

No. 4061664

The Companies Act 1985
Company Limited by Shares



Special Resolutions
of
BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held at One Silk Street, London EC2Y 8HQ on *1 February* 2001 the following Resolutions were duly passed as Special Resolutions:

Special Resolutions

- 1 **THAT** the regulations contained in the print of the Articles of Association, for the purpose of identification signed on behalf of the Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the Company, be and are hereby approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association.
- 2 **THAT** the Memorandum of Association of the Company with respect to its objects be altered by deleting sub-clause 4.1 thereof and by substituting therefor sub-clause 4.1 contained in the print of the Memorandum of Association which, for the purpose of identification, is signed on behalf of the Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the Company.


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The Companies Act 1985



COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC

(Adopted by
Resolution passed on 1 February 2001)


FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
HACKWOOD SECRETARIES LIMITED

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
HACKWOOD DIRECTORS LIMITED

1 Preliminary

The regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 in force at the time of adoption of these Articles such Table being hereinafter called "Table A") shall apply to the Company save in so far as they are excluded or varied by these Articles and such regulations (save as so excluded or varied) and these Articles shall be the regulations of the Company.

2 Interpretation

In these Articles and in Table A the following expressions have the following meanings unless inconsistent with the context:

"the Act"	the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
"these Articles"	these Articles of Association, whether as originally adopted or as from time to time altered by special resolution.
"clear days"	in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.
"the directors"	the directors for the time being of the Company or (as the context shall require) any of them acting as the board of directors of the Company.
"executed"	includes any mode of execution.
"the holder"	in relation to shares means the member whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares.
"office"	the registered office of the Company.
"seal"	the common seal of the Company (if any).

"secretary"	the secretary of the Company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary.
"share"	includes any interest in a share.
"the United Kingdom"	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles and in Table A bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the Company. Regulation 1 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

3 Share Capital

- 3.1** The authorised share capital of the Company at the time of adoption of these Articles is £50,000 divided into 50,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each.
- 3.2** No shares comprised in the authorised share capital of the Company from time to time shall be issued without the consent in writing of the holder or holders (in aggregate) of a majority of the voting rights in the Company (within the meaning of section 736A(2) of the Act) nor shall any share be issued at a discount or otherwise be issued in breach of the provisions of these Articles or of the Act.

4 Lien

The Company shall 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 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. Regulation 8 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

5 Calls on shares and forfeiture

There shall be added at the end of the first sentence of Regulation 18 of Table A, so as to increase the liability of any member in default in respect of a call, the words "and all expenses that may have been incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment".

6 Transfer of shares

The first sentence in Regulation 24 of Table A shall not apply to the Company. The words "They may also" at the beginning of the second sentence of that regulation shall be replaced by the words "The directors may".

7 Notice of general meetings

- 7.1** A notice convening a general meeting shall be required to specify the general nature of the business to be transacted only in the case of special business and Regulation 38 of Table A shall be modified accordingly. The words "or a resolution appointing a person as a director" and paragraphs (a) and (b) in Regulation 38 of Table A shall be

deleted and the words "in accordance with section 369(3) of the Act" shall be inserted after the words "if it is so agreed" in that regulation.

- 7.2** All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting, and also all that is transacted at an annual general meeting with the exception of declaring a dividend, the consideration of the profit and loss account, balance sheet, and the reports of the directors and auditors, the appointment of and the fixing of the remuneration of the auditors and the giving or renewal of any authority in accordance with the provisions of section 80 of the Act.
- 7.3** 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.

8 Proceedings at general meetings

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 therefor the member or members present in person or by proxy or (being a body corporate) by representative and entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted shall constitute a quorum and shall have power to decide upon all matters which could properly have been disposed of at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Regulation 41 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

9 Votes of members

- 9.1** Regulation 54 of Table A shall not apply to the Company. Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, on a show of hands every member entitled to vote who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy (not being himself a member entitled to vote) or (being a corporate body) is present by a representative or proxy (not being himself a member entitled to vote) shall have one vote and, on a poll, every member shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder.
- 9.2** The words "be entitled to" shall be inserted between the words "shall" and "vote" in Regulation 57 of Table A.
- 9.3** A member shall not be entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion and accordingly the final sentence of Regulation 59 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

10 Number of directors

- 10.1** Regulation 64 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 10.2** The maximum number respectively of the directors may be determined from time to time by ordinary resolution. 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 two.

