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# THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SPECIAL RESOLUTION Mi-Grid Developments Limited ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

At a general meeting of the members of the above named company, duly convened and held at Trevissome Park on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

The following Special Resolution was duly passed

That the existing articles of association in their entirety be removed and substituted for the new articles of association attached to this resolution

DATED 26th February 2013

**SIGNED** 

Company Secretary and Director

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#### **THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

# PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

**OF** 

MI-GRID DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (Company Number 8360319)

(Adopted by special resolution passed on

2013)

# **INTRODUCTION**

1 Interpretation

1.1 In these Articles, the following words have the following meanings:

Act:

the Companies Act 2006;

A Director:

any director appointed to the

Company by the holder of the

majority of the A Shares,

A Share:

an ordinary share of £1 in the

capital of the Company designated

as an A Share,

**Appointor:** 

has the meaning given in article

12.1;

**Articles:** 

the Company's articles of association for the time being in

force;

**B** Director:

any director appointed to the

Company by the holder of the

majority of the B Shares,

**B** Share:

an ordinary share of £1 in the

capital of the Company designated

as a B Share

C Director:

any director appointed to the Company by the holder of the majority of the C Shares, the C Director may be the same person

as the A Director,

C Share:

an ordinary share of £1 in the

capital of the Company designated

as a C Share

**Business Day:** 

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,

Conflict:

has the meaning given in article 9.1;

**Eligible Director:** 

any Eligible A Director, Eligible B Director or Eligible C Director (as the case may be);

**Eligible A Director:** 

an A Director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors;

Eligible B Director:

a B Director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors;

**Eligible C Director:** 

a C Director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors;

Expert:

an independent firm of accountants 10Intly appointed by the shareholders or, in the absence of agreement between shareholders on the identity of the expert within 5 Business Days of a shareholder serving details of a suggested expert on the other, an independent firm of accountants appointed by the President, for the time being, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator),

Holding Company and Subsidiary:

means a "holding company" and "subsidiary" as defined in section 1159 of the Act [and a company shall be treated, for the purposes membership only of the contained requirement subsections 1159(1)(b) and (c) of the Act, as a member of another company even if its shares in that other company are registered in the name of (a) another person (or its nominee), whether by way of security or in connection with the taking of security, or (b) its nominee;

**Interested Director:** 

has the meaning given in article

## **Model Articles:**

the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles;

## Writing or written:

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, save that, for the purposes of article 16 "writing" or "written" shall not include the sending or supply of notices, documents or information in electronic form (other than by fax),

- 1.2 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 but excluding any statutory modification of them not in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company.
- Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.4 A reference in these Articles to an "article" is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 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
- 1.6 Save as expressly provided otherwise in these Articles, any reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include a reference to each and every statutory amendment, modification, re-enactment and extension thereof for the time being in force.

## 2 Adoption of the Model Articles

2.1 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles or are inconsistent with these Articles, and, subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies, shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation

- 2.2 Articles 6(2), 7, 8, 9(1), 11 to 14 (inclusive), 16, 17, 22, 26(5), 27 to 29 (inclusive), 36, 38, 39, 43, 44(2), 49 and 50 to 53 (inclusive) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 2.3 Article 20 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "(including alternate directors and the secretary)" before the words "properly incur".
- 2.4 In article 25(2)(c) of the Model Articles, the words "evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "evidence and indemnity".
- Articles 31(1)(a) to (c) (inclusive) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the deletion, in each case, of the words "either" and "or as the directors may otherwise decide". Article 31(d) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the deletion of the words "either" and "or by such other means as the directors decide".

#### **DIRECTORS**

# 3 Directors' Meetings

- Any decision of the directors must be taken at a meeting of directors in accordance with these Articles or must be a decision taken in accordance with article 4
- 3.2 Subject as provided in these Articles, the directors may participate in directors' meetings for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit
- 3.3 All decisions made at any meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors shall be made only by resolution, and no such resolution shall be passed unless more votes are cast for it than against it
- 3.4 Each director has one vote at a meeting of directors. If the A Director and the C Director is appointed as the same person then they will have two votes.
- If at any time at or before any meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors the Directors participating should request that the meeting be adjourned or reconvened to another time or date (whether to enable further consideration to be given to any matter or for other directors to participate or for any other reason, which need not be stated) then such meeting shall be adjourned or reconvened accordingly, and no business shall be conducted at that meeting after such a request has been made. No meeting of directors may be adjourned pursuant to this article more than once

## 4 Unanimous Decisions of Directors

- 4.1 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
- 4.2 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.

