Company Number: 09094164

	THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
·	COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

## WRITTEN RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS

of

# **CLIPPER GROUP LIMITED**

(the "Company")

Passed on: 7 March 2019

The following resolutions were passed in writing pursuant to Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006 as an ordinary resolution in respect of resolution 1 and as special resolutions in respect of resolutions 2 and 3 on  $\mathcal{F}$  Mc Cew 2019:

# ORDINARY RESOLUTION

1. **THAT** the directors be authorised pursuant to section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 to exercise all powers of the Company to allot and to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,000 provided that this authority shall expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of this resolution, except that the Company may before such expiry make any offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the power conferred by this resolution had not expired.

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 2. THAT the articles of association, a copy of which is attached, be adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of its existing articles of association.
- 3. THAT the directors be empowered pursuant to section 570 of the Companies Act 2006 to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560 of that Act) for cash pursuant to the general authority conferred on them by resolution 1 as if section 561 of that Act did not apply to any such allotment or sale. This authority shall expire, unless previously revoked or renewed by the Company, on the fifth anniversary of the date of this resolution except that the Company may before such expiry make any offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if the power conferred by this resolution had not expired.

Clipper Group Limited

Director/Company Secretary

Date: 4. February 2019



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# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(Adopted by special resolution passed in writing on 7 March 2019)

of

**CLIPPER GROUP LIMITED** 

#### 1. PRELIMINARY

- 1.1 The definitions and other interpretation provisions in the schedule to these Articles shall apply.
- 1.2 The objects of the Company shall be unrestricted.
- 1.3 The liability of the members of the Company is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

### 2. SHARES

- 2.1 Immediately following the time of the passing of the resolution adopting these Articles the issued share capital of the Company will comprise:
  - (A) 93,008 'A' Ordinary Shares;
  - (B) 145,008,500,000 'A1' Ordinary Shares;
  - (C) 75,000 'E' Ordinary Shares; and
  - (D) 7,625 'F' Ordinary Shares (with a further 2,375 such shares due to be issued in due course to employees of a Group Company following the Adoption Date).
- 2.2 There shall be no restriction on the number of shares which may be issued by the Company except as may be expressly provided for in these Articles.
- 2.3 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, the Equity Shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects.
- 2.4 Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share on any trust and (except as otherwise provided by these Articles or by law) the Company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right of the holder to share in its entirety, even if the Company has notice of that interest.

### 3. INCOME

- 3.1 Subject to Articles 4.2 and 9.1(K) and as otherwise provided in these Articles, any profits resolved to be distributed in any financial year or period shall be distributed amongst the holders of the Full Equity Shares, pari passu as if the same are one and the same class of share, pro rata to the number of Full Equity Shares respectively held by them.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles no Capped Shares shall carry any right to receive dividends or other income distributions.

# 4. CAPITAL AND EXIT PROVISIONS

- 4.1 On a return of assets on liquidation, reduction of capital, purchase of own shares or otherwise and subject to Article 4.3, the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its debts and liabilities (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in the case of a Sale, Asset Sale or Listing, the payment of any legal and professional fees properly incurred by the Company or any other Group Company)) shall be applied and be distributed amongst the holders of the Equity Shares as follows:
  - (A) an amount equal to 'F' Ordinary Share Entitlement shall be paid to the holders of the 'F' Ordinary Shares, pro rata according to their respective holdings of such 'F' Ordinary Shares; and

- (B) the balance of any such amount, to the holders of the Equity Shares (other than the 'F' Ordinary Shares), pro rata according to their respective holdings of such Equity Shares (excluding the 'F' Ordinary Shares) as if such shares constituted one and the same class.
- 4.2 Subject as otherwise expressly provided in these Articles, on a Listing or on or following a Sale or Asset Sale, the Exit Value attributable to the Equity Shares that form part of the share capital to which the Exit Value relates shall be allocated between such classes of share in the manner provided in Article 4.1 as if the same is a return of capital but without this requiring (on a Sale) that the amount of consideration so allocated need be satisfied in exactly the same way.
- 4.3 No Capped Share shall be allocated any amount in respect of any assets or Exit Value to Equity Shares as provided in Articles 4.1 and 4.2 to the extent that (when taking account of any Distributions previously paid on that Capped Share and any prior allocations of assets or Exit Value to it) the aggregate amount allocated to it would exceed its Capped Amount.
- 4.4 On and following a Sale or Asset Sale, the consideration thereunder and each payment thereof shall be deemed to be subject to a trust for application in the priority and basis provided in this Article 4 and the recipients thereof shall apply and account for the same accordingly.
- 4.5 For the purposes of any Listing, that number of shares of each class as is necessary to give effect to Article 4.2 shall on or immediately prior to Listing be re-designated as Deferred Shares so as to ensure that the Exit Value attributable to the shares then in issue is equal to their aggregate entitlement under Article 4.2 at the time of Listing and so that if no part of such Exit Value is attributable to any class or series of a class of such shares they shall all be so re-designated. Any such re-designation shall be effected on such basis as the Board shall determine as appropriate (with Investor Consent) to give effect to the foregoing but without re-designating a fraction of a share and the Directors are hereby authorised and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the foregoing including but not limited to executing and delivering (through such of them as they shall nominate) on behalf of each holder of the shares to be redeemed such documents and things as may be required for the purpose.
- Each member shall execute and deliver and do such acts deeds documents and things as the Board shall reasonably require of him in that capacity to reorganise the share capital of the Company to be the subject of a Listing into shares of a class and nominal value appropriate for that purpose including but not limited to passing any resolutions and providing any consents necessary for that purpose and surrendering his share certificates for cancellation and replacement accordingly, without limiting the foregoing, where the shares to be the subject of the Listing are of different nominal values such resolutions may involve the subdivision of the shares of a higher nominal value into shares of (i) the same nominal value as those of a smaller nominal value and (ii) Deferred Shares with a nominal value equal to the balance and (if required) the subsequent consolidation and re-designation of all then resultant shares of the lower nominal value into one class of share with a nominal value appropriate for the Listing.
- 4.7 Each member shall be deemed hereby irrevocably to appoint such person as shall be nominated for this purpose by the Board as his attorney for the purposes of executing and delivering and doing any acts deeds and things as are required on his part by Articles 4.5 and 4.6.

#### 5. CAPPED SHARES

- 5.1 Subject to Articles 5.2 and 5.3 and with prior Investor Consent, the entitlement of an 'F' Ordinary Share to participate under Article 4 may be capped ("Capped", and any such Share being a "Capped Share") at a specified maximum amount (its "Capped Amount"):
  - (A) by agreement in writing between its then holder and the Company, or
  - (B) as provided in Article 22.4.
- 5.2 If a share is Capped, it shall remain so Capped unless and until otherwise agreed by written agreement between its then holder and the Company, provided that agreement is first approved by Investor Consent.
- 5.3 A Capped Share shall not carry any fixed or priority entitlement to receive its Capped Amount under Article 4.1 but its entitlement under that Article (had it not been Capped) will be limited to that Capped Amount, if lower.
- Where the Capped Amount of a Capped Share is linked to its Transfer Value or Fair Value or other amount as of a given date and that Transfer Value or Fair Value or other amount has not been agreed in writing by a holder of the Capped Share or Determined by the time of a proposed Distribution or Sale, it shall be such amount as is determined by the Board with Investor Consent (in each case acting reasonably) or as is directed in writing by an Investor Majority, acting reasonably.
- 5.5 A Capped Share shall not entitle its holder to participate in any pre-emptive offer of shares or Subscription Rights for subscription or purchase.

### 6. **DEFERRED SHARES**

- 6.1 Deferred Shares (created upon re-designation of shares pursuant to these Articles) shall:
  - (A) on a return of capital on winding up or otherwise, entitle their holders only to the repayment of the amounts paid up or credited as paid up on those shares after payment in respect of each Full Equity Share of the amount paid up on that share and £10,000,000,
  - (B) not otherwise entitle their holders to receive or participate in any way in any profits or assets of the Company,
  - (C) not entitle their holders to participate in any pre-emptive offer of shares or Subscription Rights for subscription or purchase, and
  - (D) not entitle their holders to receive notice of or to attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company.
- 6.2 The Company may at any time appoint any person to execute on behalf of the holders of any Deferred Shares a transfer of them (and/or an agreement to transfer the same) to such person as the Company may determine as custodian and/or to purchase them (in accordance with the provision of the Companies Act) for a price not more than an aggregate sum of 1p for all the Deferred Shares without obtaining the sanction of their holder or holders and pending their transfer and/or purchase to retain the certificate for those Deferred Shares.
- 6.3 The Company may at any time after the creation of any Deferred Shares and to the extent permitted under the Companies Act redeem all of the Deferred Shares then in issue, at an aggregate price not exceeding 1p for all the Deferred Shares redeemed the recipient of that sum

being determined by the Company, upon giving the registered holders of those shares not less than 14 days' previous notice in writing of its intention so to do, fixing a time and place for the redemption.

- A holder of shares may at any time agree with the Company that all or any of his shares shall be re-designated into Deferred Shares or (with Investor Consent) shares of any other class (except Deferred Shares unless pursuant to Articles 6.5) and in that event the re-designation shall take effect whenever as of such time so agreed and as if effected by and with the full sanction of a special resolution. The holders of the shares so re-designated shall promptly and in any event within ten days of that notice surrender to the Company the certificates for their shares so re-designated. For these purposes any written agreement by the holders of a Majority of the issued 'A' Ordinary Shares which is expressed to apply to all of the 'A' Ordinary Shares or the written agreement of the holders at the time of the agreement of a Majority of any other class of shares which is expressed to apply to the 'A' Ordinary Shares or the particular class of share and/or any class of share not then in issue shall bind all of such holders and their permitted transferees of those 'A' Ordinary Shares or shares, as the case may be.
- 6.5 Deferred Shares arising from a re-designation of 'A' Ordinary Shares may, following such re-designation, be again re-designated into 'A' Ordinary Shares where the provisions of the Investment Agreement so require (and any such re-designation shall take effect when so provided as if effected by and with the full sanction of a special resolution). The holders of the shares so re-designated shall promptly and in any event within ten days of that notice surrender to the Company the certificates for their shares so re-designated and the Company shall issue them with new certificates for the 'A' Ordinary Shares arising on that re- designation.
- 6.6 The Company may not exercise its rights under Articles 6.2 or 6.3 without Investor Consent.
- 6.7 Each member hereby grants his attorney to the Company to execute such documents, resolutions acts and things as may be considered necessary by the Board (acting with Investor Consent) to give effect to Articles 6.4 to 6.6 (inclusive) above.

# 7. 'F' ORDINARY SHARES

7.1 Unless otherwise resolved by the Board (with Investor Consent) on Acquisition of any tranche of 'F' Ordinary Shares by a Relevant Executive, the 'F' Ordinary Shares shall Vest for Time Condition purposes as follows:

(1) Elapsed Months between the date of Acquisition and the Leaving Date	(2) Vested Proportion	(3) Unvested Proportion
Less than 12 months	0%	100%
12 months or more but less than 24 months	33.3%	66.7%
24 months or more but less than 36 months	66.6%	33.4%
36 months or more	100%	0%

- 7.2 An 'F' Ordinary Share shall entitle its holder to participate in an allocation of assets or Exit Value pursuant to Article 4 notwithstanding the fact that the Time Conditions of such 'F' Ordinary Share have not been satisfied and, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Time Conditions concerned, the outstanding Time Conditions of an 'F' Ordinary Share shall be deemed to be satisfied on and with effect immediately before a Listing.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding that the 'F' Ordinary Shares may belong to one or more series, the 'F' Ordinary Shares of all series shall be treated as one and the same class for the purposes of chapter 9 of part 17 of the Companies Act, except as expressly provided in Article 14.1.

