

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
COPY WRITTEN RESOLUTION

of

BLACKS RETAIL HOLDINGS LIMITED

("Company")

PASSED ON 1 OCTOBER 2009

In accordance with the written resolution procedure in chapter 2 of part 13 of the Companies Act 2006 ("2006 Act"), the following resolutions were duly passed on 1 October 2009 as an ordinary and special resolution as indicated below:

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

1. **That**, for the purposes of section 175 of the 2006 Act, the directors shall have the power to authorise any matter which would or might otherwise constitute or give rise to a breach of the duty of a director under that section to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company, provided that authorisation of such a matter shall be effective only if:
 - 1.1 any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting the director in question and any other interested director (together the "**Interested Directors**"); and
 - 1.2 the matter was agreed to without the Interested Directors voting or would have been agreed to if the votes of the Interested Directors had not been counted.

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SPECIAL RESOLUTION

2. That:

- 2.1 the articles of association of the Company be amended by deleting all the provisions of the Company's memorandum of association which, by virtue of section 28 of the 2006 Act, are to be treated as provisions of the Company's articles of association; and
- 2.2 the draft regulations attached to this resolution be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing articles of association.



Director

Company No. 2864732

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS RETAIL HOLDINGS LIMITED
("Company")

(Adopted by special resolution passed on 1 October 2009)

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PART 1: PRELIMINARY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1. REGULATIONS AND ARTICLES NOT TO APPLY

No regulations or articles set out in any statute, or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation made under any statute, concerning companies shall apply as the regulations or articles of the Company.

2. DEFINED TERMS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Act" means the Companies Act 2006;

"appointor" has the meaning given in article 26.1;

"articles" means the Company's articles of association;

"bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

"call" has the meaning given in article 37;

"call notice" has the meaning given in article 37;

"chairman" has the meaning given in article 14;

"chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 62;

"Companies Acts" means every statute for the time being in force concerning companies (including any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation made under any such statute), so far as it applies to the Company;

"Company's lien" has the meaning given in article 35;

"director" means a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;

"distribution recipient" has the meaning given in article 52;

"document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;

"electronic form" and **"electronic means"** have the meanings given to them in section 1168 of the Act;

"eligible director" means:

- (a) in relation to a decision at a directors' meeting, a director who is to be counted as participating for quorum and voting purposes in the decision at the meeting; and
- (b) in relation to a directors' written resolution or a unanimous decision, a director who would have been counted as participating for quorum and voting purposes in the

decision had the resolution or matter been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting;

"fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in respect of that share have been paid to the Company;

"hard copy form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act;

"holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;

"instrument" means a document in hard copy form;

"lien enforcement notice" has the meaning given in article 36;

"non-disclosable interest" has the meaning given in article 20.1;

"ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Act;

"paid" means paid or credited as paid;

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 12;

"partly paid" in relation to a share, means that part of that share's nominal value or any premium at which it was issued that has not been paid to the Company;

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 68;

"shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share;

"shares" means shares in the Company;

"special resolution" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Act;

"subsidiary" has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Act;

"transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law;

"working day" has the meaning given in section 1173(1) of the Act; and

"writing" and **"written"** means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

- 2.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Act as in force on the date when the articles become binding on the Company.
- 2.3 If, and for so long as the Company only has one director, all references in the articles to "directors" (other than in those provisions which govern the decision-making by directors and directors' interests) shall be construed as a reference to that sole director.
- 2.4 References to numbered "articles" are references to numbered provisions in the articles.

- 2.5 Headings in the articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning of the articles.

3. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

PART 2: OFFICERS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company.

5. SHAREHOLDERS' RESERVE POWER

- 5.1 The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.
- 5.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

6. DIRECTORS MAY DELEGATE

- 6.1 Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles and which are not specifically reserved to the directors only:

- 6.1.1 to such person or committee;
- 6.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);
- 6.1.3 to such an extent;
- 6.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and
- 6.1.5 on such terms and conditions;

as they think fit.

- 6.2 If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 6.3 The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

7. COMMITTEES

- 7.1 Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the decision-making by directors.

- 7.2 The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

8. DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

- 8.1 The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be:
- 8.1.1 a majority decision at a meeting;
 - 8.1.2 a majority decision by a directors' written resolution adopted in accordance with article 9; or
 - 8.1.3 a unanimous decision taken in accordance with article 10.
- 8.2 If, and for so long as, the Company only has one director, the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.

9. DIRECTORS' WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

- 9.1 Any director may propose a directors' written resolution and the company secretary (if any) must propose a directors' written resolution if a director so requests.
- 9.2 Subject to article 9.3, a directors' written resolution is proposed by giving notice in writing of the proposed resolution to each director, unless the director is absent from the United Kingdom and has not given the Company an address to which such notices may be given by electronic means during his absence.
- 9.3 Any director may waive his entitlement to notice of any proposed directors' written resolution, either prospectively or retrospectively and any retrospective waiver shall not affect the validity of the directors' written resolution.
- 9.4 A proposed directors' written resolution is adopted when a majority of the eligible directors have signed one or more copies of it, provided that those directors would have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting had the resolution been proposed at such a meeting. Once a directors' written resolution has been adopted, it must be treated as if it had been a decision taken at a directors' meeting in accordance with the articles.
- 9.5 A director, or any other person, who is an alternate director may sign a proposed directors' written resolution (in addition to signing it in his capacity as a director, if relevant) on behalf of each of his appointors who:
- 9.5.1 have not signed or are not to sign the directors' written resolution; and
 - 9.5.2 are eligible directors in relation to the directors' written resolution,

provided that (a) the alternate director, if he is a director, is an eligible director in relation to the directors' written resolution and (b) those persons actually signing the directors' written resolution would have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting had the resolution been proposed at such a meeting.