11 Alternate directors

- 11.1** An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the directors and of all meetings of committees of the directors of which his appointor is a member (subject to his giving to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served on him), to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointor at such meeting as a director in his absence. 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. Regulation 66 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 11.2** A director, or any such other person as is mentioned in Regulation 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 and the final sentence of Regulation 88 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 11.3** Save as otherwise provided in the regulations of the Company, an alternate director shall be deemed for the purposes specified in Article 11.1 to be a director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him. Regulation 69 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

12 Appointment and retirement of directors

- 12.1** The directors shall not be required to retire by rotation and Regulations 73 to 80 (inclusive) of Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 12.2** A member or members holding a majority of the voting rights in the Company (within the meaning of section 736A(2) of the Act) shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a director, either as an additional director (provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number determined in accordance with Article 10.2 as the maximum number of directors for the time being in force) or to fill a vacancy and to remove from office any director howsoever appointed. Any such appointment or removal shall be made by notice in writing to the Company signed by the member or members making the same or, in the case of a member being a corporate body, signed by one of its directors or duly authorised officers or by its duly authorised attorney and shall take effect upon lodgement of such notice at the office.
- 12.3** The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director.

- 12.4 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 10.2 as the maximum number of directors for the time being in force.

13 Disqualification and removal of directors

The office of a director shall be vacated if:

- 13.1 he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or these Articles or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or
- 13.2 he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
- 13.3 he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
- 13.3.1 he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960; or
 - 13.3.2 an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, *curator bonis* or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or
- 13.4 he resigns his office by notice to the Company; or
- 13.5 he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of the directors held during that period and the directors resolve that his office be vacated; or
- 13.6 he is removed from office as a director pursuant to Article 12.2;
- and Regulation 81 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

14 Directors' Gratuities and pensions

Regulation 87 of Table A shall not apply to the Company and the directors may exercise any powers of the Company conferred by its Memorandum of Association to give and provide pensions, annuities, gratuities or any other benefits whatsoever to or for past or present directors or employees (or their dependants) of the Company or any subsidiary or associated undertaking (as defined in section 27(3) of the Companies Act 1989) of the Company and the directors shall be entitled to retain any benefits received by them or any of them by reason of the exercise of any such powers.

15 Proceedings of directors

- 15.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office:
- 15.1.1 may be a party to or otherwise interested in any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;

- 15.1.2 may be a director or other officer of or employed by or be a party to any transaction or arrangement with or otherwise interested in any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;
- 15.1.3 may or any firm or company of which he is a member or director may act in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
- 15.1.4 shall not by reason of his office be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from such office, service or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit; and
- 15.1.5 shall be entitled to vote on any resolution and (whether or not he shall vote) be counted in the quorum on any matter referred to in any of Articles 15.1.1 to 15.1.4 (inclusive) or on any resolution which 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 resolution as aforesaid his vote shall be counted.

15.2 For the purposes of Article 15.1:

- 15.2.1 a general notice to the directors that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified;
- 15.2.2 an interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his; and
- 15.2.3 an interest of a person who is for any purpose of the Act (excluding any statutory modification not in force when these Articles were adopted) connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director and in relation to an alternate director an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate director has otherwise.

15.3 Any director (including an alternate director) may participate in a meeting of the directors or a committee of the directors of which he is a member by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and participation in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting and, subject to these Articles and the Act, he shall be entitled to vote and be counted in a quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.

15.4 Regulation 88 of Table A shall be amended by substituting for the sentence:

"It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a director who is absent from the United Kingdom"

the following sentence:

"Notice of every meeting of the directors shall be given to each director and his alternate, including directors and alternate directors who may for the time being be absent from the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland and have given the Company an address within the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland for service".

15.5 Regulations 94 to 97 (inclusive) of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

16 The seal

If the Company has a seal it shall be used only with the authority of the directors or of a committee of the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined, every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by one director and by the secretary or another director. The obligation under Regulation 6 of Table A relating to the sealing of share certificates shall only apply if the Company has a seal. Regulation 101 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

17 Notices

17.1 In Regulation 112 of Table A, the words "by fax or email to a fax number or email address supplied by the member for such purpose or" shall be inserted immediately after the words "or by sending it" and the words "first class" shall be inserted immediately before the words "post in a prepaid envelope".

