No: 4718888

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

WRITTEN RESOLUTION

of

Goldman Sachs Capital Investments Limited (the "Company")

Pursuant to the authority given by Regulation 53 of Table A scheduled to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (as amended prior to the date of incorporation of the Company), as adopted by the Articles of Association of the Company, we, the undersigned, being all the members of the Company at the date of this resolution entitled to receive notice of and attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company, AGREE that the following resolution shall have effect as if passed as a special resolution by the Company in general meeting and accordingly we RESOLVE THAT:

The articles of association in the form attached to this resolution 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 of the Company.

Dated 13th Tehning, 2004

Signed ..

(for and on behalf of Goldman Sachs Global Holdings, L.L.C. as General Partner

for and on behalf of GS Financial Services L.P. (Del))

DONALD R. MULLEN, VICE PRESIDENT

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## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

# **GOLDMAN SACHS CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED\***

(Adopted pursuant to a written resolution passed on [●] 2004)

# **EXCLUSION OF TABLE A**

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1. The articles in Table A scheduled to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended and any similar articles in any other legislation relating to companies do not apply to the Company.

# INTERPRETATION

- 2. In these articles:
  - "the Act" means the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
  - "the articles" means the articles of the company.
  - "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.
  - "communication" means the same as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000.
  - "company" means the above-named company.
  - "<u>electronic communication</u>" means the same as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000.
  - "executed" includes any mode of execution.
  - "Institutional Accredited Investor" means any person described in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3), (7) or (8) under the Securities Act.

<sup>\*</sup> The company was incorporated on 1 April 2003 under the name "Trushelfco (No.2953) Limited" and its name was subsequently changed to "Goldman Sachs Capital Investments Limited" pursuant to a special resolution passed on 21 January 2004.

- "the holder" in relation to shares means the member whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares.
- "the Investment Company Act" means the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- "the memorandum" means the memorandum of association of the company.
- "office" means the registered office of the company.
- "Qualified Purchaser" means a "qualified purchaser" as defined in section 2(a)(51) of the Investment Company Act for purposes of section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act.
- "secretary" means 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.
- "the Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- "the United States" means the United States of America, together with its territories and possessions.

#### In these articles:

- (a) references to <u>writing</u> include references to any method of representing or reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form including by way of electronic communications where specifically provided in a particular article or where permitted by the directors in their absolute discretion;
- (b) <u>headings</u> are for convenience only and shall not affect construction;
- (c) if, and for so long as, the company has only one member, these articles shall (in the absence of any express provision to the contrary) apply with such modification as may be necessary in relation to such a company; and
- (d) unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these articles 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.

# NATURE OF THE COMPANY

3. It is intended that the company will be classified for purposes of United States federal income taxation and for the purposes of any applicable tax laws of any state or locality within the United States as a disregarded entity. It is intended that for United States federal income tax purposes the functional currency of the company shall be the United States dollar. The company and its shareholders shall not make any elections or file any tax returns or other statements with taxing authorities inconsistent with the foregoing.

4. Any power, right, discretion or other provision set out in these articles is subject to the objects of the company set out in the memorandum.

## **ISSUE OF SHARES**

- 5. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any rights conferred on the holders of any other shares, any share may be issued with or have attached to it such rights and restrictions as the company may by ordinary resolution decide or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the directors may decide.
- 6. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to these articles, any unissued shares of the company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the directors who may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine.
- 7. Subject to the provisions of the Act, shares may be issued which are to be redeemed or are to be liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by the articles.
- 8. Subject to any direction to the contrary which may be given by the company in general meeting, the directors are unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the company to allot relevant securities. The maximum nominal amount of relevant securities that may be allotted under this authority shall be the nominal amount of the unissued share capital at the date of adoption of this article or such other amount as may from time to time be authorised by the company in general meeting. The authority conferred on the directors by this article shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of adoption of this article but may be revoked, varied or renewed from time to time by the company in general meeting in accordance with the Act.
- 9. Section 89(1) of the Act shall not apply to the allotment by the company of any equity security.

# SHARE CAPITAL

- 10. The company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- 11. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust and (except as otherwise provided by the articles or by law) the company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the holder.

## SHARE CERTIFICATES

12. Every member, upon becoming the holder of any shares, shall be entitled without payment to one certificate for all the shares of each class held by it (and, upon transferring a part of its

holding of shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of such holding) or several certificates each for one or more of its shares upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable sum as the directors may determine. Every certificate shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon. The company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by several persons and delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all of them.