### 8. VOTING RIGHTS

- 8.1 Each holder of Full Equity Shares (but excluding 'F' Ordinary Shares) present in person or by proxy or corporate or other voting representative permitted by these Articles shall be entitled on a show of hands to one vote and on a poll to one vote for each Full Equity Share (other than an 'F' Ordinary Share) of which he is the holder.
- 8.2 Each holder of 'F' Ordinary Shares (which is not Capped) present in person or by proxy or corporate or other voting representative permitted by these Articles shall be entitled:
  - (A) on a show of hands, to one vote,
  - (B) on a poll at a general meeting or a written resolution, to one vote, provided always that the number of votes attributable to the 'F' Ordinary Shares as a class shall, on any such vote, be equal to (but shall not exceed) 20% of the total votes capable of being cast by the shareholders capable of voting in any such circumstances,

and further provided that, in no event shall the aggregate number of votes available to the holders of 'A' Ordinary Shares (in that capacity and whether on a show of hands, a poll or a written resolution) be less than that number of votes that represents, in aggregate, 75% of the total number of votes available to all Shareholders at the relevant time (such votes to be shared between the holders of the A Ordinary Shares pro rata to the number of A Ordinary Shares held by them).

- 8.3 Any 'F' Ordinary Shares which are Capped shall carry no right to vote or receive notice of any meetings of shareholders.
- 8.4 During a Default Period and if an Enhancement Notice to that effect has been given and is still in force, only the holders of the 'A' Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to vote.
- 8.5 Unless otherwise agreed in writing from time to time between that member and an Investor Majority and notified to the Company, no member shall be entitled to exercise any voting rights attaching to his shares during any period in which a Mandatory Transfer Notice may be required to be given in respect of them or whilst a Mandatory Transfer Notice has been given or deemed given in respect of them and has not expired.
- 8.6 Unless otherwise agreed in writing from time to time between that Leaver and an Investor Majority and notified to the Company, a Leaver may not exercise any voting rights attaching to any of his shares whether in general meeting or at any class meetings.
- 8.7 Unless otherwise agreed under the terms of the issue of the shares concerned, no member shall be entitled in respect of any share held by him to vote (either personally or by corporate representative or proxy) at any general meeting of the Company or at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company or to exercise any other right

conferred by membership in relation to general meetings unless all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.

### 9. CLASS CONSENTS: INVESTOR SHARES

- 9.1 Investor Consent shall be required before the Company or any other member of the Group shall
  - (A) except as expressly provided in the Investment Agreement create or allot or issue any further shares or grant or agree to grant to any person any option or right to subscribe for convert into or otherwise to require the issue or allotment of any shares or the creation or allotment or issue of shares, except to the Company or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company,
  - (B) pass a resolution for the reduction or cancellation of its share capital or the reduction of any uncalled liability in respect of it,
  - (C) purchase or redeem or re-denominate the whole or any part of its share capital other than in accordance with the terms of issue of any class of share capital,
  - (D) modify vary alter or abrogate any of the rights privileges or restrictions attaching to any of the classes of its share capital,
  - (E) sell transfer lease licence or otherwise dispose of the whole or any material part of its business undertaking or assets whether by a single transaction or series of transactions related or not,
  - (F) make or permit any material alteration (including cessation) to the general nature of the business carried on by it from time to time,
  - (G) establish or adopt or operate any retirement death or disability scheme or any bonus or profit sharing scheme or any share option scheme, employee share ownership plan or employees trust or other similar incentive scheme,
  - (H) change its corporate name or any name under which it carries on its business in whole or part,
  - (I) make any alteration to its Memorandum and Articles of Association,
  - (J) pass any resolution or seek any order or take any steps with a view to the liquidation, winding up or striking off dissolution or administration or receivership of any member of the Group or the equivalent in any other jurisdiction,
  - (K) except for any dividends paid to the Company or a wholly owned subsidiary thereof, make any distribution by way of dividend or otherwise out of its profits or reserves,
  - (L) issue redeem or purchase any loan stock or loan notes, or
  - (M) enter into any agreement commitment or arrangement to do any of the above.
- 9.2 Investor Consent shall also be required before the Company or any other member of the Group shall:
  - (A) make or provide any loan or financial facility other than (i) credit given in the ordinary course of business or (ii) loans to the Company or any subsidiary of the Company and (iii) loans not exceeding £1,000 in the aggregate to any individual director or employee by way of advance to cover reasonable business expenses (iv) by way of season ticket loan to any individual director or employee,

- (B) give any guarantee suretyship or indemnity or similar liability in respect of the obligations of any person firm or company other than the Company or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company,
- (C) enter into any factoring or invoice discounting arrangements in respect of its debts,
- (D) permit or allow or do anything which results or will result in a breach of Article 37,
- (E) acquire any share or loan capital of or ownership or partnership interest in another body corporate or in any partnership wherever established (other than by way of formation of a wholly owned subsidiary) or any business or undertaking,
- (F) dispose of or dilute its interest directly or indirectly in any subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking or business or undertaking or partnership,
- (G) save as expressly contemplated by the Projections referred to in the Investment Agreement or any subsequent budgets expressly approved by an Investor Majority in writing for this purpose, incur in any accounting period any capital expenditure or enter into any capital commitment (which expression shall include without limitation the entry into any transactions involving the taking by it or its own acquisition on hire and/or hire purchase of plant machinery or any conditional sale or deferred payment arrangement) exceeding in the aggregate £25,000 or such other limit as may from time to time be approved by Investor Consent,
- (H) acquire develop dispose (by transfer or sale or lease or otherwise) relocate or close any property or premises or business outlet (freehold or leasehold) or any interest in them other than by way of renewal of any lease previously held by the Company or the subsidiary concerned on fair market terms,
- (I) enter into any agreement to occupy or permit any third party to occupy any property or premises (whether freehold or leasehold) or vary any of the material terms under which it occupies or permits any third party to occupy any property or premises,
- (J) enter into or vary any of the material terms of any material agreement for the acquisition and/or user or other exploitation (whether by a member of the Group or a third party) of any intellectual property rights,
- (K) engage or dismiss or enter into or terminate any agreement of service or for services with any director or Senior Executive,
- (L) make any material change to the remuneration or benefits (including but not limited to agreeing the extent of those benefits) or other terms of employment or engagement any of its directors or Senior Executives or grant any material waiver or consent related to them,
- (M) make payment by way of bonus or profit share to any of its directors or Senior Executives other than (in the case of a bonus or profit share payments) in amounts approved by a remuneration committee of the Board consisting of a majority of nonexecutive directors,
- (N) appoint or remove any director (other than an alternate director or an Investor Director pursuant to these Articles),
- (O) enter into any transaction or arrangement which is neither properly ancillary to nor in the ordinary course of conducting its business,

- (P) enter into any transaction or arrangement which is not on arm's length terms or which is of a particularly long term or unusual nature,
- (Q) enter into or in any material respect vary the terms of or grant any material waiver or consent in respect of an agreement or a transaction with any person who is or has in the previous twelve months been a director or shareholder director or shareholder of the Company or connected person of a director or shareholder director or shareholder (save as expressly contemplated by the Investment Agreement or for an agreement or transaction in the ordinary course of its trade and which in the reasonable opinion of an Investor Majority is not material to the Group as a whole),
- (R) remove its Auditors or appoint any new or additional Auditors, except in the case of a subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking of the Company to remove its auditors and appoint in their place the auditors of the Company,
- (S) change its accounting reference date (except, in the case of a subsidiary, to conform with that of the Company),
- (T) appoint any adviser(s) with a view to or otherwise seek to take any steps to achieve a Sale, Asset Sale or Listing, or
- (U) enter into any agreement, commitment or arrangement to do any of the above.
- 9.3 Anything done (whether by the Company or any member of the Group or otherwise) without the necessary consent required under Article 9.1 or Article 9.2 or in breach of the terms and conditions of any such consent shall be deemed to be a breach and variation of the class rights of the 'A' Ordinary Shares.
- 9.4 Each member shall exercise his or its rights in that capacity or otherwise available to him to ensure (so far as he or it can through such exercise) that the provisions of this Article 9 are complied with.

#### 10. AUTHORITY TO ALLOT

The Directors may not exercise any power under section 550 of the Companies Act without Investor Consent.

## 11. NEW SHARE ISSUES

- Subject to, the other provisions of these Articles, any Permitted Issue and as may be stated in any Investment Agreement and without prejudice to the class rights attaching to the Investor Shares or any other class of share:
  - (A) the Company may issue shares with such rights and/or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution or (with Investor Consent and subject to any prior determination by the Company by shareholder resolution) by the Board,
  - (B) the Company may issue shares which are to be or are liable to be redeemed (at the option of the Company or their holder) on such terms and conditions and in such manner concerning their redemption as may be determined by the Board with Investor Consent.
- 11.2 For the purposes of these Articles and unless otherwise specified (in compliance with Article 11.1) in the terms of their allotment, all shares in the Company other than:
  - (A) those issued to its subscribers on its incorporation, and

- (B) any shares issued before the Adoption Date in irredeemable form,
- shall be redeemable when and if re-designated as Deferred Shares as provided in these Articles or (subject to the rights attaching to the Investor Shares or any of them) with the consent of their holder on the terms agreed between their holder and the Company.
- Any consideration to be paid to the Company in consideration for the issue of a share shall be payable at such time or time(s) and in such instalments (if any) as shall be prescribed by the Board and are consistent with Article 11.1 and as regards any premium may be conditional or variable in amount, in whole or in part.
- 11.4 Except as expressly provided in these Articles and the Investment Agreement and (subject to those provisions) as may otherwise be resolved by special resolution or agreed by Investor Consent, any unissued shares shall, before they are issued, first be offered to the members holding Full Equity Shares as follows.
  - (A) the offer shall be made by notice in writing to all the members holding Full Equity Shares specifying the number and class and subscription price of the shares on offer limiting the time (not being less than twenty one days or, during a Default Period, such shorter period not being less than five days as may be agreed by Investor Consent) within which the offer may be accepted,
  - (B) any Equity Shares offered to a member by reference to a particular class of Equity Shares already held by him shall be issued as shares of the same class, and
  - (C) acceptances shall be given to the Company by notice in writing and in that acceptance the applicant shall state the number of the shares on offer which he is willing to subscribe for, which may be up to all of the shares being offered.
- 11.5 After the end of the offer period under Article 11.4 or after the Company shall have received notice of the acceptance or as the case may be refusal of the offer from every offeree (whichever shall be the earlier event) the Directors shall allot the offered shares first to and amongst the applicants and to the extent there is competition between them, pro-rata according to the number of Full Equity Shares in respect of which they are respectively registered as holders PROVIDED THAT no applicant shall be obliged to take more than the maximum number of offered shares specified by him in his application.
- 11.6 If all or any of the unissued shares to which Article 11.4 applies are not taken up in accordance with the provisions of Articles 11.3 and 11.4 the Directors may offer those shares to a third party (to be approved by Investor Consent) and, subject to these Articles and to the provisions of the Companies Act, those shares shall be at the disposal of the Directors who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as they think proper, provided that:
  - (A) none of them shall be issued more than three months after the expiry of the period for acceptance of the last offer of them made under Article 11.4 unless the procedure set out in Articles 11.4 and 11.5 is repeated in respect of them,
  - (B) none of them shall be issued at a price less than that at which they were offered in accordance with Articles 11.4 and 11.5, and
  - (C) if the Directors are proposing to issue them wholly or partly for non-cash consideration, the cash value of such consideration shall be as reasonably determined

by the Auditors whose determination shall be final and binding on the Company and each of its members.

