



**Registration of a Charge**

Company name: **METROLOGY SOFTWARE PRODUCTS LIMITED**

Company number: **04468819**



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Received for Electronic Filing: **25/09/2019**

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**Details of Charge**

Date of creation: **20/09/2019**

Charge code: **0446 8819 0001**

Persons entitled: **HSBC UK BANK PLC**

Brief description: **ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE COMPANY IN OR TO ANY FREEHOLD (INCLUDING COMMONHOLD) AND LEASEHOLD LAND VESTED IN THE COMPANY AT THE DATE OF THE DEBENTURE TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS, FIXTURES, FITTINGS AND FIXED PLANT AND MACHINERY ON IT AT THE DATE OF THE DEBENTURE OR AT ANY TIME AFTERWARDS. ALL PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, SERVICE MARKS, DESIGNS, UTILITY MODELS, COPYRIGHTS, DESIGN RIGHTS, APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF ANY OF THEM AND THE RIGHT TO APPLY FOR THEM IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, AS SET OUT IN THE DEBENTURE.**

**Contains fixed charge(s).**

**Contains floating charge(s) (floating charge covers all the property or undertaking of the company).**

**Contains negative pledge.**

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**Authentication of Form**

This form was authorised by: **a person with an interest in the registration of the charge.**

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## Authentication of Instrument

Certification statement: **I CERTIFY THAT SAVE FOR MATERIAL REDACTED PURSUANT TO S.859G OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006 THE ELECTRONIC COPY INSTRUMENT DELIVERED AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT.**

Certified by: **NICOLA NUTLEY**



## **CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARGE**

Company number: 4468819

Charge code: 0446 8819 0001

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that a charge dated 20th September 2019 and created by METROLOGY SOFTWARE PRODUCTS LIMITED was delivered pursuant to Chapter A1 Part 25 of the Companies Act 2006 on 25th September 2019 .

Given at Companies House, Cardiff on 26th September 2019

The above information was communicated by electronic means and authenticated by the Registrar of Companies under section 1115 of the Companies Act 2006



**Companies House**



THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

Dated 20 September 2019

Metrology Software Products Limited

to

**HSBC UK Bank plc**

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**Debenture**

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Certified a true and correct copy  
of the original document  
Signed.....*Nicola Ntley*.....  
Printed.....*Nicola Ntley*.....

Muckle LLP  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
Date.....*24/9/19*.....

Form of charge filed at the Land Registry under reference MD1537A

Bank reference: SC4741191893

This Debenture by way of deed made the

20 September 2019

Between (1) Metrology Software Products Limited Number 04468819 (the "Company") and

(2) HSBC UK BANK plc ("the Bank") (registered in England number 09928412) whose address for service for entry on the register is: Securities Processing Centre, P O Box 6304, Coventry CV3 9JY

WITNESSES as follows

#### Debenture as security for the Debt

1. This Debenture shall be security for the payment and discharge of the Debt mentioned in Clause 2 below.
2. The Debt is all money and liabilities whatever, whenever and however incurred whether now or in the future due, or becoming due, from the Company to the Bank ("the Debt")

This includes, but is not limited to:-

- (a) overdrafts, loans or other facilities and further advances of money;
- (b) guarantees and indemnities to the Bank and any of the Company's other contingent liabilities;
- (c) discount, commission and other lawful charges and expenses;
- (d) interest in accordance with any agreement between the Company and the Bank and, if there is no agreement, interest on any money and liabilities due from the Company at an annual rate of 3% above the Bank of England base rate from time to time computed and compounded monthly and/or according to the Bank's then current practice. Interest as above applies before and after any demand or judgment;
- (e) money agreed to be paid by the Company under Clause 24 below.

#### The Agreement to pay the Debt

3. The Company agrees to pay and discharge the Debt when the same is due to be paid and discharged. It acknowledges and agrees that the Debt shall, in the absence of express written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be due and payable to the Bank upon demand.

#### Security given over the Company's Assets

4. The Company, with full title guarantee, and as continuing security for the payment and discharge of the Debt, charges:-
  - (a) By way of legal mortgage, all freehold (including commonhold) and leasehold land now vested in the Company together with all buildings fixtures, fittings and fixed plant and machinery now or at any time afterwards on it. This includes (without limitation) the land described or referred to in Part I of the Schedule below.
  - (b) By way of first fixed charge (except as already charged above):-
    - (i) All the present and future right, title and interest of the Company in or to any freehold (including commonhold) or leasehold land or other immovable property wherever situated and all fixtures, fittings and fixed plant and machinery now or at any time afterwards on it.
    - (ii) All chattels now or at any time afterwards belonging to the Company. This excludes any of them for the time being forming part of the stock in trade or work-in-progress of the Company.

- (iii) The benefit of all rights, licences, guarantees, rent deposits, contracts, deeds, undertakings and warranties relating to any land or other property mentioned above and/or to any trade or business from time to time carried on by the Company.
- (iv) All book debts and other debts and monetary claims and any rents, licence fees or other payments due from any lessee, licensee or occupier of any immoveable property (wherever) situated now or at any time afterwards due owing or incurred to the Company. In addition, the full benefit of all guarantees and securities for them and all liens, reservations of title and other rights enabling the Company to enforce any such debts or claims (all of the above collectively called the "debts"). This excludes any debts and claims (if any) which the Bank may from time to time have agreed in writing with the Company as being excluded from this fixed charge and also such debts and claims as are charged in accordance with paragraph (v) below.
- (v) Any credit balance on any account of the Company with the Bank now or in the future.
- (vi) Any credit balance on any account of the Company with any bank (other than the Bank) or other person, now or in the future.
- (vii) All goodwill and uncalled capital of the Company now or in the future.
- (viii) All the present and future right, title and interest of the Company in or to all stocks, shares, debentures, bonds, loan capital and other securities of any description of any other person (including, without limitation, any subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking of the Company). In addition,
  - (a) all rights to subscribe to or convert other securities into or otherwise acquire any such securities now or at any time afterwards belonging to the Company,
  - (b) all dividends, interest and other income and all other rights of whatsoever kind deriving from or incidental to, any of these,
 (collectively called, the "securities").
- (ix) All patents, trademarks, service marks, designs, utility models, copyrights, design rights, applications for registration of any of them and the right to apply for them in any part of the world. In addition, moral rights, inventions, confidential information, know-how and rights of a similar nature arising or subsisting anywhere in the world in relation to all or any of the above (whether registered or unregistered) now or at any time afterwards belonging to the Company (collectively called the "intellectual property").
- (x) All rights under all policies of insurance, including life insurance or assurance, (including, without limitation, the insurances mentioned to in Clause 8(a) below), including all rights and claims to which the Company is now, or may at any time afterwards, become entitled in relation to the proceeds of those policies.
- (xi) All rights and other property to which the Company is now, or may at any time afterwards, become entitled as a result of, or in connection with, any proceedings threatened or commenced under the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar legislation in any jurisdiction.
- (xii) The benefit of all agreements for the provision by the Company to any person of any loan or credit or other financial accommodation of any description (including, without limitation, any finance leases and hire or hire-purchase agreements) now, or at any time afterwards, entered into by the Company.
- (xiii) The proceeds of sale of any property mentioned above.

