

Company No. 03514660

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

RESOLUTION IN WRITING

of

PHOENIX ASSET MANAGEMENT PARTNERS LIMITED (the "Company")

Sir Peter Anthony Thompson, Gary Andrew Scott Channon and Channon & Co. Limited, being all the members of the Company who at the date of these resolutions are entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company, RESOLVE, in accordance with the articles of association of the Company, to pass the following written resolution:

1. THAT new articles of association, in the form of the annexed draft, be adopted in substitution for the Company's existing articles of association.

SIGNATURE:

SIR PETER ANTHONY THOMPSON

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

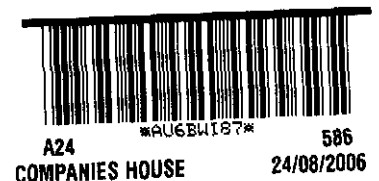
GARY ANDREW SCOTT CHANNON

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GARY ANDREW SCOTT CHANNON FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CHANNON & CO. LIMITED

DATE:



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A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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PHOENIX ASSET MANAGEMENT PARTNERS LIMITED

PRELIMINARY

1. (a) The Regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (S1 1985 No. 805) as amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S1 1985 No. 1052) (such Table being hereinafter called "Table A") shall apply to the Company save in so far as they are excluded or varied hereby and such Regulations (save as so excluded or varied) and the Articles hereinafter contained shall be the regulations of the Company.

(b) In these Articles the expression "the Act" means the Companies Act 1985, but so that any reference in these Articles to any provision of the Act shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.

ALLOTMENT OF SHARES

2. (a) Shares which are comprised in 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 (d) below) allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of the same, 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 may be to the number of the existing shares held by them respectively unless the Company in General Meeting shall by Special Resolution otherwise direct. The offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of shares offered, and limiting a period (not being less than fourteen days) within which the offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to be declined. After the expiration of that period, those shares so deemed to be declined shall be offered to the persons who have, within the said period, accepted all the shares offered to them (each an "Accepting Member") in the proportion that the number of shares held by each Accepting Member bears to the total number of shares held by all the Accepting Members; such further offer shall be made in like terms in the same manner and limited by a like period as the original offer. Any shares not accepted pursuant to such offer or further offer as aforesaid or not capable of being offered as aforesaid except by way of fractions and any shares released from the provisions of this Articles by any such Special Resolution as aforesaid shall be under the control of the Directors, who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of the same to such persons, on such terms, and in such manner as they think fit, provided that, in the case of shares not accepted as aforesaid, such shares shall not be disposed of on terms which are more favourable to the subscribers therefore than the terms on which they

were offered to the Members. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph (b) shall have effect subject to Section 80 of the Act.

(c) In accordance with Section 91(1) of the Act Sections 89(1) and 90(1) to (6) (inclusive) of the Act shall not apply to the Company.

(d) 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 authority hereby given may at any time (subject to the said Section 80) be renewed, revoked or varied by Ordinary Resolution of the Company in General Meeting.

SHARES

3. The lien conferred by Clause 8 in Table A shall attach also to fully paid-up 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 persons indebted or under liability to the Company, whether he shall be the sole registered holder thereof or shall be one of two or more joint holders, for all moneys presently payable by him or his estate to the Company. Clause 8 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

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

GENERAL MEETINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

5. 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 for the time being of the Company.

6. (a) No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum for a general meeting shall be any two members (and for the avoidance of doubt, for these purposes Gary Channon and Channon & Co. Ltd shall each be a member), present in person, by proxy or by a duly authorised representative of a corporation, and holding between them not less than 75% of the issued share capital of the Company.

(b) If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for a General Meeting the General Meeting shall stand 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 therefore such adjourned General Meeting shall be dissolved.

(c) Clause 40 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

- (d) Clause 41 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

7. (a) Clause 64 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

(b) The maximum number and minimum number respectively of the 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 of Directors shall be one. Whenever the minimum number of Directors shall be one, a sole Director shall have authority to exercise all the powers and discretions by Table A and by these Articles expressed to be vested in the Directors generally, and Clause 89 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

(c) The Directors shall not be required to retire by rotation and Clauses 73 to 80 (inclusive) in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

- (d) 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.

(e) Subject to paragraph (d) 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.

(f) 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 paragraph (b) above as the maximum number of Directors and for the time being in force.

BORROWING POWERS

8. 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 its 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

9. (a) An alternate Director shall not be entitled as such to receive any remuneration from the Company, save 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 Clause 66 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

(b) A Director, or any such other person as is mentioned in Clause 65 in 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

10. (a) The Directors may exercise the powers of the Company conferred by Clause 3(t) 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) Clause 87 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

11. (a) A Director may vote, at any meeting of the Directors or of any committee of the Directors, on any resolution, notwithstanding that in any way concerns or relates to a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest whatsoever, and if he shall vote on any such resolution as aforesaid his vote shall be counted; and in relation to any such resolution as aforesaid he shall (whether or not he shall vote on the same) be taken into account in calculating the quorum present at the meeting.

(b) Clauses 94 to 97 (inclusive) in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

THE SEAL

12. (a) If the Company has a seal it shall only be used 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 Clause 6 of Table A relating to the sealing of share certificates shall apply only if the Company has a seal. Clause 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 such powers shall be vested in the Directors.

INDEMNITY

13. (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 or be incurred by the Company in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto. But this Article shall only have effect in so far as its provisions are not avoided by Section 310 of the Act.

(b) The Directors shall have power to 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 from and after the bringing in to force of Section 137 of the Companies Act 1989.