17.2 Where a notice is sent by first class post, proof of the notice having been posted in a properly addressed, prepaid envelope shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given and shall be deemed to have been given at the expiration of 24 hours after the envelope containing the same is posted. Where a notice is sent by fax receipt of confirmation shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given and the notice shall be deemed to have been given at the time of transmission. Regulation 115 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

17.3 If at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom the Company is unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, a general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised in at least one national daily newspaper and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto at noon on the day when the advertisement appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post if at least seven days prior to the meeting the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom again becomes practicable.

18 Winding up

In Regulation 117 of Table A, the words "with the like sanction" shall be inserted immediately before the words "determine how the division".

19 Indemnity


- 19.1** Subject to the provisions of section 310 of the Act every director (including an alternate director) or other officer 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 lawful 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 (including an alternate 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 lawful execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto. Regulation 118 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 19.2** The directors shall have power to purchase and maintain at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any director (including an alternate director), officer or auditor of the Company insurance against any such liability as is referred to in section 310(1) of the Act and subject to the provisions of the Act against any other liability which may attach to him or loss or expenditure which he may incur in relation to anything done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done as a director (including an alternate director), officer or auditor.
- 19.3** The directors may authorise directors of companies within the same group of companies as the Company to purchase and maintain insurance at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any director (including an alternate director), other officer or auditor of such company in respect of such liability, loss or expenditure as is referred to in Article 19.2.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
COMPANIES LIMITED BY SHARES

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

OF

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC


FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
HACKWOOD DIRECTORS LIMITED


FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
HACKWOOD SECRETARIES LIMITED

- 1 The Company's name is BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC.
- 2 The Company is to be a public company.
- 3 The Company's registered office is to be situate in England and Wales.
- 4 The Company's objects are:-
 - 4.1 ¹To carry on the business of a finance, investment and investment holding company in all its branches; and to borrow or raise money, and to secure the payment thereof by bond and disposition in security, including but not limited to, by the issue of shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, notes, obligations or securities by original subscription, contract, tender, purchase or exchange or otherwise, or in any other way, and to burden, mortgage or pledge all or any of the undertakings, properties or assets (present and future) of the Company, including its uncalled capital; and to assume, guarantee, support or secure all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company in respect of any obligations of the Company or of any firm, person or company; and to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable or transferable documents; and to acquire by purchase, subscription, lease, concession, grant, licence or otherwise such businesses, companies, firms, options, rights, privileges, lands, buildings, leases, underleases, stocks, shares, debentures, debenture stock, warrants, notes, loans, currencies, bonds, syndicates or interests in syndicates, obligations, securities, reversionary interest, annuities, policies of assurance and other property and rights and interests in property as the Company shall deem fit and generally to hold, manage, administer, control, co-ordinate, develop, lease, sell or dispose of the same, whether directly or indirectly controlled by the Company, and to vary any of the investments of the Company, to act as trustees of any deeds constituting or securing any debentures, debenture stock or other securities or obligations; to construct, reconstruct, alter, improve, decorate, furnish and maintain offices, houses, flats, apartments, service suites, hotels, shops, factories, warehouses, buildings, garages, works and conveniences of all kinds, to consolidate or connect or subdivide properties and to lease or otherwise dispose of the same, and to advance money to and enter into contracts with builders, tenants and others and generally to finance buildings operations of every description; and to manage any land, buildings or other property as aforesaid, whether belonging to the Company or not, and to collect rents and income, to undertake and provide management, administration and consultancy services of all kinds and to enter into, assist or participate in financial, commercial, mercantile, industrial and other transactions, undertakings and business of every description, and to establish, carry on, develop and extend the same or sell, dispose of or otherwise turn the

¹ Clause 4.1 altered by Special Resolution passed on 1 February 2001.

same to account and to co-ordinate the policy and administration of any companies in which this Company is a member or which are in any manner controlled by, or connected with this Company.

