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1. Definitions and interpretation

1.1 In these Articles the following definitions will apply:

"Accounting Period"	an accounting period in respect of which the Company prepares its accounts in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act;
"acting in concert"	has the meaning set out in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers in force for the time being;
"Act"	the Companies Act 2006;
"Adoption Date"	the date of the adoption of these Articles by the Company;
"Artorius UK"	Artorius Wealth (UK) Limited, registered in England and Wales with company number 09140884;
"Arrears"	in relation to any Share, all accruals, deficiencies and arrears of any dividend payable in respect of such Share, whether or not earned or declared and irrespective of whether or not the Company has had, at any time, sufficient distributable profits to pay such dividend, together with all interest and other amounts payable on such amounts;
"Asset Sale"	the disposal by any one or more Group Companies of assets (whether together with associated liabilities or otherwise and as part of an undertaking or otherwise) which represent 50% or more (by book value) of the consolidated gross tangible assets of the Group at that time;
"Associate"	in relation to any Member, has the meaning section 253 thereto in s253 of the Income Taxes Act 2007;
"Auditors"	the auditors of the Company for the time being;

"Bad Leaver"	<p>a Member who ceases to be an employee or director of, or a consultant to, a Group Company in the circumstances set out in article 11.1.8 as a result of:</p> <p>(a) the voluntary resignation of that Member (other than for a reason set out in the definition of Good Leaver); or</p> <p>(b) any other circumstances in which he is not a Good Leaver;</p>
"B Ordinary Shares"	together the B2 Ordinary Shares and the B3 Ordinary Shares;
"B2 Ordinary Share"	a B2 ordinary share of £1.00 in the capital of the Company having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in these Articles;
"B3 Ordinary Share"	a B3 ordinary share of £1.00 in the capital of the Company having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in these Articles;
"Board"	the Company's board of Directors from time to time;
"Business Day"	any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) during which clearing banks in the City of London are open for normal business;
"Change of Control"	the acquisition (by any means) by a Third Party Purchaser of any interest in any Shares if, upon completion of that acquisition, the Third Party Purchaser together with any person connected with or acting in concert with that Third Party Purchaser (other than any such person who was a party to the Investment Agreement on the Adoption Date) would be entitled to exercise more than 50% of the total voting rights normally exercisable at any general meeting of the Company;
"Compulsory Transfer Notice"	has the meaning given in article 11.2;
"Compulsory Transfer Shares"	<p>in relation to a Relevant Member, any B Ordinary Shares:</p> <p>(a) held by the Relevant Member at the time of the relevant Transfer Event;</p> <p>(b) held at the time of the relevant Transfer Event by any Family Member of the Relevant Member; and/or</p> <p>(c) acquired by the Relevant Member, his Family Members, and/or personal representatives after the occurrence of the Transfer Event pursuant to any Share Option Scheme or any other scheme or arrangement entered into prior to the Transfer</p>

	Event,
	together with, in any case, any further Shares received by any person referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above at any time after the relevant Transfer Event which are derived from any such Shares, whether by conversion, consolidation or sub-division, or by way of capitalisation, rights or bonus issue or otherwise;
"C Ordinary Share"	a C Ordinary Share of £1.00 each in the capital of the Company having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in these Articles;
"Director"	a duly appointed director of the Company for the time being;
"Eligible Director"	a Director who would be entitled to vote on a matter at a meeting of the Directors (but excluding any Director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter) and references to "eligible directors" in article 8 of the Model Articles shall be construed accordingly;
"Employee Trust"	any trust, approved by an Investor Majority established for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any Group Company and/or any of the persons referred to in section 1166 of the Act;
"Encumbrance"	any mortgage, charge (fixed or floating), pledge, lien, option, hypothecation, restriction, right to acquire, right of pre-emption or interest (legal or equitable) including any assignment by way of security, reservation of title, guarantee, trust, right of set off or other third party right or any other encumbrance or security interest having a similar effect howsoever arising;
"Event of Default"	any of the following in respect of a Group Company: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any act, omission or event occurring which constitutes or may, with the passing of time or the giving of notice, constitute an event of default under any of the Group Company's banking facilities for the time being; (b) any breach occurring by the Company, a Director or any holder of B Ordinary Shares of any of the provisions of these Articles or the Investment Agreement which breach, if capable of remedy, has not been remedied to the reasonable satisfaction of an Investor Majority within 10 Business Days of a notice from an Investor Majority to the Company requesting such remedy;
"Expert"	the expert identified and engaged in accordance with article 25;
"Facility Documents"	debt facilities entered into between any Group Company

and any bank or third party institutional debt provider from time to time;

"Fair Value"

the price which the Expert states in writing to be their opinion of the fair value of the Shares concerned, calculated on the basis that:

- (a) the Fair Value is the sum which a willing buyer would agree with a willing seller on an arm's length sale to be the purchase price for the Shares concerned on a Share Sale;
- (b) no account shall be taken of the size of the holding which the relevant Shares comprise or whether those Shares represent a majority or minority interest;
- (c) no account shall be taken of the fact that the transferability of the relevant Shares is restricted under these Articles;
- (d) if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, it will continue to do so; and
- (e) any difficulty in applying any of the bases set out above shall be resolved by the Expert as they, in their absolute discretion, think fit;

"Good Leaver"

a Member who ceases to be an employee or director of, or a consultant to, a Group Company in the circumstances set out in article 11.1.8 as a result of:

- (a) the death of that Member;
- (b) disability or incapacity through ill health (other than where such ill health arises from the abuse of alcohol or drugs) where an Investor Majority considers such ill health is preventing, or is likely to prevent, the Member from performing his normal duties;
- (c) the sale or disposal of the Group Company (or the business of the Group Company) by which he is engaged or employed;
- (d) the termination of that Member's employment by a Group Company in circumstances that are determined by a decision of an Employment Tribunal or Court, which decision is final and no longer appealable, to be or amount to wrongful dismissal or (other than where such a finding is solely for administrative or procedural reasons) to be or amount to unfair dismissal, (or would have done had the consultant been an employee) where the Member has commenced proceedings in respect of such claim within 3 months of the date of cessation of the Member's employment or appointment as consultant (determined in

accordance with article 11.5);

or

- (e) any other reason which the Board determines, in their absolute discretion within 20 Business Days of the Member ceasing to be employed or engaged by a Group Company, shall result in the Member being a Good Leaver for the purposes of these Articles;

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries for the time being and references to a **"Group Company"** shall be construed accordingly;

"Investment" the total amounts invested from time to time by the Investors in the Company or any Group Company including any equity subscription or any loan made and including for the avoidance of doubt funds invested pursuant to the Investment Agreement and those subsequently invested;

"Investment Agreement" the subscription and shareholders' agreement dated 29 September 2014 (as amended) and made between, inter alia, the Company and the Members on that date;

"Investors" the holders for the time being of the C Ordinary Shares (including any additional or replacement Investor who is joined as an "Investor" in a deed of adherence to, and in the form required by, the Investment Agreement);

"Investor Majority" the holder(s) for the time being of not less than 50% in aggregate of the B Ordinary Shares and the C Ordinary Shares (if any);

"Issue Price" in relation to any Share, the amount paid up or credited as paid up on such Share, including the full amount of any premium at which such Share was issued;

"Listing" either:

- (a) the admission of all or any part of the Shares to listing on the Official List of the United Kingdom Listing Authority and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities;
- (b) the admission of all or any part of the Shares to trading on AIM, a market operated by London Stock Exchange; or
- (c) the admission of all or any part of the Shares to listing and/or trading on any other Recognised Investment Exchange,

and, in any such case, such admission becoming unconditionally effective;

"London Stock Exchange" London Stock Exchange plc;

"Member"	a registered holder of a Share from time to time, as recorded in the register of members of the Company;
"Model Articles"	the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 as amended prior to, and in force as at, the Adoption Date;
"Ordinary Shares"	together the B Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares;
"Realisation"	a Share Sale or a Listing;
"Recognised Investment Exchange"	has the meaning given in section 285(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;
"Relevant Member"	a Member in respect of whom a Transfer Event has occurred in accordance with article 11.1 and the Company has been given notice thereof in writing by an Investor Majority in accordance with the provisions of article 11.1;
"Relevant Securities"	any Shares, or any right to subscribe for or convert any securities into any Shares;
"Shares"	any shares of any class in the capital of the Company;
"Share Sale"	the transfer of any interest in any Shares (whether by one transaction or a series of transactions), other than a transfer in accordance with article 9.1, which results in a Change of Control;
"subsidiary"	has the meaning given to it in section 1159 of the Act;
"Third Party Purchaser"	any person who is not a party to the Investment Agreement from time to time or a person connected with such a party;
"Transfer Event"	each of the events set out in article 11.1; and
"Transfer Notice"	a notice in accordance with article 10 that a Member wishes to transfer his Shares.

