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SMARTMATIC EMEA LIMITED

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Part 1 Company details

Filling in this form
 Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals
 All fields are mandatory unless specified or indicated by *

A1	Company details					
	Please show the proposed company name below	Ouplicate names Duplicate names are not permitted A				
Proposed company	Smartmatic EMEA Limited	list of registered names can be found on our website. There are vanous rules				
name in full O		that may affect your choice of name				
For official use	7236594	More information is available at www.companieshouse gov uk				
A2	Company name restrictions o					
	Please tick the box only if the proposed company name contains sensitive or restricted words or expressions that require you to seek comments of a government department or other specified body Ocompany name restrict A list of sensitive or restrict or expressions that require can be found in quidance					
	I confirm that the proposed company name contains sensitive or restricted words or expressions and that approval, where appropriate, has been sought of a government department or other specified body and I attach a copy of their response	on our website www.companieshouse.gov.uk				
A3	Exemption from name ending with 'Limited' or 'Cyfyngedig' 🛭					
	Please tick the box if you wish to apply for exemption from the requirement to have the name ending with 'Limited', Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative	Name ending exemption Only private companies that are limited by quarantee and meet other.				
	I confirm that the above proposed company meets the conditions for exemption from the requirement to have a name ending with 'Limited', 'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative	specific requirements are eligible to apply for this For more details, please go to our website www.companieshouse.gov.uk				
A4	Company type [©]	Trivit companies nouse got an				
	Please tick the box that describes the proposed company type and members' liability (only one box must be ticked) Public limited by shares Private limited by shares Private limited by guarantee Private unlimited with share capital Private unlimited without share capital	● Company type If you are unsure of your company's type, please go to our website www.companieshouse gov.uk				

IN01 Application to register a company **A5** Situation of registered office o • Registered office Please tick the appropriate box below that describes the situation of the Every company must have a proposed registered office (only one box must be ticked) registered office and this is the **England and Wales** address to which the Registrar will Wales send correspondence Scotland For England and Wales companies, Northern Ireland the address must be in England or Wates For Welsh, Scottish or Northern Ireland companies, the address must be in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively A6 Registered office address @ Registered office address Please give the registered office address of your company You must ensure that the address Building name/number 7 shown in this section is consistent with the situation indicated in Street Albemarle Street section A5 You must provide an address in England or Wales for companies to Post town London be registered in England and Wales You must provide an address in County/Region Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland for companies to be registered in Postcode W 1 S | 4 | H | Q Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively A7 Articles of association o Please choose one option only and tick one box only • For details of which company type can adopt which model articles. Option 1 I wish to adopt one of the following model articles in its entirety. Please tick please go to our website only one box www.companieshouse.gov.uk Private limited by shares Private limited by guarantee Public company Option 2 I wish to adopt the following model articles with additional and/or amended provisions I attach a copy of the additional and/or amended provision(s). Please tick only one box Private limited by shares Private limited by guarantee Public company Option 3 I wish to adopt entirely bespoke articles. I attach a copy of the bespoke articles to this application **A8** Restricted company articles © Please tick the box below if the company's articles are restricted Restricted company articles Restricted company articles are those containing provision for entrenchment For more details, please go to our website www.companieshouse.gov.uk

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Part 2 Proposed officers

For private companies the appointment of a secretary is optional, however, if you do decide to appoint a company secretary you must provide the relevant details. Public companies are required to appoint at least one secretary.

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual

For a secretary who is an individual, go to Section B1, For a corporate secretary, go to Section C1, For a director who is an individual, go to Section D1, For a corporate director, go to Section E1

Secretary

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B1	Secretary appointments o	
	Please use this section to list all the secretary appointments taken on formation For a corporate secretary, complete Sections C1-C5	• Corporate appointments For corporate secretary appointments, please complete
Title*		section C1-C5 instead of section 8
Full forename(s)		Additional appointments
Surname		If you wish to appoint more than one secretary, please use
Former name(s) 2		the 'Secretary appointments' continuation page
		Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years Married women do not need to give former names unless previously use for business purposes.
B2	Secretary's service address ®	•
Building name/number		Service address
Street		This is the address that will appear on the public record This does not have to be your usual residential address.
Post town		Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service
County/Region		address will be recorded in the proposed company's register
Postcode		of secretaries as the company's registered office
Country		If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record
P2	Signature o	<u> </u>
B3	Signature o	
	I consent to act as secretary of the proposed company named in Section A1	• Signature The person named above consents
Signature	Signature X	to act as secretary of the proposed company

