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PART 1
INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Defined terms

1. In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Acting in Concert" has the meaning given to it in The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended from time to time);

"articles" means the company's articles of association;

"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;

"board" means the board of directors of the Company;

"chairman" has the meaning given in Article 12;

"chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in Article 44;

"Company" means Superdielectrics Ltd;

"Civil Partner" means a civil partner as defined in the Civil Partnership Act 2004;

"Companies Act" means the Companies Act 2006);

"Controlling Interest" means an interest in Shares giving to the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;

"Date of Adoption": the date on which these articles were adopted;

"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 31;

"document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;

"electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act;

"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 Companies 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;

"IPGL" means IPGL Limited, (Company number: 02011009) whose address is 3rd Floor, 39 Sloane Street, Knightsbridge, London, United Kingdom, SW1X 9LP or its Permitted Transferees;

"ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act;

"a Member of the same Group" means as regards any company, a company which is from time to time a Parent Undertaking or a Subsidiary Undertaking of that company or a Subsidiary Undertaking of any such Parent Undertaking (as such terms are defined in the Companies Act);

"paid" means paid or credited as paid;

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10;

"Permitted Transfer" means a transfer of Shares in accordance with Article 28:

"Permitted Transferee" means:

- (a) in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual, any of his Privileged Relations;
- (b) in relation to a Shareholder which is an undertaking (as defined in section 1161(1) of the Companies Act) means any Member of the same Group;
- (c) in relation to RAB means:
 - (i) any Member of the same Group;
 - (ii) IPGL or any Member of the same Group as IPGL;
 - (iii) Michael Spencer or any of his Privileged Relations;
 - (iv) [Michael Alan Buckley] or any of his Privileged Relations;
 - (v) [Philip Richards] or any of his Privileged Relations;

- (vi) [Andrew Knatchbull] or any of his Privileged Relations;
- (d) in relation to [Michael Alan Buckley] means RAB or any Member of the same Group as RAB;
- (e) in relation to [Philip Richards] means RAB or any Member of the same Group as RAB;
- (f) in relation to [Andrew Knatchbull] means RAB or any Member of the same Group as RAB;
- (g) in relation to Michael Spencer means IPGL or any Member of the same Group as IPGL; and
- (h) in relation to IPGL means:
 - (i) any Member of the same Group;
 - (ii) Michael Spencer or any of his Privileged Relations; and
 - (iii) RAB or any Member of the same Group as RAB.

"Privileged Relation" means in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual member or deceased or former member means a spouse, Civil Partner, child or grandchild (including step, adopted or illegitimate child and their issue) or such person's family trust;

"Proposed Purchaser" means a bona fide proposed purchaser who at the relevant time is not a Shareholder and has made an offer on arm's length terms;

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in Article 50;

"New Securities" means any Shares or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for, those Shares issued by the Company after the Date of Adoption (including options granted under any share option plan).

"RAB" means RAB Capital Holdings Limited, (Company number: 07632131 whose address is 1 Adam Street, London, WC2N 6LE or its Permitted Transferees;

"Shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share or shares;

"Shares" means shares in the Company;

"special resolution" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006;

"subsidiary", "subsidiary undertaking" and "parent undertaking" have the respective meanings given in section 1159 and 1162 of the Companies Act 2006;

"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.

Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the Company.

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.

(3) Each Shareholder shall exercise all voting rights and powers of control available to him in relation to the Company to procure that the Company will not effect any of the matters referred to in Article 4(4) without the prior written consent of Shareholders holding at least 75% of the Shares (**Shareholder Majority Consent**) and, as a separate and several obligation, the Company shall not effect any of the matters referred to in Article 4(4), save with such Shareholder Supermajority Consent.