- (c) By way of floating charge, all the undertaking of the Company and all its property whatsoever and wheresoever both present and future. This will not include any part of the same which is, for the time being, effectively charged by way of legal mortgage or fixed charge by this Debenture and recognised as effectively so charged under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the same is situated.

The property referred to in paragraphs (a) (b) and (c) above is collectively called the "charged property". The property referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) (together with any property for the time being effectively charged by way of fixed charge by the application of Clause 5 below) is collectively called the "fixed charged property".

If or to the extent that the mortgaging, assigning or charging of any charged property is ineffective because of a prohibition on that mortgaging, assigning or charging, the Company holds it on trust for the Bank.

To the extent that this Debenture creates security over any hedging or derivative contract, that security shall be by way of charge and this Debenture shall only charge the net amount owed under, and in accordance with the terms of that hedging or derivative contract after all applicable set-off, close-out netting or combination of accounts has taken place.

#### **Bank's ability to convert Floating Charge and automatic conversion**

5. (a) The Bank may, by notice in writing to the Company, convert the floating charge created by Clause 4(c) above into a fixed charge in respect of such of the property of the Company as may be specified in such notice. It may do so:
- (i) on or following the happening of any of the events mentioned in Clause 10 below; or
  - (ii) if it appears to the Bank that such property is in danger of seizure, distress, diligence, execution or any other form of legal process or that the same, and/or the security now created in respect of it, is otherwise in jeopardy.
- In either event, the ability of the Company to deal in any way with such property shall cease except to the extent that the Bank may otherwise agree in writing.
- (b) The floating charge creating by Clause 4(c) will convert automatically into fixed charges:
- (i) if any of the circumstances set out in Clause 10(c), (d) or (e) occur;
  - (ii) if the Bank receives notice of an intention to appoint an administrator of the Company;
  - (ii) if the Company creates or attempts to create security over all or any of the charged property (other than security permitted under this Debenture or created pursuant to a Parallel Security Document);
  - (iii) on the crystallisation of any other floating charge over the charged property;
  - (iv) in any other circumstances prescribed by law.

#### **Restrictions on Company**

6. The Company shall not, except with the prior written consent of the Bank:-
- (a) create, or attempt to create, or allow to subsist over all or any of the charged property, any mortgage, charge, lien, trust, pledge or other security other than this Debenture, any Parallel Security Document and the mortgages or matters (if any) mentioned in Part 2 of the Schedule below; or
  - (b) allow any tangible property, forming part of the fixed charged property, to leave the possession of the Company (except for the purpose of necessary repair or maintenance) or to be used by any person other than the Company or for any purpose other than in connection with the business of the Company; or
  - (c) release, exchange, compound, set off, grant time or agree to any other arrangement in respect of, or in any other way deal with, all or any of the debts except as expressly allowed by this Debenture; or

- (d) part with, hire, lend, sell, assign or dispose of all, or any part of (or any right, title or interest in), the fixed charged property or all, or (except by a sale or disposal in the ordinary course of the Company's ordinary day-to-day trading activities and for the purpose of carrying on the same) any part of, the remainder of the charged property.

#### **Land Registry Restriction**

7. In respect of any part of, or interest in, the fixed charged property title to which is or becomes registered at the Land Registry, the Company applies to the Chief Land Registrar to enter the following restriction on the Proprietorship Register of the title of all such property:-

"No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the charge dated \_\_\_\_\_ in favour of HSBC UK Bank plc referred to in the Charges Register."

#### **Company's Obligations to the Bank**

8. Until this Debenture is discharged the Company will:-

- (a) (i) Insure, and keep insured, the charged property with such insurer and against such risks and in such amounts and otherwise upon such terms as the Bank may reasonably require. If the Bank makes no requirement, then in accordance with accepted prudent business practice from time to time in respect of property of the same type.
- (ii) Comply with the terms and conditions of, and punctually pay all premiums and other monies necessary for keeping up, such insurances or any other insurance referred to in Clause 4(b)(x).
- (iii) See that the interest of the Bank is noted upon all policies of such insurance or (if the Bank reasonably so requires) that the policy is held on a co-insured basis in the names of the Company and the Bank.
- (iv) If the Bank reasonably requires, produce to, or deposit with, the Bank all such policies and the receipts for all premium and other payments necessary for effecting and keeping up such policies.
- (v) Promptly notify the Bank of anything which may give rise to a claim under such policy(ies) and ensure that nothing is done or not done as a consequence of which any such policy might be adversely affected or which may increase the premium payable.
- (vi) Notify the Bank prior to taking any steps to open an account with any bank (other than the Bank) or other person.
- (vii) Comply in full with any obligations of the Company to provide information under the PSC Regime to any company that shall have issued any shares in which the Company holds any interest from time to time. (Further, in this connection, on the date of this Debenture, the Company represents to the Bank that it has complied in full with any obligations it has under the PSC Regime to provide information to any company that shall have issued any shares in which the Company holds an interest and that no "warning notice" or "restrictions notice" (in each case as defined in Schedule 1B to the Companies Act 2006) has been issued to the Company in respect of all or any part of the securities and remains in effect.)
- (viii) Comply with any notice served on the Company under the Companies Act 2006 (including pursuant to Part 21A of the Companies Act 2006) within the timeframe specified in the notice.