(c) Clause 118 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

14. (a) Any Person (hereinafter called "the proposing transferor") proposing to transfer any shares shall give notice in writing (hereinafter called "the transfer notice") to the Company that he desires to transfer the same and specifying the price per share which in his opinion constitutes the transfer price. The transfer price per share shall be calculated using as the basis for the calculation a price earnings multiple of 10, using average earnings per share as shown in the Company's audited accounts for the previous 3 financial years. The transfer notice shall constitute the appointment of the Company as agent of the proposing transferor for the sale of all (but not some of) the shares comprised in the transfer notice to any Member or Members willing to purchase the same (hereinafter called "the purchasing Member") at the transfer price. A transfer notice shall not be revocable except with the sanction of the Directors.

(b) The shares comprised in any transfer notice shall be offered to the Members (other than the proposing transferor) as nearly as may be in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively. Such offer shall be made by notice in writing (hereinafter called "the offer notice") within seven days after the receipt by the Company of the transfer notice. The offer notice shall state the transfer price per share and shall limit the time in which the offer may be accepted to a date not being less than twenty-one days, nor more than forty-two days after the date of the offer notice. For the purpose of this Article an offer shall be deemed to be accepted on the day on which the acceptance is received by the Company. The offer notice shall further invite each Member to state in his reply the number of additional shares (if any) in excess of his proportion which he desires to purchase and if all the Members do not accept the offer in respect of their respective proportions in full the shares not so accepted shall be used to satisfy the claims for additional shares as nearly as may be in proportion to the number of shares already held by them respectively, provided that no Member shall be obliged to take more shares than he shall have applied for. If any shares shall not be capable without fractions of being offered to the Members in proportion to their existing holdings, the same shall be offered to the Members, or some of them, in such proportions or in such manner as may be determined by lots drawn in regard thereto, and the lots shall be drawn in such manner as the Directors may think fit.

(c) If purchasing Members shall be found for all the shares comprised in the transfer notice within the appropriate period specified in paragraph (b) above, the Company shall not later than seven days after the expiry of such appropriate period give notice in writing (hereinafter called "the sale notice") to the proposing transferor specifying the purchasing Members and the proposing transferor shall be bound upon payment of the price due in respect of all the shares comprised in the transfer notice to transfer the shares to the purchasing Members.

(d) If in any case the proposing transferor after having become bound as aforesaid makes default in transferring any shares the Company may receive the purchase money on his behalf, and may authorise some person to execute a transfer of such shares in favour of the

purchasing Member. The receipt of the Company for the purchase money shall be a good discharge to the purchasing Members. The Company shall pay the purchase money into a separate bank account.

(e) If the Company shall not give a sale notice to the proposing transferor within the time specified in paragraph (d) above, he shall, during the period of thirty days next following the expiry of the time so specified, be at liberty to transfer all or any of the shares comprised in the transfer notice to any person or persons but in that event the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, and without assigning any reason therefore, decline to register any such transfer and Clause 24 in Table A shall, for these purposes, be modified accordingly.

(f) In the application of Clauses 29 to 31 (inclusive) in Table A to the Company:-

(i) Regulation 29 in Table A shall be modified such that the provisions contained within the regulation are subject to any agreement in writing between the Members of the Company;

(ii) any person (the "personal representative") becoming entitled to share(s) (the "compulsory share(s)") in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member must inform the Company of the death or bankruptcy and may elect to provide notice to the Company of his intention to sell all (but not some) of the compulsory share(s) (a "transfer notice") before registering himself or his nominee in respect of the compulsory shares, and clause 30 of Table A shall be modified accordingly;

(iii) if a personal representative shall not have given a transfer notice in respect of any share within six months of the death or bankruptcy, the Directors may at any time thereafter upon resolution passed by them give notice requiring such person within thirty days of such notice to give a transfer notice in respect of all the compulsory shares and for which he has not previously given a transfer notice and if he does not do so he shall at the end of such thirty days be deemed to have given a transfer notice relating to those shares in respect of which he has still not done so.

(g) Whenever any Member of the Company who is employed by the Company in any capacity (whether or not he is also a Director) ceases to be employed by the Company otherwise than by reason of his death the Directors may at any time not later than six months after his ceasing to be employed resolve that such Member do retire, and thereupon he shall (unless he has already served a transfer notice) be deemed to have served a transfer notice pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Article. Notice of the passing of any such resolution shall forthwith be given to the Member affected thereby.

CASTING VOTE

15. The Chairman shall not, in the event of an equality of votes at any General Meeting of the Company, or at any meeting of the Directors or of a Committee of Directors, have a second or casting vote. Clause 50 in Table A shall not apply to the Company, and Clauses 88 and 72 in Table A shall be modified accordingly.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

16. (a) The Directors may at any time and from time to time appoint any employee of the company to the position of Associate Director.

(b) An Associate Director shall advise and assist the Directors but shall not attend board Meetings except at the invitation of the Directors, and when present at the Board Meetings he shall not be entitled to vote, nor be counted in the quorum, but subject as aforesaid he shall as Associate Director have such powers, authorities and duties as the Directors may in the particular case from time to time determine.

(c) An Associate Director shall not be deemed a member of the Board, nor any committee thereof, nor shall he be a Director for any of the purposes of these Articles of Association or (so far as provision may lawfully be made in this behalf) for any of the purposes of the Companies Act, 1985.

(d) Without prejudice to any rights or claims the Associate Director may have under any contract with the Company, any appointment as an Associate Director may be terminated by the Directors at any time and shall ipso facto terminate if the Associate Director shall from any cause to be an employee of the Company.

(e) An Associate Director may receive such remuneration (if any) in addition to the remuneration received as an employee of the Company as the Directors shall from time to time determine.

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Dated this 13th day of February 1998.

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