13. If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the company in investigating evidence as the directors may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

## LIEN

- 14. The company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. The directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this article. The company's lien on a share shall extend to any amount payable in respect of it.
- 15. The company may sell in such manner as the directors determine any shares on which the company has a lien if a sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and is not paid within fourteen clear days after notice has been given to the holder of the share or to the person entitled to it in consequence of the insolvency of the holder, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.
- 16. To give effect to a sale, the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 17. The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as is presently payable, and any residue shall (upon surrender to the company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable as existed upon the shares before the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

# **CALLS ON SHARES AND FORFEITURE**

18. Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make calls upon the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and each member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the company as required by the notice the amount called on its shares. A call may be required to be paid by instalments. A call may, before receipt by the company of any sum due thereunder, be revoked in whole or part and payment of a call may be postponed in whole or part. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain

liable for calls made upon it notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect whereof the call was made.

- 19. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the directors authorising the call was passed.
- 20. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 21. If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable, the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day it became due and payable until it is paid at the rate fixed by the terms of allotment of the share or in the notice of the call or, if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by the Act) but the directors may waive payment of the interest wholly or in part.
- 22. An amount payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call and if it is not paid the provisions of the articles shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.
- 23. Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make arrangements on the issue of shares for a difference between the holders in the amounts and times of payment of calls on their shares.
- 24. If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the directors may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen clear days' notice requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued. The notice shall name the place where payment is to be made and shall state that if the notice is not complied with the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 25. If the notice is not complied with any share in respect of which it was given may, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the directors and the forfeiture shall include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.
- 26. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the directors determine either to the person who was before the forfeiture the holder or to any other person and at any time before sale, re-allotment or other disposition, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the directors think fit. Where for the purposes of its disposal a forfeited share is to be transferred to any person the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person.
- 27. A person any of whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of them and shall surrender to the company for cancellation the certificate for the shares forfeited but shall remain liable to the company for all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by it to the company in respect of those shares with interest at the rate at

which interest was payable on those moneys before the forfeiture or, if no interest was so payable, at the appropriate rate (as defined in the Act) from the date of forfeiture until payment but the directors may waive payment wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.

- 28. A statutory declaration by a director or the secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share and the declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the share and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration, if any, nor shall its title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share.
- 29. The directors may, if they think fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and remaining unpaid on any shares held by it.

## TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 30. The instrument of transfer of a share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the directors may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.
- 31. The directors may only register a transfer of shares if such transfer is to a person that is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser purchasing those shares for its own account or for the account of a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser, and that acknowledges that those shares have not been registered in the United States under the Securities Act or any state securities law of the United States, are being acquired for investment and not with a view to distribution thereof within the meaning of the Securities Act and may only be transferred subject to the restrictions of these articles.
- 32. The directors may, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason for so doing, decline to register any transfer of any share, whether or not it is a fully paid share, and they may refuse to register the transfer of a share on which the company has a lien. They may also refuse to register a transfer unless:
  - (a) it is lodged at the office or at such other place as the directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
  - (b) it is in respect of only one class of shares; and
  - (c) it is in favour of not more than four transferees.

- 33. If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the company send to the transferee notice of the refusal.
- 34. The registration of transfers of shares or of transfers of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding thirty days in any year) as the directors may determine.
- 35. No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 36. The company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered, but any instrument of transfer which the directors refuse to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

#### **COMPULSORY TRANSFER OF SHARES**

- 37. In the event of a holder of shares (the "Seller") ceasing to be a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser holding the shares for its own account or for the account of a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser, the Seller shall, on the date on which it ceases to be such a person, be deemed to have served a notice on the company (a "Deemed Transfer Notice") requesting the company to sell all shares held by the Seller (the "Sale Shares") to a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser holding the shares for its own account or for the account of a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser and constituting the company the Seller's agent for such sale at such price (the "Sale Price") as the company may determine.
- 38. If the company finds a purchaser (the "Purchaser") for the Sale Shares who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser holding the shares for its own account or for the account of a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser pursuant to a Deemed Transfer Notice, the Seller shall be bound upon receipt of the Sale Price for the Sale Shares to transfer the Sale Shares to the Purchaser. If the Seller defaults in transferring the Sale Shares, the company shall receive and give a good discharge for the Sale Price on behalf of the Seller and shall authorise some person to execute a transfer of the Sale Shares in favour of the Purchaser and shall (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter the name of the Purchaser in the register of members as the holder of the Sale Shares. The company shall forthwith pay the Sale Price into a separate bank account in the company's name and shall hold the Sale Price on trust (but without any obligation to pay interest) for the Seller until the Seller delivers up its certificate or certificates for the Sale Shares (or an indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the company in respect of any lost certificate) to the company when it shall thereupon be paid the Sale Price.
- 39. The holder of any share which is the subject of a Deemed Transfer Notice shall not, until such time as such share has been validly transferred pursuant to the Deemed Transfer Notice, be entitled in respect of it to attend or vote at any meeting of the company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company.

#### TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

- 40. A person who becomes entitled to a share by reason of any event (other than insolvency) giving rise to its transmission by operation of law shall have the same rights of election and other rights as a person entitled by transmission to a share as a consequence of insolvency.
- 41. A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the insolvency of a member may, subject to article 31, upon such evidence being produced as the directors may properly require, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by it registered as the transferee. If it elects to become the holder it shall give notice to the company to that effect. If it elects to have another person registered it shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person. All the articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and the insolvency of the member had not occurred.
- 42. A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the insolvency of a member shall have the rights to which it would be entitled if it were the holder of the share, except that it shall not, before being registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to attend or vote at any meeting of the company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company.

#### ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 43. The company may by ordinary resolution:
  - (a) increase its share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes;
  - (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
  - (c) subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from the sub-division, any of them may have any preference or advantage as compared with the others; and
  - (d) cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 44. Whenever as a result of a consolidation of shares any members would become entitled to fractions of a share, the directors may, on behalf of those members, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable to any person (including, subject to the provisions of the Act, the company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those members, and the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall its

title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.

45. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way.

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 46. All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings. All annual general meetings and all extraordinary general meetings will be held in the United States.
- 47. The directors may call general meetings and, on the requisition of members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, shall forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting for a date not later than eight weeks after receipt of the requisition.

# **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 48. An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution or a resolution appointing a person as a director shall be called by at least twenty-one clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least fourteen clear days' notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:
  - (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - in the case of any other meeting by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and, in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such.

Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all members other than any who, under the provisions of these articles or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the company, and also to the auditors or, if more than one, each of them.

49. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

## PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 50. For all purposes of these articles apart from when the company has only one member, a general meeting of the company or of the holders of any class of its shares shall be valid and effective for all purposes if one person being a duly authorised representative of two or more corporations each of which is a member entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted is present. If, and for so long as, the company has only one member, that member's duly authorised representative or its proxy shall be a quorum at any general meeting of the company or of the holders of any class of shares.
- 51. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine.
- 52. The chairman, if any, of the board of directors or in his absence some other director nominated by the directors shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the chairman nor such other director (if any) be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman.
- 53. If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairman.
- 54. A director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member, be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company.
- 55. The chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.
- A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:
  - (a) by the chairman; or
  - (b) by at least two members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
  - (c) by a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or

(d) by a member or members holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right;

and a demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.

- 57. Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.
- 58. The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
- 59. A poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 60. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 61. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 62. No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
- 63. A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which such member was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members.

## **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

64. At a general meeting, but subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who is present by a duly authorised representative and every proxy for any member (regardless of the number or the holdings of the members for whom he

is a proxy) shall have one vote, and on a poll every member who is present by a duly authorised representative or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which it is the holder.

- 65. In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether by a duly authorised representative or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register of members.
- 66. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- On a poll votes may be given either by a duly authorised representative or by proxy. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.
- 68. The appointment of a proxy shall be executed by or on behalf of the appointor and shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve):

" Limited

//We, , of
, being a member/members of
the above-named company, hereby appoint of
, or failing him, of
, as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name[s] and on my/our behalf
at the annual/extraordinary general meeting of the company to be held on
20 , and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed on 20 ."

69. Where it is desired to afford members an opportunity of instructing the proxy how he shall act the appointment of a proxy shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve):

"Limited
I/We, , of
, being a member/members of
the above-named company, hereby appoint of
, or failing him, of
, as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name[s] and on my/our behalf
at the annual/extraordinary general meeting of the company to be held on
20 , and at any adjournment thereof.

This form is to be used in respect of the resolutions mentioned below as follows:

Resolution No.1 \*for \*against Resolution No.2 \*for \*against.

\*Strike out whichever is not desired.

Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he thinks fit or abstain from voting.

Signed this day of 20 ."