1.2 These Articles and the provisions of the Model Articles (subject to any modifications set out in these Articles) shall constitute all the articles of association of the Company.

1.3 In these Articles a reference to:

- 1.3.1 a statutory provision includes a reference to the statutory provision as replaced, modified or re-enacted from time to time before or after the Adoption Date and any subordinate legislation made under the statutory provision before or after the Adoption Date;
- 1.3.2 a "subsidiary" shall include a reference to a "subsidiary" and a "subsidiary undertaking" (each as defined in the Act) and a reference to a "holding company" shall include a reference to a "holding company" and a "parent undertaking" (each as defined in the Act);
- 1.3.3 a person includes a reference to an individual, body corporate, association, government, state, agency of state or any undertaking

- (whether or not having a legal personality and irrespective of the jurisdiction in or under the law of which it was incorporated or exists);
- 1.3.4 writing includes any mode of reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form other than email and fax;
 - 1.3.5 "these Articles" is to these articles of association (including the provisions of the Model Articles incorporated in them), and a reference to an article is to an article of these Articles, in each case as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms of these Articles and the Act; and
 - 1.3.6 any agreement or document is to that agreement or document as in force for the time being and as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms of that agreement or document or with the agreement of all the relevant parties.
- 1.4 The contents table and headings in these Articles are for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation or construction of these Articles.
 - 1.5 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa and words importing a gender include every gender.
 - 1.6 The words "other", "include", "including" and "in particular" do not limit the generality of any preceding words and any words which follow them shall not be construed as being limited in scope to the same class as the preceding words where a wider construction is possible.
 - 1.7 Any question as to whether a person is connected with another shall be determined in accordance with section 1122 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 (except that in construing section 1122 "control" has the meaning given by section 1124 or section 450 of that Act so that there is control whenever section 1124 or 450 requires) which shall apply in relation to these Articles as it applies in relation to that Act.
 - 1.8 These Articles shall be binding on and shall survive for the benefit of the personal representatives and successors-in-title of each party.
- 2. **Dividends**
 - 2.1 Any profits which the Company, on the recommendation of the Directors, determines to distribute in respect of any Accounting Period shall be applied on a non-cumulative basis between the holders for the time being of the B Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares, *pari passu* as if the same constituted one class of share.
 - 2.2 Any such dividends shall be paid in cash (unless the Board determines otherwise) and shall be distributed amongst the holders of such Ordinary Shares *pro rata* according to the number of such Ordinary Shares held by each of them respectively, as if they constituted one class of share.
- 3. **Return of capital**

In the event of a return of capital as a result of a winding up following liquidation, or as a result of a redemption or purchase of own shares, any surplus assets of the Company remaining after the payment of its liabilities and available for distribution amongst the Members shall be distributed amongst the Members as follows:

 - 3.1.1 first, in paying to the holders of C Ordinary Shares, the total aggregate Issue Price of all C Ordinary Shares divided by the number of C Ordinary Shares then in issue in respect of each C Ordinary Share (*pro rata* and *pari passu*);
 - 3.1.2 second, in paying to the holders of B Ordinary Shares, the total aggregate Issue Price of all B Ordinary Shares divided by the number of B Ordinary

Shares then in issue in respect of each B Ordinary Share (pro rata and pari passu); and

- 3.1.3 as to the balance thereof, amongst the holders of B Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares pro rata and pari passu as if the same constituted one class of Share.

4. **Realisation**

- 4.1 On a Realisation the proceeds available for distribution amongst the Members (the “**Realisation Value**”) shall be applied and apportioned as between the Members as follows:

- 4.1.1 first, in paying to the holders of C Ordinary Shares, the total aggregate Issue Price of all C Ordinary Shares divided by the number of C Ordinary Shares then in issue in respect of each C Ordinary Share (pro rata and pari passu);
- 4.1.2 second, in paying to the holders of B Ordinary Shares, the total aggregate Issue Price of all B Ordinary Shares divided by the number of B Ordinary Shares then in issue in respect of each B Ordinary Share (pro rata and pari passu); and
- 4.1.3 as to the balance thereof, amongst the holders of B Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares pro rata and pari passu as if the same constituted one class of Share.

- 4.2 Immediately prior to and conditional upon a Listing or an Asset Sale, the Members shall enter into such reorganisation of the share capital of the Company so as to ensure that the Realisation Value is allocated between the Members in the same proportions as the preceding provisions of this article 4 would provide on a Share Sale with the same Realisation Value (and, in the case of an Asset Sale, on the basis that such Realisation Value would be distributed to the Members immediately following such reorganisation in accordance with these articles as if a dividend entitlement pursuant to article 2 above).
- 4.3 Any dispute in respect of such share reorganisation as envisaged by article 4.2 above which has not been resolved by the date which is 5 Business Days prior to the proposed date for completion of the relevant Listing or Asset Sale shall be referred to the Expert for determination in accordance with article 25. The Members undertake to do all such acts necessary so as to procure that any reorganisation agreed or determined as aforesaid takes place (including, as required, any sub-division, redesignation or consolidation).

5. **Voting**

- 5.1 Subject to the remaining provisions of this article 5, B Ordinary Shares and C Ordinary Shares shall confer upon the holders thereof one vote for every such Share held.
- 5.2 Subject to the provisions of article 5.3 below, if an Event of Default has occurred or is subsisting and the holders of not less than 50% in aggregate of the C Ordinary Shares notify the Company in writing that such event or circumstance has occurred or is subsisting, then the number of voting rights attaching to the C Ordinary Shares at any general meeting or on any written resolution shall be such number as is equal to 95% of the total voting rights attaching to all Shares in issue at the date of any such meeting or the date of circulation of any such resolution (calculated after the application of this article 5.2).
- 5.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of article 5.2 above, the aggregate voting rights attaching the shares of any individual Member holding C Ordinary Shares, as a result

of the operation of article 5.2 and this article 5.3, shall (when taken together with the voting rights of any Shares held by their Associates) be capped at 29.99% of the total voting rights attaching to all shares then in issue at the date of any such meeting or circulation of any resolution as referred to in article 5.2 and the balance of any enhanced voting rights otherwise attributable to that Member (and/or their Associates) shall be distributed and allocated amongst the remaining C Ordinary Shares, pro rata.

- 5.4 The enhanced voting rights attached to the C Ordinary Shares by virtue of article 5.2 shall continue for so long as the relevant event or circumstance continues to subsist or until such matter is waived or otherwise remedied to the reasonable satisfaction, confirmed in writing, of an Investor Majority.

6. Variation of class rights

- 6.1 Without prejudice to the generality of their rights, the special rights attaching to the C Ordinary Shares shall be deemed to be varied at any time by any of the following occurring without class consent:

- 6.1.1 any variation to the rights attaching to any of class of Shares;
- 6.1.2 the declaration or payment of any distribution or return of a capital or income nature to any person;
- 6.1.3 the capitalisation of any undistributed profits (whether or not such profits are available for distribution and including profits standing to the credit of any reserve) or any sums standing to the credit of the share premium account or capital redemption reserve fund of any Group Company;
- 6.1.4 the convening of a general meeting, or the circulating of a written resolution, to effect or approve any matter which would, by virtue of this article 6.1, constitute a variation of the rights attached to the C Ordinary Shares;
- 6.1.5 any Group Company incurring or agreeing to incur an obligation to do any of the matters set out above in this article 6.1;
- 6.1.6 a Realisation or an Asset Sale.

- 6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, none of the following shall be or be deemed to be a variation of the special rights attaching to the C Ordinary Shares:

- 6.2.1 any allotment, issue or other disposal of Relevant Securities which occurs in compliance with article 7.2;
- 6.2.2 a transfer of shares which occurs following the disapplication of the provisions of article 10 by the Board in accordance with article 10.1.1;
- 6.2.3 any alteration to the constitution (as defined in section 17 of the Act) of any Group Company (other than a wholly owned subsidiary);
- 6.2.4 instituting any proceedings or taking any steps in relation to or in preparation for the winding up, administration or dissolution of, or the appointment of an administrator, administrative receiver, receiver or manager in respect of, any Group Company or any of the assets or undertaking of any Group Company; or
- 6.2.5 the making of any material change (including cessation) in the nature of the business of the Group.