(4) The matters referred to in Article 4(3) are:

- (a) permit the Company to cease, or propose to cease, to carry on its business or permit the Company or its directors (or any one of them) to take any step to wind up the Company;
- (b) permit the Company or its directors (or any one of them) to take any step to place the Company into administration (whether by the filing of an administration application, a notice of intention to appoint an administrator or a notice of appointment), permit the Company or its directors to propose or enter into any arrangement, scheme, moratorium, compromise or composition with its creditors (whether under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or otherwise) or to apply for an interim order under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or permit the Company or its directors to invite the appointment of a receiver or administrative receiver over all or any part of the Company's assets or undertaking.
- (c) make any material change to the nature of the Company's business of the jurisdiction where it is managed and controlled;

- (d) permit or cause to be proposed any alteration to the Company's share capital or the rights attaching to its Shares or waive any right to receive payment on any of its Shares issued partly paid;
- (e) permit or cause to be proposed any amendment to the Company's articles;
- (f) enter into or give or permit or suffer to subsist any guarantee or indemnity or permit the Company to borrow monies or incur indebtedness (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include receipt by the Company of any grant from the UK Government or UK Agencies) or accept credit in excess of £1 million;
- (g) mortgage or charge or permit the creation or subsistence of any mortgage, charge, lien or other encumbrance over the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets over £1 million; or
- (h) permit the Company to incur capital expenditure exceeding £5 million in any calendar year (provided that any capital expenditure funded by way of a grant from the UK Government shall be excluded); or
- (i) deal in any way (including the disposal, whether outright or by way of licence, on non-arms length terms or otherwise howsoever) with the Company's intellectual property other than in the ordinary course of the Company's business.

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.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

Directors to take decisions collectively

7. (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

(2) If:

- (a) the company only has one director, 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 take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.

Unanimous decisions

8. (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, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.

(3) References in this Article 8 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.

(4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this Article 8 if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

Calling a directors' meeting

9. (1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) 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

10. (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

11. (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) The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two.

(3) If the total number of directors 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.

Chairing of directors' meetings

12. (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

13. (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.

Conflicts of interest

14. (1) If a proposed decision of the directors is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company in which a director is interested, that director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.
- (2) But if paragraph (3) applies, a director who is interested in an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company is to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum and voting purposes.
- (3) This paragraph applies when:
- (a) the Company by ordinary resolution disapplies the provision of the articles which would otherwise prevent a director from being counted as participating in the decision-making process;
 - (b) the director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
 - (c) the director's conflict of interest arises from a permitted cause.

- (4) For the purposes of this article, the following are permitted causes—
- (a) a guarantee given, or to be given, by or to a director in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
 - (b) subscription, or an agreement to subscribe, for shares or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or to underwrite, sub-underwrite, or guarantee subscription for any such shares or securities; and
 - (c) arrangements pursuant to which benefits are made available to employees and directors or former employees and directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which do not provide special benefits for directors or former directors.
- (5) For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (7), if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.
- (7) If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

Records of decisions to be kept

15. 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.

Directors' discretion to make further rules

16. 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

Methods of appointing directors

17. (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, the Company has no Shareholders and no directors, the personal representatives of the last Shareholder to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person 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

18. 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 Companies Act 2006 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) [paragraph omitted pursuant to The Mental Health (Discrimination) Act 2013];
 - (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

19. (1) Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide.
- (2) Executive directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Company's Remuneration Committee shall determine (or, in the absence of such a committee as a majority of the independent non-executive directors of the Company shall determine)—

- (a) for their services to the Company as executive directors, and
 - (b) for any other service which they undertake for the Company.
- (3) Subject to the articles, an executive director's remuneration may—
 - (a) take any form, and
 - (b) 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 Remuneration Committee or directors, as applicable, decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- (5) Unless the Remuneration Committee or directors, as applicable, decide otherwise, directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.
- (6) The majority of the members of the Company's Remuneration Committee shall be independent non-executive directors.
- (7) The remuneration of the Company's independent non-executive directors shall be determined by the board, acting by majority decision, provided that no director shall vote on a matter concerning his or her own remuneration.

Directors' expenses

20. 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

All shares to be fully paid up

21. (1) No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in consideration for its issue.

(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

22. (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, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares.

Company not bound by less than absolute interests

23. 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

24. (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:
 - (a) have affixed to them the Company's common seal, or
 - (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

Replacement share certificates

25. (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—
- (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
 - (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and
 - (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide.