10. UNANIMOUS DECISIONS

10.1 A unanimous decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter. Once a unanimous decision of the directors has been taken, it must be treated as if it had been a decision taken at a directors' meeting in accordance with the articles.

10.2 A decision may not be taken on a matter in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting had the matter been proposed as a resolution at such a meeting.

10.3 A director, or any other person, who is an alternate director may be counted as participating in a unanimous decision of the directors (in addition to in his capacity as a director, if relevant) on behalf of each of his appointors who:

10.3.1 are not participating in the unanimous decision; and

10.3.2 are eligible directors in relation to the decision,

provided that (a) the alternate director, if he is a director, is an eligible director in relation to the decision and (b) those persons actually participating in the unanimous decision of the directors would have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting had the matter been proposed as a resolution at such a meeting.

11. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

11.1 Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice.

11.2 Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate:

11.2.1 its proposed date and time;

11.2.2 where it is to take place; and

11.2.3 if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.

11.3 Subject to article 11.4, notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, unless the director is absent from the United Kingdom and has not given the Company an address to which such notices may be given by electronic means during his absence. Notice does not need to be in writing. A director who participates in a meeting shall be deemed to have received proper notice of the meeting.

11.4 Any director may waive his entitlement to notice of any meeting, either prospectively or retrospectively and any retrospective waiver shall not affect the validity of the meeting or of any business conducted at it.

12. PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 12.1 Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when:
- 12.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles; and
 - 12.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 12.2 In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other.
- 12.3 If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

13. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 13.1 At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on or a decision is to be taken, except a proposal to call another meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 12.3.
- 13.2 The quorum for directors' meetings is two directors.
- 13.3 A person who is an alternate director but not a director may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating in any decision at a directors' meeting, provided that his appointor (or one of his appointors):
- 13.3.1 is not participating in the decision at the directors' meeting; and
 - 13.3.2 would have been an eligible director in relation to the decision if he had been participating in it.
- 13.4 No alternate, whether a director or any other person, may be counted as more than one director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating in any decision at a directors' meeting.

14. CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 14.1 The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings.
- 14.2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman.
- 14.3 The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time.
- 14.4 If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

15. VOTING AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 15.1 A decision is taken at a directors' meeting by a majority of the votes of the eligible directors participating in the meeting.

- 15.2 Subject to the articles, each director participating in a directors' meeting has one vote.
- 15.3 Subject to article 15.5, a director, or any other person, who is an alternate director shall have one vote (in addition to his own vote as a director, if relevant) on any decision at a directors' meeting for each of his appointors who:
- 15.3.1 are not participating in the decision at the directors' meeting; and
 - 15.3.2 would have been eligible directors in relation to the decision if they had been participating in it.
- 15.4 Subject to article 15.5, if the numbers of votes for and against a proposal at a directors' meeting are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.
- 15.5 Articles 15.3 and 15.4 do not apply in respect of a particular decision at a directors' meeting if, in accordance with the articles, a director who is an alternate director or the chairman or other director chairing the meeting is not an eligible director in relation to the decision.

16. PARTICIPATING AND VOTING WHEN DIRECTOR INTERESTED

- 16.1 A director shall not be counted as participating for quorum and voting purposes in a decision at a directors' meeting to authorise a matter by the directors for the purposes of section 175 of the Act if, in accordance with section 175(6) of the Act, the matter is such that the authorisation would only be effective if:
- 16.1.1 any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the directors at which the matter is considered is met without him counting; and
 - 16.1.2 the matter was agreed to without him voting or would have been agreed to if his vote had not been counted.
- 16.2 Without prejudice to the obligations of any director:
- 16.2.1 to disclose any interest in proposed or existing transactions or arrangements with the Company in accordance with the Act; and
 - 16.2.2 to disclose any interest in accordance with article 20.1,
 - 16.2.3 and subject always to article 16.1 and the terms on which any authorisation by the directors for the purposes of section 175 of the Act has been given, a director shall be counted as participating for quorum and voting purposes in any decision at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors that is concerned with a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest.
- 16.3 Subject to article 16.4, if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to be counted as participating in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.
- 16.4 If any question as to the right to be counted as participating in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

17. DIRECTORS' DISCRETION TO MAKE FURTHER RULES

Subject to the articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors.

18. RECORDS OF DIRECTORS' DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

The directors must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in writing for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

19. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COMPANY

Subject to compliance with the Act (including sections 177 (*duty to declare interest in proposed transaction or arrangement*) and 182 (*declaration of interest in existing transaction or arrangement*) of the Act), a director may be a party to, or otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company.

20. DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

20.1 Provided that a director has declared the nature and extent of his interest (other than a non-disclosable interest) to the other directors, he shall be authorised for the purposes of section 175 of the Act:

20.1.1 to hold office as a director or other officer of, be employed or engaged by, hold shares or other securities in, or otherwise be interested in, whether directly or indirectly, any group undertaking of the Company or any other undertaking in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;

20.1.2 to participate in any scheme, transaction or arrangement for the benefit of employees or former employees of the Company or any group undertaking of the Company (including any pension fund or retirement, death or disability scheme or other bonus or employee benefit scheme);

20.1.3 to act as a trustee of any scheme for the benefit of employees or former employees of the Company or any group undertaking of the Company (including any pension, retirement, death or disability scheme or other bonus or employee benefit scheme);

20.1.4 to enter into, or otherwise be interested in, any transaction or arrangement in which the Company is (directly or indirectly) interested (other than a transaction or arrangement with the Company); and

20.1.5 to be a party to any transaction or arrangement with any group undertaking of the Company or any other undertaking in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested.

A non-disclosable interest is an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest or one that the other directors are already aware of or ought reasonably to be aware of.

20.2 The following provisions of this article apply to any authorisation of a matter by the directors for the purposes of section 175 of the Act:

- 20.2.1 an authorisation may extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest (including a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties) which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised;
 - 20.2.2 an authorisation shall be subject to such conditions or limitations as the directors may determine, whether at the time such authorisation is given or subsequently, and may be terminated by the directors at any time; and
 - 20.2.3 a director shall comply with any obligations imposed on him by the directors pursuant to any authorisation.
- 20.3 If a matter, office, employment, position, transaction or arrangement or interest has been authorised either pursuant to article 20.1 or by the directors in accordance with section 175 of the Act, then the director in question shall not be required to disclose to the Company any confidential information relating to such matter, office, employment, position, transaction or arrangement or interest, or to use such information in relation to the Company's affairs if to do so would result in a breach of a duty or obligation of confidence owed by him in relation to or in connection with that matter, office, employment, position, transaction or arrangement or interest.

21. ACCOUNTING FOR PROFIT WHEN INTERESTED

- 21.1 Subject always to the obligation of the director to disclose his interest in proposed or existing transactions or arrangements with the Company in accordance with the Act:
- 21.1.1 a director shall not be accountable to the Company for any profit, remuneration or other benefit which he (or a person connected with him as defined in section 252 of the Act) derives from or in connection with any interest (whether directly or indirectly) in any transaction or arrangement with the Company;
 - 21.1.2 no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest, profit, remuneration or benefit; and
 - 21.1.3 the receipt of any such profit, remuneration or other benefit shall not constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.
- 21.2 Subject always to the obligation of the director to disclose his interest in accordance with article 20.1 and to the terms on which any authorisation for the purposes of section 175 has been given:
- 21.2.1 a director shall not be accountable to the Company for any profit, remuneration or other benefit which he (or a person connected with him as defined in section 252 of the Act) derives from or in connection with anything authorised pursuant to article 20.1 or by the directors for the purposes of section 175 of the Act;
 - 21.2.2 no such thing authorised shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest, profit, remuneration or benefit; and
 - 21.2.3 the receipt of any such profit, remuneration or other benefit shall not constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.

DIRECTORS' TERMS OF OFFICE

22. METHODS OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS

- 22.1 Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director:
- 22.1.1 by ordinary resolution; or
 - 22.1.2 by notice in writing to the Company signed by (or, in the case of a corporation, signed on its behalf by a director or by a person authorised by a decision of the directors or other governing body) the holder or holders of a majority in nominal value of the shares (and may consist of several documents in similar form each signed by or on behalf of one or more holders), such appointment to take effect when the notice is received by the Company or on such later date (if any) specified in the notice; or
 - 22.1.3 by a decision of the directors.
- 22.2 In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing to the Company, to appoint a person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, to be a director, such appointment to take effect when the notice is received by the Company or on such later date (if any) specified in the notice.
- 22.3 For the purposes of article 22.2, where two or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder.

23. TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT

A person ceases to be a director as soon as:

- 23.1 that person is removed as a director:
- 23.1.1 by ordinary resolution; or
 - 23.1.2 by notice in writing to the Company signed by (or, in the case of a corporation, signed on its behalf by a director or by a person authorised by a decision of the directors or other governing body) the holder or holders of a majority in nominal value of the shares (and may consist of several documents in similar form each signed by or on behalf of one or more holders), such appointment to take effect when the notice is received by the Company or on such later date (if any) specified in the notice;
- provided that any such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such director may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company;
- 23.2 that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act (including pursuant to section 168 of the Act) or is prohibited from being a director by law;
- 23.3 a bankruptcy order is made against that person;

- 23.4 a composition or arrangement is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- 23.5 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
- 23.6 by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have; or
- 23.7 notice in writing is received by the Company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.

24. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

- 24.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide.
- 24.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine:
 - 24.2.1 for their services to the Company as directors; and
 - 24.2.2 for any other service which they undertake for the Company.
- 24.3 Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may:
 - 24.3.1 take any form; and
 - 24.3.2 include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.
- 24.4 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 24.5 An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the Company.

25. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:

- 25.1 meetings of directors or committees of directors,
 - 25.2 general meetings; or
 - 25.3 separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company,
- or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

26. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

26.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) ("appointor") may appoint as an alternate any person willing to act to:

26.1.1 exercise that director's powers; and

26.1.2 carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor and may remove from office an alternate so appointed by him.

26.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors. The appointment or removal shall take effect when the notice is received by the Company or on such later date (if any) specified in the notice.

26.3 The notice must:

26.3.1 identify the proposed or existing alternate; and

26.3.2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain (or be accompanied by) a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.

26.4 An alternate director may act as an alternate for more than one director.

27. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

27.1 Except as the articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:

27.1.1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors;

27.1.2 are liable for their own acts and omissions;

27.1.3 are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors; and

27.1.4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors.

27.2 Subject to the articles, an alternate director has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors and any meetings of committees of directors as each of the alternate's appointors. In particular, each alternate director is entitled to receive notice of all proposed directors' written resolutions and of all directors' meetings and meetings of committees of directors which each of his appointors is entitled to receive (disregarding for these purposes, any absence of such appointor from the United Kingdom) unless the alternate director is absent from the United Kingdom and has not given the Company an address to which such notices may be given by electronic means during his absence.

28. TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP

An alternate director's appointment as an alternate for an appointor terminates:

28.1 when that appointor removes his alternate director in accordance with article 26;

- 28.2 on the occurrence in relation to the alternate director of any event which, if it occurred in relation to that appointor, would result in the termination of that appointor's appointment as a director;
- 28.3 on the death of that appointor;
- 28.4 when that appointor's appointment as a director terminates; or
- 28.5 when notice in writing is received by the Company from the alternate that he is resigning as an alternate director of that appointor and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.

COMPANY SECRETARY

29. SECRETARY'S TERMS OF OFFICE

The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act to be the company secretary for such term and on such conditions as they think fit and may remove any company secretary so appointed.

PART 3: SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

SHARES

30. ISSUE OF SHARES

- 30.1 Save to the extent authorised from time to time by ordinary resolution of the Company, the directors shall not exercise any power to allot shares in the Company or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company.
- 30.2 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment by the Company of equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act).

31. POWERS TO ISSUE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARE

- 31.1 Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the Company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution.
- 31.2 The Company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder. The terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares may be determined by the directors or otherwise shall be set out in the articles.

32. COMPANY NOT BOUND BY LESS THAN ABSOLUTE INTERESTS

Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the Company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it.

33. SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 33.1 The Company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds.

- 33.2 Every certificate must specify:
- 33.2.1 in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued;
 - 33.2.2 the nominal value of those shares;
 - 33.2.3 the amount paid up on them (including both the nominal value and any share premium); and
 - 33.2.4 any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.
- 33.3 No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class.
- 33.4 If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 33.5 Certificates must be executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

34. REPLACEMENT SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 34.1 If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is:
- 34.1.1 damaged or defaced; or
 - 34.1.2 said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,
- that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.
- 34.2 A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:
- 34.2.1 may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
 - 34.2.2 must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and
 - 34.2.3 must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide.

35. COMPANY'S LIEN

- 35.1 The Company has a lien ("Company's lien") over every share which is not fully paid for any part of:
- 35.1.1 that share's nominal value; and
 - 35.1.2 any premium at which it was issued,
- which has not been paid to the Company, and which is payable immediately or at some time in the future.
- 35.2 The Company has a lien ("Company's lien") over every share (whether fully paid or not) which is registered in the name of any person (whether solely or jointly with others) for all debts or liabilities payable by such person or his estate (either solely or jointly with any other

person) to the Company in respect of any share and which has not been paid to the Company, and which is payable immediately or at some time in the future.

35.3 The Company's lien over a share:

35.3.1 takes priority over any third party's interest in that share; and

35.3.2 extends to any dividends or other moneys payable by the Company in respect of that share and (if the lien is enforced and the share is sold by the Company) the proceeds of sale of that share.

35.4 The directors may at any time decide that a share which is or would otherwise be subject to the Company's lien shall not be subject to it, either wholly or in part.

36. ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S LIEN

36.1 Subject to the provisions of this article, if:

36.1.1 a lien enforcement notice has been given in respect of a share; and

36.1.2 the person to whom the notice was given has failed to comply with it,

the Company may sell that share in such manner as the directors decide.

36.2 A lien enforcement notice:

36.2.1 may only be given in respect of a share which is subject to the Company's lien in respect of which a sum is payable and the due date for payment of that sum has passed;

36.2.2 must specify the share concerned;

36.2.3 must be in writing and require payment of the sum payable within 14 clear days of the notice (that is, excluding the day on which the notice is given and the day on which that 14 day period expires);

36.2.4 must be addressed either to the holder of the share or to a transmittee entitled to; and

36.2.5 must state the Company's intention to sell the share if the notice is not complied with.