It is agreed (whether or not this Debenture shall have become enforceable) that:-



- (i) The Bank may (but need not) itself effect or maintain such insurances. If it does so, the Company shall be liable to the Bank for the expenses incurred by the Bank in doing so.
  - (ii) All sums at any time payable under any such policies of insurance shall (subject to any prior rights and claims of any third party) be paid direct to the Bank. If the same are not paid directly to the Bank by the insurers then the Company shall be trustee of them for the benefit of the Bank and shall transfer them to the Bank accordingly. The insurance monies shall at the option of the Bank be applied (subject to Clause 27 below) in or towards the payment or discharge of the Debt or in making good or recouping expenditure in respect of the loss or damage for which such monies are received.
- (b) (i) Keep all buildings on any land charged by this Debenture and all fixtures and plant and machinery on and in them (and all other tangible property comprised in the charged property) in good and substantial repair and condition.
- (ii) Whenever any of the said buildings, fixtures, fittings or plant and machinery are destroyed, damaged or deteriorates, immediately repair, replace and make good the same, and ensure that any such replacement property is subject to security in favour of the Bank on the same terms as set out in this Debenture. If the Company shall fail to do so, then the Bank shall be entitled (but not bound) to do so instead.
- (c) Not without the prior written consent of the Bank:-
- (i) pull down or remove the whole or any part of any buildings forming part of the land charged by this Debenture;
  - (ii) sever or unfix or remove any of the fixtures or fittings; or
  - (iii) except for the purpose of effecting necessary repairs to them or of replacing the same with new or improved models or substitutes, remove any of the plant and machinery belonging to, or in use by, the Company.
- (d) (i) Carry on any trade, business or agricultural use on any land now or afterwards used by the Company for the purposes of trade, business or agriculture. It shall do so in accordance with the standards of good management from time to time current in the trade or business or (in the case of agricultural use) with the standards of good husbandry, from time to time. It shall also do so in accordance with the authorised planning use of such land.
- (ii) Obtain, maintain and comply with all licences, consents and other authorisations (including, without limitation, environmental permits) and effect all registrations which may be necessary or desirable in relation to all or any part of the charged property or any business or other activity from time to time carried on by the Company.
- (e) Not without the prior written consent of the Bank:-
- (i) carry out, or allow to be carried out, on any land charged by this Debenture, any development as defined in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
  - (ii) enter into any agreement under Section 106 of the said Act; or
  - (iii) change, or allow to be changed, the use of any such land.
- (f) (i) Observe and perform all covenants, stipulations and conditions which from time to time affect the use or possession of the charged property whether arising under any lease, Commonhold Community Statement, or other agreement under which the charged property is held.

- (ii) Punctually pay all rents and other payments becoming due, or to become due, under any lease, Commonhold Community Statement or other agreement mentioned above. Pay all taxes, rates, duties, fees, charges, assessments, impositions, calls, instalments and outgoings properly payable in respect of any of the charged property as and when due and the Bank may do so as agent of the Company if the Company fails to do so and all amounts so paid by the Bank shall become part of the Debt and be payable by the Company to the Bank on demand.
- (iii) If the Bank so requires, produce to the Bank evidence sufficient to reasonably satisfy it that the requirements mentioned above have been complied with.
- (g) (i) Comply with all statutory and other laws and regulations affecting the charged property. This will include all environmental laws and environmental permits applicable from time to time to all or any part of the charged property or any business or other activity from time to time carried on by the Company.
- (ii) Not allow any circumstances to arise which could lead:-
  - (a) to any competent authority or other person taking action, or making a claim under any environmental laws (including the requirement to clean up any contaminated land or the revocation, suspension, variation or non-renewal of any environmental permit); or
  - (b) to the Company having to take action to prevent the possibility of any such action or claim.
- (iii) Indemnify each of the Bank or Receiver (and their respective officers, agents and delegates) against all costs expenses and liabilities properly incurred (directly or indirectly) as a result of any non-compliance or alleged non-compliance with any environmental laws in relation to all or any part of the charged property or anything done or not done on it.
- (h) (i) Within 7 days after becoming aware of the same, give full particulars to the Bank of any notice, order, direction, designation, resolution or proposal affecting all or any part of the charged property or (in the case of any land) the locality in which it is situated, given or made by any planning authority or other public body or authority whatsoever (including, without limitation, any licensing authority).
- (ii) If the Bank reasonably requires, immediately, and at the cost of the Company, take all reasonable and necessary steps to comply with any of the matters mentioned in (h)(i) above and make (or join with the Bank in making) such objections or representations as may reasonably be available in respect of them.
- (i) Permit the Bank, its agents and any person authorised by it, to enter on any land charged by this Debenture or on which any other part of the fixed charged property is situated, at all reasonable times and on reasonable notice (except in case of emergency) for the purpose of inspecting or valuing any of the fixed charged property and if the Bank calls for such a valuation (which it is entitled to call for) that shall be at the expense of the Company.
- (j) Not without the prior written consent of the Bank:-
  - (i) grant or vary, or agree to grant or vary, any licence or tenancy affecting any land charged by this Debenture;
  - (ii) exercise the powers of leasing, or agreeing to lease, or of accepting or agreeing to accept surrenders of leases, conferred by Sections 99 or 100 of the Law of Property Act 1925;
  - (iii) in any other way, dispose, or agree to dispose of, or create, any legal or equitable estate or interest in any land charged by this Debenture;

