

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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LOMBARD INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED

- 1 The Company's name is LOMBARD INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED.
- 2 The Company is to be a private company.
- 3 The Company's registered office is to be situated in England and Wales.
- 4 The objects of the Company are:
  - (aa) To carry on the business of a holding company and to acquire by purchase, exchange, subscription or otherwise and to hold the whole or any part of the shares, stock, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, obligations, securities, property, rights, privileges or other interests of or in any company, corporation, firm or undertaking carrying on business of any kind whatsoever in any part of the world and to enter into, assist or participate in financial, commercial, mercantile, industrial and other transactions undertakings and businesses of every description and to carry on, develop and extend the same or sell, dispose of or otherwise turn the same to account, and to manage, conduct, supervise, control and co-ordinate the activities, businesses, operations or affairs of any company, corporation or firm in which the Company is for the time being interested and to co-ordinate the policy and administration of any companies of which the Company is a member or which are in any manner controlled by or connected or associated with the Company.
  - (a) To purchase or by any other means acquire and take options over any property whatever and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property.
  - (b) To apply for, register, purchase, or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere any patents, patent rights, brevets d'invention, licences, secret processes, trade marks, designs, protections and concessions and to disclaim, alter, modify, use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting upon, testing and improving any patents, inventions or rights which the Company may acquire or propose to acquire.
  - (c) To acquire or undertake the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any person, firm, or company carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the

businesses which the Company is authorised to carry on and as part of the consideration for such acquisition to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm or company, or to acquire an interest in, amalgamate with, or enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for mutual assistance with any such person, firm or company, or for subsidising or otherwise assisting any such person, firm or company, and to give or accept, by way of consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired, any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain, or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities so received.

- (d) To improve, manage, construct, repair, develop, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant licences, options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.
- (e) To invest and deal with the moneys of the company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined and to hold or otherwise deal with any investments made.
- (f) To lend and advance money or give credit on any terms and with or without security to any person, firm or company (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing any holding company, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of, or any other company associated in any way with, the Company), to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds, to receive money on deposit or loan upon any terms, and to secure or guarantee in any manner and upon any terms the payment of any sum of money or the performance of any obligation by any person, firm or company (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing any such holding company, subsidiary, fellow subsidiary or associated company as aforesaid).
- (g) To borrow and raise money in any manner and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future), including its uncalled capital, and also by a similar mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it.
- (h) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute and issue cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (i) To apply for, promote, and obtain any Act of Parliament, order, or licence of the Department of Trade or other authority for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to promote the Company's interests, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.
- (j) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority (supreme,

municipal, local, or otherwise) that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such charters, decrees, rights, privileges, and concessions.

- (k) To subscribe for, take, purchase, or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, deal with and dispose of, place and underwrite shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any other company constituted or carrying on business in any part of the world, and debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations or securities issued or guaranteed by any government or authority, municipal, local or otherwise, in any part of the world.
- (l) To control, manage, finance, subsidise, co-ordinate or otherwise assist any company or companies in which the Company has a direct or indirect financial interest, to provide secretarial, administrative, technical, commercial and other services and facilities of all kinds for any such company or companies and to make payments by way of subvention or otherwise and any other arrangements which may seem desirable with respect to any business or operations of or generally with respect to any such company or companies.
- (m) To promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the business or property or undertaking or any of the liabilities of the Company, or of undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of the Company, and to place or guarantee the placing of, underwrite, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire all or any part of the shares or securities of any such company as aforesaid.
- (n) To sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the business or property of the Company, either together or in portions, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any company purchasing the same.
- (o) To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company, and to undertake and perform sub-contracts.
- (p) To remunerate any person, firm or company rendering services to the Company either by cash payment or by the allotment to him or them of shares or other securities of the Company credited as paid up in full or in part or otherwise as may be thought expedient.
- (q) To distribute among the Members of the Company in kind any property of the Company of whatever nature.
- (r) To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling, or guaranteeing the subscription of any shares or other securities of the Company.
- (s) To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and

subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its Directors or employees, or may be connected with any town or place where the Company carries on business; to give or award pensions, annuities, gratuities, and superannuation or other allowances or benefits or charitable aid and generally to provide advantages, facilities and services for any persons who are or have been Directors of, or who are or have been employed by, or who are serving or have served the Company, or any company which is a subsidiary of the Company or the holding company of the Company or a fellow subsidiary of the Company or the predecessors in business of the Company or of any such subsidiary, holding or fellow subsidiary company and to the wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants of such persons; to make payments towards insurance including insurance for any Director, officer or Auditor against any liability as is referred to in Section 310(1) of the Act; and to set up, establish, support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for the benefit of any of such persons and of their wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants; and to set up, establish, support and maintain profit sharing or share purchase schemes for the benefit of any of the employees of the Company or of any such subsidiary, holding or fellow subsidiary company and to lend money to any such employees or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such purchase schemes to be established or maintained.

- (t) Subject to and in accordance with a due compliance with the provisions of Sections 155 to 158 (inclusive) of the Act (if and so far as such provisions shall be applicable), to give, whether directly or indirectly, any kind of financial assistance (as defined in Section 152(1)(a) of the Act) for any such purpose as is specified in Section 151(1) and/or Section 151(2) of the Act.
- (u) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any part of the world.
- (v) To do all or any of the things or matters aforesaid in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and by or through agents, brokers, sub-contractors or otherwise and either alone or in conjunction with others.
- (w) To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Company's object or of any of the powers given to it by the Act or by this Clause.

AND so that:

- (1) None of the provisions set forth in any sub-clause of this Clause shall be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given to each such provision, and none of such provisions shall, except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from any other provision set forth in such sub-clause, or by reference to or inference from the terms of any other sub-clause of this Clause, or by reference to or inference from the name of the Company.
- (2) The word "Company" in this Clause, except where used in reference to the Company, shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of person,

whether incorporated or unincorporated and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

- (3) In this Clause the expression the "Act" means the Companies Act 1984, but so that any reference in this Clause to any provision of the Act shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.

5 The liability of the Members is limited.

6 The Company's share capital is £1,000 divided into 1,000 shares of £1 each.\*

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\* The 1,000 shares of £1 were each sub-divided into 100 ordinary shares of 1p each by an ordinary Resolution passed on 18 March 1993.

By a Special Resolution of the Members passed on 26 May 1993 each of the 100,000 shares of 1p were converted into one B ordinary share of 1p and the authorised capital of the Company was increased to £20,145,000 by the creation of 900,000 A ordinary shares of 1p each, 500,000 B deferred shares of 1p each and 25,500,000 redeemable cumulative preference shares of 80p each.

On 18 May 1994 the 15,391,554 preference shares of 80p each and the 74,549,783 redeemable deferred shares of 10p each were redeemed and cancelled.

On 20 May 1994 the nominal capital of the Company was increased to £4,750,000 by the creation of 10 ordinary shares of 10p each.

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### LOMBARD INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED

#### INTRODUCTORY

- 1.1 The Regulations contained or incorporated in Table A in the Schedule to The Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended by The Companies (Tables A to F) Amendment Regulations 1985 (hereinafter called "Table A") shall apply to the Company, save insofar as they are varied or excluded by or are inconsistent with the following Articles.
- 1.2 In Regulation 1 of Table A, the words "and in Articles of Association adopting the same" shall be inserted after the word "regulations" in the last paragraph of that Regulation and the sentence "Any reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include a reference to each and every statutory amendment, modification, re-enactment and extension thereof for the time being in force" shall be inserted at the end of that Regulation.
- 1.3 Regulations 40, 73 to 77 (inclusive), 80, 90, 94 to 98 (inclusive) and 118 of Table A shall not apply to the Company
- 2 In these Articles, the expression "the Controlling Shareholder" means the registered holder for the time being of more than one half in nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company and includes (for the avoidance of doubt) any member holding all of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company and the expression "the Nominee" means any person holding shares in the Company as nominee or otherwise on trust, for the Controlling Shareholder.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

- 3 The current share capital of the Company is £4,750,000 divided into 47,500,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each.
- 4.1 No share or beneficial interest in a share shall be issued or allotted to any person other than the Controlling Shareholder or some other person expressly approved by the Controlling Shareholder in writing, but subject to that all the unissued shares for the time being in the capital of the Company shall be at the disposal of the Directors who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such



persons, at such times and on such terms and conditions as they think proper, subject to section 80 of the Act and provided that no share shall be issued at a discount.