4.3 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the Eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting to vote on the matter.

## 5 Number of Directors

The number of directors shall be up to three and shall be made up of one A Director, one B Director and one C Director. When the A Director and the C Director is appointed as the same person then there will be only two Directors present. No shareholding qualification for directors shall be required

# 6 Calling a Directors' Meeting

- 6.1 Any director may call a meeting of directors by giving not less than seven Business Days' notice of the meeting (or such shorter period of notice as agreed in writing by the directors) to each director or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) to give such notice
- 6 2 Notice of any directors' meeting must be accompanied by:
  - 6.2.1 an agenda specifying in reasonable detail the matters to be raised at the meeting, and
  - 6.2.2 copies of any papers to be discussed at the meeting.
- 6 3 Matters not on the agenda, or business conducted in relation to those matters, may not be raised at a meeting of directors unless all the directors agree in writing

# 7 Quorum for Directors' Meetings

7.1 The quorum at any meeting of the directors (including adjourned meetings) shall be at least two directors, of whom one shall be an Eligible A Director (or his alternate) and one Eligible B Director (or his alternate). No business shall be conducted at any meeting of the directors unless a quorum is participating at the beginning of the meeting and also when that business is voted on. If a quorum is not participating within 30 minutes of the time specified for the relevant meeting in the notice of the meeting then the meeting shall be adjourned for 10 Business Days at the same time and place

# 8 Chairing of Directors' Meetings

8.1 The chairman of directors' meeting shall not have a casting vote

# 9 Directors' Interests

- 9.1 For the purposes of section 175 of the Act, the shareholders (and not the directors) shall have the power to authorise, by resolution and in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, any matter or situation proposed to them by any director which would, if not so authorised, involve a director (the **Interested Director**) breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest (a **Conflict**)
- 9.2 The Interested Director must provide the shareholders with such details as are necessary for the shareholders to decide whether or not to authorise the Conflict, together with such additional information as may be requested by the shareholders

- Any authorisation by the shareholders of a Conflict under this article may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently)
  - 9.3.1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised,
  - 9.3.2 provide that the Interested Director be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict,
  - 9.3.3 provide that the Interested Director will or will not be an Eligible Director in respect of any future decision of the directors in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict;
  - 9.3 4 impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the shareholders think fit;
  - 9 3 5 provide that, where the Interested Director obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise than through his position as a director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, he will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and
  - 9 3 6 permit the Interested Director to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any meeting of the directors and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the directors to the extent they relate to such matters.
- 9.4 Where the shareholders authorise a Conflict
  - 9.4.1 the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the shareholders in relation to the Conflict; and
  - 9.4.2 the Interested Director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act, provided he acts in accordance with such terms and conditions (if any) as the shareholders impose in respect of their authorisation
- 9.5 The shareholders may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director prior to such revocation or variation in accordance with the terms of such authorisation
- 9.6 Any A Director or B Director or C Director shall be entitled from time to time to disclose to the holders of the A Shares or (as the case may be) the holders of the B Shares or (as the case may be) the holders of the C Shares such information concerning the business and affairs of the Company as he shall at his discretion see fit, subject only to the condition that if there be more than one A shareholder or (as the case may be) B shareholder or (as the case may be) C shareholder, the director concerned shall ensure that each of the shareholders of the same class receives the same information on an equal footing.
- 9 7 A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives

from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the shareholders in accordance with these Articles (subject in each case to any terms and conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

- 9 8 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors before the Company enters into the transaction or arrangement in accordance with the Act.
- 9 9 Subject to sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement that has been entered into by the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the Act, unless the interest has already been declared under article 9 8
- 9.10 Subject, where applicable, to any terms and conditions imposed by the shareholders in accordance with article 9.3, and provided a director has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:
  - 9 10 1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any such transaction or arrangement with the Company, or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested,
  - 9 10 2 shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such transaction or arrangement or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested,
  - 9 10 3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors (or of a committee of directors) or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such transaction or arrangement or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested,
  - 9.10.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
  - 9.10.5 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
  - 9.10.6 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.

