles shall be sufficiently given if given by advertisement. Any notice required to be or which may be given by advertisement shall be advertised once in one national leading daily newspaper in London and once in "Post-och Inrikes Tidningar" and one leading Swedish daily newspaper and such notice shall be deemed to have been given at noon on the day on which the first such advertisement appears. The holder of a Share Warrant shall be entitled in respect thereof to notice of a general meeting only by advertisement as herein provided unless a certificate or Share Warrant has been deposited in compliance with Articles 5.4 or 5.5(h).

Nothing herein shall affect any requirement of the Companies Acts that any particular offer, notice or other document be served in any particular manner.

# **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 130.1 The Company shall be entitled to destroy:
- (a) all instruments of transfer of shares which have been registered, and all other documents on the basis of which any entry is made in the register, at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of registration;
- (b) all dividend mandates, variations or cancellations of dividend mandates, and notifications of change of address at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of recording;
- (c) all share certificates which have been cancelled at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of the cancellation;
- (d) all paid dividend warrants and cheques at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of actual payment;
- (e) all instruments of proxy which have been used for the purpose of a poll at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of use; and

Power of Company to destroy (f) all instruments of proxy which have not been used for the purpose of a poll at any time after one month from the end of the meeting to which the instrument of proxy relates and at which no poll was demanded.

# Presumption in relation to destroyed documents

- 130.2 It shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that:
- (a) every entry in the register purporting to have been made on the basis of an instrument of transfer or other document destroyed in accordance with Article 130.1 was duly and properly made;
- (b) every instrument of transfer destroyed in accordance with Article 130.1 was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered;
- (c) every share certificate destroyed in accordance with Article 130.1 was a valid and effective certificate duly and properly cancelled; and
- (d) every other document destroyed in accordance with Article 130.1 was a valid and effective document in accordance with its recorded particulars in the books or records of the Company,

### but:

- (e) the provisions of this Article apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties) to which the document might be relevant;
- (f) nothing in this Article shall be construed as imposing on the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any document earlier than the time specified in Article 130.1 or in any other circumstances which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article; and
- (g) any reference in Article 130 to the destruction of any document includes a reference to its disposal in any manner.

### UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS

#### Power to dispose of shares of untraced shareholders

- 131.1 The Company shall be entitled to sell, at the best price reasonably obtainable, the shares of a member or the shares to which a person is entitled by transmission if:
- (a) during the period of 12 years before the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in Article 131.1(b) (or, if published on different dates, the first date) (the *relevant period*) at least three dividends in respect of the shares in question have been declared and all dividend warrants and cheques which have been sent in the manner authorised by these Articles in respect of the shares in question have remained uncashed;
- (b) the Company shall have inserted advertisements both in a national daily newspaper and in a newspaper circulating in the area of the last known address of such member or other person giving notice of its intention to sell the shares;
- (c) during the relevant period and the period of three months following the publication of the advertisements referred to in Article 131.1(b) (or, if

published on different dates, the first date) the Company has received no indication either of the whereabouts or of the existence of such member or person; and

- (d) if the shares are listed, notice has been given (if required) to the relevant listing authority of the Company's intention to make such sale before the publication of the advertisements.
- 131.2 To give effect to any sale pursuant to Article 131.1, the board may:

Transfer on sale

- where the shares are held in certificated form, authorise any person to execute (a) an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the buyer; or
- where the shares are held in uncertificated form, do all acts and things it (b) considers necessary or expedient to effect the transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the buyer.
- 131.3 An instrument of transfer executed by that person in accordance with Article 131.2(a) shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the holder of, or person entitled by transmission to, the shares. An exercise by the Company of its powers in accordance with Article 131.2(b) shall be as effective as if exercised by the registered holder of or person entitled by transmission to the shares. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, and his title to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in, or invalidity of, the proceedings in reference to the sale.

Effectiveness of transfer

131.4 The net proceeds of sale shall belong to the Company which shall be obliged Proceeds of sale to account to the former member or other person previously entitled for an amount equal to those net proceeds. The Company shall enter the name of such former member or other person in the books of the Company as a creditor for that amount. In relation to the debt, no trust is created and no interest is payable. The Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on the net proceeds of sale, which may be used in the Company's business or invested in such a way as the board from time to time thinks fit.

# WINDING UP

If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an 132. extraordinary resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Insolvency Act 1986:

Liquidator may distribute in specie

- (a) divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members;
- vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees for the benefit of the (b) members; and
- determine the scope and terms of those trusts, (c)

but no member shall be compelled to accept any asset on which there is a liability.

Disposal of assets by liquidator 133. The power of sale of a liquidator shall include a power to sell wholly or partially for shares or debentures or other obligations of another body corporate, either then already constituted or about to be constituted for the purpose of carrying out the sale.

### INDEMNITY

Indemnity to directors and officers 134. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour (or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part) or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Company.

### APPROVED DEPOSITARIES

Appointment of proxies by Approved Depositaries

- 135. An Approved Depositary may appoint as its proxy or proxies such person or persons as it thinks fit and may determine the method by which, and the terms on which, such appointments are made, save that each such appointment shall specify the number of shares in respect of which the appointment is made and the aggregate number of shares in respect of which appointments subsist at any one time shall not exceed the aggregate number of shares (such aggregate number of shares, the *Depositary Shares*) which for the time being shall either:
- (a) be registered in the name of the Approved Depositary or its nominee; or
- (b) be represented by Share Warrants which have been deposited by or on behalf of the Approved Depositary pursuant to Article 5.5(h) or are the subject matter of a certificate accepted by the directors pursuant to Article 5.4.