- 11.7 Article 11.4 shall not apply to Equity Shares to be allotted under any express provision of the Investment Agreement.
- 11.8 Article 11.4 shall not apply to the grant of a Permitted Option nor to the allotment of Ordinary Shares on its exercise but subject always to the terms of any Investor Consent relevant to the Subscription Rights concerned.
- 11.9 No allotment or issue of shares or other Restricted Securities shall be made in breach of Article 19.
- 11.10 If it is a requirement of the Investment Agreement that any person to whom a share is to be allotted or issued shall first or contemporaneously adhere to the Investment Agreement, the Directors may nominate a person selected by them to act (upon that person becoming a member and bound by these Articles) as the attorney of the person required so to adhere for the purposes of executing and delivering the required deed or other document of adherence on his behalf.
- 11.11 Subject first to obtaining Investor Consent, the Company may exercise all powers conferred by the Companies Act of paying commissions in relation to a subscription for shares or other allotment Subject to the Companies Act, commissions may be satisfied in cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other The Company may also (with Investor Consent) pay any brokerage in relation to a subscription for shares which is lawful.
- 11.12 Where Time Conditions are to apply to a new share issued to a Relevant Executive, they shall be specified in writing to the Relevant Executive on or before the allotment.

# 12. ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 12.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and to the rights of the holders of the respective classes of shares of the Company, the Company may by ordinary resolution:
  - (A) increase its share capital by a sum to be divided into shares of amounts prescribed by the resolution,
  - (B) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of a larger amount than its existing shares,
  - (C) sub-divide all or any of its shares into shares of a smaller amount,
  - (D) resolve that one or more of the shares resulting from any such division or sub-division may have any preference or other advantage as compared with the others or may be made subject to any restriction as compared with the others,
  - (E) cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by a person and diminish the amount of its unissued share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled, and/or
  - (F) re-denominate its share capital or any class of it and effect any related reduction in its share capital as provided in chapter 8 of part A of the Companies Act.

- 12.2 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and to the rights of the holders of the respective classes of shares of the Company, the Company may:
  - (A) reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve, share premium account or other undistributable reserve in any way,
  - (B) purchase its own shares, including any redeemable shares,
  - (C) make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its shares otherwise than out of distributable profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of share, and/or
  - (D) make a payment in respect of the redemption of its own shares later than the date of their redemption, if so provided as part of the terms of the issue of the shares concerned (in which case these Articles shall constitute the relevant agreement between the Company and their holder for the purposes of section 686(2) of the Companies Act).
- 12.3 The Company shall have the authority to purchase its own shares out of capital pursuant to section 692(1ZA) Companies Act 2006.
- 12.4 If, as the result of a consolidation and division or a sub-division of shares, fractions of shares become attributable to members, the Board may on behalf of the members and subject to obtaining prior Investor Consent deal with the fractions as it thinks fit. including (without limitation) by:
  - (A) selling shares representing the fractions to any person (including, subject to the Companies Act, the Company by redemption or purchase) for the best price reasonably obtainable and distributing the net proceeds of sale in due proportion amongst the persons to whom the fractions are attributable (except that if the amount due to a person is less than £5.00, or such other sum as the Board may decide, the Company may retain such sum for its own benefit), and/or
  - (B) consolidating the fractional entitlements into shares of such nominal value as it shall see fit and re-designating those shares as Deferred Shares, and/or
  - (C) issuing to the member(s) concerned, credited as fully paid by way of capitalisation, the minimum number of shares required to round up his/their holding of shares to a number which, following a consolidation and division or a sub-division, leaves a whole number of shares (that issue being deemed to have been effected immediately before the consolidation or the sub-division, as the case may be).
- 12.5 To give effect to any sale of fractional entitlements the Board may authorise a person to execute an instrument of transfer of shares to the purchaser or as the purchaser may direct, and the purchaser will not be bound to see to the application of the purchase monies in respect of that sale. The title of the transferee to the shares will not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings connected with the sale or transfer Any such instrument or shall be effective as if it had been executed or exercised by the holder of the shares to which it relates.
- 12.6 The amount required to pay up any shares to be issued as contemplated by Article 12.4(C) may be capitalised as the Board thinks fit out of amounts standing to the credit of any reserve or fund of the Company (including any share premium account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution.

12.7 A resolution of the Board consolidating fractional entitlements and redesignating the same as Deferred Shares or (as appropriate) capitalising part of any reserve or fund referred to in Article 12.4 will have the same effect as if the same had been made with the sanction of an appropriate shareholder resolution and in relation to a capitalisation the Board may exercise all the powers conferred on it by these Articles in relation to capitalisations without requirement for further sanction of any shareholder resolution.

# 13. SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 13.1 Subject to the Companies Act and these Articles, every person, upon becoming the holder of a share or upon transferring part only of his holding of shares is entitled, without charge, to one or more certificates for all the shares of a class then or remaining registered in his name or, in the case of shares of more than one class being registered in his name, to separate certificate(s) for each class of shares, unless the terms of issue of the shares provide otherwise.
- 13.2 A certificate shall specify the number and class and nominal value and the distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares in respect of which it is issued and, in the case of an Equity Share subject to Time Conditions, its Time Conditions, and whether or not the shares are fully paid and/or Capped Shares. It shall be signed by two Directors or one Director and any Secretary of the Company or in such other manner as the Board may approve.
- 13.3 The Company is not bound to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by two or more persons Delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be sufficient delivery to all joint holders.
- 13.4 If any certificate is worn-out, defaced, lost or destroyed, the Company may cancel it and issue a replacement certificate subject to such terms as the Board may decide as to evidence and indemnity (with or without security) and to payment of any exceptional out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity or such security but otherwise free of charge, and (if the certificate is worn-out or defaced) on delivery up of the old certificate.

## 14. VARIATION/ABROGATION AND EXERCISE OF RIGHTS

- 14.1 If at any time the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be varied modified abrogated or cancelled only with the approval of a special resolution passed at a separate class meeting of the holders of the issued shares of that class, or with the consent in writing of at least three quarters in nominal value of the shares of that class. For these purposes, all the 'F' Ordinary Shares shall be treated as one and the same class even if of a different series.
- 14.2 The provisions of Articles 9.1 and 9.2 (matters requiring Investor Consent) and the other provisions of these Articles requiring Investor Consent or Special Director Consent to any matter or conferring rights upon an Investor Majority or a Special Director are special rights of (and only of) the 'A' Ordinary Shares and this Article 14 shall be construed accordingly.
- 14.3 The provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall apply to every separate class meeting referred to in Article 14.1, but the necessary quorum shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy or corporate representative at least a Majority in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and any holders of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll and on a poll each share concerned shall carry one vote PROVIDED THAT

where there is only one holder of the issued shares of the relevant class a quorum shall be that holder alone present in person or by proxy or corporate representative.

- 14.4 Subject to Article 14.6, nothing in these Articles or otherwise shall confer any special rights or privileges or class rights or entitlements on the holders of any 'F' Ordinary Shares or Capped Shares or any series thereof as regards:
  - (A) anything done bona fide, with the approval of the Board, for the purposes of:
    - (1) a Listing or Sale or Asset Sale, and/or
    - (2) a fundraising by or refinancing of the Company or Group, and/or
    - (3) any issue of (or grant of any Subscription Right to subscribe for) shares (whether or not ranking prior to the 'F' Ordinary Shares or Capped Shares or any series thereof) or other securities of, the Company or Group, and/or
  - (B) anything done thereafter as a necessary consequence of anything so done or any related right or entitlement granted,

and (subject to Article 14.6) nothing so done shall constitute or be deemed to constitute any variation modification or abrogation of the rights of or require any consent to be obtained from the holders of any 'F' Ordinary Shares or Capped Shares or any series thereof or any of them.

- 14.5 Each holder of 'F' Ordinary Shares or Capped Shares hereby gives his irrevocable authority and power of attorney to such person as shall be nominated by the Board for such purpose to sign and give any waiver or consents on his part necessary to give effect to the provisions of Article 14.4 including any such waiver or consent which by virtue of any provision of the Companies Acts or otherwise can only be effective if so separately given.
- 14.6 Nothing in Article 14.4 shall affect or disapply any class rights of any holders of:
  - (A) Capped Shares as regards any resolution to reduce their Capped Amount, or
  - (B) any class of share or series of such a class, as regards any resolution which will impose upon the holder of any such shares any liability greater than that to which the subscriber of the same was subject at the time of their issue or creation through re-designation.
- 14.7 Nothing in these Articles or otherwise shall confer any special rights or privileges or class rights or entitlements on the holders of any shares which are not Investor Shares during any Default Period and nothing done in a Default Period (or subsequently as a necessary consequence of anything done or any right or entitlement granted during a Default Period) by the Company or any member of the Group or any other shareholder of a Group member shall constitute or be deemed to constitute any variation modification or abrogation of the rights of or require any consent to be obtained from the holders of any shares which are not Investor Shares ("Other Shares") or any of them, other than anything which imposes upon the holder of any Other Shares any liability greater than that to which the subscriber of the same was subject at the time of their issue. As security for the due performance of his obligations under these Articles each holder of Other Shares is deemed under these Articles to give irrevocable authority and power of attorney to the Special Director or any holder of Investor Shares to sign and give any waivers or consents on his part necessary to give effect to the provisions of this Article 14.7 including any which by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act or otherwise can only be effective if separately given.

- 14.8 For the avoidance of doubt and subject to Article 14.4 and Article 14.7, the variation, modification, abrogation or cancellation of this Article or of any provision of these Articles which contains or affects any class rights shall (except as expressly provided) require the consent aforesaid (in accordance with this Article 14) of the holders of shares of the class or classes concerned to be effective.
- 14.9 In exercising any rights as the holder of any shares, their holder shall be entitled to exercise those rights in its absolute discretion as it sees fit including, without limitation, without obligation to have regard to:
  - (A) the interests of any other holders) of the same class of shares or the rights of holders of that particular class as a whole or the holders) of any other class or classes of share or any of them, and
  - (B) the interests of the Company (as a commercial entity or otherwise) and/or the interests of the general body of its shareholders.
- 14.10 Without in any way derogating from the rights of the holders of the Investor Shares under Article 9, the creation or issue of further shares of the same class shall not of itself constitute a variation or modification or abrogation of the class rights of the holders of shares of that class already in issue.

#### 15. LIENS

- 15.1 Subject to the following provisions of this Article, the Company shall have a first and paramount lien on all shares (whether or not fully paid) standing registered in the name of any person indebted or under liability (actual or contingent) to the Company and/or any other member of the Group and a right of set off for that debt or liability against all moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of the same, whether he shall be the sole registered holder thereof or shall be one of two or more joint holders, for all moneys presently payable by him or his estate to the Company whether in respect of those shares or otherwise.
- 15.2 The Company shall not have any lien over any Investor Shares The Board may also, with Investor Consent, resolve that any share or shares be exempt wholly or in part from this Article.
- 15.3 For the purpose of enforcing the Company's lien on any shares and without prejudice to Article 15.4, the Company (which shall be deemed by these Articles irrevocably appointed as the attorney of the member empowered and authorised on his behalf to do execute and deliver any acts things deeds and documents for him as it may consider necessary for the purpose) may sell the shares in such manner as it decides (with Investor Consent) if an amount in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and is not paid within fourteen clear days following the giving of a notice to the holder (or any person entitled by transmission to the share) demanding payment of the amount due within such fourteen clear day period and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.
- On any sale of the shares concerned, each member whose shares are subject to a lien as provided in these Articles shall be deemed by these Articles irrevocably to appoint the Company as his attorney and authorised on his behalf to make such arrangements as are necessary to procure that any such amounts payable by him as contemplated by this Article are directly paid to the Company or relevant member of the Group out of any proceeds of sale which are payable for the shares under the arrangements.

