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THE COMPANIES ACT 1985  
A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

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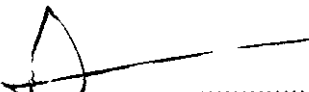
BENJAMIN PRIEST GROUP LIMITED  
(the Company)

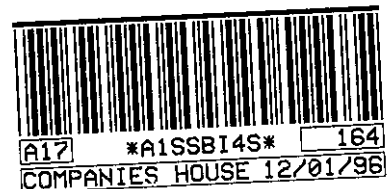
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held at Burton Latimer, Kettering, Northants NN15 5JP on the 8 January 1996 the following Resolution was duly passed as a Special Resolution:-

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

THAT the document entitled "New Articles of Association of Benjamin Priest Group Limited" ("the Company") and initialled by the Chairman for the purpose of identification be and is hereby adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in place of the existing Articles.

DATED: 8 January 1996

  
SECRETARY



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NEW

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

**BENJAMIN PRIEST GROUP LIMITED**

(adopted by Written Special Resolution passed on

8th January 1996

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Incorporated on 29th January 1993

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*Initialed for identification:*  
*JSM.*  
*Chairman*

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**PRELIMINARY**

8th January 1996

1. (1) The regulations contained in Table A in the schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (hereinafter called "**Table A**") shall apply to the Company save in so far as they are varied or excluded by or are inconsistent with these articles.
- (2) Regulation 1 of Table A shall apply to the Company as if references in it to 'these regulations' included references to these articles; and these articles shall also be interpreted as if the Interpretation Act 1978 applied to them in the same manner as, and to the same extent to which, it applies to Table A.
- (3) In these articles -
  - (a) references to a power are to a power of any kind, whether administrative, discretionary or otherwise; and
  - (b) references to the seal are to the common seal (if any) of the Company and an official seal (if any) kept by the Company by virtue of Section 40 of the Act, or either of them as the case may require.
2. Regulations 24, 54, 57, 64, 94 to 97 (inclusive), and 118 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

**ALLOTMENT OF SHARES**

3. Subject to the provisions of the Act and these articles, the unissued shares in the Company shall be at the disposal of the directors, who may issue, offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons and on such terms, subject to such rights or restrictions, as the directors think fit.
4. Sections 89(1) and 90(1) to (6) of the Act, in their application to allotments by the Company of equity securities, are hereby excluded.

## **SHARE CERTIFICATES**

5. Regulation 6 in Table A shall apply to the Company as if the words "shall be sealed with the seal and" were omitted.

## **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

6. Regulation 23 in Table A shall apply to the Company as if the instrument of transfer of any share shown in the memorandum of association to have been taken by a subscriber to it need not be executed by or on behalf of the transferee, even where the share is not fully paid.
7. The directors may in their absolute discretion, and without giving any reason, decline to register any transfer of any share, whether or not fully paid.

## **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

8. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all members (other than any who, under the provisions of these articles or any restrictions attached to any shares, are not entitled to receive such notice) and to the auditors. The last sentence of Regulation 38 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

## **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

9. Where the Company has only one member, Regulation 40 in Table A shall apply to the Company as if the reference to two persons were a reference to one, and the word "each" were omitted.

## **VOTES OF THE MEMBERS**

10. 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 or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative shall have one vote (provided that if he is present in more than one capacity he shall not have more than one vote on a show of hands), and on a poll every member shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

## **DELIVERY OF PROXIES**

11. Regulation 62 in Table A shall apply to the Company as if, after the words "in a manner so permitted", there were inserted the words "or in such other manner as the directors may determine".

## **DIRECTORS**

12. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but, except where the Company has only one member, shall not be less than two.

## **APPOINTMENT RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

13. Regulations 73 to 80 (inclusive) and the last sentence of Regulation 84 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.
14. A member or members holding a majority in nominal value of the issued shares in the Company may appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, and may remove from office any director however appointed. Any such appointment or removal shall be effected by an instrument in writing signed by the member or members concerned or, in the case of a corporate member, by its duly authorised representative, and delivered to the office or tendered at a meeting of the directors or a general meeting of the Company.
15. The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director.
16. The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director and, without prejudice to the provisions of the Act, may by ordinary resolution remove a director from office.
17. The removal of a director under these articles shall be without prejudice to any claim the director may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.
18. No person shall be disqualified from being or becoming a director by reason of his attaining or having attained the age of 70 or any other age, nor shall it be necessary by reason of his age to give special notice under the Act of any resolution appointing, reappointing or approving the appointment of a director.

## **PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

19. A director who has duly declared his interest (so far as he is required to do so) may vote at a meeting of the directors or of a committee of the directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he is interested, directly or indirectly. If he does, his vote shall be counted; and whether or not he does, his presence at the meeting shall be taken into account in calculating the quorum.
20. Where the Company has only one member and only one director, that director may exercise all the powers conferred on the directors by Regulation 70 in Table A or otherwise by virtue of these articles, notwithstanding any restriction in Regulation 89 (as to the quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors) or Regulation 90 (as to the purposes for which a sole continuing director may act).

## **DIVIDENDS**

21. Regulation 106 in Table A shall apply to the Company as if, after the words "to the order of", there were inserted the words "or to".

## INDEMNITY

22. Subject to the provisions of the Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled -

- (a) every director or other officer or auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability, loss or expenditure incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted to be done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done by him as an officer or auditor of the Company and in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted, or incurred in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability in respect of any such act or omission or from liability to pay any amount in respect of shares acquired by a nominee of the Company; and
- (b) the directors may purchase and maintain insurance at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any director or other officer or auditor of the Company against any liability which may attach to him or loss or expenditure which he may incur in relation to anything done or omitted to be done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done as a director, officer or auditor.