Allotment of New Shares or other securities

26. (1) Subject to the remaining provisions of this Article 26, the directors are generally and unconditionally authorised for the purpose of section 551 of the Companies Act to exercise any power of the Company to allot Shares or grant rights to subscribe for or convert any securities into Shares, to any persons, at any times and subject to any terms and conditions as the directors think proper, provided that if the Company proposes to allot any New Securities, those New Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has in the first instance offered them to all Shareholders (the **Subscribers**) on the same terms and at the same price as those New Securities are being offered to other persons on a pari passu and pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by those Shareholders (as nearly as may be without involving fractions).
- (2) The offer shall be made in writing, be open for acceptance from the date of the offer to the date five Business Days after the date of the offer (inclusive) (the **Subscription Period**) and give details of the number and subscription price of the New Securities and may stipulate that

any Subscriber who wishes to subscribe for a number of New Securities in excess of the proportion to which each is entitled shall in their acceptance state the number of excess New Securities for which they wish to subscribe.

(3) If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of New Securities, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers who have applied for New Securities on a pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by such Subscribers which procedure shall be repeated until all New Securities have been allotted (as nearly as may be without involving fractions or increasing the number allotted to any Subscriber beyond that applied for by him).

(4) If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is less than the number of New Securities, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers in accordance with their applications and any remaining New Securities shall be offered to any other person as the directors may determine at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the Subscribers.

(5) The pre-exemption provisions set out in Article 26(1) to (4) (inclusive) shall not apply in respect of the first four million (4,000,000) New Securities allotted or for which rights are granted (including under any share option plans) after the Date of Adoption.

(6) Any New Securities offered to a Shareholder under this Article 26 may be accepted in full or in part by Privileged Relations or Members of the same Group of any Shareholder.

(7) No shares shall be allotted to any employee, director, prospective employee or prospective director of the Company, who in the opinion of the board is subject to taxation in the United Kingdom, unless such person has entered into a joint section 431 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 election with the Company, if so required by the Company.

Share transfers

27. (1) No Share may be transferred unless the transfer is made in accordance with these articles. 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 if it is a transfer to a bankrupt or a minor or a person of unsound mind or the articles otherwise provide that such transfer shall not be registered, 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.

(6) In these articles, reference to the transfer of a Share includes the transfer or assignment of a beneficial or other interest or right in that Share or the creation of a trust or encumbrance over that Share and reference to a Share includes a beneficial or other right or interest in a Share (including any options).

Permitted Transfers

28. (1) A Shareholder (the Original Shareholder) may transfer all or any of his Shares to a Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise. Shares previously transferred as permitted by this Article may be transferred by the transferee to any other Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise.

(2) Where under the provision of a deceased Shareholder's will or laws as to intestacy, the persons legally or beneficially entitled to any Shares, whether immediately or contingently, are Permitted Transferees of the deceased Shareholder, the legal representative of the deceased Shareholder may transfer any Share to those Permitted Transferees, in each case without restriction as to price or otherwise.

(3) Trustees of a Shareholder's family trust may transfer Shares to the Original Shareholder or to another Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder or transfer Shares to the new or remaining trustees of such family trust upon a change of trustees without restrictions as to price or otherwise.

(4) If a Permitted Transferee who is a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder ceases to be a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder whether by reason or divorce or otherwise he must, within fifteen Business Days of so ceasing execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by him to the Original Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder) for such consideration as may be agreed between them.

Transfers of Shares subject to consent of the board and Pre-emption Rights

29. (1) Save where the provisions of Articles 28 (Permitted Transfers), 34 (Tag-along) and) 35 (Drag-along) apply, no Shareholder may sell, assign, transfer, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber or dispose of in any way, all or part of any interest in any shares without the prior written consent of the board (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) which shall determine such consent having regard to the interests of the Company. Any transfer of Shares (with the prior written consent of the board) by a Shareholder shall be subject to the pre-emption rights contained in this Article 29.