7. Issue of Shares

- 7.1 The following provisions of this Article 7 shall not apply in relation to any allotment, grant or other disposal of Relevant Securities:

- 7.1.1 which, in aggregate in any Accounting Period does not exceed 10 (ten) % (per cent) of the aggregate issued share capital of the Company immediately following such allotment, grant or other disposal of such Relevant Securities (**Relevant Issue**), subject to the approval by the Board of such Relevant Issue; and/or
 - 7.1.2 equating to up to 1,500 (one thousand five hundred) Shares in aggregate in any Accounting Period to all current or future employees, officers of the Company or Employee Trust,
- when the Directors may allot, grant or otherwise dispose of Relevant Securities to such persons at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as they think fit in their absolute discretion, provided that no Share shall be issued at a discount.
- 7.2 Subject to article 6 and article 7.1, any Relevant Securities which the Directors propose to allot, grant or otherwise dispose of shall, before they are so allotted, granted or otherwise disposed of, be offered to the Members. Such offer shall be made by means of a notice (a "**Subscription Notice**") served by the Directors on all Members which shall:
 - 7.2.1 state the number and class of Relevant Securities offered;
 - 7.2.2 state the subscription price per Relevant Security, which shall be determined by the Directors;
 - 7.2.3 invite the relevant offerees to respond in writing to the Company stating the number of Relevant Securities for which they wish to subscribe; and
 - 7.2.4 expire, and the offer made in that notice to an offeree shall be deemed to be withdrawn if not previously accepted by such offeree, on the date specified therein, being not less than 10 nor more than 20 Business Days after the date of the Subscription Notice.
 - 7.3 After the expiry of the period referred to in the Subscription Notice or, if sooner, upon all Members having responded to the Subscription Notice (in either case, the "**Subscription Allocation Date**"), the Directors shall allocate the Relevant Securities in accordance with the applications received provided that:
 - 7.3.1 no Relevant Securities shall be allocated to any Member who, at the Subscription Allocation Date, is bound to give, or has given or is deemed to have given, a Transfer Notice in respect of any Shares registered in his name (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a Compulsory Transfer Notice);
 - 7.3.2 if there are applications for more than the number of Relevant Securities available, the Relevant Securities shall be allocated to the relevant applicants in proportion (as nearly as practicable but without allocating to any applicant more Relevant Securities than he applied for) to the number of Shares held by each of them respectively; and
 - 7.3.3 the allocation of any fractional entitlements to Relevant Securities amongst the Members shall be dealt with by the Directors in such manner as they see fit.
 - 7.4 Within 5 Business Days of the Subscription Allocation Date the Directors shall give notice in writing (a "**Subscription Allocation Notice**") to each Member to whom Relevant Securities have been allocated pursuant to article 7.3 (each a "**Subscriber**"). A Subscription Allocation Notice shall state:
 - 7.4.1 the number and class of Relevant Securities allocated to that Subscriber;

- 7.4.2 the aggregate subscription price payable by the Subscriber in respect of the Relevant Securities allocated to him; and
 - 7.4.3 the place, date and time (being not less than 2 nor more than 5 Business Days after the date of the Subscription Allocation Notice) at which completion of the subscription for the Relevant Securities shall take place.
- 7.5 Completion of a subscription for Relevant Securities pursuant to a Subscription Allocation Notice shall take place at the place, date and time specified in the Subscription Allocation Notice when the Subscriber will pay the relevant subscription monies to the Company in cleared funds and the Company will allot or grant the Relevant Securities to that Subscriber and deliver to that Subscriber a duly executed share certificate or certificate of grant (as the case may be) in respect of those Relevant Securities. If a Subscriber shall fail for any reason to pay the relevant subscription monies in respect of any Relevant Securities to the Company in cleared funds by the date specified in the Subscription Allocation Notice he shall:
- 7.5.1 be deemed to have declined the offer made to him in respect of those Relevant Securities which shall immediately be deemed to be released from the provisions of articles 7.1 to 7.4; and
 - 7.5.2 indemnify the Company against all costs, claims and expenses which the Company may suffer or incur as a result of such failure.
- 7.6 Any Relevant Securities which are not accepted pursuant to articles 7.1 to 7.4, and any Relevant Securities released from the provisions of those articles by virtue of a Subscriber's default in accordance with article 7.5, may be offered by the Directors to a third party approved by an Investor and such Relevant Securities shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and article 6.1, be at the disposal of the Directors who may allot, grant or otherwise dispose of them to such persons at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as they think fit in their absolute discretion, provided that:
- 7.6.1 no Share shall be issued at a discount;
 - 7.6.2 no Relevant Securities shall be allotted, granted or otherwise disposed of on terms which are more favourable than those on which they were offered to the Members pursuant to article 7.1; and
 - 7.6.3 no Relevant Securities shall be allotted, granted or otherwise disposed of more than 3 months after the date of the relevant Subscription Notice relating to those Relevant Securities unless the procedure in articles 7.1 to 7.4 is repeated in relation to that Relevant Security.
- 7.7 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to the Company.
- 7.8 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no Share shall be allotted to a person who is not already a party to the Investment Agreement unless that person has entered into a deed of adherence to, and in the form required by, the Investment Agreement.
- 7.9 Where any Share is issued to an existing Member holding Shares, such new Share shall, if so required by the Board, on and from the time of registration of the allotment of that share in the register of members of the Company, be immediately and automatically (without resolution of the Members or Directors) redesignated as a Share of the same class as the Shares already held by such Member.
- 8. Transfer of shares - general**
- 8.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Directors shall not register a transfer of any interest in a Share:

- 8.1.1 if it is to a minor, undischarged bankrupt, trustee in bankruptcy, a person who (in the opinion of an Investor Majority) is of unsound mind, a person convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence under any road traffic legislation in the United Kingdom or elsewhere for which a fine or non-custodial penalty is imposed) or a person who in the reasonable opinion of the Board is reasonably likely to materially damage the reputation or intellectual property of the Company (including but not limited to where civil or criminal claims have been made against such person in relation to damage to such reputation or intellectual property); or
- 8.1.2 unless:
- 8.1.2.1 the transfer is permitted by article 9; or
- 8.1.2.2 the transfer is made in accordance with article 10, 11, 12 or 13,
- and in either case (other than in respect of a transfer to a Third Party Purchaser under article 12 or 13) the transferee, if not already a party to the Investment Agreement, has entered into a deed of adherence to, and in the form required by, the Investment Agreement.
- 8.2 The Directors may only refuse to register a transfer of Shares which is either permitted under article 9 or made in accordance with articles 10, 11, 12 or 13 if:
- 8.2.1 the transfer has not been lodged at the Company's registered office (or such other place as the Directors may nominate for this purpose);
- 8.2.2 the transfer is not accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates (or an indemnity for a lost, stolen or damaged certificate in such form as is reasonably required by the Directors) and such other evidence (if any) as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- 8.2.3 the transfer is in respect of more than one class of Shares;
- 8.2.4 the transfer is in favour of more than four transferees; or
- 8.2.5 the transfer has not been properly stamped or certified as being not liable to stamp duty.
- In all other cases, the Directors must register such a transfer of Shares. Article 26(5) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 8.3 For the purposes of ensuring that:
- 8.3.1 a transfer of any Share is in accordance with these Articles; or
- 8.3.2 no circumstances have arisen whereby a Member is required to give or may be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of any Share; or
- 8.3.3 no circumstances have arisen whereby the provisions of article 13 are required to be or ought to have been triggered,
- the Directors may from time to time (and shall, if so requested to do by an Investor Majority) require any Member to provide, or to procure that any person named as the transferee in any transfer lodged for registration or any other person whom the Directors reasonably believes to have information relevant to such purpose provides, such information and evidence as the Directors may require for such purpose. Pending such information or evidence being provided, the Directors are entitled (and shall, if so requested to do by an Investor Majority) to refuse to register any relevant transfer of Shares.

- 8.4 If any information or evidence provided pursuant to article 8.3 discloses to the reasonable satisfaction of the Directors that circumstances have arisen whereby a Member may be required to give or be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice the Directors may with the consent of an Investor Majority (and shall, if so requested to do so by an Investor Majority by notice in writing to the relevant Member require that a Transfer Notice be given in respect of the Shares concerned.
- 8.5 In any case where a Member is required to give a Transfer Notice in accordance with the provisions of these Articles and such Transfer Notice is not duly given within a period of 10 Business Days of written notice from the Directors to the relevant Member requesting that such Transfer Notice be duly given, such Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given immediately upon the expiry of that period of 5 Business Days. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, unless an Investor Majority resolves otherwise, any Shares which are the subject of a Transfer Notice deemed to have been served in accordance with this article 8.5 (and any Shares received after the date of service, or deemed service, of any such Transfer Notice which are derived from any Share which is the subject of that Transfer Notice, whether by conversion, consolidation or sub-division, or by way of capitalisation, rights or bonus issue or otherwise) shall with effect from the date of the relevant deemed Transfer Notice (or, if later, the date on which such Shares are issued), cease to confer upon the holder of such shares any right to receive notice of, or attend, speak or vote at, any general meeting of the Company (or at any meeting of the holders of any class of Shares) or any right to receive or vote on any written resolution of the Company (or the holders of any class of Shares) until such time as another person is entered in the register of members of the Company as the holder of those Shares.
- 8.6 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, an obligation to transfer a Share under these Articles shall be deemed to be an obligation to transfer the entire legal and beneficial interest in such Share free from any Encumbrance.
- 8.7 Where any Shares are the subject of a Transfer Notice (including a Compulsory Transfer Notice deemed to have been given in accordance with article 11.2), no transfer of any such Shares shall be permitted pursuant to article 9.
- 8.8 Where any Share is transferred to an existing Member holding Shares, such Share shall, if so required by an Investor Majority on and from the time of registration of the transfer of that share in the register of members of the Company, be immediately and automatically (without resolution of the Members or Directors) redesignated as a Share of the same class as the Shares already held by such Member.