- 4.2 The provisions of sections 89(1) and 90(1) to (6) of the Act shall not apply to the Company.

### **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

- 5.1 The Directors may, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to register the transfer of any share in the capital of the Company, whether fully or partly paid save that the Directors shall be obliged to register any transfer of shares made to or by, or with the express written consent of the Controlling Shareholder, or made pursuant to Article 5.2. In its application to the Company Regulation 24 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of the first sentence.
- 5.2 The Controlling Shareholder may at any time by notice given to the Nominee at the registered address of the Nominee shown in the Register of Members of the Company require the Nominee to transfer all or any shares registered in his name to the Controlling Shareholder or any other person specified in the notice for no consideration. If the Nominee shall fail, within 48 hours after service of the notice, to transfer the shares in question, the Directors may authorise any person to execute on behalf of and as attorney for the Nominee any necessary instrument of transfer and shall cause the name of the transferee to be entered in the Register as the holder of the shares in question. After the name of the transferee has been entered in the Register in purported exercise of these powers, the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 6 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. One member holding more than one half in nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company for the time being and present in person or by proxy or representative shall constitute a quorum and shall be deemed for this purpose to constitute a valid meeting but, save in such a case two members present in person or by proxy or representative shall be a quorum.

### **DIRECTORS**

- 7 In its application to the Company, Regulation 64 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of the word "two" and the substitution of the word "one".
- 8 The Controlling Shareholder shall have the right at any time and from time to time to appoint one or more persons to be a Director or Directors of the Company. Any such appointment shall be effected by notice in writing to the Company by the Controlling Shareholder and the Controlling Shareholder may in like manner at any time and from time to time remove from office any Director (whether or not appointed by him or it pursuant to this Article).

- 9 In its application to the Company, Regulation 65 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of the words "approved by resolution of the Directors and".
- 10.1 In its application to the Company, Regulation 78 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of the words "... and may also determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire".
- 10.2 In its application to the Company, Regulation 79 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of the second and third sentences.
- 10.3 In its application to the Company, Regulation 84 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of the third and final sentences.
- 11 In its application to the Company, Regulation 81 of Table A shall be modified by the deletion of paragraph (e) and the substitution of the following paragraph:-
- "(e) he is removed from office under the provisions of Article 8 of the Company's Articles of Association."

### **PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

- 12 The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number. A sole Director shall have authority to exercise all powers and discretions vested in the Directors and, in its application to the Company, Regulation 89 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.
- 13 A Director may vote at a meeting of the Directors, and form part of a quorum present at that meeting, in relation to any matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which conflicts or which may conflict with the interests of the Company, provided that he has previously disclosed the nature of such duty or interest to the Directors. The provisions of Regulation 86 of Table A shall be taken to apply equally to any disclosure to be made under the provisions of this Article.

### **EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 14 In its application to the Company, Regulation 101 of Table A shall be modified by the addition of the following sentence:-
- "Any instrument expressed to be executed by the Company and signed by two Directors or one Director and the Secretary by the authority of the Directors or of a committee authorised by the Directors shall (to extent permitted by the Act) have effect as if executed by affixing the seal."

### **INDEMNITY**

- 15 Subject to section 310 of the Act:-
- 15.1 every Director or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all losses or liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation to his office, including any liability incurred by him in defending any

proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under Section 144 or 727 of the Act in which relief is granted to him by the Court, and no Director or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Company in the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation to his office;

- 15.2 the Directors may purchase and maintain insurance for any such Director or other officer against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to him in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company.

#### **TELEPHONE BOARD MEETINGS**

- 16 Any Director who participates in the proceedings of a meeting by means of a communication device (including a telephone) which allows all the other Directors present at such meeting (whether in person or by alternate or by means of such type of communication device) to hear at all times such Director and such Director to hear at all times all other Directors present at such meeting (whether in person or by alternate or by means of such type of communication device) shall be deemed to be present at such meeting and shall be counted when reckoning a quorum.