# 10 Records of decisions to be kept

10.1 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

# 11 Appointment and Removal of Directors

- 11.1 The holder of a majority of the A Shares for the time being shall be entitled to appoint one person to be the A Director of the Company, the holder of a majority of the B Shares for the time being shall be entitled to appoint one person to be the B Director of the Company and the holder of a majority of the C Shares for the time being shall be entitled to appoint one person to be the C Director of the Company.
- 11.2 The holder of the majority of the A Shares and the holder of the majority of the C Shares shall be entitled to appoint the same person as their respective Director
- 11.3 Any A Director may at any time be removed from office by the holder of a majority of the A Shares, any B Director may at any time be removed from office by the holder of a majority of the B Shares and any C Director may at any time be removed from office by the holder of a majority of the C Shares
- 11 4 Any appointment or removal of a director pursuant to this article shall be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the holder of a majority of the A Shares, the B Shares or the C Shares (as the case may be) and served on each of the other shareholders and the Company at its registered office. Any such appointment or removal shall take effect when received by the Company or at such later time as shall be specified in such notice.
- 11.5 The right to appoint and to remove A, B or C Directors under this article shall be a class right attaching to the A Shares, the B Shares and the C Shares respectively.
- 11.6 If no A Shares or B Shares or C Shares remain in issue following a redesignation under these Articles, any director appointed by shareholders of that class shall be deemed to have been removed as from the redesignation.
- 11.7 No A Director, B Director or C Director shall be appointed or removed otherwise than pursuant to these Articles, save as provided by law.

#### 12 Alternate Directors

12.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) (in this article, the **Appointor**) may appoint any person (whether or not a director) except for an existing director representing the other class of shares to be an alternate director to exercise that director's powers, and carry out that director's responsibilities, in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors, in the absence of the alternate's Appointor. In these Articles, where the context so permits, the term "A Director" or "B Director" or "C Director" shall include an alternate director appointed by an A Director or a B Director or a C Director (as the case may be). A person may be appointed an alternate director by more than one director provided that each of his Appointors represents the same class of shares but not otherwise.

- 12.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate director must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the Appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- 12.3 The notice must
  - 12.3 1 identify the proposed alternate; and
  - 12 3 2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that he is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.
- 12.4 An alternate director has the same rights, in relation to any decision of the directors, as the alternate's Appointor
- 12 5 Except as the Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors
  - 12.5.1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors,
  - 12 5 2 are liable for their own acts and omissions;
  - 12.5.3 are subject to the same restrictions as their Appointors; and
  - 12 5.4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their Appointors, and, in particular (without limitation), each 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
- 12.6 A person who is an alternate director but not a director:
  - 12.6.1 may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's Appointor is not participating); and
  - 12.6.2 may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his Appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision, and does not himself participate).
- 12.7 A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his Appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his Appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors (provided that his Appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision).
- An alternate director may be paid expenses and may be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a director but shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any remuneration in his capacity as an alternate director except such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to the alternate's Appointor as the Appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- 12.9 An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates:
  - 12 9.1 when the alternate's Appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;

- 12.9.2 on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's Appointor, would result in the termination of the Appointor's appointment as a director; or
- 12 9 3 when the alternate director's Appointor ceases to be a director for whatever reason.

#### **SHARES**

# 13 Share Capital

- 13.1 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, the A Shares, the B Shares and the C Shares shall rank pari passu in all respects but shall constitute separate classes of shares
- 13.2 On the transfer of any share as permitted by these Articles:
  - 13.2.1 a share transferred to a non-shareholder shall remain of the same class as before the transfer; and
  - 13.2.2 a share transferred to a shareholder shall automatically be redesignated on transfer as a share of the same class as those shares already held by the shareholder.