- The purchaser or transferee will not be bound to see to the application of the purchase monies in respect of any sale of shares under the powers of the Company conferred by this Article. The title of the transferee to the shares will not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings connected with the sale or transfer. Any such instrument or shall be effective as if it had been executed or exercised by the holder of the shares to which it relates.
- 15.6 The net proceeds of any sale of shares subject to the Company's lien under these Articles (after payment of the costs and expenses of sale) shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the amount then due to the Company in respect of the shares. Any balance shall be paid to the original holder of, or the person entitled (but for such sale) by transmission to, the shares on surrender to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for those shares (or an indemnity in such form as the Board may require where it is missing or destroyed) and (in all cases) subject to the Company having a lien on such balance on the same basis as applied to the shares for any amount not presently payable as existed on such shares before the sale.

### 16. PARTLY PAID SHARES AND FORFEITURE

- 16.1 The powers of the Board under this Article may only be exercised with Investor Consent.
- Subject to their terms of issue, the Board may from time to time make calls upon the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal amount of the shares or by way of premium) and not payable on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue, and each member shall (subject to the Company serving upon him at least 14 clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the Company as required by the notice the amount called on his shares.
- A call may be made payable by instalments. A call may be revoked or postponed, in whole or in part, as the Board may decide. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for all calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made.
- 16.4 A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed.
- 16.5 The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of the share.
- 16.6 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable, the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day it is due and payable to the time of actual payment at such rate, not exceeding 15 per cent per annum, as the Board may decide, and all expenses that have been incurred by the Company by reason of that non-payment, but the Board shall be at liberty in any case or cases to waive payment of the interest or expenses wholly or in part.
- 16.7 Any amount which becomes payable in respect of a share on allotment or on any other date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue, whether in respect of the nominal amount of the share or by way of premium or as an instalment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call and, if it is not paid, all the provisions of these articles shall apply as if the sum had become due and payable by virtue of a call.
- 16.8 Subject to their terms of issue, the Board may on the issue of shares differentiate between the allottees or holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.

- 16.9 The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any member who is willing to advance them all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid upon any shares held by him and on all or any of the moneys so advanced the Company may (until those moneys would, but for the advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate, not exceeding (unless the Company by ordinary resolution or Investor Majority shall otherwise direct) 15 per cent per annum, as the Board may decide.
- 16.10 If any call or instalment of a call remains unpaid on any share after the day appointed for payment, the Board or the Special Director may serve a notice on the holder requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued and any expenses incurred by the Company by reason of that non-payment.
- 16.11 The notice shall name a further day (not being less than 14 clear days from the date of the notice) on or before which, and the place where, the payment required by the notice is to be made and shall state that in the event of non-payment on or before the day and at the place appointed, the shares in respect of which the call has been made or instalment is payable will be liable to be forfeited. The Board may accept the surrender of any share liable to be forfeited and, in that event, references in these articles to forfeiture shall include surrender.
- 16.12 If the notice is not complied with, any share in respect of which it was given may, at any time before payment of all calls or instalments and interest and expenses due in respect of it has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board or written notice from the Special Director to that effect and the forfeiture shall include all dividends declared and other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.
- 16.13 When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share but no forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission or neglect to give notice.
- 16.14 Until cancelled in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, a forfeited share shall be deemed to be the property of the Company and may be sold or otherwise disposed of either to the person who was, before forfeiture, the holder or to any other person upon such terms and in such manner as the Board shall decide. The Board or Special Director may for the purposes of the disposal authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer to the designated transferee. The Company may receive the consideration (if any) given for the share on its disposal. At any time before a sale or disposition the forfeiture may be cancelled by the Board on such terms as the Board may decide or as shall be required by the Special Director.
- 16.15 A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of them and shall surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for the forfeited shares but shall remain liable to pay to the Company all moneys which at the date of the forfeiture were payable by him to the Company in respect of those shares with interest thereon at the rate of 15 per cent per annum (or such lower rate as the Board may decide) from the date of forfeiture until payment, and the Company may enforce payment without being under any obligation to make any allowance for the value of the shares forfeited or for any consideration received on their disposal.
- 16.16 A statutory declaration that the declarant is a director of the Company or the secretary and that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share. The declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the share and the person to whom the share is sold or otherwise disposed of shall not be bound to see to the

application of the purchase money (if any) nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the forfeiture, sale or disposal.

# 17. TRANSMISSION

- 17.1 If a member dies, the survivor or survivors, where he was a joint holder, and his personal representatives, where he was a sole holder or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his shares, but nothing contained in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased holder from any liability in respect of any share held by him solely or jointly with other persons.
- Where the entitlement of a person to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law is proved to the satisfaction of the Board including any Special Director in office, the Board shall within two months after proof cause the entitlement of that person to be noted in the Register.
- 17.3 Any transmittee may, subject as provided elsewhere in these Articles, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the holder. If he elects to be registered himself he shall give notice to the Company to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered, he shall transfer title to the share to that person. In addition and without prejudice to Article 22.6, the Board or any Special Director or an Investor Majority may at any time require the transmittee to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share and if the requirements are not complied with within 60 days of being issued the Board may (and will if so required by the Special Director or an Investor Majority) withhold payment of all dividends and other moneys payable in respect of the share until the requirements have been complied with. All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer of, and registration of transfers of, shares shall apply to the notice or transfer as if the death or bankruptcy of the member or other event giving rise to the transmission had not occurred and the notice or transfer was given or executed by the member.
- 17.4 Where a person becomes entitled by transmission to a share, the rights of the holder in relation to that share shall cease, but the transmittee may give a good discharge for any dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the share and shall have the same rights in relation to the share as he would have had if he were the holder of it save that, until he becomes the holder, he shall not be entitled in respect of the share (except with the authority of the Board and an Investor Consent) to attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company or at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to general meetings or shareholder resolutions.
- 17.5 If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the transmittee before the transmittee's name has been entered in the Register in respect of the shares.

# 18. TRANSFERS – GENERAL

- 18.1 No shares or any interest in them shall be transferred and the Directors shall not register any transfer of shares in the Company other than a Permitted Transfer and, subject only to Article 23, the Directors shall be obliged to register a Permitted Transfer.
- 18.2 Subject to Article 18.3, for the purposes of the provisions of these Articles relating to transfer of shares, a transfer of shares includes a renunciation of any allotment of shares or of any Subscription Rights for or receive an allotment of shares and any other disposition of any

interest in any share (or its income or capital or other rights) whether legal beneficial or otherwise (including the entry into any option or other agreement (conditionally or otherwise) for its possible sale or transfer or grant of any security over it) and whether or not for consideration or by written disposition or otherwise.

- 18.3 Where any shares are held by a partnership which is a private equity or similar fund or by a general partner or nominee on behalf of such a partnership, any change in ownership of the underlying partnership interests (through transfer or issue of new partnership interests or otherwise) shall not constitute a transfer of those shares or any of them or any interest in them for the purposes of these Articles.
- Any transfer or purported transfer of any share or of any interest in a share made otherwise than in accordance with these Articles shall be void and of no effect whatsoever. In addition the Directors shall be at liberty by notice in writing to the registered holders thereof to disenfranchise any shares which are the subject of a transfer not made in accordance with these Articles until such time as the Directors (acting reasonably) are satisfied that the provisions of these Articles relating to transfer of shares have been complied with.
- 18.5 The instrument of transfer of a share shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and (in the case of a partly paid share) the transferee, and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share concerned until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of it.
- 18.6 No fee shall be charged by the Company for registering any transfer, document or instruction relating to or affecting the title to any share or for making any other entry in the Register.
- 18.7 Where any shares are sold or transferred under the terms of these Articles, then (except to the extent otherwise agreed in writing by the transferee) the transferor shall be deemed hereby to undertake to the transferee that he or it has full power capacity and authority to make the sale or transfer and that the shares concerned are sold or transferred with full title guarantee and free from all charges liens and encumbrances.
- 18.8 If it is a requirement of the Investment Agreement that any person to whom a share is to be transferred shall first or contemporaneously adhere to the Investment Agreement, the Directors may nominate a person selected by them to act (upon that person becoming a member and bound by these Articles) as the attorney of the person required so to adhere for the purposes of executing and delivering any such deed or other document of adherence on his behalf.
- 18.9 If the Board refuses to register a transfer or renunciation pursuant to these Articles, it shall, within two months after the date on which the transfer or renunciation was delivered to the Company, send notice of the refusal to the transferee or renouncee and comply with the provisions of section 771 of the Companies Act as regards the giving of reasons for the refusal and related information.
- 18.10 An instrument of transfer or renunciation which the Board refuses to register shall (except in the case of suspected fraud) be returned to the person delivering it. All instruments of transfer which are registered may, subject to these Articles, be retained by the Company.
- 18.11 If any shares transferred were subject to Time Conditions and are to be acquired by a relevant Executive, the Board may in its absolute discretion impose new Time Conditions on and as a condition of their Acquisition.

#### 19. EMPLOYEE SHARE PROVISIONS

- 19.1 If any PAYE or income tax and/or employee's primary class 1 national insurance and (but only if and to the extent that the Company may lawfully take an indemnity in respect of the same from the holder of the share concerned) any employer's secondary class 1 contributions and/or other social security contributions (or similar or substituted tax liability in any part of the world) (but excluding employer's national insurance contributions except to the extent aforesaid) and/or related interest penalties, fines, costs and expenses (together "employee related tax liability") becomes payable by the Company and/or any subsidiary of the Company by reference to any shares and/or other securities acquired or held or disposed of by any member (even if the employee or director or former employee or director of the Company or other relevant Group member by reference to which the relevant employee related tax liability arises or arose is a person other than that member) including (without limitation) by reason of any election made in respect of any of those shares and/or securities under part 7 of The Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 ("ITEPA") then (except to the extent that such contribution may not lawfully be demanded) the member concerned shall be liable on demand by the Company or Special Director or an Investor Majority and without right of reimbursement from the Group, to make payment to the Company of such amount as on an after tax basis will meet the employee related tax liability concerned and the Company shall have a lien as referred to in Article 14.1 (even though the shares concerned are fully paid), as security for any such amount payable, over any shares in the Company held by that member and over any proceeds of their sale or other disposal.
- 19.2 The following provisions of this Article 19 shall apply as regards Restricted Securities, except to the extent otherwise agreed by the Board or by Investor Consent.
- 19.3 For the purposes of these Articles "Restricted Securities" shall mean restricted securities or interests in restricted securities as defined in part 7 of ITEPA in the Company or any member of the Group (and "Restricted Security" shall be construed accordingly) and other words and expressions defined in that part 7 shall bear the same meaning except where clearly inconsistent with the context.
- 19.4 No Restricted Security or interest in a Restricted Security shall be transferred or otherwise disposed of or allotted or issued to any person in circumstances where as a result that person and the Company or another member of the Group could make an election in respect of them under section 431(1) ITEPA (an "Up Front Election"), unless the Board and the Special Director are satisfied that such election will be made in the manner and by the latest time provided by sections 431(4) and (5) ITEPA.
- 19.5 If any chargeable event shall occur in relation to any Restricted Securities in circumstances where section 426 of ITEPA applies and an election could be made in respect of them under section 430(1) of ITEPA, then (unless otherwise agreed by the Directors with Investor Consent) that election (an "Ongoing Election") shall be made in the manner and within the time limits prescribed in sections 430(2) and (3) ITEPA.
- 19.6 Each member who through employment by or holding of any office with any member of the Group becomes entitled to make an Up Front Election or Ongoing Election or who is an associated person of a person so entitled shall and shall procure that any such associated person shall duly join with his employer or engaging member of the Group in duly making that election in the manner and within the time limits provided in sections 431(4) and (5) or sections 430(2) and (3) ITEPA as appropriate and under these Articles such member irrevocably and as security

for his due performance of such obligation appoints the Secretary for the time being of the Company as his attorney for the purposes of signing and making any such election on his behalf.