- 70. The appointment of a proxy must:
  - (A) in the case of an appointment which is not contained in an electronic communication, be received at the office (or at such other place or by such person as may be specified or agreed by the directors) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote together with (if required by the directors) any authority under which it is made or a copy of the authority, certified notarially or in some other manner approved by the directors;
  - (B) in the case of an appointment contained in an electronic communication, where an address has been specified or agreed by the directors for the purpose of receiving electronic communications, be received at such address before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote. Any authority pursuant to which an appointment contained in an electronic communication is made or a copy of the authority, certified notarially or in some other manner approved by the directors, must, if required by the directors, be received at the office (or at such other place or by such person as may be specified or agreed by the directors) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote; or
  - (C) in the case of a poll taken subsequently to the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting, be received as aforesaid before the time appointed for the taking of the poll,

and an appointment of a proxy which is not received in a manner so permitted shall be invalid.

71. A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the determination was received by the company at the office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited or, where the appointment of the proxy was contained in an electronic communication, at the address at which such appointment was duly received before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

## NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

72. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall be subject to a maximum of three but shall be not less than two.

## ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 73. Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any other director, or any other person who is willing to act, to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him.
- 74. An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member, 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 as a director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for his services as an alternate director. But it shall not be necessary to give notice of such a meeting to an alternate director who is absent from the United States.
- 75. An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if his appointor ceases to be a director; but, if a director retires by rotation or otherwise but is reappointed or deemed to have been reappointed at the meeting at which he retires, any appointment of an alternate director made by him which was in force immediately prior to his retirement shall continue after his reappointment.
- 76. Any appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice to the company signed by the director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- 77. Save as otherwise provided in the articles, an alternate director shall be deemed for all purposes 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.

# **POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

- 78. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the memorandum and the articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the company shall be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the company. No alteration of the memorandum or articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this article shall not be limited by any special power given to the directors by the articles and a meeting of directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the directors.
- 79. All meetings of the directors and all actions of the directors shall be held or taken within the United States.
- 80. All of the business and investment decisions and management activities of the company shall take place in the United States and the company shall not have an office or other place of business outside of the United States.

81. The directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the company for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

#### **DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS**

82. The directors may delegate any of their powers (including the power to sub-delegate) to any committee consisting of such person or persons (whether directors or not) as they think fit. The directors may also delegate to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, their own powers and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying. Any reference in these articles to a committee of directors or to a director as a member of such a committee shall include a committee established under this article or such person or persons.

## APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 83. Any member holding, or any members holding in aggregate, at the relevant time a majority in nominal value of such of the issued share capital of the company as carries the right of attending and voting at general meetings of the company may by memorandum in writing signed by or on behalf of it or them and delivered to the office or tendered at a meeting of the directors or at a general meeting of the company at any time and from time to time appoint any person to be a director (either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director) or remove any director from office (no matter how he was appointed). In this article references to in writing include the use of electronic communications.
- 84. Without prejudice to the powers conferred by any other article, any person may be appointed a director by the directors, either to fill a vacancy or, subject to article 72, as an additional director.
- 85. No director shall be required to retire or vacate his office, and no person shall be ineligible for appointment as a director, by reason of his having attained any particular age. No shareholding qualification for directors shall be required.

# **DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

- 86. The office of a director shall be vacated if:
  - (a) he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director; or
  - (b) he is removed from office pursuant to these articles; or

- (c) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
- (d) he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
  - (i) 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
  - (ii) an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United States 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
- (e) he resigns his office by notice to the company; or
- (f) he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors resolve that his office be vacated.

#### COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

87. No director shall be entitled to any compensation from the company for services as director or for reimbursement of their expenses during the course of conducting the company's business.

## **DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS**

- 88. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may appoint one or more of their number to the office of managing director or to any other executive office under the company and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any director for his employment by the company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made upon such terms as the directors determine and they may remunerate any such director for his services as they think fit. Any appointment of a director to an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the company.
- 89. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office:
  - (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested;
  - (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or 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 otherwise interested; and