36.3 Where shares are sold under this article:

36.3.1 the directors may authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser; and

36.3.2 the transferee is not bound to see to the application of the consideration, and the transferee's title is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the sale.

36.4 The net proceeds of any such sale (after payment of the costs of sale and any other costs of enforcing the lien) must be applied:

- 36.4.1 first, in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as was payable at the date of the lien enforcement notice; and
 - 36.4.2 secondly, to the person entitled to the shares immediately before the sale, but only after the certificate for the shares sold has been surrendered to the Company for cancellation or an indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the directors has been given for any lost certificates, and subject to a lien equivalent to the Company's lien over the shares before the sale for any money payable in respect of the shares after the date of the lien enforcement notice.
- 36.5 A statutory declaration by a director or the company secretary (if any) that the declarant is a director or the company secretary (as applicable) and that a share has been sold to satisfy the Company's lien on a specified date:
- 36.5.1 is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share; and
 - 36.5.2 subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share.

37. CALL NOTICES

- 37.1 Subject to the articles and the terms on which shares are allotted, the directors may send a notice (a "call notice") to a shareholder requiring the shareholder to pay the Company a specified sum of money (a "call") which is payable in respect of shares which that shareholder holds (whether solely or jointly with others) at the date when the directors decide to send the call notice.
- 37.2 A call notice:
- 37.2.1 may not require a shareholder to pay a call which exceeds the total sum unpaid on that shareholder's shares (whether as to the share's nominal value or any amount payable to the Company by way of premium);
 - 37.2.2 must be in writing and state when and how any call to which it relates it is to be paid; and
 - 37.2.3 may permit or require the call to be paid by instalments.
- 37.3 A shareholder must comply with the requirements of a call notice, but no shareholder is obliged to pay any call before 14 clear days (that is, excluding the day on which the notice is given and the day on which that 14 day period expires) have passed since the notice was sent.
- 37.4 Before the Company has received any call due under a call notice the directors may:
- 37.4.1 revoke it wholly or in part; or
 - 37.4.2 specify a later time for payment than is specified in the notice,
- by a further notice in writing to the shareholder in respect of whose shares the call is made.

38. LIABILITY TO PAY CALLS

- 38.1 Liability to pay a call is not extinguished or transferred by transferring the shares in respect of which it is required to be paid.
- 38.2 Joint holders of a share are jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of that share.
- 38.3 Subject to the terms on which shares are allotted, the directors may, when issuing shares, provide that call notices sent to the holders of those shares may require them:
 - 38.3.1 to pay calls which are not the same; or
 - 38.3.2 to pay calls at different times.

39. WHEN CALL NOTICE NEED NOT BE ISSUED

- 39.1 A call notice need not be issued in respect of sums which are specified, in the terms on which a share is issued, as being payable to the Company in respect of that share (whether in respect of nominal value or premium):
 - 39.1.1 on allotment;
 - 39.1.2 on the occurrence of a particular event; or
 - 39.1.3 on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue.
- 39.2 But if the due date for payment of such a sum has passed and it has not been paid, the holder of the share concerned is treated in all respects as having failed to comply with a call notice in respect of that sum, and is liable to the same consequences as regards the payment of interest and forfeiture.

40. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CALL NOTICE: AUTOMATIC CONSEQUENCES

- 40.1 If a person is liable to pay a call and fails to do so by the call payment date:
 - 40.1.1 the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture to that person; and
 - 40.1.2 until the call is paid, that person must pay the Company interest on the call from the call payment date at the relevant rate.
- 40.2 For the purposes of this article:
 - 40.2.1 "call payment date" means the time when the call notice states that a call is to be paid, unless the directors give a notice in writing specifying a later date, in which case the "call payment date" is that later date;
 - 40.2.2 "relevant rate" means:
 - 40.2.2.1 the rate fixed by the terms on which the share in respect of which the call is due was allotted;
 - 40.2.2.2 such other rate as was fixed in the call notice which required payment of the call, or has otherwise been determined by the directors; or

40.2.2.3 if no rate is fixed in either of these ways, 5 per cent per annum.

40.3 The relevant rate must not exceed by more than 5 percentage points the base lending rate most recently set by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England in connection with its responsibilities under Part 2 of the Bank of England Act 1998(b).

40.4 The directors may waive any obligation to pay interest on a call wholly or in part.

41. NOTICE OF INTENDED FORFEITURE

41.1 A notice of intended forfeiture:

41.1.1 may be sent in respect of any share in respect of which a call has not been paid as required by a call notice;

41.1.2 must be in writing and sent to the holder of that share or to a transmittee entitled to it;

41.1.3 must require payment of the call and any accrued interest by a date which is not less than 14 clear days after the date of the notice (that is, excluding the day on which the notice is given and the day on which that 14 day period expires);

41.1.4 must state how the payment is to be made; and

41.1.5 must state that if the notice is not complied with, the shares in respect of which the call is payable will be liable to be forfeited.

42. DIRECTORS' POWER TO FORFEIT SHARES

If a notice of intended forfeiture is not complied with before the date by which payment of the call is required in the notice of intended forfeiture, the directors may decide that any share in respect of which it was given is forfeited, and the forfeiture is to include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.