9. Permitted transfers

9.1 Transfer with consent

Any Shares may be transferred with the prior written consent of the Board.

9.2 Transfer within corporate group

9.2.1 Any Member which is a body corporate may at any time transfer any Shares held by it to a company which is for the time being a subsidiary or holding company of that Member or another subsidiary of such holding company (each a "**member of the same group**").

9.2.2 Where, following a transfer or series of transfers of Shares pursuant to this article 9.2, the transferee of any Shares ceases at any time for any reason to be a member of the same group as the original transferor of those Shares, such transferee shall forthwith transfer all the Shares held by it to the original transferor (or another member of the same group as that original transferor) for such consideration as they may agree between

them and, if they do not agree such consideration or if the transfer is not effected for any other reason within 20 Business Days of the date on which the transferee ceased to be a member of the same group as the original transferor, the Directors may authorise and instruct any Director to execute a transfer of the Shares on behalf of the relevant transferee and register the original transferor of those Shares as the holder of such Shares.

10. Pre-emption on transfer of Shares

10.1 Transfer Notice

10.1.1 Except:

- 10.1.1.1 as permitted under article 9 (Permitted Transfers);
- 10.1.1.2 as provided for in articles 11 (Compulsory Transfer), 12 (Drag Along) and 13 (Tag Along);
- 10.1.1.3 or where such Relevant Transfer(s) are approved by the Directors

any Member (a "**Seller**") who wishes to transfer any Share (or any interest in any Share) shall, before transferring or agreeing to transfer such Share (or interest), give notice in writing (a "**Transfer Notice**") to the Company of his wish.

10.1.2 Subject to article 10.1.3, a Transfer Notice shall:

- 10.1.2.1 state the number and class of Shares (the "**Sale Shares**") which the Seller wishes to transfer;
- 10.1.2.2 state the name of the person (if any) to whom the Seller wishes to transfer the Sale Shares;
- 10.1.2.3 state the price per Share (the "**Proposed Price**") at which the Seller wishes to transfer the Sale Shares;
- 10.1.2.4 state if the Transfer Notice is conditional upon all (and not only part) of the Sale Shares being sold pursuant to this article 10 (a "**Total Transfer Condition**");
- 10.1.2.5 relate to only one class of Share;
- 10.1.2.6 constitute the Company as the agent of the Seller in relation to the sale of the Sale Shares in accordance with this article 10; and
- 10.1.2.7 not be capable of variation or cancellation without the consent of the Board.

10.1.3 Where a Transfer Notice is one which is deemed to have been given by virtue of any provision of these Articles (including a Compulsory Transfer Notice deemed to have been served in accordance with article 11.2) and unless the provisions of article 11 provide otherwise:

- 10.1.3.1 it shall relate to all the Shares registered in the name of the Seller;
- 10.1.3.2 it shall not contain a Total Transfer Condition;
- 10.1.3.3 subject to article 11.3, the Transfer Price shall be such price as may be agreed between the Seller and the Directors, within 10 Business Days of the date of service (or deemed service) of the Transfer Notice or if either no price is agreed

within such period the Fair Value determined in accordance with article 10.2.2;

10.1.3.4 it shall be irrevocable; and

10.1.3.5 subject to articles 8.4 and 11.6, the Seller may retain any Sale Shares for which Buyers (as defined in article 10.5.2) are not found.

10.2 **Transfer Price**

10.2.1 The Sale Shares will be offered for sale in accordance with this article 10 at the following price (the "**Transfer Price**");

10.2.1.1 the Proposed Price; or

10.2.1.2 such other price as may be agreed between the Seller and the Directors within 10 Business Days of the date of service (or deemed service) of the Transfer Notice; or

10.2.1.3 if no price is agreed pursuant to article 10.2.1.2 within the period specified in that article whichever is the lower of (i) the Proposed Price and (ii) the Fair Value.

10.2.2 If the Seller and the Directors are unable to agree on the Transfer Price in accordance with article 10.2.1.2, the Directors shall instruct the Expert to determine and certify the Fair Value of the Sale Shares in accordance with article 25.

10.2.3 Where the Fair Value is less than the price proposed by the Directors to the Seller not less than 5 Business Days prior to receipt of the Expert's report by the Company then the Expert's fees shall be borne wholly by the Seller.

10.3 **Board Invitees**

In these Articles, the expression "**Board Invitee**" shall mean any of:

10.3.1 the Company (subject to compliance by the Company with the provisions of the Act); and/or

10.3.2 the trustees of any Employee Trust; and/or

10.3.3 any person(s) (being a current or future employee or officer of a Group Company),

as selected by the Directors in the period of 3 months after the date on which the Transfer Price is agreed or determined in accordance with these Articles or, if no such persons are selected in accordance with this article 10.3 within that period, as selected by an Investor Majority within a further period of 3 months.

10.4 **Offer Notice**

10.4.1 Subject to article 10.4.2, the Directors shall serve a notice (an "**Offer Notice**") on all Members and any Board Invitees (as the case may be) to whom the Sale Shares are to be offered in accordance with these Articles as soon as reasonably practicable after (and in any event within 20 Business Days of) whichever is the first to occur of:

10.4.1.1 the period prescribed in article 10.3 for the selection of Board Invitees having expired; or

10.4.1.2 the identity of all Board Invitees having been determined; or

- 10.4.1.3 the Directors determining that none of the Sale Shares are to be offered to a Board Invitee,
- or, if later, on the Transfer Price being agreed or determined in accordance with these Articles.
- 10.4.2 An Offer Notice shall not be sent to, and no Sale Shares shall be treated as offered to, the Seller or any Member who, at the date of the Offer Notice, is bound to give, or has given or is deemed to have given, a Transfer Notice in respect of any Shares registered in his name.
- 10.4.3 An Offer Notice shall:
- 10.4.3.1 state the Transfer Price;
- 10.4.3.2 contain the other relevant information set out in the Transfer Notice;
- 10.4.3.3 invite the relevant offerees to respond in writing to the Company stating the number of Sale Shares which they wish to purchase; and
- 10.4.3.4 expire, and the offer made in that Offer Notice shall be deemed to be withdrawn, on a date which is not less than 10 nor more than 20 Business Days after the date of the Offer Notice.
- 10.4.4 For the purposes of allocating the Sale Shares amongst the Members and any Board Invitees, Sale Shares of a class specified in the first column of the table set out below will be treated as offered:
- 10.4.4.1 firstly, to all persons in the category set out in the corresponding line in the second column in the table below;
- 10.4.4.2 secondly, to the extent not already accepted by persons in the second column, to all persons in the category set out in the corresponding line in the third column in the table below; and
- 10.4.4.3 thirdly, to the extent not already accepted by persons in the second or third columns, to all persons in the category set out in the corresponding line in the fourth column in the table below.