- (c) shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the company for any benefit which he derives from any such office 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.
- 90. For the purposes of article 89:
  - (a) a general notice given 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; and
  - (b) 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.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 91. Notice of a meeting of the directors shall be deemed to be properly given to a director if it is given to him personally or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the company for this purpose, or by any other means authorised in writing by the director concerned. Notice shall be given in this manner to all directors. A director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively. In this article references to in writing include the use of electronic communications subject to such terms and conditions as the directors may decide.
- 92. Subject to the provisions of the articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. Notice of a meeting of the directors shall be deemed to be properly given to a director if it is given to him personally or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the company for this purpose, or by any other means authorised in writing by the director concerned. Notice shall be given in this manner to all directors. A director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively. In this article references to in writing include the use of electronic communications subject to such terms and conditions as the directors may decide. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A director who is also an alternate director shall be entitled in the absence of his appointor to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor in addition to his own vote.
- 93. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors shall be two. A person who holds office only as an alternate director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum.
- 94. All or any of the members of the board may participate in a meeting of the board by means of a conference telephone or any communication equipment which allows all persons participating

in the meeting to hear each other. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote or be counted in a quorum accordingly.

- 95. The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
- 96. The directors may appoint one of their number to be the chairman of the board of directors and may at any time remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of directors at which he is present. But if there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 97. All acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
- 98. A resolution in writing signed by all the directors who are at the relevant time entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the board (if that number is sufficient to constitute a quorum) shall be as valid and effectual as a resolution passed at a meeting of the board properly called and constituted. The resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form each signed by one or more of the directors concerned. A resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a director who has appointed an alternate director, it need not be signed by the alternate director in that capacity. In this article references to in writing include the use of electronic communications subject to such terms and conditions as the directors may decide.
- 99. A director who to his knowledge is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the company shall declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the directors in accordance with the Act. Subject where applicable to such disclosure, a director shall be entitled to vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract in which he is interested and if he shall do so his vote shall be counted and he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present. A reference in this article to a contract includes any transaction or arrangement (whether or not constituting a contract).
- 100. The company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.
- 101. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the company or any body corporate in which the company is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the directors

- concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
- 102. If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive.

#### **SECRETARY**

103. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the secretary shall be appointed by the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them.

#### **MINUTES**

- 104. The directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:
  - (a) of all appointments of officers made by the directors; and
  - (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the company, of the holders of any class of shares in the company, and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting.

## **DIVIDENDS**

- 105. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the directors.
- 106. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may pay interim dividends if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the company available for distribution. If the share capital is divided into different classes, the directors may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. The directors may also pay at intervals settled by them any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. Provided the directors act in good faith they shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.
- 107. Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; but, if any

- share is issued on terms provided that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.
- 108. A general meeting declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the directors, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets and, where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the directors may settle the same and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of any assets and may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.
- 109. Any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the person entitled or, if two or more persons are the holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the insolvency of the holder, to the registered address of that one of those persons who is first named in the register of members or to such person and to such address as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct. Every cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the company. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the share.
- 110. No dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share shall bear interest against the company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.
- 111. Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the company.

## **ACCOUNTS**

112. No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by ordinary resolution of the company.

#### CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

- 113. The directors may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the company:
  - (a) subject as hereinafter provided, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve;
  - (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full

unissued shares or debentures of the company of a nominal amount equal to that sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to those members, or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other: but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid;

- (c) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable under this article in fractions; and
- (d) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they are entitled upon such capitalisation, any agreement made under such authority being binding on all such members.

#### **NOTICES**

- 114. Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of the directors) shall be in writing or shall be given using electronic communications to an address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice.
  - In this article, "address", in relation to electronic communications, includes any number or address used for the purposes of such communications.
- 115. Any notice or other document may be served on or sent or delivered to any member by the company either personally, or by sending it by post addressed to the member at its registered address, or by leaving it at that address addressed to the member, or, where appropriate, by using electronic communications to an address notified by the member concerned to the company for that purpose, or by any other means authorised in writing by the member concerned. In the case of joint holders of a share service, sending or delivery of any notice or other document on or to one of the joint holders shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service on or sending or delivery to all the joint holders.
- 116. A member present, either by its duly authorised representative or proxy, at any meeting of the company or of the holders of any class of shares in the company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.
- 117. Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before its name is entered in the register of members, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives title.
- Any notice or other document, if sent by the company by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered twenty four hours after posting and, in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or document was properly addressed, stamped and put in the post. Any notice or other document left by the company at a registered address

- otherwise than by post, or sent by electronic communications shall be deemed to have been served or delivered when it was so left or sent.
- 119. A notice may be given by the company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the insolvency of a member by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by the articles for the giving of notice to a member at the address, if any, supplied for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the insolvency had not occurred.

## WINDING UP

120. If the company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the company and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the company and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he with the like sanction determines, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is a liability.

#### **INDEMNITY**

121. Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against 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 in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the company.

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