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Corporate secretary

C1	Corporate secretary appointments •			
	Please use this section to list all the corporate secretary appointments taken on formation	Additional appointments If you wish to appoint more than one corporate secretary, please use the		
Name of corporate body/firm	Citco Management (UK) Limited	'Corporate secretary appointments continuation page Registered or principal address This is the address that will appear on the public record This address		
Building name/number	7			
Street	Albemarle Street	must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or		
Post town	London	LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number		
County/Region				
Postcode	W 1 S 4 H Q			
Country				
C2	Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm			
	Is the corporate secretary registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)? → Yes Complete Section C3 only → No Complete Section C4 only			
C3	EEA companies ®			
	Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register	● EEA A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our quidance		
Where the company/ firm is registered •	United Kingdom	www.companieshouse.gov.uk This is the register mentioned in		
Domestica and a superior		Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)		
Registration number	02656801	 		
C4	Non-EEA companies			
	Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register.	Non-EEA Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered,		
Legal form of the corporate body or firm		you must also provide its number in that register		
Governing law				
If applicable, where the company/firm is registered •				
Registration number				
C5	Signature 9			
	I consent to act as secretary of the proposed company named in Section A1	⊗ Signature		
Signature	For and on behalf of X Citco Management (UK) Limit	The person named above consents to act as corporate secretary of the proposed company		

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Director

D1	Director appointments •					
	Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5	Appointments Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an				
Title*		individual Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of				
Full forename(s)	Chandler	which must be an individual				
Surname	Molina	O Former name(s) Please provide any previous names				
Former name(s) •		which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years Marned women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.				
Country/State of residence Output The state of the sta	Venezuela	Country/State of residence				
Nationality	Venezuelan	This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in				
Date of birth	d 1 d 5 m 0 m 1 y 1 y 9 y 6 y 8	section D4				
Business occupation (if any) 😉	General Counsel – Smartmatic Group	Business occupation If you have a business occupation, please enter here If you do not, please leave blank				
		Additional appointments If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page				
D2	Director's service address Please complete the service address below You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4	Service address This is the address that will appear				
Building name/number	7	on the public record This does not have to be your usual residential				
Street	Albemarle Street	address Please state 'The Company's				
		Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the				
Post town	London	proposed company's register of				
County/Region		directors as the company's registered office				
Postcode	W 1 S 4 H Q	If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the				
Country		public record				
D3	Signature 9					
	I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1	O Signature The person named above consents				
Signature	Signature X	to act as director of the proposed company				
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Former name(s) •		which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used				
Country/State of	Venezuela	for business purposes				
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Building name/number	7	on the public record This does not have to be your usual residential				
Street	Albemarle Street	address. Please state 'The Company's				
		Registered Office' if your service				
Post town	London	address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of				
County/Region		directors as the company's registered office				
Postcode	W 1 S 4 H Q	If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the				
Country		public record				
D3	Signature ^O					
	I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1	O Signature				
Signature	Signature X A. TZ. Garres X	The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company				

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Full forename(s)	ROBERT	which must be an individual					
Surname	COOK	• Former name(s) Please provide any previous names					
Former name(s) ❷		which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used					
Country/State of residence •	USA	for business purposes					
Nationality	AMERICAN	© Country/State of residence This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in					
Date of birth	13 17 17 14 14	Section D4					
Business occupation (if any) •	VICE PRESIDENT - SALES - SMALTMATIC GROUP.	Business occupation If you have a business occupation, please enter here If you do not, please leave blank					
D2	Director's service address 9						
	Please complete the service address below You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4	Service address This is the address that will appear on the public record This does not					
Building name/number	7	have to be your usual residential address					
Street	ALBEMARIE STREET	Please state 'The Company's					
		Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the					
Post town	LONDON	proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered					
County/Region		office					
Postcode	W12 5 1 4 H Q 1	If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the					
Country	l uk	public record					
D3	Signature ®						
	I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1	Signature The person named above consents					
Signature	X Robert Cook X	to act as director of the proposed company					