- 4.2 To carry on any other business or activity of any nature whatsoever which may seem to the Directors to be capable of being conveniently or advantageously carried on in connection or conjunction with any business of the Company hereinbefore or hereinafter authorised or to be expedient with a view directly or indirectly to enhancing the value of or to rendering profitable or more profitable any of the Company's assets or utilising its skills, know-how or expertise.
- 4.3 To subscribe, underwrite, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to hold, dispose of, and deal with, any shares or other securities or investments of any nature whatsoever, and any options or rights in respect thereof or interests therein, and to buy and sell foreign exchange.
- 4.4 To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute, and issue, and to buy, sell and deal with bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable or transferable instruments or securities.
- 4.5 To purchase, or otherwise acquire for any estate or interest, any property (real or personal) or assets or any concessions, licences, grants, patents, trade marks, copyrights or other exclusive or non-exclusive rights of any kind and to hold, develop and turn to account and deal with the same in such manner as may be thought fit and to make experiments and tests and to carry on all kinds of research work.
- 4.6 To build, construct, alter, remove, replace, equip, execute, carry out, improve, work, develop, administer, maintain, manage or control buildings, structures or facilities of all kinds, whether for the purposes of the Company or for sale, letting or hire to or in return for any consideration from any company, firm or person, and to contribute to or assist in or carry out any part of any such operation.
- 4.7 To amalgamate or enter into partnership or any joint venture or profit/loss-sharing arrangement or other association with any company, firm, person or body.
- 4.8 To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any company, firm, person or body carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on or possessed of any property suitable for the purposes of the Company.
- 4.9 To promote, or join in the promotion of, any company, whether or not having objects similar to those of the Company.
- 4.10 To borrow and raise money and to secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on the Company in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by mortgage and charges upon all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and the uncalled capital of the Company, or by the creation and issue of debentures, debenture stock or other securities of any description.
- 4.11 To advance, lend or deposit money or give credit to or with any company, firm or person on such terms as may be thought fit and with or without security.
- 4.12 To guarantee or give indemnities or provide security, whether by personal covenant or by mortgage or charge upon all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and the uncalled capital of the Company, or by all or any such methods, for the performance of any contracts or obligations, and the payment of capital or principal (together with any premium) and dividends or interest on any shares, debentures or other securities, of any person, firm or company including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) any

company which is for the time being a holding company of the Company or another subsidiary of any such holding company or is associated with the Company in business.

- 4.13** To issue any securities which the Company has power to issue for any other purpose by way of security or indemnity or in satisfaction of any liability undertaken or agreed to be undertaken by the Company.
- 4.14** To sell, lease, grant licences, easements and other rights over, and in any other manner deal with or dispose of, the undertaking, property, assets, rights and effects of the Company or any part thereof for such consideration as may be thought fit, and in particular for shares or other securities, whether fully or partly paid up.
- 4.15** To procure the registration, recognition or incorporation of the Company in or under the laws of any territory outside England.
- 4.16** To subscribe or guarantee money for any national, charitable, benevolent, public, general or useful object or for any purpose which may be considered likely directly or indirectly to further the interests of the Company or of its members.
- 4.17** To establish and maintain or contribute to any pension or superannuation funds for the benefit of, and to give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to, any individuals who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company or of any company which is its holding company or is a subsidiary of the Company or any such holding company or otherwise is allied to or associated with the Company or any of the predecessors of the Company or any other such company as aforesaid, or who are or were at any time directors or officers of the Company or of any such other company, and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such individuals; to establish and subsidise or subscribe to any institutions, associations, clubs or funds which may be considered likely to benefit any such persons or to further the interests of the Company or of any such other company; and to make payments for or towards the insurance of any such persons.
- 4.18** To establish and maintain, and to contribute to, any scheme for encouraging or facilitating the holding of shares or debentures in the Company by or for the benefit of its employees or former employees, or those of its subsidiary or holding company or subsidiary of its holding company, or by or for the benefit of such other persons as may for the time being be permitted by law, or any scheme for sharing profits with its employees or those of its subsidiary and/or associated companies, and (so far as for the time being permitted by law) to lend money to employees of the Company or of any company which is its holding company or is a subsidiary of the Company or any such holding company or otherwise is allied to or associated with the Company with a view to enabling them to acquire shares in the Company or its holding company.
- 4.19**
 - 4.19.1** To purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time directors, officers or employees or auditors of the Company, or of any other company which is its holding company or in which the Company or such holding company or any of the predecessors of the Company or of such holding company has any interest whether direct or indirect or which is in any way allied to or associated with the Company, or of any subsidiary undertaking of the Company or of any such other company, or who are or were at any time trustees of any pension fund in which any employees of the Company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking are interested, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the

actual or purported execution and/or discharge of their duties and/or in the exercise or purported exercise of their powers and/or otherwise in relation to the Company or any such other company, subsidiary undertaking or pension fund and

4.19.2 to such extent as may be permitted by law otherwise to indemnify or to exempt any such person against or from any such liability; for the purposes of this clause "holding company" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the same meanings as in the Companies Act 1985 as amended by the Companies Act 1989.