- 19.7 Each member shall duly provide to the Company and relevant employer member of the Group such information as it shall require or need for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations as a responsible person in relation to that member and/or his associated persons and/or any Restricted Securities or interest in a Restricted Security from time to time held or owned or formerly held or owned or proposed to be acquired by him and/or any such associated person and in particular and without limitation shall notify the Company of any reportable event and/or chargeable event relevant to them without delay after it occurs.
- 19.8 The Company shall procure that any Up Front Elections or Ongoing Elections required to be signed and made by it and/or any other member of the Group as required by this Article are duly made as so required and in the manner and by the latest time provided in sections 431(4) and (5) or sections 430(2) and (3) ITEPA as appropriate.
- 19.9 Neither the provisions of this Article nor any failure to comply with the same shall give rise to any right of action or compensation on the part of any member or other person who may suffer or incur any tax liability or greater tax liability as a result.

### 20. SPECIAL TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

- 20.1 No transfer of Equity Shares or any interest in them shall be made or registered without Investor Consent except:
  - (A) pursuant to acceptance of an offer made and completed under and in accordance with Article 23.1 or Article 23.2, or
  - (B) where required and made in accordance with Article 22.
- 20.2 No transfer of any shares or any interest in them shall be made or registered, without Investor Consent:
  - (A) in breach of the Investment Agreement or any deed of adherence to that agreement, or
  - (B) in favour of a Competitor or any nominee of a Competitor, or
  - (C) in breach of Article 18.
- 20.3 The Directors may in their absolute discretion and shall if required by any Investor Director or an Investor Majority, and (to the extent permitted by the Companies Act) without assigning any reason, decline to register any transfer of any share:
  - (A) which is not fully paid, except where it is an Investor Share being transferred to a Permitted Investor Transferee or where the share is being transferred under Article 23, or
  - (B) over which the Company has a lien unless the sums the subject of the lien will be discharged in full to the satisfaction of the Board on or before that registration is made, or
  - (C) to more than four transferees, or
  - (D) covered by a transfer comprising shares of more than one class, or
  - (E) to a minor, or

- (F) to a person who or which is insolvent or bankrupt, or
- (G) to a person suffering from mental disorder, or
- (H) which is not duly stamped (if required), or
- (I) which is not delivered for registration to the Registered Office or such other place as the Board may decide and have notified to the members on not less than 14 clear days notice, accompanied by the requisite supporting documents referred to in Article 20.4.
- The supporting documents referred to in Article 20.3 are (i) the certificate for the shares to which the transfer relates (except in the case of a transfer of a share, for which a certificate has not been issued or by a person in respect of whom the Company is not required by the Companies Act to complete and have ready for delivery a share certificate, and except in the case of a renunciation) or such indemnity as the Board may require in the case where any required certificate is not available, and (ii) any other evidence as the Board or Special Director or an Investor Majority may reasonably require to prove the title to such share of the transferor or person renouncing and the due execution by him of the transfer or renunciation or, if the transfer or renunciation is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so.

#### 21. EXPRESSLY PERMITTED TRANSFERS

- 21.1 The provisions of this Article 21 are subject to the restrictions in Article 19.
- 21.2 Any share or interest therein may be transferred to any other person:
  - (A) with the consent in writing of both a Majority of the holders of Ordinary Shares and a Majority of the holder of 'A' Ordinary Shares, or
  - (B) with Investor Consent, subject to Article 23 if the transfer is not to an Investor or Permitted Investor Transferee of any Investor.
- 21.3 Without prejudice to Article 2.4, any share may be transferred to a person to be held as bare nominee and any shares held by a member as bare nominee may be transferred to any other person or persons provided, in either such case, that the transferor and transferee certify to the Company and the Directors (including any Investor Director) are satisfied that no beneficial interest in those shares passed by reason of the transfer.
- 21.4 Any Investor Shares or any interest in them may be transferred or otherwise disposed of:
  - (A) to a Permitted Investor Transferee, or
  - (B) to a member who is already an Investor (or a person who is a Permitted Investor Transferee of that member), or
  - (C) to any person during a Default Period

and each person holding shares as a result of any such Permitted Transfer shall also be an Investor for the purposes of these Articles.

Any shares may be transferred to the trustees of an Employees Trust or by the trustees of an Employees Trust to any beneficiary under that trust and the trustees of an Employee Trust may grant options in favour of any such beneficiaries, so long as the transfer or option is effected or granted in accordance with the terms of the trust and has been approved by Investor Consent.

### 22. MANDATORY TRANSFERS

- 22.1 Subject to Articles 22.2 and 22.3 if a person becomes a Leaver or is given or gives notice to terminate his employment or engagement in circumstances where he will as a result become a Leaver:
  - (A) he shall, if and to the extent required by the Directors or any Special Director or an Investor Majority by notice in writing given to him (or his personal representative, as appropriate) at any time and from time to time following his Leaving Date, give a Mandatory Transfer Notice or Notices in respect of all or any of the shares in the Company of which he is the holder or is unconditionally entitled to be registered as the holder, including any such shares in respect of which a Mandatory Transfer Notice has been required but which were not sold pursuant to it,
  - (B) he shall, if he subsequently becomes registered or unconditionally entitled to be registered as the holder of shares in the Company pursuant to a right or opportunity made available to him prior to his becoming a Leaver and to the extent required by the Directors or any Special Director or an Investor Majority by notice in writing given to him (or his personal representative, as appropriate), be deemed (unless otherwise agreed by all the Directors with Investor Consent) to have served a Mandatory Transfer Notice in respect of all those shares, upon becoming so registered or entitled, and
  - (C) Articles 22.1(A) and 22.1(B) shall also apply in respect of any shares held by any Related Party or Parties of that Leaver.
- 22.2 Article 22.1 is subject to the following the Company may from time to time agree in writing, with Investor Consent, to exclude any one or more particular individuals from the provisions of Article 22.1, whether generally or in respect of a designated proportion of the shares in the Company of which he is the holder or is unconditionally entitled to be registered as the holder.
- 22.3 If a Mandatory Transfer of shares may be required of a Leaver under Article 22.1 in circumstances where the Transfer Value of all of the shares concerned will not, by reason of the provisions of these Articles, exceed the aggregate amount paid up on them and that aggregate amount does not exceed £2,500, then the Board may (with Investor Consent) and will if so required by the Special Director or an Investor Majority, serve written notice on the holders) of the shares concerned to re-designate those shares (or those of them as the Board shall so decide or be required) as Deferred Shares instead of such shares being included in a Mandatory Transfer Notice under Article 22.1. Any such re-designation shall take effect upon the giving of that notice and as if effected by and with the full sanction of a special resolution. The holders of the shares so re-designated shall promptly and in any event within ten days of that notice surrender to the Company the certificates for their shares so re-designated.
- If a Mandatory Transfer of shares may be required of a Leaver under Article 22.1, the Board may (with Investor Consent) and will if so required by the Special Director or an Investor Majority, serve written notice on the holders of the shares concerned to Cap those shares (or those of them as the Board shall so decide or be required) such that their Capped Amount shall be their Transfer Value on the Leaving Date of the Leaver concerned instead of such shares being included in a Mandatory Transfer Notice under Article 22.1. Any such Capping shall take effect upon the giving of that notice. The holders of the shares so Capped shall promptly and in any event within ten days of that notice surrender to the Company the certificates for their shares so Capped for endorsement as Capped Shares, and then return.

- 22.5 If any person holding shares as a bare nominee as contemplated by Article 21.2 ceases to be such a nominee and shall fail within twenty-one days of such event to transfer all the shares concerned to the original beneficial owner then that person shall be deemed to have given a Mandatory Transfer Notice in respect of those shares at such later time as the Directors of the Company or any Special Director or an Investor Majority shall notify in him in writing.
- A transmittee in relation to shares of a member shall at any time within six months of becoming so entitled, if called upon in writing by the Directors or a Special Director or an Investor Majority so to do, give a Mandatory Transfer Notice in respect of all shares then registered in the name of the relevant member unless the transmittee is, or shall (within twenty-one days of becoming so entitled) transfer such shares to, a person to whom shares may be transferred pursuant to Article 21.
- 22.7 If the Directors become aware that any shares are held by or for a Competitor they may with Investor Consent (and will if so required in writing by an Investor Majority) require, by written notice, the holder of the shares concerned to give a Mandatory Transfer Notice in respect of all or any of those shares either immediately or within such period as shall be specified in that notice.
- 22.8 For the purpose of ensuring that a transfer of shares is in accordance with the provisions of these Articles or that no circumstances have arisen under which a Transfer Notice is required to be given under these Articles, the Directors may (and shall if required by a Special Director or an Investor Majority) from time to time require any member or past member (including any one or more of joint holders of shares) or the legal personal representatives or the trustee in bankruptcy of any member or any person named as a transferee in any instrument of transfer lodged for registration, to furnish to the Company such information and evidence as the Directors and/or any Special Director and/or an Investor Majority may reasonably think fit regarding any matter which they or the Special Director or an Investor Majority may reasonably deem relevant for such purpose.
- 22.9 If any information or evidence requested under Article 22.8 is not provided to the reasonable satisfaction of the Directors (including any Special Director) or any Special Director or Investor Majority requesting the same, within fourteen days after that request, the Directors may (and will if required by any Special Director or an Investor Majority) refuse to register the transfer in question or (in case no transfer is in question) require by notice in writing that a Mandatory Transfer Notice is given in respect of the shares concerned. If the information or evidence discloses that in the reasonable opinion of the Directors a Transfer Notice ought to have been given in respect of any shares the Directors may (and will if required by any Special Director or an Investor Majority) by notice in writing require that a Mandatory Transfer Notice is given pursuant to these Articles in respect of the shares concerned.
- 22.10 Where under the provisions of these Articles a Mandatory Transfer Notice is required to be given in respect of any shares but it is not given within a period of fourteen days of demand for it being made or within any other period specified it shall, be deemed to have been given on the fourteenth day after the demand is made or at the end of the relevant specified period, as appropriate.

## 23. TAG ALONG AND DRAG ALONG

23.1 Subject to Article 22.5, no sale or transfer of any shares (the "Specified Shares") shall be made which would result if made and registered (when taken together with all other proposed contemporaneous sales or transfers of shares in the Company) in a person or persons acting in

- concert obtaining a Controlling Interest in the Company unless the proposed transferee or transferees or his or their nominees has or have made a Qualifying Offer, as provided below.
- If any Qualifying Offer to acquire all of the shares in the Company (including an offer by an 23.2 existing member (or any person connected with or acting in concert with that member) to acquire all of the shares in the Company not already owned by that member and/or persons connected or acting in concert with that member) is approved in writing for the purposes of this Article 22.2 by an Investor Share Majority (the "accepting shareholders") acting with Investor Consent then the holders of the other shares in the Company (including those who become such holders through exercise of Subscription Rights, even if after the date the offer is made or any Sale pursuant to it is completed) shall be deemed under these Articles and as security for the due performance of their obligations under these Articles irrevocably to appoint such person as shall be appointed for this purpose by the accepting shareholders as their attorney for the purposes of receiving and accepting and executing any documents and attending to such other things on their part as may be required under the terms of the Qualifying Offer and also receiving as agent or trustee on their behalf (without obligation to earn or pay interest on it) any consideration payable under the terms of the Qualifying Offer. The attorney shall without limitation have power to appoint the purchaser or transferee of shares under the offer as the attorney of their holder for the purposes of exercising the voting rights attaching to them pending their registration in the name of the transferee.
- 23.3 A Qualifying Offer for the purposes of these Articles shall be in writing and
  - (A) constitute an offer by the offeror to purchase all of the shares in the Company then in issue and all shares to be issued on the exercise of any outstanding Subscription Rights but excluding (to the extent the offeror so elects) any such shares already held or owned by the offeror and/or persons connected or acting in concert with the offeror,
  - (B) be unconditional or subject to a condition that if its conditions are not satisfied (or waived by Investor Consent) the proposed sale or transfer of the Specified Shares will not proceed,
  - (C) be open for acceptance for at least fourteen days from its date, which shall be specified in the offer, and
  - (D) be made at the Specified Price, as defined below.
- 23.4 For the purpose of this Article the expression the "Specified Price":
  - (A) means in the case of any shares and subject as provided below, a price per share at least equal to that offered or paid or payable by the proposed transferee or transferees or his or their nominees respectively for the Specified Shares of the same class (treating Full Equity Shares as one and the same class for these purposes (but making any relevant adjustments to give effect to Article 4)) or, where the shares to be offered for are not of the same class as the Specified Shares, a price which in the reasonable opinion of the Board is at least equal to their Fair Value at the date the Qualifying Offer is made (making any relevant adjustments to give effect to Article 4), and
  - (B) shall include an amount equal to the relevant proportion of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) received or receivable by the holder or holders of the Specified Shares which having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole can reasonably be regarded as in addition to the price paid or payable for the Specified Shares.