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Corporate director

E 1	Corporate director appointments •			
	Please use this section to list all the corporate directors taken on formation	Additional appointments		
Name of corporate body or firm		If you wish to appoint more than one corporate director, please use the 'Corporate director appointments' continuation page		
Building name/number		Registered or principal address		
Street		This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be		
Post town		a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or		
County/Region		LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number		
Postcode				
Country				
E2	Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm			
_	Is the corporate director registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)? → Yes Complete Section E3 only → No Complete Section E4 only			
E3	EEA companies ❷			
	Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register	e EEA A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance		
Where the company/ firm is registered •	·	www.companieshouse.gov.uk		
		This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law		
Registration number		Directive (68/151/EEC)		
E4	Non-EEA companies			
	Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register.	Non-EEA Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered,		
Legal form of the corporate body or firm		you must also provide its number in that register		
Governing law				
If applicable, where the company/firm is registered •				
If applicable, the registration number				
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Signature	gnature Signature			
E5	I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1 Signature	Signature The person named ab to act as corporate di proposed company		

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Part 3	Statement	of capital				
	Does your company	have share capital?				
		plete the sections belo				
	→ No Got	o Part 4 (Statement o	of guarantee)			
1	Share capital in	pound sterling (£)			
Please complete the ta If all your issued capita			d in pound sterling and then go to Section F4			
Class of shares E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share •	Number of sha	es O	Aggregate nominal value €
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Class of shares (E.g. Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share	Number of sha	res 👽	Aggregate nominal value
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·			Totals			
F3	Totals		_ ,, - , _ ,			1
_	Please give the total	ggregate nominal value ist total aggregate values in				
otal number of shares		<u> </u>				t currencies separately For e £100 + €100 + \$10 etc
otal aggregate ominal value 😉						
• Including both the nominal share premium • Total number of issued s		Number of shares issue nominal value of each	share Plea	atinuation Pag use use a Stater e if necessary		tal continuation

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	Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)	, _
	Please give the prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares for each class of share shown in the statement of capital share tables in Sections F1 and F2	O Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares
Class of share	Ordinary Shares	The particulars are a particulars of any voting rights,
Prescribed particulars	The shares have attached to them full voting, dividend and capital distribution (including on winding up) rights, they do not confer any rights of redemption	The particulars are a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances, b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution, c. particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares. A separate table must be used for each class of share Continuation pages Please use the next page or a 'Statement of Capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary

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Class of share Prescribed particulars O O O O O O O O O O O O	The particulars of rights attached to shares The particulars are a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances, b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution, c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares A separate table must be used for each class of share Continuation pages
	Please use a 'Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary

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Initial shareholdings

This section should only be completed by companies incorporating with share capital Please complete the details below for each subscriber

The addresses will appear on the public record These do not need to be the subscribers' usual residential address

Initial shareholdings Please list the company's subscribers in alphabetical order

Please use an 'Initial shareholdings' continuation page if necessary

subscribers: usu	ial residential addre	esidential address				continuation page if necessary		
Subscriber's details	Class of share	Number of shares	Currency	Nominal value of each share	Amount (if any) unpaid	Amount paid		
Smartmatic International Holding B V	Ordinary	1	GBP	1		1		
Naritaweg 165, 1043 BW Amsterdam, the Netherlands								
Name			[
Address			l					
Name								
Address								
Name								
Address								
lt								
Name								
Address								