4.20 To distribute among members of the Company in specie or otherwise, by way of dividend or bonus or by way of reduction of capital, all or any of the property or assets of the Company, or any proceeds of sale or other disposal of any property or assets of the Company, with and subject to any incident authorised, and consent required, by law.

4.21 To do all or any of the things and matters aforesaid in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents, subsidiary companies or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others.

4.22 To do all such other things as may be considered to be incidental or conducive to any of the above objects.

And it is hereby declared that the objects of the Company as specified in each of the foregoing paragraphs of this Clause (except only if and so far as otherwise expressly provided in any paragraph) shall be separate and distinct objects of the Company and shall not be in any way limited by reference to any other paragraph or the order in which the same occur or the name of the Company.

5 The liability of the members is limited.

6 The Company's share capital is £50,000 divided into 50,000 shares of £1 each.

We, the Subscribers to this Memorandum of Association wish to be formed into a Company pursuant to this Memorandum; and we agree to take the number of Shares shown opposite our respective names.

Names and Addresses of Subscribers		Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber
1	Hackwood Directors Limited One Silk Street London EC2Y 8HQ M A Jackson _____ For and on behalf of Hackwood Directors Limited	One
2	Hackwood Secretaries Limited One Silk Street London EC2Y 8HQ M A Jackson _____ For and on behalf of Hackwood Secretaries Limited	One
Total Shares Taken:		

DATED: 23 August 2000

Witness to the above Signatures:-

A M Browning
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London
EC2Y 8HQ

**THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT (FINANCE) PLC

PRELIMINARY

- 1** The regulations contained in Table A in The Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (as amended so as to affect companies first registered on the date of incorporation of the Company) shall, except as hereinafter provided and so far as not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles, apply to the Company to the exclusion of all other regulations or Articles of Association. References herein to regulations are to regulations in the said Table A unless otherwise stated.

SHARE CAPITAL

- 2** The share capital of the Company is £50,000 divided into 50,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

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- 3.1** Subject to Section 80 of the Act, all unissued shares shall be at the disposal of the Directors and they may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, and on such terms as they think proper.

3.2

3.2.1 Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 80 of the Act the Directors shall be generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise during the period of five years from the date of incorporation of the Company all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £50,000;

3.2.2 by such authority the Directors may make offers or agreements which would or might require the allotment of relevant securities after the expiry of such period.

- 3.3** Any allotment made pursuant to clause 3.2 of these Articles may be made as if Section 89(1) of the Act did not apply.

- 3.4** Words and expressions defined in or for the purposes of the said Section 80 or the said Section 89 shall bear the same meanings in this Article.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 4** In the case of a corporation a resolution in writing may be signed on its behalf by a Director or the Secretary thereof or by its duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative. Regulation 53 shall be extended accordingly. Regulation 53 (as so extended) shall apply mutatis mutandis to resolutions in writing of any class of members of the Company.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

- 5 An instrument appointing a proxy (and, where it is signed on behalf of the appointor by an attorney, the letter or power of attorney or a duly certified copy thereof) must either be delivered at such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified, at the registered office) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) for the taking of the poll at which it is to be used or be delivered to the Secretary (or the chairman of the meeting) on the day and at the place of, but in any event before the time appointed for holding, the meeting or adjourned meeting or poll. The instrument may be in the form of a facsimile or other machine made copy and shall, unless the contrary is stated thereon, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates. An instrument of proxy relating to more than one meeting (including any adjournment thereof) having once been so delivered for the purposes of any meeting shall not require again to be delivered for the purposes of any subsequent meeting to which it relates. Regulation 62 shall not apply.