- 23.5 Article 23.1 shall not apply (except if and to the extent expressly therein provided) to any sale or transfer of shares:
  - (A) under any of Articles 21.2 to 21.5 inclusive, or
  - (B) by any Investor either: (i) to a Permitted Investor Transferee; or (ii) to any person during a Default Period, or
  - (C) pursuant to Article 22.
- 23.6 Article 24 shall not apply to any transfer of shares made under Article 22.2 in circumstances where the holders of all the shares in the Company who receive the Qualifying Offer mentioned in that Article accept or are under that Article deemed to accept that Qualifying Offer.
- 23.7 If there is a disagreement between the Company and/or any of its members as to the calculation of the Specified Price for the purposes of this Article the disagreement shall, if not resolved within fourteen days of it arising, be referred for Determination by a Determiner and Article 43 shall apply.

#### 24. THIRD PARTY TRANSFERS

- 24.1 Subject to Articles 19, 21, and 23, no shares or any interest in them shall be transferred or disposed of whether by way of sale or otherwise except in accordance with the following provisions of this Article 24.
- 24.2 Every holder of shares or person entitled to be registered in respect of a share or shares of the Company who intends to transfer or dispose of any share or shares registered in his name and/or to which he is so entitled or any interest in them (the "**Proposed Transferor**") shall give notice in writing to the Directors of that intention (a "**Transfer Notice**").
- A Transfer Notice shall specify the number and class of shares which (or the interest in which) the Proposed Transferor intends to transfer and where a Transfer Notice is given or deemed given in respect of shares of more than one class a separate Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of each such class of share.
- A Voluntary Transfer Notice may provide as a condition (a "Total Transfer Condition") that unless all the shares specified or deemed comprised in it are sold to persons found by the Company pursuant to this Article none shall be sold, and except as provided below, a Transfer Notice once given or deemed to be given shall not be revocable without the written consent of the Board including the Special Director (if any) in office at the time.
- 24.5 A Transfer Notice shall constitute the Company the agent of the Proposed Transferor to sell all the shares specified or deemed comprised in it (the "Offered Shares") in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- 24.6 Within seven days after determination of the Transfer Value of the Offered Shares as provided below and, provided the Proposed Transferor shall not have withdrawn the Transfer Notice as permitted in Article 24.17, the Directors shall forthwith by notice in writing inform.
  - (A) such Relevant Executives or proposed Relevant Executives and/or the trustees of such Employees Trust or Trusts and/or other person(s) as the Directors shall agree with Investor Consent and/or as shall be required by the Special Director or an Investor Majority ("Priority Offerees"), and
  - (B) (except where it is already then known by the Board or Special Director that all of the Offered Shares will be acquired by Priority Offerees) each of the members holding

Full Equity Shares other than (i) the Proposed Transferor and (ii) if the Directors shall so agree with Investor Consent and/or if so required by the Special Director or an Investor Majority, any member who has then given and/or could be required to give a Mandatory Transfer Notice,

(together "Offerees") of the number of and the price (being the Transfer Value) of the Offered Shares and invite each such member and Priority Offeree to whom that notice is given to apply in writing to the Company within twenty one days of the date of despatch of the notice (which shall be specified in the notice) for such maximum number of the Offered Shares (being all or any of them) as he shall specify in that application.

- 24.7 The Directors shall, within seven days after the earliest of (i) the end of the twenty one day period referred to in Article 24.6 and (ii) the date on which responses have been received by the Directors from all Offerees to the invitation made to them under Article 24.6, notify the Proposed Transferor of the number of Offered Shares (if any) for which they have found a purchaser or purchasers under Article 24.6 and, if the Directors have found such a purchaser or purchasers in respect of some only of the Offered Shares and the Transfer Notice properly contained a Total Transfer Condition, the Proposed Transferor shall be entitled to withdraw the Transfer Notice (in whole but not in part) within five days of such notification.
- 24.8 During the three months following the end of the period of seven days referred to in Article 24.7 the Proposed Transferor (whether or not the Transfer Notice has been withdrawn under that paragraph) may (subject to Article 19) transfer to any person or persons at any price per share (not being less than the Transfer Value referred to in Article 24.6) any share not allocated in accordance with the provisions of this Article, except that if he has withdrawn the Transfer Notice under Article 24.7, he may not sell some only of the Offered Shares except with Investor Consent.
- 24.9 If within the period of twenty-one days referred to in Article 24.6 applications are found for all or (except where the Transfer Notice is withdrawn under Article 24.7) any of the Offered Shares, the Directors shall allocate the Offered Shares (or so many of them as shall be applied for under the offer arrangements).
  - (A) first to and amongst the applicant Priority Offerees in such proportions as the Directors shall agree with Investor Consent or as shall otherwise be required by the Special Director or an Investor Majority and, secondly (if any Offered Shares remain after such applicants have been satisfied in full), to and amongst the remaining applicants as provided in Article 24.9(B),
  - (B) except to the extent Article 24.9(A) applies, first or, as the case may be, next, (if any of the Offered Shares shall remain after all applicants under Article 24.9(A) have been satisfied in full) to and amongst the applicants who are registered in respect of Full Equity Shares (and to the extent there is competition between such applicants, pro rata according to the number of Full Equity Shares of which they are registered as holders).

PROVIDED THAT no applicant shall be obliged to take more than the maximum number of Offered Shares previously applied for by him and that all requisite adjustments shall be made if any applicant allocated Offered Shares fails to complete the purchase of the same when required in accordance with this Article.

24.10 The Directors shall forthwith give notice in writing of the allocations of Offered Shares made pursuant to Article 24.9 (an "Allocation Notice") to the Proposed Transferor and to the persons

to whom Offered Shares have been allocated and (provided that the aggregate number of shares so allocated coincides with the number of shares notified to the Proposed Transferor pursuant to Article 24.7) the Proposed Transferor shall thereupon be bound to transfer the shares allocated upon payment of their Transfer Value An Allocation Notice shall state the names and address of the purchasers and the number of shares agreed to be purchased by them respectively and the purchases shall be completed at such place and such time as shall be specified by the Directors in the Notice being (unless otherwise required in writing by an Investor Majority) not less than seven days nor more than twenty eight days after the date of that Notice.

- 24.11 If the Proposed Transferor is obliged but defaults in accepting payment of the purchase price for any Offered Share or, as the case may be, in transferring the same, the Directors or any Investor Director may receive such purchase money and may nominate some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the share in the name and on behalf of the Proposed Transferor and when the instrument has been duly stamped the Directors shall cause the name of the transferee to be entered in the Register of Members as the holder of the share and where applicable shall hold the purchase money in trust without interest for the Proposed Transferor. The receipt of the Directors or any Investor Director for the purchase money shall be a good discharge to the purchaser (who shall not be bound to see to its application) and after his name has been entered in the Register of Members in purported exercise of those powers the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person.
- 24.12 Subject to Article 24.13, where a Voluntary Transfer Notice is given by an Investor the "Transfer Value" shall be such price per share as the Proposed Transferor shall specify in such Transfer Notice or, if no such price is specified, the Transfer Value shall be agreed or determined under Article 24.15.
- 24.13 Where a Transfer Notice is given pursuant to acceptance of an offer made under Article 23 to which this Article 24 applies, the Transfer Value shall be the Specified Price of the Offered Shares concerned.
- 24.14 Where a Mandatory Transfer Notice is given pursuant to Article 21.1 (or when it could have been so required):
  - (A) in respect of Vested Shares, the Transfer Value of the Offered Shares concerned shall be their Fair Value, unless Article 24.14(B) applies; or
  - (B) by a Bad Leaver or in respect of Unvested Shares, the Transfer Value of the Offered Shares concerned shall be the amount paid up on the Offered Shares or, if so agreed by Investor Consent or directed in writing by an Investor Majority, their Fair Value on the Leaving Date of the Leaver concerned, if lower.
- Subject to Articles 24.12, 24.13 and 24.14, the Transfer Value per share of any shares to be transferred pursuant to the provisions of these Articles shall be such sum as may be agreed or (as provided below) deemed agreed between the Proposed Transferor and the Directors (with Investor Consent or the written consent of any Investor Director then in office) within twenty-eight days of the service or deemed service upon the Company of a Transfer Notice in which the Offered Shares are comprised or, in default of such agreement or deemed agreement, such sum as shall be Determined by a Determiner as being in his opinion the fair value thereof on the Relevant Date (as defined below) (the "Fair Value") on the following basis.
  - (A) assuming a sale on the Relevant Date as between a willing vendor and a willing purchaser of the whole of the issued shares of the Company in the open market for an

- aggregate consideration (as if Exit Value) which assumes that all of the shares of the Company are one and the same class,
- (B) by attributing to the Offered Shares such proportion of the Exit Value calculated above as the Determiner shall consider consistent with the rights of the Offered Shares under Article 4 and valuing each Full Equity Share on a pari passu basis.

For these purposes, if the Directors (with Investor Consent or the consent of an Investor Director as to the amount concerned) or an Investor Majority shall notify a Proposed Transferor in writing of the amount which they consider should be the Fair Value of the Offered Shares and the Proposed Transferor shall fail before 5 pm London time on the fourteenth day after the date of that notification to notify the Directors (or, relevant requesting Investor Majority) in writing received at the Registered Office (or in the case where requested by an Investor Majority, any other address specified by them in their notification for that purpose) that he disputes that amount (giving reasonable details of the grounds for such dispute), the Fair Value of the Offered Shares shall on the expiry of that time period be deemed to have been agreed at the amount so notified by the Directors or Investor Majority, as the case may be.

- 24.16 For the purposes of Article 24.15 and any Determination of the Transfer Value, the "Relevant Date" shall mean:
  - (A) in the case of a Voluntary Transfer Notice, the date on which it was given, or
  - (B) the Leaving Date of the relevant Leaver, where a Mandatory Transfer Notice is given by a Leaver pursuant to Article 22.1 or when it could have been so required, and
  - (C) in the case of any other Mandatory Transfer Notice, the date on which it was given or (if earlier) first required to be given under these Articles.
- 24.17 In the case of a Voluntary Transfer Notice where the Transfer Value is required to be Determined, the Proposed Transferor shall have the right (at any time before the expiry of seven days after issue of the report by the Determiner as to the Transfer Value of the Offered Shares and even if the Determiner has not been appointed at the time) to withdraw the Transfer Notice by giving notice of that withdrawal to the Directors in writing and if he does so he shall be responsible for the fees and expenses of the Determiner to the extent incurred before the date the Transfer Notice was withdrawn.
- 24.18 Upon receipt of a written application from any member holding shares in the Company, and subject to payment by him of the related fees and expenses, the Directors shall request the Auditors to state the sum which in their opinion is the Fair Value of the share or shares the subject of that application and such statement shall be confirmed in writing by the Auditors (acting as experts and not as arbitrators). Any member holding shares in the capital of the Company shall be entitled at any time to make an application to the Directors in pursuance of this Article without that application constituting a notice of his intention to transfer shares within the meaning of these Articles.