Class of Share	First offer to:	Second offer to:	Third offer to:
B Ordinary Shares	Board Invitees	Members holding B Ordinary Shares	Members holding B Ordinary Shares (pari passu as if the same class)
C Ordinary Shares	Members holding C Ordinary Shares	Board Invitees	Members holding B Ordinary Shares (pari passu)

10.5 Allocation of Sale Shares

- 10.5.1 After the expiry of the period specified in the Offer Notice or, if sooner, upon all Members holding shares of a class specified in a column in the table in article 10.4.4 having responded to the Offer Notice and the Company having received valid applications for all the Sale Shares (in

either case the "**Allocation Date**"), the Directors shall allocate the Sale Shares in accordance with the applications received in the priorities and in respect of each class of persons set out in the table in article 10.4.4 provided that:

- 10.5.1.1 if there are applications from any class of offerees for more than the number of Sale Shares available for that class, the Sale Shares shall be allocated to the relevant applicants in proportion (as nearly as practicable but without allocating to any applicant more Sale Share than he applied for) to the number of Shares of the class entitling them to receive such offer held by each of them respectively;
 - 10.5.1.2 the allocation of any fractional entitlements to Sale Shares amongst the members of a particular class of Shares shall be dealt with by the Directors, in such manner as they see fit;
 - 10.5.1.3 the allocation of Sale Shares between two or more Board Invitees shall be at the absolute discretion of the Directors; and
 - 10.5.1.4 no Sale Shares shall be allocated to any Member who, at the Allocation Date, is bound to give, or has given or is deemed to have given, a Transfer Notice in respect of any Shares registered in his name.
- 10.5.2 Within 5 Business Days of the Allocation Date the Directors shall give notice in writing (an "**Allocation Notice**") to the Seller and each Member or Board Invitee to whom Sale Shares have been allocated pursuant to article 10.5.1 (each a "**Buyer**"). An Allocation Notice shall state:
- 10.5.2.1 the number and class of Sale Shares allocated to that Buyer;
 - 10.5.2.2 the name and address of the Buyer;
 - 10.5.2.3 the aggregate purchase price payable by the Buyer in respect of the Sale Shares allocated to him;
 - 10.5.2.4 the information (if any) required pursuant to article 10.5.4; and
 - 10.5.2.5 subject to article 10.5.4, the place, date and time (being not less than 2 or more than 5 Business Days after the date of the Allocation Notice) at which completion of the sale and purchase of the relevant Sale Shares shall take place.
- 10.5.3 Subject to article 10.5.4, completion of a sale and purchase of Sale Shares pursuant to an Allocation Notice shall take place at the place, date and time specified in the Allocation Notice when the Seller will, upon payment of the Transfer Price in respect of the Sale Shares allocated to a Buyer, transfer those Sale Shares, and deliver the relevant share certificate(s) in respect of such Sale Shares, to that Buyer.
- 10.5.4 If the Transfer Notice contained a Total Transfer Condition and the total number of Shares applied for and allocated to the Buyers in accordance with article 10.5.1 is less than the total number of Sale Shares then:
- 10.5.4.1 the Allocation Notice will refer to the Total Transfer Condition and will contain a further offer (the "**Further**

- Offer")** to the Buyers inviting them to apply for further Sale Shares at the Transfer Price;
- 10.5.4.2 the Further Offer shall expire, and shall be deemed to be withdrawn, upon the expiry of the period (being not more than 10 Business Days) specified in the Allocation Notice;
 - 10.5.4.3 any Sale Shares accepted by the Buyers pursuant to the Further Offer shall be allocated amongst them in accordance with the provisions of articles 10.5.1.1 to 10.5.1.3; and
 - 10.5.4.4 following the allocation of any Sale Shares amongst the Buyers in accordance with article 10.5.4.3, and provided all the Sale Shares have then been allocated, the Directors shall issue revised Allocation Notices in accordance with article 10.5.2 but omitting article 10.5.2.4 of that article.
- 10.5.5 Subject to article 10.5.6, the service of an Allocation Notice (or a revised Allocation Notice in accordance with article 10.5.4) shall constitute the acceptance by a Buyer of the offer to purchase the number of Sale Shares specified in that Allocation Notice on the terms offered to that Buyer.
- 10.5.6 If after following the procedure set out in this article 10 the total number of Shares applied for and allocated to the Buyers remains less than the total number of Sale Shares, then:
- 10.5.6.1 if the Transfer Notice contained a Total Transfer Condition, then notwithstanding any other provision of this article 10 no Sale Shares shall be deemed to have been allocated to any Buyer and the Seller and the Buyers shall not be bound to sell or purchase any Sale Shares in accordance with this article 10; and
 - 10.5.6.2 the Company shall notify the Seller that it has failed to find Buyers for all or some (as the case may be) of the Sale Shares.
- 10.6 Default by the Seller**
- 10.6.1 If a Seller shall fail for any reason (including death) to transfer any Sale Shares to a Buyer when required by this article 10, the Directors may authorise any Director to execute each necessary transfer of Sale Shares on the Seller's behalf and to deliver that transfer to the relevant Buyer.
 - 10.6.2 The Company may receive the purchase money from a Buyer on behalf of the Seller and shall then, subject to due stamping, enter the name of that Buyer in the register of members of the Company as the holder of the Sale Shares so transferred to him. The receipt of the Company for the purchase money shall constitute a good discharge to the Buyer (who shall not be bound to see to the application of it) and after the Buyer has been registered in purported exercise of the power conferred by this article 10.6 the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person.
 - 10.6.3 The Company shall hold the relevant purchase money on trust for the Seller (but without interest) and the Company shall not pay such money to the Seller until he has delivered to the Company the share certificate(s) in respect of the relevant Shares (or a suitable indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Directors).

10.7 Transfers following exhaustion of pre-emption rights

If any Sale Shares are not allocated to a Buyer under any of the foregoing provisions of this article 10 the Seller may, at any time within 3 calendar months of the date of service of the notice referred to in article 10.5.6.2, sell any of those unallocated Sale Shares to the person named in the Transfer Notice (or, if none was so named, any other person) at not less than the Transfer Price (without any deduction, rebate or allowance to the proposed purchaser) provided that:

- 10.7.1 no Share shall be sold to, and the Directors shall not register a transfer to, a person who is not already a Member without the prior written consent of an Investor Majority;
- 10.7.2 if the Transfer Notice contained a Total Transfer Condition, the Seller shall not be entitled to sell only some of the Sale Shares;
- 10.7.3 the Directors may require to be satisfied that the relevant Sale Shares are being transferred under a bona fide sale for the consideration stated in the transfer without deduction, rebate or allowance to the proposed purchaser and, if not so satisfied, may refuse to register the transfer (without prejudice to any power of the Directors to refuse to register a transfer in accordance with article 8); and
- 10.7.4 the Directors shall not register the transfer if as a result of such transfer the proposed purchaser would be required to make an offer in accordance with article 13 until such time as that offer has been made and, if accepted, completed.

11. Compulsory transfers

11.1 In this article 11 each of the following shall be a "**Transfer Event**" in relation to a relevant Member holding B Ordinary Shares:

- 11.1.1 the death of that Member;
- 11.1.2 an order being made for the bankruptcy of that Member or a petition being presented for such bankruptcy which petition is not withdrawn or dismissed within 10 Business Days of being presented;
- 11.1.3 the Member convening a meeting of his creditors or circulating a proposal in relation to, or taking any other steps with a view to, making an arrangement or composition in satisfaction of his creditors generally;
- 11.1.4 the Member being unable to pay his debts as they fall due (within the meaning of section 268 Insolvency Act 1968);
- 11.1.5 any step being taken for the appointment of a receiver or manager over all or any material part of the Member's assets, or any other steps being taken to enforce any Encumbrance over all or any material part of the Member's assets or any Shares held by them;
- 11.1.6 any proceedings or orders equivalent or analogous to any of those described in articles 11.1.2 to 11.1.5 above occurring in respect of the Member under the law of any jurisdiction outside England and Wales;
- 11.1.7 that Member suffering from mental disorder and being admitted to hospital or, by reason of his mental health, being subject to any court order which wholly or partly prevents that Member from personally exercising any powers or rights which that Member would otherwise have;
- 11.1.8 in the case of a holder of B Ordinary Shares and being a director or employee of, or a consultant to, a Group Company that Member ceasing to be such a director, employee or consultant (including where such

cessation occurs as a result of a Group Company ceasing to be a Group Company) where the Member does not remain, or immediately become, a director or employee of, or a consultant to, another Group Company; or

- 11.1.9 that Member is convicted of any criminal offence (other than an offence under any road traffic legislation in the United Kingdom or elsewhere for which a fine or non-custodial penalty is imposed),

and, in any such case, the Board resolving within six months of the occurrence of such event (or, if later, within six months of the date on which the Directors first became aware of the occurrence of such event) that such event is a Transfer Event in relation to that Member for the purposes of this article 11.

- 11.2 Upon the Board resolving that an event is a Transfer Event in respect of a Member in accordance with article 11.1, the Relevant Member and any other person holding Compulsory Transfer Shares, shall be deemed to have served a Transfer Notice (a "**Compulsory Transfer Notice**") in respect of all the Compulsory Transfer Shares held from time to time by each of them respectively. A Compulsory Transfer Notice shall supersede any current Transfer Notice in respect of any Compulsory Transfer Shares.