43. EFFECT OF FORFEITURE

43.1 Subject to the articles, the forfeiture of a share extinguishes:

43.1.1 all interests in that share, and all claims and demands against the Company in respect of it; and

43.1.2 all other rights and liabilities incidental to the share as between the person whose share it was prior to the forfeiture and the Company.

43.2 Any share which is forfeited in accordance with the articles:

43.2.1 is deemed to have been forfeited when the directors decide that it is forfeited;

43.2.2 is deemed to be the property of the Company; and

43.2.3 may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of as the directors think fit.

43.3 If a person's shares have been forfeited:

- 43.3.1 the Company must send that person notice in writing that forfeiture has occurred and record it in the register of members;
 - 43.3.2 that person ceases to be a shareholder in respect of those shares;
 - 43.3.3 that person must surrender the certificate for the shares forfeited to the Company for cancellation;
 - 43.3.4 that person remains liable to the Company for all sums payable by that person under the articles at the date of forfeiture in respect of those shares, including any interest (whether accrued before or after the date of forfeiture); and
 - 43.3.5 the directors may waive payment of such sums wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.
- 43.4 At any time before the Company disposes of a forfeited share, the directors may decide to cancel the forfeiture on payment of all calls and interest due in respect of it and on such other terms as they think fit.

44. PROCEDURE FOLLOWING FORFEITURE

- 44.1 If a forfeited share is to be disposed of by being transferred, the Company may receive the consideration for the transfer and the directors may authorise any person to execute the instrument of transfer.
- 44.2 A statutory declaration by a director or the company secretary (if any) that the declarant is a director or the company secretary (as applicable) and that a share has been forfeited on a specified date:
- 44.2.1 is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share; and
 - 44.2.2 subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share.
- 44.3 A person to whom a forfeited share is transferred is not bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any) nor is that person's title to the share affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the forfeiture or transfer of the share.
- 44.4 If the Company sells a forfeited share, the person who held it prior to its forfeiture is entitled to receive from the Company the proceeds of such sale, net of any commission, and excluding any amount which:
- 44.4.1 was, or would have become, payable; and
 - 44.4.2 had not, when that share was forfeited, been paid by that person in respect of that share,

but no interest is payable to such a person in respect of such proceeds and the Company is not required to account for any money earned on them.

45. SURRENDER OF SHARES

45.1 A shareholder may surrender any share:

45.1.1 in respect of which the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture;

45.1.2 which the directors may forfeit; or

45.1.3 which has been forfeited.

45.2 The directors may accept the surrender of any such share.

45.3 The effect of surrender on a share is the same as the effect of forfeiture on that share.

45.4 A share which has been surrendered may be dealt with in the same way as a share which has been forfeited.

46. SHARE TRANSFERS

46.1 Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor and (if any of the shares are not fully paid) by and on behalf of the transferee.

46.2 No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.

46.3 The Company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.

46.4 The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.

46.5 The directors may not refuse to register the transfer of any share unless it is not duly stamped (or it is not duly certified or otherwise shown to the satisfaction of the directors to be exempt from stamp duty) or they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

47. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

47.1 If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the Company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share but nothing in the articles releases the estate of a deceased shareholder from any liability in respect of a share solely or jointly held by that shareholder.

47.2 A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require:

47.2.1 may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person; and

47.2.2 subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.

47.3 But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

48. EXERCISE OF TRANSMITTEES' RIGHTS

- 48.1 Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in writing of that wish.
- 48.2 If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- 48.3 Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

49. TRANSMITTEES BOUND BY PRIOR NOTICES

If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name, or the name of any person nominated under article 47.2.2, has been entered in the register of members.

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

50. PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING DIVIDENDS

- 50.1 The Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- 50.2 A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors.
- 50.3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights.
- 50.4 Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.
- 50.5 If the Company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear.
- 50.6 The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.
- 50.7 If the directors act in good faith, they do 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 shares with deferred or non-preferred rights.

51. CALCULATION OF DIVIDENDS

- 51.1 Except as otherwise provided by the articles or the rights attached to shares, all dividends must be:
 - 51.1.1 declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the nominal values of the shares on which the dividend is paid; and

- 51.1.2 apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the nominal values of the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid.
- 51.2 If any share is issued on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividend accordingly.
- 52. PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**
- 52.1 Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means:
- 52.1.1 transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
- 52.1.2 sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
- 52.1.3 sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide; or
- 52.1.4 any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide.
- 52.2 In the articles, the "distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:
- 52.2.1 the holder of the share; or
- 52.2.2 if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
- 52.2.3 if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

53. NO INTEREST ON DISTRIBUTIONS

The Company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by:

- 53.1 the terms on which the share was issued; or
- 53.2 the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the Company.

54. UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS

- 54.1 All dividends or other sums which are:
- 54.1.1 payable in respect of shares; and

54.1.2 unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,

may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed.

54.2 The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the Company a trustee in respect of it.

54.3 If:

54.3.1 12 years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment; and

54.3.2 the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the Company.

55. NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

55.1 Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the Company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company).