- (iv) negotiate, settle or waive any claim for loss, damage or other compensation (including without limitation compulsory purchase compensation) affecting any land charged by this Debenture; or
  - (v) apply for an improvement or other grant or do anything which might result in any land charged by this Debenture being subject to any statutory charge.
- (k) Ensure that, without the prior written consent of the Bank:-
- (i) no person other than the Company shall be registered under the legislation in force from time to time in relation to the registration of land in England and Wales as proprietor of any land charged by this Debenture;
  - (ii) no person shall become entitled to any proprietary right or interest which may adversely affect the value of such land (unless such entitlement exists at the date of this Debenture or at the time of the acquisition of such land by the Company) and the Company shall indemnify the Bank for all expenses reasonably incurred by the Bank in lodging from time to time cautions, restrictions or notices against the registration of title to any such land.
- (l)
- (i) Permanently keep all tangible moveable property forming part of the fixed charged property at the Company's premises or at such other premises as the Bank may from time to time reasonably approve in writing.
  - (ii) Keep such fixed charged property within England and Wales and notify the Bank upon request of the location of such fixed charged property from time to time.
  - (iii) Upon written notice from the Bank, keep such fixed charged property at the premises so notified or at such other premises as may be reasonably authorised in writing by the Bank.
- (m)
- (i) Get in and realise the debts in the ordinary course of its business (which shall not extend to selling or assigning or transferring any right or interest in them or in any other way factoring or discounting them).
  - (ii) Pay the proceeds of such getting in and realisation, and all other monies received, recovered or realised in respect of the fixed charged property, into such separate and denominated accounts as the Bank shall from time to time nominate in writing for such purpose or as the Bank may otherwise from time to time require. If the Bank shall not nominate any such account, the Company's current account with the Bank shall be the nominated account for the purpose of this Clause 8(m).
  - (iii) Pending such payment, hold such proceeds and other monies upon trust for the Bank.
  - (iv) Except with the prior written consent of the Bank, not be entitled to withdraw or transfer from any such account any monies standing to the credit of such account.
- (n) Punctually pay all calls, instalments and other monies that may become due in respect of the securities.
- (o)
- (i) Not exercise any of the rights and powers attaching to any of the securities in a manner which, in the reasonable opinion of the Bank, may adversely affect the value of the security created by this Debenture; and
  - (ii) prior to this Debenture becoming enforceable, and subject to (o)(i) above, all rights and powers attaching to the securities shall be exercisable by the Company or as it may direct.

- (p) (i) Take all such necessary steps, and do all such acts (including the payment as and when due of any appropriate fees and policing against any infringement of, or challenge to, the intellectual property) to maintain the value, subsistence and validity of the intellectual property.
- (ii) Where appropriate, use its best endeavours to protect and safeguard the intellectual property from and against theft, loss, destruction, unauthorised access, copying or use by third parties.
- (iii) Not use, or allow to be used, or take any step in respect of any of the intellectual property in any way which, in the reasonable opinion of the Bank, may adversely affect the value of it.
- (q) (i) Deposit with the Bank (and the Bank shall be entitled to retain) all deeds, certificates and other documents constituting or evidencing title to the fixed charged property (except insofar as the same are held, or required to be held, by any third party in accordance with any obligation ranking in priority to the security created by this Debenture). The Company shall be deemed to have complied with this Clause if it has complied with the equivalent clause of any Parallel Security Document relating to the same fixed charged property.
- (ii) On being reasonably required to do so by the Bank, and at the cost and expense of the Company:-
  - (a) Execute, sign, deliver and do all things necessary (including, without limitation, the assignment of all or any of the debts and the transfer of all or any of the securities, to the Bank or its nominee and the giving of any notices and effecting of any registrations) as (and in such form as) the Bank may reasonably require. This (among other things) is to perfect a legal mortgage, assignment or other fixed security in favour of the Bank of all or such part as shall be specified in such notice of the fixed charged property or otherwise to improve, perfect or protect the security (including its priority) intended to be created by or pursuant to this Debenture or to facilitate the exercise of any powers, authorities and discretions conferred under or in accordance with this Debenture.
  - (b) Endorse, or cause to be endorsed, on any documents constituting or evidencing title to the fixed charge property and give to third parties such notices of the security created by this Debenture as the Bank may reasonably require.

#### **Bank's Powers**

- 9. (a) At any time before this Debenture is discharged (and whether or not the same shall have become enforceable), the Bank may, if and whenever, and so often as it shall reasonably think fit, apply the whole or any part of the monies from time to time standing to the credit of any account as referred to in Clause 8(m) in or towards the discharge of the Debt.
- (b) It may pay the monies mentioned in (a) above to the credit of any other account nominated by it (including an account opened by it for this purpose) as security for any contingent or future liability of the Company to the Bank.
- (c) Unless otherwise stated, all powers of the Bank conferred by this Debenture shall be exercisable without prior notice to you.

#### **When the Debenture becomes enforceable**

- 10. This Debenture shall become enforceable:-
  - (a) if the Debt is not paid or discharged when due (whether on demand, at agreed maturity or earlier as the case may be); or

- (b) if the Company is in breach of any of the obligations under this Debenture; or
- (c) if the Company shall enter into any composition or arrangement for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (d) if any step is taken for the administration or winding up of the Company (which includes, without limitation, in each case, the board of directors or the Company in general meeting, passing a resolution for the same) except where, in the case of winding up, the Bank has consented in writing for the purpose of a solvent reconstruction or amalgamation; or
- (e) if a third party shall take possession of, or a receiver shall be appointed over, or any secured creditor of the Company shall seek to enforce his security in respect of, all or any of the charged property or any other event shall happen which puts in jeopardy all or any part of the security created by this Debenture; or
- (f) if the Bank, in its reasonable discretion, considers that any claim may be or has been made against the Bank under any bond, guarantee, indemnity or other contingent liability issued or entered into for any liabilities of the Company in respect of which the Bank reasonably considers that it may not be or has not been indemnified on demand or as and when required under any agreement it has with the Company regarding the same;
- (g) if any security granted under a Parallel Security Document has become enforceable; or
- (h) if any other event shall occur which has been agreed by the Company and the Bank as an event upon the occurrence of which this or any other security for the Debt shall be enforceable.