- 11.3 The Compulsory Transfer Shares shall be offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of article 10 as if the Compulsory Transfer Shares were Sale Shares except that:

- 11.3.1 where the relevant Transfer Event falls within the provisions of article 11.1.8, the Transfer Price in respect of the Compulsory Transfer Shares shall be:

- 11.3.1.1 where the Relevant Member is a Bad Leaver, whichever is the lower of:

11.3.1.1.1 their Fair Value; and

11.3.1.1.2 their Issue Price, or

- 11.3.1.2 where the Relevant Member is a Good Leaver, their Fair Value;

- 11.4 Any dispute as to whether the provisions of article 11.3.1.1 or 11.3.1.2 apply in relation to any Compulsory Transfer Notice shall not affect the validity of a Compulsory Transfer Notice nor shall it delay the procedure to be followed under article 10 in respect such notice. If, however, the Issue Price is less than the Fair Value any Buyer acquiring Compulsory Transfer Shares pursuant to a Compulsory Transfer Notice while such dispute is continuing shall pay to the Seller whichever is the lower of their Fair Value and their Issue Price and shall, in addition, pay to the Company an amount equal to the difference between their Fair Value and their Issue Price. The Company shall hold such amount as trustee in a separate interest-bearing account and shall, upon final resolution of the relevant dispute, pay such amount (together with interest on such amount but less any applicable bank charges) to:

- 11.4.1 the Seller, in respect of any Compulsory Transfer Shares which are determined to be sold for their Fair Value; or

- 11.4.2 the Buyer, in respect of any Compulsory Transfer Shares which are determined to be sold for their Issue Price.

- 11.5 For the purposes of article 11.1.8 the date of cessation of a Member's employment, directorship or engagement shall be (or be deemed to be) whichever is the first to occur of:

- 11.5.1 the date of a notice given by a Group Company to the Member terminating (or purporting to terminate) that Member's employment, directorship or engagement with the Group (or, if later, the date specified in any such notice as being the termination date), regardless of whether any such notice constitutes unfair or wrongful dismissal;
 - 11.5.2 the date of a notice given by a Member to a Group Company terminating (or purporting to terminate) that Member's employment, directorship or engagement with the Group (or, if later, the date specified in any such notice as being the termination date), regardless of whether any such notice may lawfully be given by the Member;
 - 11.5.3 the date on which a repudiatory breach of any contract of employment or engagement by either the Member or a Group Company is accepted by the other party to that contract;
 - 11.5.4 the date of any event which results in the termination of the contract of employment or engagement under the doctrine of frustration; or
 - 11.5.5 in any circumstances other than those specified in articles 11.5.1 to 11.5.4, the date on which the Member actually ceases to be employed or engaged by the Group.
- 11.6 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, unless the Board resolves otherwise, any Compulsory Transfer Shares shall, with effect from the date of the relevant Compulsory Transfer Notice (or, if later, the date on which such Shares are issued), cease to confer on the holder of those Shares any right to receive notice of, or attend, speak or vote at, any general meeting of the Company (or at any meeting of the holders of any class of Shares) or any right to receive or vote on any written resolution of the Company (or the holders of any class of Shares) until such time as another person is entered in the register of members of the Company as the holder of those Compulsory Transfer Shares (or other Shares).
- 11.7 Articles 27(2)(a) and 28 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
12. **Drag along**
- 12.1 If an Investor Majority (together the "**Selling Members**") wish to transfer their Ordinary Shares to a proposed third party purchaser on arm's length terms (the "**Proposed Purchaser**"), they shall have the option (a "**Drag Along Option**") to require all or any of the other Members (the "**Remaining Members**") to transfer all their Shares with full title guarantee to the Proposed Purchaser (or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct) in accordance with this article 12.
- 12.2 The Selling Members shall exercise the Drag Along Option by giving notice to that effect (a "**Drag Along Notice**") to each of the Remaining Members at any time before the registration of the transfer of the Selling Members' Shares. A Drag Along Notice shall specify:
- 12.2.1 that the Remaining Members are required to transfer all their Shares (the "**Remaining Shares**") pursuant to this article 12;
 - 12.2.2 the identity of the Proposed Purchaser;
 - 12.2.3 the consideration for which, or the price at which, the Remaining Shares are to be transferred in accordance with article 12.4 (the "**Drag Along Consideration**"); and
 - 12.2.4 the proposed date of transfer (if known).
- 12.3 A Drag Along Notice:

- 12.3.1 may be revoked by the Selling Members at any time prior to the completion of the sale and purchase of the Remaining Shares; and
- 12.3.2 shall lapse if for any reason the sale of the Selling Members' Shares to the Proposed Purchaser is not completed within 40 Business Days of the date of service of the Drag Along Notice (such lapse being without prejudice to the right of the Selling Members to serve any further Drag Along Notice following such lapse).
- 12.4 Subject to article 12.5 below and the value provision applicable to each class of shares as set out elsewhere in the Articles, the Drag Along Consideration shall be the same consideration per Remaining Share (in the same form and due at the same time(s)) as that offered, given, paid or payable by, or due from, the Proposed Purchaser in respect of each Share held by the Selling Members, which consideration together in aggregate shall be the Realisation Value for the purposes of calculating the allocation of that Realisation Value amongst the Members.
- 12.5 Prior to completion of the sale and purchase of the Remaining Shares, an Investor Majority may direct by notice in writing to the Company that any Remaining Member who, at the date of the Drag Along Notice, is bound to give or has given or is deemed to have given, a Transfer Notice in respect of any Shares registered in his name (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a Compulsory Transfer Notice) is paid the cash equivalent of any non-cash consideration due to the Selling Members from the Proposed Purchaser in lieu of such non-cash consideration. Such cash consideration in lieu may be paid to a Remaining Member either on completion or at the same time as the relevant non-cash consideration is received by the Selling Members. at the absolute discretion of an Investor Majority: Any dispute in relation to the amount of any cash consideration in lieu of any non-cash consideration which has not been resolved within 10 Business Days of the date of the Drag Along Notice shall be referred to the Expert for determination in accordance with article 25.
- 12.6 Completion of the sale and purchase of the Remaining Shares shall take place on the same date as completion of the sale and purchase of the Selling Members' Shares or such later date, being not more than 20 Business Days after the date of such completion, as an Investor Majority may direct in writing.
- 12.7 Upon the service of a Drag Along Notice each Remaining Member shall be deemed to have irrevocably appointed each of the Selling Members (severally) as the agent of the Remaining Member to execute, in the name of and on behalf of that Remaining Member, any stock transfer form and covenant for full title guarantee in respect of the Remaining Shares registered in the name of that Remaining Member and to do such other things as the agent may consider necessary or desirable to transfer and complete the sale of the Remaining Shares pursuant to this article 12.
- 12.8 The provisions of this article 12 shall prevail over any contrary provisions of these Articles and, for the avoidance of doubt, the rights of pre-emption and other restrictions on transfer of Shares contained in these Articles shall not apply to the transfer of any Shares to a Proposed Purchaser named in a Drag Along Notice (or as that Proposed Purchaser may direct). Any Transfer Notice or Compulsory Transfer Notice served in respect of a Share which has not been allocated to a Buyer in accordance with article 10 shall automatically be revoked by the service of a Drag Along Notice.
- 12.9 Where at any time after the service of a Drag Along Notice but before completion of the sale and purchase of the Remaining Shares by the Proposed Purchaser, any person (a "**New Member**") becomes a registered holder of any Share pursuant to the exercise of any option, warrant or other right to subscribe for or acquire Shares, a Drag Along Notice, on the same terms as the then current Drag Along Notice, shall

immediately be deemed to have been served upon that New Member. Upon the deemed service of a Drag Along Notice pursuant to this article 12.99 the New Member shall become bound to sell and transfer to the Proposed Purchaser (or as the Proposed Purchaser may direct) any Share acquired by him as a result of the exercise of any such option, warrant or other right to subscribe for or acquire Shares. The provisions of this article 12 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the sale of any such Shares by such New Member provided that completion of the sale and purchase of those Shares shall take place on whichever is the later of:

- 12.9.1 the date on which a Drag Along Notice is deemed to have been served on the New Member pursuant to this article 12.99; and
- 12.9.2 the date of completion of the sale and purchase of the Remaining Shares pursuant to the original Drag Along Notice.

13. Tag along

13.1 Subject to article 12 and save in the case of a transfer of Shares which is permitted in accordance with the provisions of article 9, but otherwise notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no sale or other disposition of any Shares (the "**Committed Shares**") which would result in a Change of Control shall be made or registered unless before the transfer is lodged for registration:

- 13.1.1 an Investor Majority has consented to such transfer; and
- 13.1.2 the relevant Third Party Purchaser has made a bona fide offer (a "**Tag Along Offer**") by notice in writing (a "**Tag Along Notice**") to acquire, in accordance with this article 13, from all the Members other than the Third Party Purchaser (or persons connected with or acting in concert with him) all the Shares which are not Committed Shares (the "**Uncommitted Shares**") for the consideration, or at the price, (the "**Tag Along Consideration**") calculated in accordance with articles 13.3 and 13.4.