Register of Appointed Proxies 136. The Approved Depositary shall maintain a register or system(s) (the *Proxy Register*) in which shall be recorded the names and addresses and such other details as the directors may determine of each person who is for the time being so appointed as a proxy pursuant to Article 135 (an *Appointed Proxy*) and the number of Depositary Shares (his *Appointed Number*) in respect of which his appointment for the time being subsists. The Proxy Register shall be open to inspection by any person authorised by the Company during usual business hours and the Approved Depositary shall furnish to the Company or its agents upon demand all such information as to the contents of the Proxy Register, or any part of it, as may be requested.

Rights of Appointed Proxies

- 137. Subject to the Companies Acts and to the provisions of these Articles, and so long as the Depositary Shares shall be of a sufficient number so as to include his Appointed Number, an Appointed Proxy:
- (a) shall upon production to the Company at a general meeting of written evidence of his appointment (which shall be in such form as the Company and the Approved Depositary shall determine from time to time) be entitled to the

same rights, and subject to the same restrictions, in relation to his Appointed Number of the Depositary Shares as though such shares were registered in the name of the Appointed Proxy and, in relation to his appointment as an Appointed Proxy, as though he were a person appointed as proxy pursuant to an instrument of proxy duly signed by the Approved Depositary in accordance with Article 58 and left at the Transfer Office (or at such other place as may have been specified for the purpose in accordance with Article 60) not less than 48 hours (or such shorter time as the directors may determine) before the time appointed for the meeting (or adjourned meeting) or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) for the taking of the poll at which it is to be used;

- shall himself be entitled, by an instrument of proxy duly signed by him (b) pursuant to Article 58, to appoint another person as his proxy in relation to his Appointed Number of Depositary Shares, so that the provisions of these Articles shall apply in the same way in relation to an instrument signed pursuant to this paragraph (b) of this Article and to a person appointed pursuant to such an instrument as though such shares were registered in the name of the Appointed Proxy and the instrument were a form of proxy signed by the Appointed Proxy in accordance with Article 58; and
- (c) shall be entitled to exercise all other rights capable of being exercised in relation to a general meeting by a person who has deposited pursuant to Article 5.5(h) (and has left on such deposit) a Share Warrant or Share Warrants representing shares of a number equivalent to his Appointed Number.
- 138. The Company may send to the Appointed Proxies as appearing in the Proxy Register at their addresses as shown in the Proxy Register all notices and other documents which are sent to the holders of shares.
- 139. The Company may pay to an Appointed Proxy at his address as shown in the Payment of Proxy Register all dividends payable on the shares in respect of which he has been dividends to Appointed Proxies appointed as Appointed Proxy, and payment of any such dividend shall be a good discharge to the Company of its obligation to make payment to the Approved Depositary in respect of the shares concerned.

140.(a) For the purposes of determining which persons are entitled as Appointed Approved Proxies:

Depositary Record Date

- (i) to exercise the rights conferred by Article 137;
- (ii) to receive documents sent pursuant to Article 138; and
- (iii) to be paid dividends pursuant to Article 139,

and the number of Depositary Shares in respect of which a person is to be treated as having been appointed as an Appointed Proxy for such purpose, the Approved Depositary may determine that the Appointed Proxies who are so entitled shall be the persons entered in the Proxy Register at the close of business on a date (an Approved Depositary Record Date) determined by the Approved Depositary in consultation with the Company.

- (b) When an Approved Depositary Record Date is determined for a particular purpose:
  - (i) the number of Depositary Shares in respect of which a person entered in the Proxy Register as an Appointed Proxy is to be treated as having been appointed for that purpose shall be the number appearing against his name in the Proxy Register as at the close of business on the Approved Depositary Record Date; and
  - (ii) changes to entries in the Proxy Register after the close of business on the Approved Depositary Record Date shall be disregarded in determining the entitlement of any person for the purpose concerned.

# Trusts not recognised

141. Except as required by law, no Appointed Proxy shall be recognised by the Company as holding any interest in shares upon any trust and subject to the recognition of the rights conferred in relation to general meetings by appointments made by Appointed Proxies pursuant to Article 137(b) the Company shall be entitled to treat any person entered in the Proxy Register as an Appointed Proxy as the only person (other than the Approved Depositary) who has any interest in the share in respect of which the Appointed Proxy has been appointed.

Validity of appointments in respect of Depositary Shares

142. If any question shall arise as to whether any particular person or persons has or have been validly appointed to vote (or exercise any other right) in respect of any Depositary Shares (whether by reason of the aggregate number of shares in respect of which appointments are recorded in the Proxy Register exceeding the aggregate number of Depositary Shares or for any other reason) such question shall, if arising at or in relation to a general meeting, be determined by the chairman of the meeting and, if arising in any other circumstances, be determined by the directors whose determination (which may include declining to recognise a particular appointment or appointments as valid) shall if made in good faith be conclusive and binding on all persons interested.