If any of the above should occur:-

- (i) the powers of sale and of appointing a receiver conferred by Section 101 of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall immediately arise and become exercisable by the Bank free from the restrictions contained in Sections 103 and 109 of that Act; and
- (ii) the powers of leasing, or agreeing to lease, or of accepting or agreeing to accept surrenders of leases (conferred by Sections 99 and 100 of the Law of Property Act 1925) shall immediately become exercisable.

These powers are available to the Bank whether or not the Bank shall then be in possession of all or any part of the charged property. The Bank may grant a lease at a premium and for any length of term and, generally, without the necessity for the Bank to comply with any restrictions imposed by, or other provisions of, the sections and legislation mentioned above (and so that for the purposes of Sections 99 and 100 of the Law of Property Act 1925, the expression "mortgagor" shall include any person deriving title under the Company and sub-sections 99 (18) and 100 (12) shall not apply).

#### **Appointment of Administrator or Receiver**

11. (a) The floating charge created by this Debenture is intended to be a qualifying floating charge as defined by paragraph 14 of schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986.
- (b) At any time after having been requested to do so by the Company, or after this Debenture has become enforceable (and whether or not any of the events mentioned in Clause 10 are continuing), the Bank may appoint by deed or by writing under the hand of a duly authorised officer of the Bank, or otherwise (i) any one or more persons to be administrator of the Company (each an "Administrator") or (ii) any one or more persons to be a receiver of any charged property (each a "Receiver"). These expressions shall, where necessary, include any person substituted as Administrator or Receiver.

- (c) The Bank may (so far as it is lawfully able to do so) from time to time by deed or by writing under the hand of a duly authorised officer of the Bank or otherwise, remove any person appointed to be Administrator or Receiver and may in a similar way appoint another in his place.
  - (d) If at any time two or more persons shall hold office as Receiver of the same property, each one of them shall be separately entitled (subject to any contrary direction in the appointment) to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions conferred on them.
  - (e) The power to appoint a Receiver shall be in addition to all statutory and other powers of the Bank under the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Law of Property Act 1925.
  - (f) The power to appoint a Receiver shall be and remain exercisable by the Bank even though there may be a prior appointment in respect of all or any part of the charged property.
12. (a) The Bank shall not, nor shall the Receiver, be liable to account as mortgagee in possession in respect of all or any of the charged property nor be liable for any loss upon realisation or for any neglect or default (unless wilful) of any nature whatsoever in connection with all or any of the charged property for which a mortgagee in possession might as such be liable.
- (b) All reasonable costs, charges and expenses properly incurred by the Bank or Receiver (including its internal management and administration costs and the costs of any proceedings in relation to this Debenture or the Debt) shall be paid by the Company.
13. The Receiver shall be the agent of the Company and the Company shall be responsible for his acts and remuneration as well as for any defaults committed by him.

#### **Powers of Receiver**

14. The Receiver shall (subject to any limitations or restrictions expressed in the document appointing him but notwithstanding any restriction or limitation binding on the Company under this Debenture or any winding-up or dissolution of the Company or any analogous proceedings in any jurisdiction) have all the powers (as varied and extended by this Debenture) conferred on receivers by the Insolvency Act 1986 and the Law of Property Act 1925 and (without affecting the above in any way) the following powers:-
- (a) (i) to sell, transfer, assign, convey or grant, accept surrender or vary, terminate or surrender leases of or in exchange and enter into and or terminate leases of any of the charged property; and
  - (ii) in any other way to dispose of, or deal with, all or any of the charged property in respect of which the Receiver is appointed (or agree any of the same) and in either case in such a way and generally on such terms and conditions as he reasonably thinks fit.
- Any transaction mentioned above may be for such payment or other consideration as the Receiver shall think fit. This is so whether for a lump sum or a consideration payable in instalments and whether for cash or otherwise. In the case of the latter, it shall form part of the charged property and be charged with the payment and discharge of the Debt.
- Fixtures and plant and machinery may be taken and sold separately from the premises to which they are fixed (or in which they are contained) without the consent of the Company being obtained or necessary.
- (b) To take possession of, collect and get in, all or any of the charged property in respect of which the Receiver is appointed and for that purpose to make such demands and take any proceedings as the Receiver shall reasonably think fit.

- (c) To carry on, manage, develop, reconstruct, amalgamate or diversify (or agree the same) any trade or business (including farming) as has from time to time been carried on the whole or any part of the fixed charged property.
- (d)
  - (i) To make any arrangement or compromise between the Company and any other person which the Receiver may reasonably think expedient.
  - (ii) To take, defend or participate in any proceedings (including, without limitation, arbitration proceedings) as the Receiver may reasonably think expedient.
- (e) To make, effect and complete such improvements, development and repairs to any of the charged property as the Receiver may reasonably think expedient.
- (f) To make calls (and to enforce payment of them) conditionally, or unconditionally, on the members of the Company in respect of any uncalled capital with the benefit of all the powers in the Articles of Association of the Company conferred on the directors.
- (g) To appoint managers, officers, servants, workmen, nominees and agents for any of the purposes mentioned in this Clause 14 at such remuneration and for such periods and on such terms as the Receiver may reasonably determine.
- (h) If the Receiver thinks fit, but without affecting the indemnity contained in Clause 22 below, to effect with any insurer any policy or policies of insurance either in lieu, or satisfaction of, or in addition to, such indemnity.
- (i) To delegate by power of attorney, or in any other way, to any person or persons approved in writing by the Bank, all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions which are for the time being exercisable by the Receiver under this Debenture.
- (j)
  - (i) To promote the formation, or otherwise acquire the share capital of, any body corporate with a view to such body corporate becoming a subsidiary of the Company or otherwise;
  - (ii) to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire any interest in all or any of the Company's undertaking and property;
  - (iii) to carry on any business in succession to the Company or any subsidiary of the Company;
 and in each case, as the Receiver may otherwise reasonably think fit.
- (k) To apply for, and otherwise take such steps as the Receiver may consider reasonably necessary or desirable to obtain (in the name of a nominee or otherwise), such licences, consents, permits and approvals as the Receiver may reasonably think expedient.
- (l) To make elections for value added tax purposes as the Receiver may reasonably think fit.
- (m) For any of the purposes authorised by this Clause, to raise money by borrowing from the Bank or from any other person on the security of all or any of the charged property in respect of which the Receiver is appointed.
  - (i) The Receiver may raise money as mentioned above on such terms (including, if the Bank shall consent, terms under which such security ranks in priority to all or any of the security created by this Debenture) as the Receiver may reasonably think fit; and
  - (ii) the repayment of all such monies and the payment of interest on them and related costs charges and expenses, shall be treated for all purposes as expenses properly payable by the Receiver.