13.2 A Tag Along Notice shall:

- 13.2.1 state the Tag Along Consideration (subject to article 13.4);
- 13.2.2 state the identity of the relevant Third Party Purchaser;
- 13.2.3 invite the relevant offerees to respond in writing to the Third Party Purchaser stating that they wish to accept the Tag Along Offer; and
- 13.2.4 subject to article 13.4.1, expire, and the offer made in that notice shall be deemed to be withdrawn, on the date (being not less than 5 nor more than 20 Business Days after the date of the Tag Along Notice) specified in that notice.

13.3 For the purposes of this article 13 and subject to article 13.4 below and the value provisions applicable to each class of shares as set out elsewhere in the Articles, the Tag Along Consideration shall be the same consideration per Uncommitted Share (in the same form and due at the same time(s)) as that offered, given, paid or payable by, or due from, the Third Party Purchaser in respect of each Committed Share together with the relevant proportion of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) received or receivable by the holders of the Committed Shares which, having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole, can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or consideration given in respect of the Committed Shares.

13.4 If the Tag Along Consideration cannot be agreed between the Third Party Purchaser and the holders of not less than 75% of the Uncommitted Shares within 10 Business Days of the date of the Tag Along Notice, such matter shall be referred for determination to the Expert (in accordance with article 25) and, pending their determination:

- 13.4.1 the period specified in the Tag Along Notice for acceptance of the Tag Along Offer shall not start to run until such time as the Expert's determination of the Tag Along Consideration is served on the Third Party Purchaser and the Members holding Uncommitted Shares; and
- 13.4.2 the sale or transfer of the Committed Shares shall have no effect and shall not be registered.
- 13.5 Upon agreement or determination of the Tag Along Consideration, such Tag Along Consideration together with the consideration or price due in respect of the Committed Shares shall together in aggregate be the Realisation Value for the purposes of calculating the allocation of that Realisation Value amongst the Members.
- 14. **General meetings**
- 14.1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of the business and also when such business is voted upon. Two Members, present either in person, by proxy or by a duly appointed corporate representative shall be a quorum and in the absence of such quorum the meeting in question shall be adjourned for not less than 48 hour, **provided always** that the quorum at any such adjourned meeting shall be any two Members, present either in person, by proxy or by a duly appointed corporate representative.
- 14.2 Article 40(2) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following words at the start of that article: "Subject to the consent of an Investor Majority,
- 14.3 Article 41 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the addition of the following as a new paragraph 41(7) in that article: "If within half an hour of the time appointed for the holding of an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, the Member(s) present (either in person, by proxy or by a duly appointed corporate representative) shall constitute a quorum".
- 14.4 Any Member, having the right to attend and vote at the meeting in question and who is present at that meeting in person, by proxy or by a duly appointed corporate representative, may demand a poll. Article 44(2) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 14.5 Article 44(3) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following as a new paragraph at the end of that article: "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.".
- 14.6 Article 45(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended as follows:
 - 14.6.1 by the deletion of the words in Article 45(1)(d) and the insertion in their place of the following: "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 exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate."; and
 - 14.6.2 by the insertion of the following as a new paragraph at the end of Article 45(1): "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid unless the Directors, in their discretion but subject to the consent of an Investor Majority accept the proxy notice at any time before the meeting..
- 14.7 The Company shall not be required to give notice of a general meeting to a Member:
 - 14.7.1 whose registered address is outside the United Kingdom unless he has provided an address for service within the United Kingdom; or

for whom the Company no longer has a valid United Kingdom address.

15. Appointment and removal of directors

15.1 Unless and until determined otherwise by ordinary resolution of the Company, the number of Directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be less than two and is not subject to any maximum.

15.2 The office of a Director shall automatically be vacated, and the Director in question shall be deemed to have resigned, upon:

15.2.1 in the case of an executive Director only, that Director ceasing for any reason whatsoever to be employed by the Company or any other Group Company in circumstances where he does not remain, or immediately become, an employee of another Group Company;

15.2.2 that Director failing to take part in any directors' decisions for a period of more than 6 consecutive months and the Directors resolving that his appointment as a Director should terminate (and the director in question shall not be an "Eligible Director" for the purposes of such resolution of the Directors).

Article 18 of the Model Articles shall be extended accordingly.

16. Chairman

Article 12(1) to 12 (3) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

17. Alternate Directors

17.1 Subject to article 17.2, any Director (in this article 17, an "**appointor**") may appoint as an alternate any other Director, or any other person approved by resolution of the Directors, to:

17.1.1 exercise that director's powers; and

17.1.2 carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the Directors, in the absence of the alternate's appointor.

17.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the Directors.

17.3 The notice must:

17.3.1 identify the proposed alternate; and

17.3.2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the Director giving the notice.

17.4 An alternate Director may act as alternate director to more than one Director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the Directors as the alternate's appointor.

17.5 Save as provided otherwise in these Articles, alternate Directors:

17.5.1 are deemed for all purposes to be Directors;

17.5.2 are liable for their own acts and omissions;

17.5.3 are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors; and

17.5.4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors,

and, in particular, 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.

- 17.6 A person who is an alternate Director but not a Director:
- 17.6.1 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);
 - 17.6.2 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); and
 - 17.6.3 shall not be counted as more than one Director for the purposes of articles 17.6.1 and 17.6.2.
- 17.7 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), but shall not count as more than one Director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.
- 17.8 An alternate Director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate Director except such part of the remuneration of the alternate's appointor as the appointor may direct by notice in writing to the Company. An alternate Director shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Company such expenses as might properly be reimbursed to him if he were a Director.
- 17.9 The appointment of an alternate Director terminates:
- 17.9.1 when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice in writing to the Company specifying when it is to terminate;
 - 17.9.2 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;
 - 17.9.3 on the death of the alternate's appointor;
 - 17.9.4 when the appointment of the alternate's appointor as a Director terminates; or
 - 17.9.5 when written notice from the alternate, resigning his office, is received by the Company.

18. **Remuneration and audit committees**

Without prejudice to the provisions of article 5(1) of the Model Articles there will be a remuneration committee and an audit committee which will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Agreement.

19. **Proceedings of Directors**

- 19.1 Decisions of the directors may be taken either:
- 19.1.1 by a majority at a board meeting; or
 - 19.1.2 by a Directors' written resolution made in accordance with articles 19.2 and 19.3.

Articles 7(1) and 8 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

- 19.2 Any Director may propose a Directors' written resolution and the Company secretary (or the Board if no secretary is appointed) must propose a Directors' written

resolution if a Director so requests. A Directors' written resolution is proposed by notice in writing of the proposed Directors' written resolution being given to each Director indicating the proposed resolution and the time by which it is proposed that the Directors should adopt it. Any decision which a person giving notice of a Directors' proposed written resolution takes regarding the process of adopting that resolution must be taken reasonably in good faith.

- 19.3 A proposed Directors' written resolution is adopted when all the Eligible Directors in relation to the resolution(s) contained in the proposed Directors' written resolution have signed one or more copies of it, provided that those Eligible Directors would have formed a quorum at a meeting of the Directors to consider such resolution(s). It is immaterial whether a Director signs the resolution before or after the time by which the notice proposed that it should be adopted.
- 19.4 Two Eligible Directors, present either in person or by a duly appointed alternate, shall be a quorum and in the absence of such quorum the meeting in question shall be adjourned for not less than 48 hour, **provided always** that the quorum at any such adjourned meeting shall be any two Directors, present either in person, by proxy or by a duly appointed corporate representative. For the purpose of any meeting held to authorise a director's conflict of interest under article 21 if there is only one Eligible Director in office other than the conflicted Director(s), the quorum for such meeting shall be one Eligible Director.
- 19.5 If the number of votes for and against a proposal at a Directors' meeting are equal the chairman shall have a casting vote, provided that the chairman shall not have a casting vote if he is not an Eligible Director for the purposes of the relevant directors' decision. Article 13 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 19.6 If, and for so long as, the holders of the B Ordinary Shares are entitled to enhanced voting rights in respect of those Shares in accordance with article 5.1 (regardless of whether or not such voting rights have actually been exercised at any general meeting or on any written resolution):
- 19.6.1 the Board may appoint any person as a Director;
- 19.6.2 an Investor Majority may, by notice to the Company, appoint any person as a Director and/or remove any person as a Director notwithstanding how or when he was appointed or any other provision of these Articles. Any Director removed pursuant to this article 19.6.2 may not be reappointed to any office or appointment with a Group Company without the prior approval of an Investor Majority. Any appointment or removal pursuant to this article 19.6.2 shall be made by notice in writing to the Company. Such notice (which may consist of several documents in similar form each signed by or on behalf of one or more Members) must be left at or sent by post to the registered office of the Company and the appointment or removal (as the case may be) shall take effect when the notice is received by the Company or, if later, on such date (if any) as may be specified in the notice.
- 19.7 Not less than 5 Business Days' notice of a Directors' meeting must be given to each Director in writing provided that the requirements of this article may be waived or varied, subject to the written consent of an Investor Majority, with the prior approval of all Eligible Directors. Article 9(3) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 19.8 Article 5 of the Model Articles shall be modified so that the Directors may only delegate any of their powers to a person or committee with the prior consent of an Investor Majority. Article 6(2) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following words before the word "may": "with the consent of a Investor Majority.

