

# THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 to 1989 - PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF SYSTEM CYCLE LIMITED

#### Interpretation

In these regulations -

"Table A" means Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985 No 805) as amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985 No 1052)

Unless the context requires otherwise, words or expressions in these regulations have the same meaning as in Table A  $\,$ 

#### Preliminary

1 The regulations in Table A apply to the company except in so far as they are excluded or varied by these articles

## Allotment of shares

- 2 (a) Shares which are part of the authorised share capital with which the company is incorporated shall be under the control of the directors who may (subject to section 80 of the Act and to paragraph (f) below) allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of such shares, to such persons, on such terms and in such manner as they think fit
- (b) All shares which are not comprised in the authorised share capital with which the company is incorporated, and which the directors propose to issue, shall first be offered to the members in proportion (as nearly as they may be) to the number of shares in the company already held by them respectively, unless the general meeting directs otherwise by special resolution. The offer shall be made by notice in writing specifying the number of shares offered, and stating a period (of not less than fourteen days) within which the offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to have been declined. After the expiration of that period, those shares which have been declined, or which are deemed to have been declined, shall be offered to the members who have, within the stated period, accepted all the shares offered to them Such further offer shall be made in like terms, in the same proportions and the same manner, and limited by a like period as the original offer.
- (c) Any shares not accepted in response to such offer (or further offer) as is mentioned in paragraph (b), or which cannot be offered except by dividing shares into fractions, shall be under the control of the directors, who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, on such terms and in such manner as they think fit, provided that they shall not be disposed of on terms which are more favourable than the terms on which they were offered to the members
- (d) Any shares released from the provisions of paragraph (b) by special resolution shall be under the control of the directors, who may (subject to section 80 of the Act and to paragraph (f) below) allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, on such terms and in such manner as they think fit
- (e) In accordance with section 91(1) of the Act, sections 89(1) and 90(1) to (6) (inclusive) of the Act (which impose statutory rights of pre-emption) shall not apply to the company
- (f) The directors are generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of section 80 of the Act to exercise any power of the company to allot and grant rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, shares of the company up to the amount of the authorised share capital with which the company is incorporated at any time or times during the period of five years from the date of incorporation and the directors may, after that period, allot any shares or grant any such rights under this authority in pursuance of an offer or agreement so to do made by the company within that period. The

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authority hereby given may at any time (subject to section 80) be renewed, revoked or varied by Ordinary Resolution of the company in general meeting

#### Transfer of Shares

The directors may, in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register the transfer of a share, whether or not it is a fully paid share, and the first sentence of Article 24 of Table A shall not apply to the company

# **Registration of Share Transfers**

- 3A Notwithstanding anything contained in these articles, whether expressly or impliedly contradictory to the provisions of this Article (to the effect that any provision contained in this Article shall override any provision of these articles)
- 3A 1 The directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares, nor may they suspend registration thereof, where such transfer
  - (a) is to any bank, institution or other person which has been granted a security interest in respect of such shares, or to any nominee of such a bank, institution or other person (or a person acting as agent or security trustee for such person) ("Secured Institution") (and a certificate by any such person or an employee of any such person that a security interest over the shares was so granted and the transfer was so executed shall be conclusive evidence of such facts), or
  - (b) is delivered to the Company for registration by a Secured Institution or its nominee in order to perfect its security over the shares, or
  - (c) is executed by a Secured Institution or its nominee pursuant to a power of sale or other power existing under such security,

and the directors shall forthwith register any such transfer of shares upon receipt and furthermore notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these articles no transferor of any shares in the Company or proposed transferor of such shares to a Secured Institution or its nominee and no Secured Institution or its nominee shall (in either such case) be required to offer the shares which are or are to be the subject of any transfer as aforesaid to the shareholders for the time being of the Company or any of them and no such shareholder shall have any right under the articles or otherwise howsoever to require such shares to be transferred to them whether for any valuable consideration or otherwise

- 3A 2 The directors shall not issue any share certificates (whether by way of replacement or otherwise) without the prior written consent of (or on behalf of) all (if any) Secured Institutions (as defined in Article 3 1A above)
- 3A 3 The lien set out in article 4, shall not apply to shares held by a Secured Institution (as defined in Article 3A 1 above)

Any variation of this Article 3A shall be deemed to be a variation of the rights of each class of share in the capital of the Company

#### Lien on shares

The lien conferred by Article 8 of Table A shall attach also to fully paid shares, and the company shall also have a first and paramount lien on all shares, whether fully paid or not, standing registered in the name of, any person indebted or, under liability to the company (whether that person is the full registered holder of those shares or one of two or more joint holders) for all sums presently payable by him or his estate to the company