# 25. GENERAL MEETINGS: CONVENING AND QUORUM

- 25.1 All general meetings of the Company shall:
  - (A) be held within the United Kingdom or in such other jurisdiction as may be agreed by Investor Consent, but without prejudice to Article 25.7, and
  - (B) not be convened on shorter notice than the minimum notice required by the Companies Act.

- Without limiting any other powers of the Board or any of the members to convene or require the convening of a general meeting, a general meeting may be convened by, or a proposed written shareholder resolution may be circulated by, a Special Director or an Investor Majority in the same way as if it is to be convened or circulated by the Board and with its authority The Company shall be provided with a copy of the notice convening the meeting or of that proposed written resolution at the same time as it is sent to the members entitled to receive the same.
- 25.3 The accidental omission to give any notice of a meeting or the accidental omission to send any document relating to any meeting to, or the non-receipt of any such notice or document by, any person entitled to receive the notice or document, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting unless it is the notice required to be given to the Company under Article 25.2.
- No business (other than the appointment of the chairman) shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business and at all times throughout the meeting.
- 25.5 If within thirty minutes (or such longer time as the chairman of the meeting may agree) of the time appointed for a general meeting, a quorum is not present, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall be adjourned to such other day and at such other time and place as the chairman (or in default, the Board) may decide provided that (unless otherwise agreed by Investor Consent) if the meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, not less than 7 clear days' notice in writing is given of the adjourned meeting to all persons entitled to attend it.
- 25.6 Two members present in person or by proxy (or. being a corporation, by representative) shall be a quorum provided that:
  - (A) subject to Article 25.8, one of those members must be a holder of 'A' Ordinary Shares present in person or by proxy or corporate representative,
  - (B) if and for so long as, the Company has only one member, that member present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum at any general meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares, and
  - (C) if he is the only person present, a member (or his proxy or corporate representative) may only be counted in the quorum once, notwithstanding that he may also be acting as a proxy or corporate representative for another member or members.
- A person (whether being a shareholder or his proxy or corporate representative) may attend and shall be treated as being in attendance at a general meeting if (even though he is not in the same place as other attendees) he is in a position (where is he is entitled to speak at the meeting) to communicate to all those attending the meeting any information or opinions he has on the business of the meeting and (being entitled to vote at the meeting) he is able to vote, during the meeting, on the resolutions put to the meeting and his vote can be taken into account, in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed, at the same time as the votes of the other persons attending the meeting.
- 25.8 If at an adjourned meeting a quorum for the purposes of Article 25.6 is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the meeting shall be dissolved, unless the meeting was adjourned for fourteen days or more (or such lesser period as may be agreed by Investor Consent) and at least seven clear days prior written notice of such adjourned meeting is given, in which case the quorum at any such adjourned meeting shall be any two members present in person or by proxy (or, being a corporation, by representative).

- 25.9 The chairman (if any) of the Board or, in his absence, the deputy chairman (if any) shall preside as chairman at every general meeting. If there is no chairman or deputy chairman, or if at any meeting neither the chairman nor any deputy chairman is present within five minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, or if neither the chairman nor any deputy chairman is willing to act as chairman, the directors present shall by a majority in number choose one of their number to act. or if one director only is present he shall preside as chairman if willing to act. If no director is present, or if each of the directors present declines to take the chair, the persons present and entitled to vote shall appoint one of their number to be chairman.
- 25.10 Each director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company, whether or not he is a shareholder. The chairman or any director may invite any person to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company where he considers that this will assist in the deliberations of the meeting.
- 25.11 The chairman may at any time with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by such a meeting) adjourn the meeting either sine die or to another time or place. When a meeting is adjourned sine die the time and place for the adjourned meeting shall be fixed by the Board.
- No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting except business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place.
- 25.13 When a meeting is adjourned for one month or more, or sine die, at least seven days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the place, the day and time of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Except where these Articles otherwise require, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

#### 26. GENERAL MEETINGS: PROCEEDINGS

- At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands) demanded by the chairman or by any member entitled to vote who is present in person or by proxy. On a show of hands or poll votes may be given either personally or by corporate representative or by proxy.
- Unless a poll is demanded as provided in Article 26.1, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or earned unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the Minutes of the proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.
- 26.3 If a poll is properly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the chairman shall direct. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. A poll shall be taken forthwith after it has been properly demanded. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn. A member entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all of the votes in the same way.
- In the case of joint holders of a share the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register in respect of the joint holding.

- A member in respect of whom an order has been made by any competent court or official on the ground that he is or may be suffering from mental disorder or is otherwise incapable of managing his affairs may vote at any general meeting of the Company or at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company and may exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to general meetings by or through any person authorised in those circumstances to do so on his behalf (and that person may vote on a poll by proxy), provided that evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote or such other right has been delivered at the Registered Office (or at such other place as may be specified in accordance with these Articles for the delivery of instruments appointing a proxy) not later than the last time at which an instrument of proxy should have been delivered in order to be valid for use at that meeting or on the holding of that poll.
- 26.6 If any objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter, or any votes have been counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected, or any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted, the objection or error shall not vitiate the decision of the meeting or adjourned meeting on any resolution unless it is raised or pointed out at the meeting or, as the case may be, the adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered or at which the error occurs.

#### 27. PROXIES AND CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

- 27.1 The appointment of a proxy shall be in any usual form or in any other form which the Board may approve and, in the case of an instrument in writing, shall be executed by or on behalf of the appointor. In the case of an instrument in writing, a corporation may execute a form of proxy either under its common seal (or in any other manner permitted by law and having the same effect as if executed under seal) or under the hand of a duly authorised officer, attorney or other person. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion, but only one proxy may be appointed in respect of any one share. The appointment of a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting at the meeting or at any adjournment of it. A form of proxy shall, unless it provides to the contrary, be valid for any adjournment of the meeting to which it relates.
- 27.2 The appointment of a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of the authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Board may:
  - (A) in the case of an instrument in writing be deposited at the Registered Office or at such other place in the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the meeting, or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting, not less than forty eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or
  - (B) in the case of an appointment contained in an electronic communication, where an address has been specified for the purpose of receiving electronic communications:
    - (1) in the notice convening the meeting, or
    - (2) in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting, or
    - in any invitation contained in an electronic communication to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting

be received at that address not less than forty eight hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote.

- (C) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be deposited or received at the place referred to in paragraph (A) or (B) (as appropriate) of this Article after the poll has been demanded and not less than twenty four hours before the time appointed for taking the poll, or
- (D) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the meeting to the chairman of the meeting, the Secretary or any Director.

Conditionally upon and with effect from section 327(3) of the Companies Act coming into force, in calculating the periods mentioned in sub-paragraphs (A) to (D) above, no account shall be taken of any part of a day which is not a working day for the purposes of section 324(3) of the Companies Act.

- An appointment of proxy which is not deposited, delivered or received in a manner permitted under Article 27.2 shall be invalid unless the chairman of the meeting or an Investor Majority, in its absolute discretion in relation to any such appointment, waives any such requirement and decides to treat that appointment as valid. The appointment of a proxy will not be valid after twelve months from its date or the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve months from that date.
- When two or more valid but differing appointments of proxy are delivered or received in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting and in respect of the same matter, the one which is last validly delivered or received (regardless of its date or of the date of its execution) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others as regards that share. If the Company is unable to determine which appointment was last validly delivered or received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.
- An appointment of proxy shall be deemed (unless the contrary is stated in it) to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote, on a poll, on a resolution or a motion or an amendment of a resolution put to, or other business which may properly come before, the meeting or meetings for which it is given or any adjournment of any such meeting, as the proxy thinks fit. The appointment shall not confer any further right to speak at the meeting, except with the permission of the chairman of the meeting.
- The Board may at the expense of the Company send forms of appointment of proxy to the members by post, by electronic communication or otherwise (with or without provision for their return by pre-paid post) for use at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either blank or nominating as proxy in the alternative any one or more of the Directors or any other person. If for the purpose of any meeting invitations to appoint as proxy a person or one of a number of persons specified in the invitations are issued at the Company's expense, they shall be issued to all (and not to some only) of the members entitled to be sent notice of the meeting and to vote at it. The accidental omission to send such a form of appointment or to give such an invitation to, or the non-receipt of such form of appointment by, any member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

- A body corporate which is a member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares. Any person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation (in respect of that part of the corporation's holdings to which the authority relates) as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member. The body corporate shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present at it. All references in these Articles to attendance and voting in person shall be construed accordingly A Director, the Secretary or some other person authorised for the purpose by the Secretary may require the representative to produce a certified copy of the resolution so authorising him or such other evidence of his authority reasonably satisfactory to such person before permitting him to exercise his powers.
- A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous termination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll, unless notice of the termination was received by the Company at the Registered Office, or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited, or, where the appointment of proxy was contained in an electronic communication, at the address at which that appointment was duly received, at least one hour before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll not taken on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) at least one hour before the time appointed for taking the poll.
- 27.9 In this Article "address", in relation to documents in electronic form, includes any number or address used for the supply of documents in electronic form.

# 28. WRITTEN SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTIONS

- 28.1 Shareholder resolutions may be passed in writing as provided in chapter 2 of part 13 of the Companies Act.
- 28.2 For the purposes of Article 28.1 a resolution in writing may consist of several documents in the same form each signed by one or more members. In the case of a corporation the resolution may be signed on its behalf by a director or by its duly appointed or duly authorised representative.

### 29. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 29.1 Subject to the Companies Act and unless and until the Company by special resolution shall otherwise determine, there shall be no maximum number of Directors and there shall be no minimum number of Directors.
- 29.2 Subject to the class rights of the Investor Shares, a Director may be appointed:
  - (A) by ordinary resolution, or
  - (B) by resolution of the Board, or
  - (C) under Article 29.3 or Article 30.
- 29.3 The holders for the time being of a Majority of the issued equity share capital of the Company entitled at the time to vote at general meetings may at any time and from time to time by written notice given to the Company at the Registered Office or to any Investor Director (such notice to take effect on delivery) appoint any person as a director and/or secretary of the Company and/or any Group Company and/or observer at Board meetings of the Company and/or any Group

Company and/or remove any person as a director and/or secretary and/or observer of the Company and/or any Group Company, howsoever appointed.

# 29.4 The office of a Director shall be vacated if:

- (A) he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a Director, or
- (B) he becomes bankrupt or insolvent and the Board or the Special Director or an Investor Majority notifies him in writing that he should leave his office, or
- (C) he is suffering from mental disorder and the Board or Special Director or an Investor Majority notifies him in writing that his office be vacated, or
- (D) (not being precluded from so doing by the terms of any contract with the Company) he resigns the office of Director by notice in writing to the Company or he becomes required so to resign under the terms of any contract made between him and the Company or a member of the Group and he shall fail to do so when so required, or
- (E) he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the Directors from meetings of the Directors held during that period and the Directors resolve (with any Investor Consent required under these Articles) that his office is vacated (but without prejudice to any right he may have to damages by reason of that removal), or
- (F) he is removed from office (with any Investor Consent required under these Articles) pursuant to any provision of the Companies Act or these Articles or (in addition to any power of removal by shareholder resolution conferred by the Companies Act) by ordinary resolution.
- 29.5 A Director need not hold any shares nor retire by rotation or by reason of having reached any particular age.