19.9 Article 16 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following words after the word "may": "with the consent of an Investor Majority."

19.10 Article 51 of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following words at the start of that article: "Subject to the consent of an Investor Majority,".

19.11 Article 4(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by the insertion of the following words at the start of that article: "Subject to the consent of an Investor Majority,".

20. **Transactions or other arrangements with the Company**

20.1 Subject to sections 177 and 182 of the Act and, subject to the consent of the Board, and provided (in any case) he 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:

20.1.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;

20.1.2 shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the Directors (or a committee of Directors) in respect of such contract or proposed contract in which he is interested;

20.1.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of Directors (or of a committee of the Directors) or participate in any unanimous decision of the Directors, in respect of such contract or proposed contract in which he is interested;

20.1.4 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;

20.1.5 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

20.1.6 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.

20.2 Articles 14(1) to 14(4) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

21. **Directors' conflicts of interest**

21.1 Subject to the consent of the Board, the Directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article 21, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any Director which would, if not authorised, involve a Director breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid situations which conflict or possibly may conflict with the interests of the Company (a "**Conflict**").

21.2 Any authorisation under this article will be effective only if:

21.2.1 the matter in question shall have been proposed by any Director for consideration at a meeting of Directors in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the Directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the Directors may determine; and

- 21.2.2 any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the Directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting the Director in question; and the matter was agreed to without the Director in question voting or would have been agreed to if his vote had not been counted.
- 21.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this article 21 shall be recorded in writing (but the authorisation shall be effective whether or not the terms are so recorded) and may, whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently:
- 21.3.1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised;
- 21.3.2 be subject to such terms and for such duration, or impose such limits or conditions as the Directors may determine; and
- 21.3.3 be terminated or varied by the Directors at any time.
- This will not affect anything done by the Director prior to such termination or variation in accordance with the terms of the authorisation.
- 21.4 In authorising a Conflict the Directors may decide (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) that if a Director has obtained any information through his involvement in the Conflict otherwise than as a Director of the Company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person, the Director is under no obligation to:
- 21.4.1 disclose such information to the Directors or to any Director or other officer or employee of the Company; or
- 21.4.2 use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a Director, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence.
- 21.5 Where the Directors authorise a Conflict they may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) provide, in any case without limitation, that the Director:
- 21.5.1 is excluded from discussions (whether at meetings of Directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict;
- 21.5.2 is not given any documents or other information relating to the Conflict; and
- 21.5.3 may or may not vote (or may or may not be counted in the quorum) at any future meeting of Directors in relation to any resolution relating to the Conflict.
- 21.6 Where the Directors authorise a Conflict:
- 21.6.1 the relevant Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the Directors in relation to the Conflict; and
- 21.6.2 the 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, limits and conditions (if any) as the Directors impose in respect of its authorisation.
- 21.7 The Chairman of the Board for the time being may, notwithstanding his office, be a director or other officer of, or employed by or otherwise interested in:
- 21.7.1 any Group Company;
- 21.7.2 a holder of B Ordinary Shares;

- 21.7.3 any company which is for the time being a subsidiary or holding company of a holder of B Ordinary Shares or another subsidiary of such holding company; or
- 21.7.4 any investment fund or co-investment plan for whom B Ordinary shares are held; or
- 21.7.5 a manager, custodian, nominee or trustee for, or general partner of, any investment fund or co-investment plan for whom B ordinary Shares are held,

and no authorisation under article 21.1 shall be necessary in respect of such interest.

- 21.8 A Director or the Chairman may, notwithstanding his office, be a Member or a director or other officer of, or employed by or otherwise interested in any Group Company and no authorisation under article 21.1 shall be necessary in respect of such interest.
- 21.9 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 Directors or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

22. **Service of Documents**

- 22.1 Any notice, document or other information given in accordance with these Articles shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:
 - 22.1.1 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;
 - 22.1.2 if properly addressed and sent by reputable international overnight courier to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom, 5 Business Days after posting provided that delivery in at least 5 Business Days was guaranteed at the time of sending and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider;
 - 22.1.3 if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;
 - 22.1.4 if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, one hour after the document or information was sent or supplied; and
 - 22.1.5 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 22.1, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day i.e. 9am to 5pm on a Business Day.

- 22.2 In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall be sufficient to show that the notice, document or other information was delivered to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

23. **Indemnity**

- 23.1 Subject to article 23.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:

- 23.1.1 each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer:
- 23.1.1.1 in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and
 - 23.1.1.2 in relation to the activities of the Company (or any Group Company) as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Act),
- 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 affairs of the Company (or any Group Company); and
- 23.1.2 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 23.1.1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.
- 23.2 This article 23 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.
- 23.3 In this article 23 and in article 24 a "**relevant officer**" means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or any Group Company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the Act), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company (or any Group Company) as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor).
- 23.4 Article 52 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
24. **Insurance**
- 24.1 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 loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by that relevant officer in connection with his duties or powers in relation to the Company, any Group Company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or Group Company.
- 24.2 Article 53 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
25. **Expert**
- 25.1 Where these Articles provide for any matter or dispute to be determined by the Expert, such matter or dispute shall be referred, at the request of any Member or Director, to the Auditors provided that in the circumstances referred to in article 25.2 such matter or dispute shall be referred to an independent chartered accountant nominated in writing for this purpose by the Board.
- 25.2 The circumstances referred to in article 25.1 are:
- 25.2.1 where the Auditors are unable or unwilling to act in connection with the relevant reference; or
 - 25.2.2 where, within 10 Business Days of the Company notifying the Investors that a matter or dispute is to be referred to an Expert in accordance with

these Articles, the Board directs in writing that instead of being referred to the Auditors the relevant matter or dispute shall be referred to the independent chartered accountant nominated by an Investor Majority in their direction and, for this purpose, the Company undertakes to notify the Investors of any such proposed referral to an Expert.

- 25.3 The Expert shall be engaged on terms agreed between the relevant Expert, the Directors, provided that if such terms are not so agreed within 10 Business Days of the Expert being instructed, the Expert shall be engaged on such terms as may be agreed between the Expert (acting reasonably). For the purposes of agreeing the terms of the Expert's engagement pursuant to this article 25.3, the Directors shall act as agent for the Company and each relevant Member.
- 25.4 The Company and any relevant Members shall supply the Expert with any information which he may reasonably request in connection with his determination. The Company and any relevant Members shall be entitled to make written submissions to the Expert provided that a copy of any such written submissions is also simultaneously delivered to the other relevant parties. The Expert shall give due weight to any such written submission which is received by the Expert within such time limit as he may determine and have notified to the relevant parties.
- 25.5 The decision of the Expert (who shall be deemed to act as an expert and not as an arbitrator) shall, save in the event of fraud or manifest error, be final and binding on the Company and the Members.
- 25.6 The cost of any reference to the Expert shall be borne as directed in the relevant article or, where no such direction is given, by the party or parties named by the Expert (taking into account the conduct of the parties and the merits of their respective arguments in relation to any matters in dispute) or, where no such party is named by the Expert, equally by the parties concerned.

26. Relationship to Facility Documents

- 26.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no payment shall be declared or paid by any Group Company by way of dividend or other distribution, purchase, redemption, reduction or return of Shares or capital if and to the extent that such payment is prohibited or restricted by the terms of the Facility Documents (for so long as the Facility Documents remain in force and effect). No dividends or other distributions in respect of the Shares shall constitute a debt enforceable against the relevant Group Company unless such dividend or distribution is permitted to be paid in accordance with the terms of the Facility Documents (for so long as the Facility Documents remain in force and effect) but any interest which is prescribed to accrue on any such dividends or distributions in accordance with these Articles shall continue to accrue with effect from the date upon which the dividend or distribution would otherwise have been a debt due from the Company and enforceable (but for this article 26.1 and the provisions of the Facility Documents) until the date on which payment is actually made.
- 26.2 If any dividend or distribution is not paid because of the provisions of article 26.1 or the Facility Documents, such dividend or distribution shall be paid forthwith upon the requisite consent being obtained or the relevant prohibition on such payment ceasing.

27. Change of name

The name of the Company may be changed by a decision of the Directors.

28. Purchase of own shares out of cash

Subject to the Act the Company may purchase its own shares with cash in any Accounting Period.