- (n) To exercise any of the powers which the Bank would be entitled to exercise under this Debenture.
  - (o) To do all such other acts and things as the Receiver may reasonably consider to be incidental or necessary to any of the matters or powers mentioned above or which the Receiver lawfully may or can do as agent for the Company.
  - (p) To exercise any of the above powers on behalf of the Company or on the Receiver's own behalf or, in the case of the powers contained in paragraph (f) above, on behalf of the directors of the Company.
15. Subject to claims having priority to the security created by this Debenture, all monies received, recovered or realised by the Receiver or (on any exercise by the Bank of its enforcement powers under this Debenture) the Bank, shall be applied in the following order:-
- (a) In payment of all reasonable costs, charges and expenses of, and incidental to, the appointment of the Receiver and to the exercise of all or any of the powers of the Receiver or the Bank and of any other outgoings properly payable by them. This includes, without limitation, the repayment of monies borrowed as referred to in Clause 14(m) above and the payment of interest and related costs, charges, and expenses (to the extent that the Bank has consented to the same being secured in priority to the security created by this Debenture) and all amounts payable by the Bank to the Receiver under any order of any court or otherwise.
  - (b) In payment of remuneration to the Receiver at such rate as may from time to time be agreed between the Receiver and the Bank.
  - (c) In payment to the Bank in or towards payment or discharge of the Debt and all other amounts expressed to be secured by, or due or payable to the Bank under or in connection with, this Debenture.
  - (d) In payment of any surplus to the Company or any other person entitled to it.

#### **Power of Attorney**

16. (a) The Company irrevocably, and by way of security, appoints the Bank, any Receiver and each of their respective delegates, jointly and also individually to be the attorney and attorneys of the Company. Any attorney is authorised by the Company to do all things which the Company may be required to do under this Debenture. This includes (without limitation) anything which the Bank or the Receiver (or any such delegate) may consider necessary or appropriate for, or in connection with:
- (i) the improvement, perfection or protection of the security intended to be created by this Debenture; or
  - (ii) the exercise of any of the powers authorities and discretions conferred under it.
- (b) The Company ratifies and confirms (and agrees to do so) whatever any such attorney shall do, or attempt to do, in the exercise of all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions mentioned above or under this power of attorney. This power of attorney is to secure the performance of obligations owed to the donees within the meaning of the Powers of Attorney Act 1971.

#### **Bank has Powers of Receiver and other powers**

17. (i) Without affecting any other powers, authorities and discretions of the Bank, all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions conferred upon the Receiver (whether arising under this Debenture or otherwise) may also be exercised by the Bank at any time after this Debenture has become enforceable. This is so whether or not a Receiver has been appointed.



- (ii) The Bank shall also be entitled to delegate by power of attorney, or in any other manner, to any person or persons all or any of its powers authorities and discretions.
  - (iii) No such delegation mentioned above shall prevent the subsequent exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions by the Bank itself or prevent the Bank from making any subsequent delegation of them to some other person.
  - (iv) The Bank may revoke any such delegation at any time.
18. At any time after this Debenture shall have become enforceable, or after any powers conferred by any interest having priority to the security created by this Debenture shall have become exercisable, the Bank may redeem such or any other prior interest or arrange the transfer of it to itself. It may settle and pass the accounts of any third party concerned and any account so settled and passed shall be conclusive and binding on the Company. All monies paid by the Bank to the third party in accordance with such accounts shall as from such payment be due from the Company to the Bank on current account and shall bear interest and be secured as part of the Debt.
19. The rights and remedies of the Bank under this Debenture are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any rights or remedies provided by law.
20. The restriction on the right of consolidating mortgages contained in Section 93 of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall not apply to this Debenture.
21. (i) If the Company at any time fails to perform and observe the terms, and obligations contained in this Debenture, the Bank may (but without being under any duty to do so) take such steps as in its reasonable opinion may be required to remedy such failure; and
- (ii) this includes, without limitation, making any payment, and for the purpose mentioned in (i) above, the Bank and its agents may enter upon any land of the Company without being regarded as having entered into possession of it.

#### **Indemnity**

22. The Company agrees to fully indemnify each of the Bank and the Receiver from and against all and any liability they might incur in the exercise (or apparent exercise) of any powers, authorities and discretions under or in connection with this Debenture (with the exception of fraud or wilful default on the part of the Bank or the Receiver, but only to the extent committed by any of them) or any failure by the Company to comply with any of its obligations under this Debenture.

#### **Protection of Purchasers**

23. No purchaser or other person dealing with the Bank or the Receiver (or any of their respective delegates)
- (i) shall be bound or entitled to see or enquire whether any power, authority or discretion under this Debenture has arisen or become exercisable;
  - (ii) be concerned with any notice to the contrary or to see whether any delegation shall have lapsed for any reason or been revoked; or
  - (iii) be bound or entitled to concern himself with the proceeds of any sale or other dealing or be answerable in any circumstances for the application of the said proceeds.

#### **Payment of costs, charges and expenses**

24. The Company shall reimburse to the Bank on demand on a full indemnity basis, all costs, charges and expenses (including, without limitation, all amounts reasonably determined by the Bank to be necessary to compensate it for internal management or administration costs, charges and expenses) properly incurred by the Bank:-
- (i) in ensuring this Debenture is effective;
  - (ii) in connection with the improvement, perfection or protection of the security created by this Debenture;
  - (iii) in the exercise of any rights, remedies, powers, authorities and discretions conferred under, or in connection with, this Debenture,
- (together with any value added tax or similar tax charged or chargeable in respect of such costs, charges and expenses).