(2) A Shareholder who wishes to transfer Shares (a **Seller**) shall, except as otherwise provided in these articles, before transferring or agreeing to transfer any Shares give notice in writing (a **Transfer Notice**) to the Company specifying: (a) the number of Shares which he wishes to transfer (the **Sale Shares**); (b) if he wishes to sell the Sale Shares to a third party, the name of the proposed transferee; and (c) the price at which he wishes to transfer the Sale Shares. If no cash price is specified by the Seller, the price at which the Sale Shares are to be transferred (the **Transfer Price**) must be agreed by the board (excluding the Seller or any person connected to the Seller). In addition, if the price is not specified in cash, an equivalent cash value price must be agreed between the Seller and the board (excluding the Seller or any person connected to the Seller). In both cases, the price will be deemed to be the fair value of the Sale Shares (as determined by the Company's auditors or an expert appointed by the board and the Seller) if no price is agreed within 5 Business Days of the Company receiving the Transfer Notice.

(3) A Transfer Notice constitutes the Company the agent of the Seller for the sale of the Sale Shares at the Transfer Price. As soon as practicable following the later of receipt of a Transfer Notice and determination of the Transfer Price, the board shall offer in writing the Sale Shares for sale to the Shareholders (giving details of the number of Sale Shares and the Transfer Price). The board shall offer the Sale Shares to all Shareholders (other than the Seller) inviting them to apply in writing (which may include by email) within 5 Business Days of the offer being made (inclusive) (the **Offer Period**) for the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to buy.

(4) If, at the end of the Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Sale Shares, the board shall allocate the Sale Shares to each Shareholder who has applied for Sale Shares in the proportion (fractional entitlements being rounded to the nearest whole number) which his existing holding of Shares bears to the total number of Shares held by those Shareholders who have applied for Sale Shares (which procedure shall be repeated until all Sale Shares have been allocated but no allocation shall

be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy).

(5) If, at the end of the Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares, the board shall allocate the Sale Shares to the Shareholders who applied to buy Sale Shares in accordance with their applications and the balance may be dealt with by the Seller in accordance with Article 29(8).

(6) Once the Offer Period has expired, the board shall give written notice of allocation (an **Allocation Notice**) to the Seller and each Shareholder to whom Sale Shares have been allocated (an **Applicant**) specifying the number of Sale Shares allocated to each Applicant and the place and time (being not more than 5 Business Days after the date of the Allocation Notice) for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares. Upon service of an Allocation Notice, the Seller must, against payment of the Transfer Price, transfer the Sale Shares in accordance with the requirements specified in it.

(7) If the Seller fails to comply with the provisions of Article 29(6) one of the directors may on behalf of the Seller complete, execute and deliver in his name all necessary documents to give effect to the transfer of the relevant Sale Shares to the Applicants; receive the Transfer Price and give a good discharge for it; and (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter the Applicants in the register of Shareholders as the holders of the Shares purchased by them; and the Company shall pay the Transfer Price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) or otherwise hold the Transfer Price on trust for the Seller until he has delivered to the Company his certificate or certificates for the relevant Shares (or an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board).

(8) If an Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares then the Seller may, within eight weeks after service of the Allocation Notice, transfer the unallocated Sale Shares to any person at a price at least equal to the Transfer Price.

(9) Any Sale Shares offered under this Article 29 to a Shareholder may be accepted in full or part by Privileged Relations or Members of the same Group of any Shareholder.

Transmission of shares

30. (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 transmitters 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 transmitters' rights

31. (1) Transmitters 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 transmitter wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmitter 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 transmitter has derived rights in respect of the Share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

Transmitters bound by prior notices

32. If a notice is given to a Shareholder in respect of Shares and a transmitter is entitled to those Shares, the transmitter is bound by the notice if it was given to the Shareholder before the transmitter's name has been entered in the register of members.

Tag-Along

33. (1) Except in the case of Permitted Transfers and transfers pursuant to Article 29, the provisions of Article 33(2) will apply if one or more Shareholders (**Proposed Sellers**) propose to transfer in one or a series of related transactions any Shares to a Proposed Purchaser (**the Proposed Transfer**) which would, if put into effect, result in any Proposed Purchaser (or Members of the same Group or persons Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser) acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company.