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	Subscriber's details	O Name
Forename(s) •		Please use capital letters.
Surname •		Address The addresses in this section will
Address 2		appear on the public record They do not have to be the subscribers' usual
i		residential address
Postcode		Amount guaranteed Any valid currency is permitted
Amount guaranteed		Continuation pages Please use a 'Subscribers'
	Subscriber's details	Please use a 'Subscribers' continuation page if necessary
Forename(s) •		
Surname •		
Address 2		
Postcode		
Amount guaranteed 9		
	Subscriber's details	
Forename(s) •		1
Surname •		
Address 9		
Postcode		
Amount guaranteed		
	Subscriber's details	
Forename(s) •		
Surname •		
Address 9		
 =		
Postcode		
Amount guaranteed		
	Subscriber's details	
Forename(s) •		1
Surname •		
Address @		
Postcode		
Amount guaranteed 6		
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Statement of compliance Part 5 This section must be completed by all companies. Is the application by an agent on behalf of all the subscribers? Go to Section H1 (Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers) → Yes Go to Section H2 (Statement of compliance delivered by an agent) H1 Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers • • Statement of compliance Please complete this section if the application is not delivered by an agent delivered by the subscribers for the subscribers of the memorandum of association Every subscriber to the memorandum of association must sign the statement of compliance I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with Subscriber's signature X Subscriber's signature X Subscriber's signature X X Subscriber's signature X X Subscriber's signature X X Subscriber's signature X Subscriber's signature X Subscriber's signature X

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Subscriber's signature	Signature	X	Continuation pages Please use a 'Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers' continuation page if more subscribers need to sign
Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	
Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	
Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	
H2	Statement of compliance delivered by an agent		
	Please complete this section if this application is delivered by an agent for the subscribers to the memorandum of association		
Agent's name	Citco London Limited		
Building name/number	7		
itreet	Albemarle Street		
Post town	London		
County/Region			
Postcode	W 1 S 4 H Q	ļ	
Country	UK		
	I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with	1	
Agent's signature	Signature XX	×	
	FOR AND ON BEHALF OF CITCO LONDON LIMITED		_

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Presenter information				
You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record				
Contact name Janak Prajapatı				
Company name Citco London Limited				
Corporate Administration Services				
Address 7 Albemarle Street				
Double to the control of the control				
Post town London				
County/Region				
Postcode W 1 S 4 H Q				
Country				
ΟX				
Telephone 020 7290 1350				
✓ Certificate				
We will send your certificate to the presenters address (shown above) or if indicated to another address shown below				
☐ At the registered office address (Given in Section A6)☐ At the agents address (Given in Section H2)				
✓ Checklist				
We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing				
Please make sure you have remembered the following You have checked that the proposed company name is available as well as the various rules that may affect your choice of name. More information can be found in guidance on our website.				
☐ If the name of the company is the same as one already on the register as permitted by The Company and Business Names (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008, please attach consent				
☐ You have used the correct appointment sections. ☐ Any addresses given must be a physical location They cannot be a PO Box number (unless part of a full service address), DX or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number.				

☐ The document has been signed, where indicated

□ All relevant attachments have been included

You have enclosed the correct fee

Important information

Please note that all information on this form will appear on the public record, apart from information relating to usual residential addresses

How to pay

A fee of £20 is payable to Companies House to register a company

Make cheques or postal orders payable to 'Companies House'

You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the appropriate address below

For companies registered in England and Wales The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland
The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Fourth floor, Edinburgh Quay 2,
139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 9FF
DX ED235 Edinburgh 1
or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2 (Legal Post)

For companies registered in Northern Ireland The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, First Floor, Waterfront Plaza, 8 Laganbank Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT1 3BS DX 481 N R Belfast 1

Section 243 exemption

If you are applying for, or have been granted a section 243 exemption, please post this whole form to the different postal address below
The Registrar of Companies, PO Box 4082,
Cardiff, CF14 3WE

Further information

For further information, please see the guidance notes on the website at www.companieshouse.gov.uk or email enquines@companieshouse.gov.uk

This form is available in an alternative format. Please visit the forms page on the website at www.companieshouse.gov.uk

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

- of -

SMARTMATIC EMEA LIMITED

Each subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company and to take at least one share

NAME

OF SUBSCRIBER

AUTHENTICATION

Smartmatic International Holding, B V

Trust International Management (T.I M) B.V. Managing Director

Dated April 8,2010

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PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