If no shares of a class remain in issue following a redesignation under this article, these Articles shall be read as if they do not include any reference to that class or to any consents from, or attendance at any meeting or votes to be cast by, shareholders of that class or directors appointed by that class

- 13.3 No variation of the rights attaching to any class of shares shall be effective except with the sanction of a special resolution of the holders of the relevant class of shares. Where a special resolution to vary the rights attaching to a class of shares is proposed at a separate general meeting of that class of shares, all the provisions of these Articles as to general meetings of the Company shall mutatis mutandis apply, but so that the necessary quorum shall be one holder of the relevant class present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative. For the purpose of this article, one holder present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative may constitute a meeting.
- 13.4 Each of the following shall be deemed to constitute a variation of the rights attached to each class of shares:
  - 13.4.1 any alteration in the Articles,
  - 13.4.2 any reduction, subdivision, consolidation, redenomination, purchase or redemption by the Company of its own shares or other alteration in the share capital of the Company or any of the rights attaching to any share capital; and
  - 13 4 3 any resolution to put the Company into liquidation.

# 14 Unissued Shares

14 1 No shares in the Company shall be allotted nor any right to subscribe for or to convert any security into any shares in the Company shall be granted unless within one month before that allotment or grant (as the case may be) every

- shareholder for the time being has consented in writing to that allotment or grant and its terms and to the identity of the proposed allottee or grantee
- 14.2 No share of any class nor any right to subscribe for or to convert any security into a share of any class shall be allotted or granted otherwise than to the holder of a share of that same class.
- 14.3 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment of equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Act) where the consent to that allotment of every shareholder has been obtained as required by these Articles and that allotment otherwise conforms to the requirements of these Articles.

# 15 Further Issues of Shares: Authority

- 15.1 Subject to article 14 and the remaining provisions of this article 15, the directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purpose of section 551 of the Act, to exercise any power of the Company to:
  - 15 1 1 offer or allot,
  - 15.1.2 grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into, or
  - 15 1 3 otherwise deal in, or dispose of,

any shares in the Company to any person, at any time and subject to any terms and conditions as the directors think proper.

- 15.2 The authority referred to in article 15.1:
  - 15 2.1 shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £251 of A Shares and £699 of B Shares and £50 of C Shares or such other amount as may from time to time be authorised by the Company by ordinary resolution;
  - 15.2 2 shall only apply insofar as the Company has not, subject to these Articles, renewed, waived or revoked it by ordinary resolution; and
  - 15.2.3 may only be exercised for a period of five years from the date of adoption of these Articles, save that the directors may make an offer or agreement which would, or might, require shares to be allotted after the expiry of such authority (and the directors may allot shares in pursuance of an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired).

# 16 Share Transfers

- 16.1 In these Articles, reference to the transfer of a share includes the transfer, assignment or other disposal of a beneficial or other interest in that share, or the creation of a trust or encumbrance over that share, and reference to a share includes a beneficial or other interest in a share.
- 16.2 Every holder of A Shares who desires to transfer any shares (hereinafter called 'the **Vendor**') shall give to the Company notice in writing of such desire (hereinafter called a '**Transfer Notice**') Subject as hereinafter mentioned a Transfer Notice shall constitute the appointment of the Company as the Vendor's agent for the sale of the shares specified therein (hereinafter called 'the **Sale Shares**') The Company shall, in accordance with Article 16 4, offer the Sale Shares to such members at the Sale Price. The Sale Price shall be the

price agreed by the Vendor and the directors or if the Vendor and the directors are unable to agree a price within 28 days of the Transfer Notice being given the price which an Expert (acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator) shall by writing under his hand certify to be in his opinion a fair value thereof on a going concern basis as between a willing seller and a willing buyer ignoring any reduction in value which may be ascribed to the Sale Shares by virtue of the fact that they represent a minority interest and on the assumption that the Sale Shares are capable of transfer without restriction. The Transfer Notice may contain a provision that unless all the shares comprised therein are sold by the Company pursuant to this Article none shall be sold and any such provision shall be binding on the Company