(2) A Proposed Seller must, before making a Proposed Transfer procure the making by the Proposed Purchaser of an offer (**the Offer**) to the other Shareholders to acquire all of the

Shares for a consideration per share the value of which is at least equal to the Specified Price.

(3) The Offer must be given by written notice (a **Proposed Sale Notice**) at least fifteen Business Days (the **Tag Offer Period**) prior to the proposed sale date (**Proposed Sale Date**). The Proposed Sale Notice must set out, to the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the identity of the Proposed Purchaser, the purchase price and other terms and conditions of payment, the Proposed Sale Date and the number of Shares proposed to be purchased by the Proposed Purchaser (the **Proposed Sale Shares**).

(4) If any other holder of Shares is not given the rights accorded to him by this article, the Proposed Sellers will not be entitled to complete their sale and the Company will not register any transfer intended to carry that sale into effect.

(5) If the Offer is accepted by any Shareholder (an **Accepting Shareholder**) within the Tag Offer Period, the completion of the Proposed Transfer will be conditional upon the completion of the purchase of all the Shares held by Accepting Shareholders. The purchase of the Accepting Shareholders' shares shall not be subject to Article 29.

(6) For the purpose of Article 33, the expression **Specified Price** shall mean in respect of each Share a sum in cash equal to the highest price per Share offered or paid by the Proposed Purchaser in the Proposed Transfer or in any related or previous transaction by the Proposed Purchaser (or any Member of the same Group or person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser) in the 12 months preceding the date of the Proposed Transfer, plus an amount equal to the Relevant Sum (as defined below) of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) paid or payable by the Proposed Purchaser (or any person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Purchaser) which having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole, can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or payable for the Shares (the **Supplemental Consideration**). Relevant Sum = C divided by A, where A = number of Shares being sold in connection with the relevant Proposed Transfer and C = the Supplemental Consideration.

Drag-Along

34. (1) If the holders of 75% of the Shares (the **Selling Shareholders**) wish to transfer all their interest in Shares (the **Sellers' Shares**) to a Proposed Purchaser, the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (the **Drag Along Option**) to compel each other holder of Shares (each a **Called Shareholder** and together the **Called Shareholders**) to sell and transfer all their Shares to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct (the **Drag Purchaser**) in accordance with the provisions of Article 34.

(2) The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving a written notice to that effect (a **Drag Along Notice**) to the Company, which the Company shall forthwith copy to the Called Shareholders, at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Drag Purchaser. A Drag Along Notice shall specify that: (a) the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Shares (the **Called Shares**) under Article 34; (b) the person to whom they are to be transferred; (c) the consideration (whether in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shares are to be transferred (calculated in accordance with Article 34); (d) the proposed date of transfer, and (e) the form of any sale agreement or form of acceptance or any other document of similar effect that the Called Shareholders are required to sign in connection with such sale (the **Sale Agreement**). No Drag Along Notice or Sale Agreement may require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically provided for in Article 34.

(3) Drag Along Notices will lapse if for any reason there is not a sale of the Sellers' Shares by the Selling Shareholders to the Drag Purchaser within 20 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.

(4) The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares shall be that to which they would be entitled if the total consideration proposed to be paid, allotted or transferred by the Drag Purchaser were distributed to the holders of the Called Shares and the Sellers' Shares (the **Drag Consideration**).

(5) In respect of a transaction that is the subject of a Drag-Along Notice and with respect to any Drag Document, a Called Shareholder shall only be obliged to undertake to transfer his Shares with full title guarantee (and provide an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the board if so necessary) in receipt of the Drag Consideration when due and shall not be obliged to give warranties or indemnities except a warranty as to capacity to enter into a Drag Document and the full title guarantee of the Shares held by such Called Shareholder.

(6) Within three Business Days of the Company copying the Drag Along Notice to the Called Shareholders (or such later date as may be specified in the Drag Along Notice) (the **Drag Completion Date**), each Called Shareholder shall deliver: (a) duly executed stock transfer form(s) for its Shares in favour of the Drag Purchaser; (b) the relevant share certificate(s) (or a duly executed indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board) to the Company; and (c) duly executed Sale Agreement, if applicable, in the form specified in the Drag Along Notice or as otherwise specified by the Company, (together the **Drag Documents**).