All such amounts shall be debited to an account in the name of the Company. Until they are reimbursed they shall bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum over the Bank of England base rate from time to time calculated and compounded monthly and/or according to the Bank's then current practice and shall be payable on demand. They will be secured as part of the Debt by this Debenture.

#### **Independence of Security**

25. (a) This Debenture shall be in addition to, and independent of, every other security which the Bank may at any time hold for any of the Debt secured by this Debenture.
- (b) No prior security held by the Bank over all or any of the charged property shall merge in the security created by this Debenture.
- (c) This Debenture shall remain in full force and effect as a continuing security unless and until the Bank discharges it.

#### **Bank's powers to deal with Accounts and Money Received**

26. (a) If the Bank receives notice of any subsequent charge or other interest affecting all or any of the charged property (other than arising under a Parallel Security Document), the Bank may open a new account or accounts for the Company in its books.
- (b) If the Bank does not do so, it shall be regarded as having done so unless the Bank gives express written notice to the contrary to the Company. Notwithstanding any appropriation by the Company to the contrary, as from the time of receipt of such notice, all payments made by the Company to the Bank (other than those dealt with under Clause 8(m)) shall be treated as having been credited to a new account of the Company. Such payments will not be applied in reduction of the amount due, owing or incurred from the Company to the Bank at the time when it received the notice.
27. (a) All monies received, recovered or realised by the Bank under this Debenture (including the proceeds of any conversion under Clause 30 below) may, in the reasonable discretion of the Bank, be credited to any suspense or impersonal account.
- (b) They may be held in such account (where they shall not reduce the Debt) for so long as the Bank may think fit pending the application from time to time of such monies and all accrued interest (at the rate, if any, agreed in writing between the Company and the Bank from time to time) in or towards the discharge of the Debt.
28. The Company waives any right of set-off it may have now, or at any time in the future, in respect of the Debt (including sums payable by the Company under this Debenture).

29. The Bank may certify or determine the amount of a rate or amount applicable or due under this Debenture and in relation to the Debt. These certifications and determinations by the Bank shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive evidence of those rates and amounts.

#### **Currency Conversion**

30. (a) For the purpose or pending the discharge of the Debt, the Bank may convert any monies received, recovered or realised by the Bank under this Debenture (including the proceeds of any previous conversion under this Clause) from their existing currency of denomination into such other currency of denomination as the Bank may reasonably think fit.
- (b) Any such conversion shall be made at the Bank's then prevailing spot selling rate of exchange for such other currency against the existing currency.
- (c) Each previous reference in this Clause to a currency extends to funds of that currency and, for the avoidance of doubt, funds of one currency may be converted into different funds of the same currency.

#### **Dealings with you and others**

31. The Bank may, in its discretion, grant time, or make any other arrangement, variation or release with any person or persons not party to this Debenture (whether or not such person or persons are jointly liable with the Company) in respect of any of the Debt or of any other security for it. If it does, it will not in any way affect either this Debenture or the liability of the Company for the Debt.

#### **Bank's Right of Set-Off**

32. In addition to all rights of set-off conferred by law, the Bank may set off any money standing from time to time to the credit of any account the Company has with the Bank against the Debt. If the obligations are in different currencies, the Bank may convert either obligation into the other currency in accordance with Clause 30.

#### **Preservation and Retention of Security**

33. (a) Any settlement, discharge or release (including in relation to this Debenture or the Debt) between (i) the Company and (ii) the Bank or the Receiver (the "Relevant Person(s)") shall be conditional upon no security given, or payment made, to the Relevant Person(s) by the Company (or any other person) being avoided or reduced as a result of any provisions or enactments relating to insolvency for the time being in force in any jurisdiction.
- (b) In the event of such security or payment being avoided or reduced, the Relevant Person(s) shall be entitled to recover the value or amount of such security or payment from the Company subsequently as if such settlement, discharge or release had not occurred.

#### **Notices Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

34. Without affecting any other lawful method of service, any demand or notice to be made or given by the Bank to the Company (including without limitation, a demand for payment of all or any of the Debt) may be made or given by any manager or officer of the Bank or of any branch of it:-
- (a) By letter addressed to the Company and delivered to any officer of the Company at any place or sent by first-class post to, or left at the registered office of, the Company or any place of business or activity of the Company last known to the Bank. If sent by post it shall be regarded as having been made or given at noon on the second day following the day the letter was posted.
- (b) By fax or other electronic means to the fax number or electronic mail address of the Company last known to the Bank. It shall be regarded as having been made or given at the time of transmission.

35. (a) English law governs this Debenture, its interpretation and any non-contractual obligations arising from or connected with it.
- (b) Both the Company and the Bank submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales in relation to all claims, disputes, differences or other matters (including non-contractual claims, disputes, differences or other matters) arising out of or in connection with this Debenture.

#### Disclosure of Information

36. The Company consents to the disclosure by the Bank of any information about the Company, this Debenture, the charged property and the Debt:-
- (a) to any person to whom the Bank has transferred, or proposes or may propose to transfer, all or any of its rights under this Debenture and/or the Debt and to any rating agencies and any advisers to the Bank in connection with such transfer; and/or
- (b) to any person with whom the Bank has entered into, or proposes to enter into, any contractual arrangements in connection with this Debenture and/or the Debt; and/or
- (c) to any company within the HSBC Group being HSBC Holdings plc and its associated and subsidiary companies from time to time, or any of its or their agents; and/or
- (d) to any insurer who is to, or who proposes to, provide insurance to the Bank in respect of the charged property, this Debenture and/or the Debt; and/or
- (e) to any other person to whom, and to the extent that, such information is required to be disclosed by any applicable law or regulation.