- of -

SMARTMATIC EMEA LIMITED

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PART 1

INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Defined terms

- 1.—(1)In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise—
 - "Act" means the Companies Act 2006,
 - "Articles" means the company's articles of association for the time being in force,
 - 'bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,
 - "business day" means any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the City of London are generally open for business,
 - "chairman" has the meaning given in article 14,
 - "chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 44,
 - "Companies Acts" means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Act), in so far as they apply to the company,
 - "director" means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,
 - "distribution recipient" has the meaning given in article 36(2),
 - "document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,
 - "electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act,
 - "eligible director" means a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter),
 - "fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company,
 - "hard copy form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act,
 - "holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares,
 - "instrument" means a document in hard copy form,
 - "Model Articles" means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2009/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles,
 - 'ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Act,
 - "paid" means paid or credited as paid,
 - "participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 11,
 - "proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 50,
 - "shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share,

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- "shares" means shares in the company,
- "special resolution" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Act,
- "subsidiary" has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Act,
- "transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law, and
- "writing" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise

- (2) Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles
- (3) Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles
- (4) A reference in these Articles to an "article" is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise
- (5) Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of—
 - (a) any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it, and
 - (b) any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts
- (6) Any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms
- (7) The Model Articles shall apply to the company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles

Liability of members

2. The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them

PART 2

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Directors' general authority

3. Subject to the Articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company

Shareholders' reserve power

- 4.—(1) The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action
 - (2) No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution

Directors may delegate

5.—(1) Subject to the Articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles—

- (a) to such person or committee,
- (b) by such means (including by power of attorney),
- (c) to such an extent,
- (d) in relation to such matters or territories, and
- (e) on such terms and conditions,

as they think fit

- (2) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated
 - (3) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

Committees

- **6.**—(1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors
 - (2) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them

Company name

- 7.—(1) The name of the Company may be changed by
 - (a) special resolution of the members, or
 - (b) a decision of the directors, or

otherwise in accordance with the Act

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

Directors to take decisions collectively

- **8.**—(1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8
 - (2) If—
 - (a) the company only has one director for the time being, and
 - (b) no provision of the Articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the Articles relating to directors' decision-making

(3) Any director is authorised to enter into to any agreements or contracts on behalf of the company up to a maximum of £100,000 without the prior approval of other directors in a

meeting so far as the signing of the documents is approved and ratified at the next meeting of the board of directors

Unanimous decisions

- 9.—(1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter
 - (2) Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each eligible director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing
 - (3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting (but exclude in respect of the authorisation of a Conflict Situation, the director subject to that Conflict Situation)
 - (4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

Calling a directors' meeting

- 10.—(1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors to give such notice
 - (2) Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate—
 - (a) its proposed date and time,
 - (b) where it is to take place, and
 - (c) If it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting
 - (3) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing
 - (4) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it

Participation in directors' meetings

- 11.—(1) Subject to the Articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when—
 - (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and
 - (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting
 - (2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other

(3) If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

Quorum for directors' meetings

- 12.—(1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting
 - (2) Subject to paragraph (3), the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of directors is any two eligible directors
 - (3) For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to article 16 to authorise a director's conflict, if there is only one director in office other than the conflicted director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one eligible director
 - (4) If the total number of directors in office for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision—
 - (a) to appoint further directors, or
 - (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors

Directors voting and counting in the quorum

- 13.—(1) Save as otherwise specified in these Articles or the Act and subject to any limitations, conditions or terms attaching to any authorisation given by the directors for the purposes of section 175(4)(b) of the Act, a director may vote on, and be counted in the quorum in relation to any resolution relating to a matter in which he has, or can have—
 - (a) a direct or indirect interest or duty which conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company, and
 - (b) a conflict of interest arising in relation to an existing or a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company

Chairing of directors' meetings

- 14.—(1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings
 - (2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman
 - (3) The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time
- (4) If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it

Casting vote

- 15.—(1) If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote
 - (2) But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes

Authorisation of directors' conflicts of interest

16.— If a Conflict Situation arises, the directors may authorise it for the purposes of section 175(4)(b) of the Act by a resolution of the directors made in accordance with that section and these Articles. At the time of the authorisation, or at any time afterwards, the directors may impose any limitations or conditions or grant the authority subject to such terms which (in each case) they consider appropriate and reasonable in all the circumstances. Any authorisation may be revoked or varied at any time in the discretion of the directors.