(7) On the Drag Completion Date, the Company shall pay or transfer to each Called Shareholder, on behalf of the Drag Purchaser, the Drag Consideration that is due to the extent the Drag Purchaser has paid, allotted or transferred such consideration to the Company. The Company's receipt of the Drag Consideration shall be a good discharge to the Drag Purchaser. Following the Company's receipt of the Drag Consideration, but pending its payment or transfer to the Called Shareholder, the Company shall hold the Drag Consideration in trust for each of the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.

(8) To the extent that the Drag Purchaser has not, on the Drag Completion Date, paid, allotted or transferred the Drag Consideration that is due to the Company, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the immediate return of the Drag Documents for the relevant Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under Article 34 in respect of their Shares.

(9) If a Called Shareholder fails to deliver the Drag Documents for its Shares to the Company by the Drag Completion Date, the Company and each director shall be constituted the agent of such defaulting Called Shareholder to take such actions and enter into any Drag Document or such other agreements or documents as are necessary to effect the transfer of the Called Shareholder's Shares pursuant to Article 34 and the directors shall, if requested by the Drag Purchaser authorise any director to transfer the Called Shareholder's Shares on the Called Shareholder's behalf to the Drag Purchaser to the extent the Drag Purchaser has, by the Drag Completion Date, paid, allotted or transferred the Drag Consideration to the Company for the Called Shareholder's shares offered to him. The board shall then authorise registration of the transfer once appropriate stamp duty (if any is required) has been paid. The defaulting Called Shareholder shall surrender his share certificate for his Shares (or suitable executed indemnity) to the Company. On surrender, he shall be entitled to the Drag Consideration due to him.

(10) Any transfer of Shares to a Drag Purchaser pursuant to a sale in respect of which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 29.

(11) On any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a Shareholder pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option or warrant to acquire shares in the Company or pursuant to the conversion of any convertible security of the Company (a New Shareholder), a Drag Along Notice shall be deemed to have been served on the New Shareholder on the same terms as the previous Drag Along Notice who shall then be bound to sell and transfer all Shares so acquired to the Drag Purchaser and the provisions of Article 34 shall apply with the necessary changes to the New Shareholder except that the

completion of the sale of the Shares shall take place immediately on the Drag Along Notice being deemed served on the New Shareholder.

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 terms on which shares are issued, 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 arrears.

(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.

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 either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
- (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 either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;

(c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide; or

(d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide.

(2) In the articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable—

(a) the holder of the share; or

(b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or

(c) 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:

(a) the terms on which the share was issued, or

(b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the Company.

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:

(a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and

(b) 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. (1) 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—

- (a) on behalf of the persons entitled, and
- (b) 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—

- (a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) partly in one way and partly in another;
- (b) 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
- (c) 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) The quorum for a general meeting shall be persons able to exercise the right to vote 50% or more of the Shares at a general meeting.

(2) 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—
 - (a) 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
 - (b) 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):
 - (a) to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given, and
 - (b) 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—
- (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
 - (b) 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 by—
- (a) the chairman of the meeting;
 - (b) the directors;
 - (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
 - (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.
- (3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if—
- (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
 - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- (4) Polls must be taken immediately 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 and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- (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—
- (a) 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
 - (b) 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) 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.
- (2) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- (4) If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

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—
- (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - (b) 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) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.
- (2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- (3) A director may agree with the Company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.
- (4) Meetings may take place by telephone or video conference call, if so determined by the board.

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.

- (4) For the purposes of Article 54, an authorised person is—
- (a) any director of the Company;
 - (b) the Company secretary (if any); or
 - (c) any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

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

57. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a relevant director of the Company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the Company's assets against—
- (a) any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an associated company,
 - (b) any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006),
 - (c) any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the Company or an associated company.
- (2) This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.
- (3) In this Article 57—
- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and

(b) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the Company or an associated company.

Insurance

58. (1) The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss.

(2) In this Article 58—

(a) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the Company or an associated company,

(b) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that director's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated company, and

(c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.