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

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- 6.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) may by notice in writing to the Company appoint any other director, or any other person who is willing to act, to be an alternate director and remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him. Regulation 65 of Table A shall not apply.
- 6.2 An alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notices of meetings of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors of which his appointor is a member and shall be entitled to attend and vote as a Director and be counted in the quorum at any such meeting at which his appointor is not personally present and generally at such meeting to perform all functions of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he were a Director. If he shall be himself a Director or shall attend any such meeting as an alternate for more than one Director, his voting rights shall be cumulative but he shall not be counted more than once for the purposes of the quorum. If his appointor is for the time being absent from the United Kingdom or temporarily unable to act through ill health or disability his signature to any resolution in writing of the Directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor. An alternate Director shall not (save as aforesaid) have power to act as a Director, nor shall he be deemed to be a Director for the purposes of these Articles, nor shall he be deemed to be the agent of his appointor. Regulations 66 and 69 shall not apply.
- 6.3 An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent mutatis mutandis as if he were a Director but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company in respect of his appointment as alternate Director any remuneration except only 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.

DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

- 7 In addition to the powers to delegate contained in Regulation 72, the Directors may delegate any of their powers or discretions (including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing

all powers and discretions whose exercise involves or may involve the payment of remuneration to or the conferring of any other benefit on all or any of the Directors) to committees consisting of one or more Directors and (if thought fit) one or more other named persons or persons to be co-opted as hereinafter provided. Insofar as any such power or discretion is delegated to a committee, any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the Directors of the power or discretion so delegated shall be read and construed as if it were a reference to the exercise thereof by such committee. Any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations which may from time to time be imposed by the Directors. Any such regulations may provide for or authorise the co-option to the committee of persons other than Directors and may provide for members who are not Directors to have voting rights as members of the committee but so that (a) the number of members who are not Directors shall be less than one-half of the total number of members of the committee and (b) no resolution of the committee shall be effective unless passed by a majority including at least one member of the committee who is a Director. Regulation 72 shall be modified accordingly.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 8 The Directors shall not be subject to retirement by rotation. Regulations 73 to 75 and the second and third sentences of Regulation 79 shall not apply, and other references in the said Table A to retirement by rotation shall be disregarded.

DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 9 The office of a Director shall be vacated in any of the events specified in Regulation 81 and also if he shall in writing offer to resign and the Directors shall resolve to accept such offer or if he shall be removed from office by notice in writing signed by all his co-Directors (being at least two in number) but so that if he holds an appointment to an executive office which thereby automatically determines such removal shall be deemed an act of the Company and shall have effect without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.
- 10 Any provision of the Act which, subject to the provisions of the articles, would have the effect of rendering any person ineligible for appointment or election as a Director or liable to vacate office as a Director on account of his having reached any specified age or of requiring special notice or any other special formality in connection with the appointment or election of any Director over a specified age, shall not apply to the Company.

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

- 11 Any Director who serves on any committee, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director, may be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, commission or otherwise or may receive such other benefits as the Directors may determine. Regulation 82 shall be extended accordingly.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 12 On any matter in which a Director is in any way interested he may nevertheless vote and be taken into account for the purposes of a quorum and (save as otherwise agreed) may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all profits and advantages directly or indirectly accruing to him thereunder or in consequence thereof. Regulations 94 to 98 shall not apply.

INDEMNITY

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- 13.1** Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be consistent with the Statutes, every Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company shall be indemnified by the Company out of its own funds against and/or exempted by the Company from all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties and/or the exercise or purported exercise of his powers and/or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as an officer or employee of the Company and in which judgment is given in his favour (or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part) or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under any statute for relief from liability in respect of any such act or omission in which relief is granted to him by the Court.
- 13.2** Without prejudice to paragraph 13.1 of this Article the Directors shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time Directors, officers or employees of any Relevant Company (as defined in paragraph 13.3 of this Article) or who are or were at any time trustees of any pension fund or employees' share scheme in which employees of any Relevant Company are interested, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of their duties and/or in the exercise or purported exercise of their powers and/or otherwise in relation to their duties, powers or offices in relation to any Relevant Company, or any such pension fund or employees' share scheme.
- 13.3** For the purpose of paragraph 13.2 of this Article "Relevant Company" shall mean the Company, any holding company of the Company or any other body, whether or not incorporated, in which the Company or such holding company or any of the predecessors of the Company or of such holding company has or had any interest whether direct or indirect or which is in any way allied to or associated with the Company, or any subsidiary undertaking of the Company or of such other body.

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