## Non-payment of calls

The liability of any member in default in respect of a call shall be increased by the addition at the end of the first sentence of Article 18 of Table A of the words "and all expenses that may have been incurred by the company by reason of such non-payment"

## **Notices of General Meetings**

Every notice convening a general meeting shall comply with the provisions of section 372(3) of the Act as to giving information to members in regard to their right to appoint proxies, and notices of, and other communications relating to, any general meeting which any member is entitled to receive shall be sent to the directors and to the auditors of the company

# **Proceedings of Directors**

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- (a) Any Director or his alternate may validly participate in a meeting of the Directors or a committee of the Directors through the medium of conference telephone or any other form of communications equipment (whether in use when this Article is adopted or developed subsequently) provided that all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other throughout such meeting
- (b) A person so participating by telephone or other communication shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting shall be counted in a quorum and entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no group which is larger than any other group, where the Chairman of the meeting then is
- (c) A resolution passed at any meeting held in the above manner, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board (or committee, as the case may be) duly convened and held."

## Quorum

- 7 (a) If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the start of a general meeting the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the directors may determine, and if at the adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for its start, such adjourned general meeting shall be dissolved
  - (b) Article 41 of Table A shall not apply to the company

#### **Number of Directors**

- 8 (a) Article 64 of Table A shall not apply to the company
- (b) The maximum number and the minimum number of directors may be determined from time to time by Ordinary Resolution in general meeting of the company. Subject to and in default of any such determination, there shall be no maximum number of directors and the minimum number shall be one. Whenever the minimum number of directors is one, a sole director shall have authority to exercise all the powers and discretions vested in the directors generally, and Article 89 of Table A (which relates to the quorum at board meetings) is modified accordingly.

# **Appointment of Directors**

- 9 (a) No person shall be appointed a director at any general meeting unless either -
  - (i) he is recommended by the directors, or

- (ii) not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date appointed for the general meeting, notice signed by a member qualified to vote at the general meeting has been given to the company of the intention to propose that person for appointment, together with notice signed by that person of his willingness to be appointed
- (b) Subject to paragraph (a) above, the company may by Ordinary Resolution in general meeting appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director
- (c) The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number determined in accordance with Article 8 as the maximum number of directors and for the time being in force

#### **Retirement of Directors**

The directors shall not be required to retire by rotation and Articles 73 to 80 (inclusive) of Table A shall not apply to the company

## **Directors' Borrowing Powers**

The directors may exercise all the powers of the company to borrow money without limit as to amount and upon such terms and in such manner as they think fit and, subject (in the case of any security convertible into shares) to section 80 of the Act, to grant any mortgage, charge or standard security over the company's undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock, and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the company or of any third party

## **Alternate Directors**

- 12 (a) An alternate director shall not be entitled as such to receive any remuneration from the company, except that he may be paid by the company such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the company from time to time direct, and the first sentence of Article 66 of Table A shall be modified accordingly
- (b) A director, or any such other person as is mentioned in Article 65 of Table A, may act as an alternate director to represent more than one director, and an alternate director shall be entitled at any meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors to one vote for every director whom he represents in addition to his own vote (if any) as a director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present

# Gratuities and pensions

- 13 (a) The directors may exercise the powers of the company conferred by Clause 3 (c) (ix) of the Memorandum of Association of the company and shall be entitled to retain any benefits received by them or any of them by reason of the exercise of any such powers
  - (b) Article 87 of Table A shall not apply to the company

# **Directors Interests in Transactions**

- 14 (a) At any meeting of the directors (or of any Committee of the directors) a director may vote on any resolution, notwithstanding that it in any way concerns or relates to a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest. If he does vote on any such resolution, his vote shall be counted. Such a director shall be counted as part of the quorum present at the meeting land in relation to such a resolution) whether or not the director votes on the resolution.
  - (b) Articles 94 to 97 (inclusive) of Table A shall not apply to the company

# **Company Seal**

- 15 (a) If the company has a seal it shall be used only with the authority of the directors or of a Committee of directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the Secretary or second director. The obligation under Article 6 of Table A relating to the sealing of share certificates shall apply only if the company has a seal. Article 101 of Table A shall not apply to the company
- (b) The company may exercise the powers conferred by section 39 of the Act with regard to having an official seal for use abroad, and those powers shall be vested in the directors

# Indemnity

- (a) Every director, or other officer or Auditor of the company shall 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 thereto, 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 section 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 be incurred by the company in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto. But this Article shall have effect only in so far as its provisions are not avoided by section 310 of the Act
- (b) The directors may purchase and maintain for any director, officer or auditor of the company, insurance against any such liability as is referred to in section 310(1) of the Act
  - (c) Article 118 of Table A shall not apply to the company