- 16.3 If a chartered accountant is asked to certify the fair value as aforesaid his certificate shall be delivered to the Company and as soon as the Company receives the certificate it shall furnish a certified copy thereof to the Vendor and the Vendor shall be entitled by notice in writing given to the Company within ten days of the service upon him of the certified copy to cancel the Company's authority to sell the Sale Shares. The cost of obtaining the certificate shall be borne by the Company unless the Vendor shall give notice of cancellation as aforesaid in which case the Vendor shall bear the cost
- 16.4 Upon the price being fixed as aforesaid and provided the Vendor shall not give a valid notice of cancellation the Company shall forthwith offer the Sale Shares to the holder of the B Shares giving details of the number and the Sale Price of such Sale Shares. The Company shall invite such member as aforesaid to state in writing within twenty-one days from the date of the notice whether he is willing to purchase any of the Sale Shares so offered to him and if so the maximum thereof which he is willing to purchase.
- If the Company shall pursuant to the above provisions of this Article find a member of the Company willing to purchase all or (subject to the final sentence of Article 16 2) any of the Sale Shares the Vendor shall be bound upon receipt of the Sale Price to transfer the Sale Shares (or subject to the final sentence of Article 16 2) such of the same for which the Company shall have found a purchaser or purchasers) to such persons (or to such persons as they may reasonably direct). If the Vendor shall make default in so doing the Company shall if so required by the person or persons willing to purchase such Sale Shares receive and give a good discharge for the purchase money on behalf of the Vendor and shall authorise some person to execute transfers of the Sale Shares in favour of the purchasers (or such persons as they may reasonably direct) and shall enter the names of the purchasers (or such persons as they may reasonably direct) in the Register of Members as the holder of such of the Sale Shares as shall have been transferred to them as aforesaid.
- 16.6 If the directors shall have not found a member or members of the Company willing to purchase all of the Sale Shares pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Article the Vendor shall at any time within six months after the date of the Transfer Notice be at liberty to sell and transfer such of the Sale Shares as have not been so sold to any person at a price being no less than the Sale Price
- 16 7 The directors may, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of shares in the Company require the transferee to execute and deliver to the Company a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement (or similar document) in force between the shareholders in such form as the directors may reasonably require (but not so as to oblige the transferee to

have any obligations or liabilities greater than those of the proposed transferor under any such agreement or other document) If any such condition is imposed in accordance with this article 16.7, the transfer may not be registered unless that deed has been executed and delivered to the Company's registered office by the transferee.

- 16.8 The provisions of Articles 16 2 to 16 7 (inclusive) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the holders of B Shares and C Shares and in these circumstances references in Articles 16 2 to 16.7 (inclusive) to a holder of A Shares shall be interpreted to mean a holder of B Shares or C Shares and references to a holder of B Shares shall be interpreted to mean a holder of A Shares or C Shares.
- of shares in the capital of the Company (or any interest in shares in the capital of the Company) in breach of these Articles, the directors of any class may from time to time require any shareholder to provide the Company with such information and evidence as they may reasonably require relevant to that purpose. If a shareholder fails to provide information or evidence in respect of any shares registered in its name to the reasonable satisfaction of such directors within 14 days of their request, such directors may serve a notice on the shareholder stating that the shareholder shall not in relation to all shares held by that shareholder be entitled to be present or to vote in person or by proxy at any general meeting of the Company or any meeting of the holders of shares of that class, or to vote on a written resolution of the shareholders or to receive dividends on the shares until such evidence or information has been provided to the directors' satisfaction.

# 17 Tag Along Rights

- 17.1 After going through the pre-emption procedure set out in Article 16, the provisions of article 17 2 to article 17.6 shall apply if, in one or a series of related transactions, a holder of shares proposes to transfer any of the shares (Proposed Transfer) to any person.
- 17.2 Before making a Proposed Transfer, a Seller shall procure that the Buyer makes an offer (Offer) to:
  - 17.2.1 the other shareholders to purchase all or any number specified by such other Shareholders of the shares held by them;

for a consideration in cash per share that is at least equal to the highest price per share offered or paid by the Buyer in the Proposed Transfer or in any related previous transaction in the 6 months preceding the date of the Proposed Transfer (Specified Price).