55.2 For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution:

55.2.1 fixing the value of any assets;

55.2.2 paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and

55.2.3 vesting any assets in trustees.

56. WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS

Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the Company notice in writing to that effect, but if:

56.1 the share has more than one holder; or

56.2 more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share.

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

57. AUTHORITY TO CAPITALISE AND APPROPRIATION OF CAPITALISED SUMS

57.1 Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution:

- 57.1.1 decide to capitalise any profits of the Company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and
- 57.1.2 appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise ("**capitalised sum**") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend ("**persons entitled**") and in the same proportions.
- 57.2 Capitalised sums must be applied:
 - 57.2.1 on behalf of the persons entitled; and
 - 57.2.2 in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.
- 57.3 Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- 57.4 A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in or towards paying up any amounts unpaid on existing shares (including both the nominal value and the share premium) held by the persons entitled or in paying up new debentures of the Company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- 57.5 Subject to the articles the directors may:
 - 57.5.1 apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs 57.3 and 57.4 partly in one way and partly in another;
 - 57.5.2 make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and
 - 57.5.3 authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article.
- 57.6 Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution, decide that any shares allotted under this article 57 to any shareholder in respect of a holding by him of any partly paid shares shall, so long as such shares remain partly paid, rank for dividends only to the extent that such partly paid shares rank for dividends.

PART 4: DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

58. WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

A resolution of the shareholders (or a class of shareholders) may be passed as a written resolution in accordance with chapter 2 of part 13 of the Act.

GENERAL MEETINGS

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

59. CALLING GENERAL MEETINGS

- 59.1 If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or any shareholder of the Company may call a general meeting.
- 59.2 If, and for so long as, the Company has only a single shareholder, such shareholder shall be entitled at any time to call a general meeting.
- 59.3 A shareholder present in person or by proxy at a meeting of the Company shall be deemed to have received proper notice of the meeting and, if required, of the purposes for which it was called.

60. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 60.1 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 60.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
- 60.2.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting; and
 - 60.2.2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- 60.3 The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.
- 60.4 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more shareholders attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 60.5 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

61. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.

62. CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS

- 62.1 If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- 62.2 If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start:

62.2.1 the directors present; or

62.2.2 (if no directors are present within ten minutes of the time at which the meeting was due to start), the meeting,

must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

62.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the chairman of the meeting".

63. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-SHAREHOLDERS

63.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders.

63.2 The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not:

63.2.1 shareholders of the Company; or

63.2.2 otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting.

64. ADJOURNMENT

64.1 If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it. If at such an adjourned meeting the persons attending within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during such an adjourned meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall be dissolved.

64.2 The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:

64.2.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment; or

64.2.2 it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.

64.3 The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.

64.4 When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must:

64.4.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors; and

64.4.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.

- 64.5 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Company must give at least seven clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given):
- 64.5.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given; and
 - 64.5.2 in the same manner in which such notice is required to be given and containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- 64.6 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

65. VOTING: GENERAL

A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles.

66. ERRORS AND DISPUTES

- 66.1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.
- 66.2 Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.

67. POLL VOTES

- 67.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:
- 67.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote; or
 - 67.1.2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.
- 67.2 A poll may be demanded by:
- 67.2.1 the chairman of the meeting;
 - 67.2.2 the directors; or
 - 67.2.3 any person having the right to vote on the resolution.
- 67.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
- 67.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken; and
 - 67.3.2 the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.

A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

67.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs.

68. CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES

68.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing ("proxy notice") which:

- 68.1.1 states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy;
- 68.1.2 identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting or adjourned meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- 68.1.3 is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine;
- 68.1.4 is delivered to the Company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting or adjourned meeting to which they relate; and
- 68.1.5 is received by the Company not less than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which the proxy relates or at such later time as the directors may determine.

68.2 The Company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

68.3 Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.

68.4 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:

- 68.4.1 allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
- 68.4.2 appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

69. DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

69.1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.

69.2 An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.

69.3 A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is received by the Company before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.

69.4 If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

- 69.5 When two or more valid but different proxy notices are received in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting or adjourned meeting, the one which is last validly received (regardless of its date or the date of its execution) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other(s) as regards that share. If the Company is unable to determine which was last received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.

70. CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

Where a shareholder that is a corporation has authorised a representative or representatives to act on its behalf at a meeting in accordance with section 323 of the Act:

- 70.1 a director or the company secretary (if any) may require any such representative to produce a certified copy of such authority before such representative is entitled to exercise any power on behalf of the corporation which he represents; and
- 70.2 a vote given or poll demanded by such representative at a meeting or adjourned meeting shall be valid even though his authority has previously terminated unless notice in writing of the termination was received by the Company before the commencement of that meeting.

71. NO VOTING OF SHARES ON WHICH MONEY OWED TO THE COMPANY

No voting rights attached to a share may, unless the directors otherwise determine, be exercised unless all amounts (including the nominal value and any share premium) payable to the Company in respect of that share have been paid.

72. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

- 72.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
- 72.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine); and
 - 72.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 72.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:
- 72.2.1 the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed; and
 - 72.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 72.3 If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

PART 5: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

73. FORM OF NOTICE

- 73.1 Any notice or other document to be given pursuant to the articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of the directors) shall be in writing.