#### Transfer of Rights

- 37.
- (a) The Bank may transfer all or any of its rights under this Debenture and/or the Debt to any person at any time.
- (b) If the Bank transfers all or any of its rights under this Debenture and/or the Debt, the Company's rights under this Debenture and/or the Debt (as the case may be) will stay exactly the same.
- (c) The Company will be bound to any person to whom the Bank transfers any such rights. That person will have the Bank's powers and rights so far as the Bank transfers these to that person. The Bank will be released automatically from its obligations to the Company so far as that person assumes the Bank's obligations.
- (d) The Company will at the expense of the Bank or the person to whom the rights are transferred, do anything reasonably requested by the Bank to effect a transfer of all or any of its rights under this Debenture and/or the Debt.
- (e) The Company will not transfer all or any part of its rights under this Debenture and/or the Debt without the prior written consent of the Bank.
- (f) In these Transfer of Rights provisions and in the Disclosure of Information provisions above;
- (i) the term **transfer** means sale, assignment and/or transfer by novation;
- (ii) the term **rights** means rights, benefits and/or obligations; and
- (iii) the term **person** means any person, trust, fund or other entity.

#### **The Bank's written consent and reasonable requirement**

38. (a) Where the words "without the Bank's written consent" appear in any Clause, the Bank will not unreasonably withhold consent. The Company agrees that it is reasonable for the Bank to refuse to consent to something if, in the Bank's reasonable opinion, it adversely affects or might affect:
- (i) the Bank's security under this Debenture and its ability to enforce it;
  - (ii) the value of that which is secured to the Bank and its ability to sell the same;
  - (iii) the Bank's ability to recover the Debt; or
  - (iv) the assessment of the value of this Debenture as an asset of the Bank.
- (b) Where the words "the Bank reasonably requires" appear in any Clause, the Company agrees that it is reasonable for the Bank to require something if, in the Bank's reasonable opinion, it will or might assist in:
- (i) the preservation of the Bank's security under this Debenture or the value of that which is secured by it; or
  - (ii) the Bank's ability to recover the Debt.

#### **Severance and Modification - Unenforceability**

39. (a) If any of the Clauses (or part of a Clause) and/or any of the paragraphs (or part of a paragraph) becomes invalid or unenforceable in any way under any law, the validity of the remaining Clauses (or part of a Clause) or paragraph (or part of a paragraph) will not in any way be affected or impaired.
- (b) If any invalid or unenforceable Clause or paragraph mentioned above (or part of either) would not be invalid or unenforceable if its form or effect were modified in any way, it shall be deemed to have the modified form or effect so long as the Bank consents.

#### **Parallel Security**

40. (a) The Company may at any time enter into a Parallel Security Document. Entry into and performance of the terms of a Parallel Security Document shall not breach any term of this Debenture.
- (b) The Company consents to the Bank and HSBC Bank plc entering into priority, intercreditor or other similar arrangements (to which the Company shall not be party) to regulate the ranking of the security granted by the Company under this Debenture and any Parallel Security Document.

#### **Interpretation:-**

41. (a) The words or expressions:-
- (i) "the Company" shall include any person from time to time deriving title under the Company.
  - (ii) "the Bank" shall include its successors and transferees and in both cases to the extent of their respective rights and benefits (including, without limitation, any person in whom under the laws of such person's place of incorporation all or substantially all of the assets and liabilities of the Bank become vested).

- (iii) "environmental laws" includes all applicable laws, regulations and directives (and all notices, circulars, orders, judgments and decisions of any court or other competent authority in any jurisdiction) concerning the pollution or protection of the environment or the health of humans, animals or plants. This includes, public and workers' health and safety, the generation, use, treatment, storage, transportation or disposal, or discharge or release into the environment, of any chemicals or other pollutants or contaminants or industrial, radioactive, dangerous, toxic or hazardous substances or wastes (in whatever form and including noise and genetically modified organisms).
- (iv) "environmental permits" means all permits, licenses, consents, approvals, certificates and other authorisations (including all conditions applicable to them) required under any environmental laws.
- (v) "holding company" "subsidiary" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the meanings respectively set out in the Companies Act 2006 (as the same may be amended, varied or replaced from time to time).
- (vi) "PSC Regime" means the regime relating to "people with significant control", as set out in Part 21A of the Companies Act 2006 and The Register of People with Significant Control Regulations 2016.
- (vii) "include(s)", "including" and "in particular" shall be construed as being by way of illustration or emphasis only and shall not be construed as, nor shall they take effect as, limiting the generality of any preceding words.
- (viii) "other" and "otherwise" shall not have their meaning narrowed on account of any preceding words where a wider construction is possible.
- (ix) "Parallel Security Document" means any security document in respect of any asset secured under this Debenture entered into by the Company in favour of HSBC Bank plc.
- (b) Any reference to a person shall include any person, company, corporation, body corporate, government, state (or agency of a state) and any association or partnership (whether or not having legal personality) of any of these.
- (c) Any reference to any statute or any section of any statute shall be regarded as including reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force.
- (d) References to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa; the use of the male pronoun shall include the female and neuter; the use of the neuter pronoun shall include both the male and the female.
- (e) The headings are used for guidance only.

#### **Company's compliance with Memorandum and Articles of Association**

42. The Company confirms that this Debenture does not contravene any of the provisions of its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

IN WITNESS this Deed has been executed and is intended to be and is delivered on the date first mentioned above.

**The Schedule referred to above**

**Part 1**

(Freehold and/or leasehold land)

**Registered Title**

All the property(ies) comprised in the following title(s) at the Land Registry:

**Title Number**

**Short description of the property**

**Unregistered Title**

All the property(ies) now vested in the Company and comprised in the Deed(s) referred to below:

<b>Short description of the property</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Deed/Document</b>	<b>Parties</b>
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**Part 2**

(Prior mortgages or other matters relating to the property described above)

<b>Short description of the Property</b>	<b>Legal/Mortgage/Charge dated</b>	<b>Parties</b>
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Executed as a Deed by )

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Metrology Software Products Limited

acting by a )

director )

Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of director)

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Signature of Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Print full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Executed as a Deed by the Company acting by

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Director

Name in full X PETER RUSSELL HAMMOND

(Block letters)

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Secretary

Name in full X ANTHONY BROWN

(Block letters)

For and on behalf of HSBG UK Bank plc  
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