Records of decisions to be kept

- 17.(1) The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors
 - (2) Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in permanent form, so that they may be read with the naked eye

Directors' discretion to make further rules

18 Subject to the Articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Number of directors

19. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than two

Methods of appointing directors

- 20.—(1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director—
 - (a) by ordinary resolution, or
 - (b) by a decision of the directors
 - (2) In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director
 - (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder

Termination of director's appointment

- 21. A person ceases to be a director as soon as-
 - (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a director by law,

- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person,
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,
- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months,
- (e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have,
- (f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms

Directors' remuneration

- 22.—(1) A director may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide
- (2) A director is entitled to such remuneration as the directors decide (i) for his services to the Company as director, and (ii) for any other service which he undertakes for the Company
- (3) Subject to the Articles, a director's remuneration may (1) take any form, and (11) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director
 - (4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, a director's remuneration accrues from day to day
- (5) Unless the directors decide otherwise, no director is accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefit which he receives as a director or other officer or employee of any of the Company's subsidiaries or of any holding company of the Company from time to time or of any other body corporate in which the Company or any such holding company is interested

Directors' expenses

- 23. The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at—
 - (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,
 - (b) general meetings, or
 - (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company,
 - or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company

PART 3

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

SHARES

Share capital

24.— The share capital of the Company at the date of Incorporation comprises of 1 ordinary share of £1

All shares to be fully paid up

- 25.—(1) No share is to be issued other than fully paid
- (2) This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum

Powers to issue different classes of share

- 26.—(1) Subject to the Articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution
 - (2) The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder

Issue of new shares

- 27.—(1) The Company has the power to allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to those rights
 - (2) The directors may only exercise the power of the Company to allot and issue shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in accordance with section 551 of the Act. The powers of the directors pursuant to section 550 of the Act shall be limited accordingly
 - (3) The provisions of sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to the Company

Company not bound by less than absolute interests

28. Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the Articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it

Share certificates

- 29.—(1) The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds
 - (2) Every certificate must specify—
 - (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued,

- (b) the nominal value of those shares,
- (c) that the shares are fully paid, and
- (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them
- (3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class
- (4) If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it
- (5) Certificates must—
 - (e) have affixed to them the company's common seal, or
 - (f) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts

Replacement share certificates

- 30.—(1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is—
 - (a) damaged or defaced, or
 - (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares

- (2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate—
 - (c) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates,
 - (d) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced, and
 - (e) must comply with such conditions as to evidence indemnity as the directors decide

Share transfers

- 31.—(1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor
 - (2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share
 - (3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered
 - (4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it
 - (5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent

Transmission of shares

- 32.—(1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share
 - (2) A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require—
 - (a) may, subject to the Articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
 - (b) subject to the Articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had
 - (3) But, subject to article 20 2, transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares

Exercise of transmittees' rights

- 33.—(1) Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish
 - (2) If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
 - (3) Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

Transmittees bound by prior notices

34. If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name, or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under article 33(2), has been entered in the register of members

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

Procedure for declaring dividends

- 35.—(1) The company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends
 - (2) A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors
 - (3) No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights
 - (4) Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the rights attached to shares, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it

- (5) If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear
- (6) The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment
- (7) If the directors act in good faith, they do 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 shares with deferred or non-preferred rights
- (8) Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to any shares from time to time, all dividends shall be paid to the holders of shares in proportion to the numbers of shares on which the dividend is paid held by them respectively, but if any share is issued on terms that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, or pari passu as regards dividends with a share already issued, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly

Payment of dividends and other distributions

- 36.—(1) Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means—
 - (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient in writing,
 - (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient in writing,
 - (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified in writing, or
 - (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient in writing
 - (2) In the Articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable—
 - (e) the holder of the share; or
 - (f) If the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members, or
 - (g) If the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee

No interest on distributions

37. The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share

Unclaimed distributions

38.—(1) All dividends or other sums which are-

- (a) payable in respect of shares, and
- (b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,

may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed

- (2) The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it
 - (3) If—
 - (c) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
 - (d) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company

Non-cash distributions

- 39.—(1) Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company)
 - (2) For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution—
 - (a) fixing the value of any assets,
 - (b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients, and
 - (c) vesting any assets in trustees

Waiver of distributions

- 40. Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if—
 - (a) the share has more than one holder, or
 - (b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums

41.—(1) Subject to the Articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution—

- (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve, and
- (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "capitalised sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "persons entitled") and in the same proportions
- (2) Capitalised sums must be applied-
 - (c) on behalf of the persons entitled, and
 - (d) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them
- (3) Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct
- (4) A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct
 - (5) Subject to the Articles the directors may—
 - (e) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) partly in one way and partly in another,
 - (f) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments), and
 - (g) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article

PART 4

DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- 42.—(1) A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting
 - (2) A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when—
 - (a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
 - (b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting

- (3) The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it
- (4) In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other
- (5) Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them

Quorum for general meetings

- 43.—(1) If the Company has more than one member, the quorum for a general meeting shall be—
 - (a) one member holding more than one half in nominal value of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company and present in person or by proxy or by representative (and the presence of such a member shall be deemed for this purpose to constitute a valid meeting), or
 - (b) if no such member is present, two members present in person or by proxy or representative
 - (2) A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting
 - (3) If the Company has only one member, section 318 of the Act shall apply
 - (4) No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum

Chairing general meetings

- 44.—(1) If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so
 - (2) If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start—
 - (a) the directors present, or
 - (b) (if no directors are present), the meeting,
 - must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting
 - (3) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the chairman of the meeting"

Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders

- 45.—(1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders
 - (2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not—

- (a) shareholders of the company, or
- (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting

Adjournment

- 46.—(1) If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it
 - (2) The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if—
 - (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
 - (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner
 - (3) The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting
 - (4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must—
 - (c) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and
 - (d) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting
 - (5) If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)—
 - (e) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and
 - (f) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain
 - (6) No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Voting: general

47. A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the Articles

Errors and disputes

48.—(1) No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid

(2) Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final

Poll votes

- 49.—(1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared
 - (2) A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting
 - (3) A demand for a poli may be withdrawn if-
 - (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
 - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal

A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made

(4) Polls must be taken when, where and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs

Content of proxy notices

- 50.—(1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which—
 - (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy,
 - (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed,
 - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine, and
 - (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the Articles not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate

and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid[, unless the directors, in their discretion, accept the notice at any time before the meeting]

- (2) The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes
- (3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions
 - (4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as—
 - (e) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and

(f) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself

Delivery of proxy notices

- 51.—(1) Any notice of a general meeting must specify the address or addresses ("proxy notification address") at which the Company or its agents will receive proxy notices relating to that meeting, or any adjournment of it, delivered in hard copy or electronic form
 - (2) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person
 - (3) Subject to Articles (4) and (5), a proxy notice must be delivered to a proxy notification address not less than 24 hours before the general meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates
 - (4) In the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, the notice must be delivered to a proxy notification address not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll
 - (5) In the case of a poll not taken during the meeting but taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, the proxy notice must be delivered
 - (a) in accordance with Article (3), or
 - (b) at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman of the meeting, company secretary (if any) or any director
 - (6) The directors may, in their sole discretion, determine from time to time that in calculating the periods referred to in Articles (3) and (4) no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day
 - (7) A proxy notice which is not delivered in accordance with Articles (3), (4) or (5) shall be invalid unless the directors, in their sole discretion, accept the proxy notice at any time before the meeting
 - (8) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to a proxy notification address a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given
 - (9) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before
 - (a) the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates, or
 - (b) (in the case of a poll not taken on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll to which it relates
 - (10) If a proxy notice is not signed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence, satisfactory to the directors, of the authority of the person who signed it to do so on the appointor's behalf
 - (11) If more than one proxy notice relating to the same share is delivered for the purposes of the same meeting, the proxy notice last delivered shall prevail in conferring authority on the person named in the notice to attend the meeting and vote. A proxy notice in electronic form found by the Company to contain a computer virus shall not be accepted by the Company and shall be invalid.