74. NOTICES TO THE COMPANY

- 74.1 Any notice, document or other information may be served on or sent or supplied to the Company by anyone:

- 74.1.1 by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the Company or any officer of the Company at its registered office or such other place in the United Kingdom as may from time to time be specified by the Company for that purpose;
- 74.1.2 by delivering it by hand to or leaving it at its registered office or such other place in the United Kingdom as may from time to time be specified by the Company for that purpose in an envelope addressed to the Company or any officer of the Company;
- 74.1.3 by sending or supplying it by electronic means to an address specified by the Company from time to time for that purpose; or
- 74.1.4 by any other means authorised in writing by the Company.

75. NOTICES TO SHAREHOLDERS

- 75.1 Any notice, document or other information may be served on or sent or supplied to any shareholder:

- 75.1.1 personally;
- 75.1.2 by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the shareholder at his registered address;
- 75.1.3 by delivering it by hand to or leaving it at that address in an envelope addressed to the shareholder;
- 75.1.4 by sending or supplying it by electronic means to an address notified by the shareholder to the Company from time to time for that purpose; or
- 75.1.5 by any other means authorised in writing by the relevant shareholder.

- 75.2 Nothing in article 75.1 shall affect any provision of the Companies Acts requiring offers, notices or documents to be served on or sent or supplied to a shareholder in a particular way.

- 75.3 In the case of joint holders of a share:

- 75.3.1 all notices, documents or other information shall be served on or sent or supplied to the person named first in the register in respect of the joint holding, and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all joint holders; and

- 75.3.2 any request for consent to the receipt of communications in electronic form shall be sent or supplied to the person named first in the register in respect of the joint holding and any express consent given by such holder to the receipt of communications in such manner shall bind all joint holders.
- 75.4 Notices, documents or other information to be sent or supplied to the shareholder may be sent or supplied to the person claiming to be the shareholder's transmittee by name, or by the title of the representative of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt (or by any like description) at an address supplied for the purpose by the person so claiming. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice, document or other information may be sent or supplied in any manner in which it might have been sent or supplied if the death, bankruptcy or other relevant event had not occurred.

76. NOTICES TO DIRECTORS

Any notice, document or other information may be served on or sent or supplied to a director by the Company or by any other director or the company secretary (if any):

- 76.1 personally;
- 76.2 (other than a notice of a proposed directors' written resolution) by word of mouth;
- 76.3 by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the director at his registered address or such other postal address as may from time to time be specified by him for that purpose;
- 76.4 by delivering it by hand to or leaving it at that address in an envelope addressed to him;
- 76.5 by sending or supplying it by electronic means to an address specified from time to time by the director for that purpose; or
- 76.6 by any other means authorised in writing by the director.

77. SERVICE OF NOTICES ON SHAREHOLDERS OR DIRECTORS

- 77.1 Any notice, document or other information (other than any notice, document or other information given to the Company including, for the avoidance of doubt, the appointment of a proxy):

77.1.1 addressed to a shareholder or a director in the manner prescribed by the articles shall, if sent by post (whether in hard copy or electronic form), be deemed to have been received:

77.1.1.1 (if prepaid as first class) 24 hours after it was posted;

77.1.1.2 (if prepaid as second class) 48 hours after it was posted;

77.1.1.3 (if prepaid as airmail) 72 hours after it was posted,

and in proving such receipt, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing such notice, document or other information was properly addressed, prepaid and put in the post;

- 77.1.2 not sent by post, but addressed to a shareholder or a director and delivered by hand to or left at an address in accordance with the articles, shall be deemed to have been received on the day it was so delivered or left;
- 77.1.3 served, sent or supplied to a shareholder or a director by electronic means, shall be deemed to have been received on the day it was sent and in proving such receipt, it shall be sufficient to show that such notice, document or information was properly addressed;
- 77.1.4 served, sent or supplied by any other means authorised in writing by the shareholder or the director, shall be deemed to have been received when the Company has carried out the action it has been authorised to take for that purpose.

78. COMPANY SEALS

- 78.1 Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors.
- 78.2 The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- 78.3 Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the Company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by:
 - 78.3.1 two directors;
 - 78.3.2 one director and the company secretary (if any); or
 - 78.3.3 one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- 78.4 For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is:
 - 78.4.1 any director of the Company;
 - 78.4.2 the company secretary (if any); or
 - 78.4.3 any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

79. NO RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORDS

Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder.

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

80. INDEMNITY

- 80.1 Subject to paragraph 80.2, a relevant director of the Company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the Company's assets against:
 - 80.1.1 any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an associated company;

- 80.1.2 any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act);
- 80.1.3 any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the Company or an associated company.
- 80.2 This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.
- 80.3 In this article:
 - 80.3.1 companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and
 - 80.3.2 a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the Company or an associated company.

81. INSURANCE

- 81.1 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant directors in respect of any relevant loss.
- 81.2 In this article:
 - 81.2.1 a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the Company or an associated Company;
 - 81.2.2 a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant director's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated Company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated Company; and
 - 81.2.3 companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.