- 17.3 The Offer shall be given by written notice (Offer Notice), at least 15 Business Days (Offer Period) before the proposed sale date (Sale Date). To the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the Offer Notice shall set out:
  - 17.3 1 the identity of the Buyer;
  - 17.3 2 the purchase price and other terms and conditions of payment;
  - 17.3 3 the Sale Date, and
  - 17.3 4 the number of shares proposed to be purchased by the Buyer (Offer Shares)

- 17.4 If the Buyer fails to make the Offer to all of the holders of shares in the Company in accordance with article 17.2 and article 17.3, the Seller shall not be entitled to complete the Proposed Transfer and the Company shall not register any transfer of shares effected in accordance with the Proposed Transfer
- 17.5 If the Offer is accepted by any shareholder (Accepting Shareholder) within the Offer Period, the completion of the Proposed Transfer shall be conditional on completion of the purchase of all the Offer Shares held by Accepting shareholders
- 17.6 The Proposed Transfer is subject to the pre-emption provisions of Article 16, but the purchase of Offer Shares from Accepting Shareholders shall not be subject to those provisions.

## **DECISION MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS**

# 18 Quorum for General Meetings

- 18.1 The quorum at any general meeting of the Company, or adjourned general meeting, shall be three persons present in person or by proxy, of whom one shall be a holder of A Shares or a duly authorised representative of such holder and one shall be a holder of B Shares or a duly authorised representative of such holder and one shall be a holder of C Shares or a duly authorised representative of such holder. If the same person is the authorised representative of the A Shares and the C Shares then a quorum will constitute only two persons present in person or by proxy.
- 18 2 No business shall be transacted by any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting and also when that business is voted on.

# 19 Chairing General Meetings

19 1 The chairman of the board of directors shall chair general meetings. If the chairman is unable to attend any general meeting, the shareholder who appointed him shall be entitled to appoint another of its nominated directors present at the meeting to act as chairman at the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

## 20 Voting

- At a general meeting, on a show of hands every shareholder who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote, unless the proxy is himself a shareholder entitled to vote, on a poll every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder; and on a vote on a written resolution every shareholder has one vote for each share of which he is the holder except that
  - 20 1 1 no shares of one class shall confer any right to vote upon a resolution for the removal from office of a director appointed by holders of shares of the other class under a right to appoint which is a class right; and
  - 20.1.2 subject to article 20 1.1 of this exception, in the case of any resolution proposed, any holder of A Shares or of B Shares or of C Shares voting

against such resolution (whether on a show of hands, a poll or on a written resolution) shall be entitled to cast such number of votes as is necessary to defeat the resolution.

#### 21 Poll Votes

- 21.1 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by a qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting
- 21.2 Article 44(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made" as a new paragraph at the end of that article

#### 22 Proxies

- 22.1 Article 45(1)(d) of the Model Articles shall be deleted and replaced with the words "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 general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate"
- 22.2 Article 45(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid" as a new paragraph at the end of that article.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

## 23 Means of communication to be used

- 23.1 Subject to article 23.2, any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on, or delivered to, the intended recipient:
  - 23 1.1 if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, 48 hours after it was posted or five Business Days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom, if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five Business Days was guaranteed at the time of sending and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider;
  - 23 1 2 if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;
  - 23 1 3 if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, one hour after the document or information was sent or supplied, and
  - 23 1.4 if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website.

For the purposes of this article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

- Any notice, document or other information served on, or delivered to, an intended recipient under article 16 may not be served or delivered in electronic form (other than by fax), or by means of a website.
- In proving that any notice, document or information was properly addressed, it shall suffice to show that the notice, document or information was addressed to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

# 24 Indemnity and Insurance

- 24.1 Subject to article 24.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:
  - 24 1 1 each relevant officer of the Company shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer.
    - 24 1 1 1 In the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them

including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's affairs; and

- 24 1.2 the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in article 24 1 1 and otherwise may take action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.
- 24.2 This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law.
- 24.3 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.

## 24.4 In this article:

- 24.4 1 a "relevant officer" means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor, and
- 24 4 2 a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company or any pension fund of the Company.