Amendments to resolutions

- 52.—(1) An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if—
 - (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
 - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution
 - (2) A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if—
 - (c) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - (d) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution
 - (3) If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution

PART 5

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Means of communication to be used

- 53.—(1) The company communications provisions (as defined in the Act) shall also apply to any document or information not otherwise authorised or required to be sent or supplied by or to a company under the Companies Acts (as defined in the Act) but to be sent or supplied by or to the Company pursuant to these Articles
 - (a) by or to the Company, or
 - (b) by or to the directors acting on behalf of the Company
 - (2) The provisions of section 1168 of the Act (hard copy and electronic form and related expressions) shall apply to the Company as if the words "and the Articles" were inserted after the words "the Companies Acts" in sections 1168(1) and 1168(7)
 - (3) Section 1147 of the Act shall apply to any document or information to be sent or supplied by the Company to its members under the Companies Acts or pursuant to these Articles as if
 - (a) in section 1147(2) the words "or by airmail (whether in hard copy or electronic form) to an address outside the United Kingdom" were inserted after the words "in the United Kingdom",
 - (b) in section 1147(3) the words "48 hours after it was sent" were deleted and replaced with the words "when sent, notwithstanding that the Company may be aware of the failure in delivery of such document or information",
 - (c) a new section 1147(4)(A) were inserted as follows

"Where the document or information is sent or supplied by hand (whether in hard copy or electronic form) and the Company is able to show that it was properly addressed and sent at the cost of the Company, it is deemed to have been received by the intended recipient when delivered",

(d) section 1147(5) were deleted

- (4) Proof that a document or information sent by electronic means was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the document or information was properly addressed as required by section 1147(3) of the Act and that the document or information was sent or supplied
- (5) In the case of members who are joint holders of shares, anything to be agreed or specified by the holder may be agreed or specified by the holder whose name appears first in the register of members Schedule 5, Part 6, paragraph 16(2) of the Act shall apply accordingly

Company seals

- **54.**—(1) Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors
 - (2) The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used
- (3) Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature. For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is any director of the company

No right to inspect accounts and other records

55. Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder

Provision for employees on cessation of business

56. The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

Indemnity insurance and funding of defence proceedings

- 57.—(1) This Article 57 shall have effect, and any indemnity provided by or pursuant to it shall apply, only to the extent permitted by, and subject to the restrictions of, the Act It does not allow for or provide (to any extent) an indemnity which is more extensive than is permitted by the Act and any such indemnity is limited accordingly. This Article 57 is also without prejudice to any indemnity to which any person may otherwise be entitled.
 - (2) The Company shall indemnify every person who is a director or other officer (other than an auditor) of the Company out of the assets of the Company from and against any loss, liability or expense incurred by him or them in relation to the Company

- (3) The Company may indemnify any person who is a director of a company that is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act) out of the assets of the Company from and against any loss, liability or expense incurred by him or them in connection with such company's activities as trustee of the scheme
- (4) The directors may purchase and maintain insurance at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any person who is or was at any time a director, or other officer (other than an auditor) of the Company or of any associated company (as defined in section 256 of the Act) of the Company or a trustee of any pension fund or employee benefits trust for the benefit of any employee of the Company
- (5) The directors may, subject to the provisions of the Act, exercise the powers conferred on them by sections 205 and 206 of the Act to
 - (a) provide funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred in defending any proceedings, investigation or action referred to in those sections or in connection with an application for relief referred to in section 205, or
 - (b) take any action to enable such expenditure not to be incurred