## 30. INVESTOR DIRECTORS AND OBSERVERS

- 30.1 The holders of a Majority of the 'A' Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to appoint:
  - (A) up to three persons as Investor Directors of the Company one of whom who shall be the Special Director, and
  - (B) a further director to act as chairman of the Board

and to remove from office any person so appointed (and subject to removal) to appoint another person in his place.

- 30.2 During any Default Period and if an Enhancement Notice to that effect has been given:
  - (A) the right to appoint and remove Directors under Article 30.1 may be exercised in respect of any number of directors (provided that there may not be more than one Special Director in office) and the removal rights may be exercised in respect of any Director howsoever appointed, and/or
  - (B) any Investor or Special Director may by notice to the Company or any director or the secretary of it declare that upon receipt of that notice the Special Director shall have that number of votes in relation to resolutions of the Board which exceed by one the number of votes in aggregate of the other Directors, including any casting vote of the Chairman.

- Any appointment or removal of a director under this Article shall be by written notice signed by the relevant appointors) given to any officer of the Company (not being the director the subject of the notice) or to the Company at the Registered Office and shall take effect on and from the date on which that notice is so given. Any officer receiving such a notice shall promptly supply a copy of it to the Company.
- 30.4 An Investor Director shall be entitled to be a member of any committee of the Board and also to be appointed to the boards of such of the other members of the Group (except GSM) as he shall require.
- 30.5 For so long as the right to appoint an Investor Director under this Article subsists, upon a poll being taken in connection with a resolution of the Company in General Meeting to remove an Investor Director or to restrict or delete this Article, the members entitled to appoint the same shall be entitled to exercise such total number of votes in respect of their holdings of 'A' Ordinary Shares as shall equal twice the total number of votes cast on that resolution by all other shareholders of the Company.
- 30.6 For so long as the right to appoint an Investor Director under this Article subsists the holders of the 'A' Ordinary Shares entitled to make such appointment may in the same manner as provided in this Article nominate an observer to fulfil the role of such Investor Director in lieu of or in addition to such Investor Director.
- 30.7 An observer shall be entitled to all the rights (other than to vote at meetings of the Board) of an Investor Director and (if appointed in lieu of a Special Director, when he shall be termed a "Special Representative") the Special Director he is appointed instead of but shall not by virtue of that nomination become a director or alternate director of the Company. A Special Representative appointed in lieu of a Special Director shall be automatically deemed to have been removed from office if his appointors appoint a Special Director.
- 30.8 During any period in which no Special Director or Special Representative is in office his powers under these Articles may be exercised and enjoyed by an Investor Majority.

### 31. ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 31.1 Each Director (other than an alternate Director) shall have the power at any time to appoint as an alternate Director either another Director or any other person approved for that purpose (except in the case of an appointment of an alternate by an Investor Director, which shall not need that approval) by a resolution of the Directors (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld), and, at any time, to terminate such appointment Every appointment and removal of an alternate Director shall be in writing signed by the appointor and (subject to any approval required) shall (unless all the Directors agree otherwise) only take effect upon receipt of that written appointment or removal at the Registered Office.
- An alternate Director so appointed shall not be entitled in that capacity to receive any remuneration from the Company except only such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as his appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct, but shall otherwise be subject to the provisions of these Articles with respect to Directors. An alternate Director shall during his appointment be an officer of the Company and shall not be deemed to be an agent of his appointor.
- An alternate Director shall (subject to his giving to the Company an address at which notices may be served upon him) be entitled to receive notices of all meetings of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors of which his appointor is a member and to attend and to vote as

- a Director at any such meeting at which his appointor is not personally present and generally in the absence of his appointor to perform and exercise all functions, rights, powers and duties as a Director of his appointor and to receive notice of all General Meetings.
- The appointment of an alternate Director shall automatically determine on the happening of any event which if he were a Director would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor shall cease for any reason to be a Director.
- A Director or any other person may act as alternate Director to represent more than one Director and an alternate Director shall be entitled at meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors to one vote for every Director whom he represents in addition to his own vote (if any) as a Director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.

## 32. DIRECTORS POWERS

- 32.1 Subject to the Companies Act, the Company's memorandum of association and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution of the Company, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, which may exercise all the powers of the Company whether relating to the management of the business or not. No alteration of the memorandum of association or of these Articles nor any such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or such direction had not been given. The provisions in these Articles giving specific powers to the Board shall not limit the general powers given by this Article.
- 32.2 The shareholders may by special resolution direct the Board to take, or refrain from taking, specified action. No such special resolution shall invalidate anything which the Board has already done.
- 32.3 If the number of Directors is less than the minimum prescribed in accordance with these Articles, the remaining Director or Directors shall act only for the purposes of appointing an additional Director or Directors to make up such minimum or of convening a general meeting of the Company for the purpose of making that appointment. If there are no Director or Directors able or willing to act, any two members or any Investor may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors.

## 33. DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

- 33.1 The Board may by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person or body of persons whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board to be the agent of the Company upon such terms (including terms as to remuneration) as it may decide and may delegate to any person so appointed any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate). The Board may remove any person appointed under this Article and may revoke or vary the delegation but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of the revocation or variation shall be affected by it. The power to delegate contained in this Article shall be effective in relation to the powers, authorities and discretions of the Board generally and shall not be limited by the fact that in certain articles, but not in others, express reference is made to particular powers, authorities or discretions being exercised by the Board or by a committee authorised by the Board.
- 33.2 The Board may entrust to and confer upon any Director any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) upon such terms and conditions and with such

restrictions as it thinks fit, and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, its own powers, authorities and discretions and may from time to time revoke or vary all or any of them but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of the revocation or variation shall be affected by it. The power to delegate contained in this Article shall be effective in relation to the powers, authorities and discretions of the Board generally and shall not be limited by the fact that in certain articles, but not in others, express reference is made to particular powers, authorities or discretions being exercised by the Board or by a committee authorised by the Board.

- The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, those relating to the payment of monies or other remuneration to, and the conferring of benefits on, a Director) for such time and on such terms and conditions as it shall think fit to a committee consisting of one or more Directors and (if thought fit) one or more other persons. The Board may grant to the committee the power to sub-delegate, and may retain or exclude the right of the Board to exercise the delegated powers, authorities or discretions collaterally with the committee. The Board may at any time revoke the delegation or alter its terms and conditions or discharge the committee in whole or in part. Where a provision of the Articles refers to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion by the Board and that power, authority or discretion has been delegated by the Board to a committee, the provision shall be construed as permitting the exercise of the power, authority or discretion by the committee.
- The Board's power under these Articles to delegate to a committee includes (without limitation) the power to delegate the determination of any fee, remuneration or other benefit to be paid or provided to any Director and is not limited by the fact that in some Articles but not others express reference is made to particular powers being exercised by the Board or by a committee.
- Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board. The meetings and proceedings of any committee shall be governed by the provisions contained in these articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable.
- 33.6 The Board may only exercise its powers under this Article with Investor Consent and the Special Director or an Investor Majority may also by notice in writing to the Company at the Registered Office or given to any other member of any such committee revoke any such delegation or appointment made pursuant to the exercise of such powers.

## 34. DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- 34.1 The quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the Directors shall be two, at least one of whom shall (if he is in office or unless he otherwise agrees in writing) be a Special Director or his alternate.
- 34.2 Subject to Article 34.1, the Directors may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit provided that (unless otherwise agreed by all the Directors at the time as regards the meeting concerned and without prejudice to Article 34.3) all meetings of the Directors shall be held within the United Kingdom. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors.
- 34.3 Save in the case of an emergency and unless all the Directors (or their duly appointed alternates) shall agree to the holding of a meeting by shorter notice, at least seven days' notice of every meeting of Directors shall be given to each Director.

- Notice of a Board meeting shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to his last known address within the United Kingdom or any other address within the United Kingdom given to the Company by him for that purpose or given by electronic communications to an address for the time being notified to the Company by the Director. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a Board meeting to a Director who is absent from the United Kingdom unless the Director has notified the Company in writing of an address in the United Kingdom or an address for electronic communications at which notice of such meetings is to be given to him when he is absent from the United Kingdom. A Director may waive the requirement that notice of any Board meeting be given to him, either prospectively or retrospectively in this Article "address", in relation to documents in electronic form, includes any number or address used for the supply of documents in electronic form.
- Any Director enabled to participate in the proceedings of a meeting by means of a communication device (including a telephone) which allows all of the Directors present at the meeting (whether in person or by means of such type of communication device) to hear at all times the other Directors present at the meeting shall be deemed to be present at the meeting and shall be counted when reckoning a quorum. The meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.
- 34.6 Subject to Article 30.2(B), at any meeting of the Directors each Director (or his alternate Director if the Director himself is not present) present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of an equality of votes at any meeting the Chairman of such meeting shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- A resolution in writing signed by the requisite Directors shall be as effective for all purposes as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors duly convened and held, and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the Directors, but need not be signed by an alternate director if signed by his appointor or vice versa. For these purposes, the requisite Directors shall be:
  - (A) all of the Directors entitled to vote on the resolution concerned, or
  - (B) subject to Article 34.8, that number or Directors entitled to vote on the resolution concerned as would, at a meeting of the Board duly convened and held, hold sufficient votes to pass that resolution.
- 34.8 No resolution shall be effective for the purposes of Article 34.7(B) unless it is signed by any Special Director then in office (or his alternate).
- 34.9 If a resolution is to be passed under Article 34.7(B) then (to the extent reasonably practicable or unless otherwise directed by an Investor Majority) the Directors passing the same shall use all reasonable endeavours to inform the other Directors entitled to vote on it of the nature of the resolution and, in any event, the Company will promptly provide the other Directors with a copy of the resolution as passed.
- 34.10 All acts done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a director or member of a committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the Board or committee or person so acting or that they or any of them were disqualified from holding office or had vacated office or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if each such member or person had been properly appointed and was

qualified and had continued to be a director or member of the committee and had been entitled to vote.

## 35. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

- Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and to the other provisions of these Articles, no Director or proposed or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatever, nor shall any contract in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any director who is so interested be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefit realised by the contract by reason of the Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship so established.
- A Director may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with his office of director for such period (subject to the provisions of the Companies Act) and upon such other terms as the Board may decide, and may be paid such extra remuneration for so doing (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board (or any committee authorised by the Board) may decide, and either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Article.
- A Director may be or become a director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested or as regards which it has any power of appointment, and shall not be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefit received by him as a director or officer of or from his interest in the other company. The Board may also cause any voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company or any power of appointment to be exercised in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit, including the exercise of the voting power or power of appointment in favour of the appointment of the directors or any of them as directors or officers of the other company, or in favour of the payment of remuneration to the directors or officers of the other company.
- A Director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm may be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director.
- 35.5 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and to Article 35.15, a Director may vote on and be counted in the quorum in relation to any resolution of the Board in respect of any contract in which he has an interest.
- A Director who is in any way (directly or indirectly) interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest to the other Directors (i) at a meeting of the Directors, or (ii) by a notice in writing in accordance with section 184 of the Companies Act, or (iii) by a general notice as soon as required by section 182 of the Companies Act, where that section applies. If a declaration of interest under this Article proves to be, or becomes, inaccurate or incomplete, a further declaration must be made. This Article 35.6 does not require a declaration of an interest of which the Director is not aware or where the Director is not aware of the transaction or arrangement in question. For this purpose a Director shall be deemed to be aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware. A Director need not declare an interest in the circumstances set out in section 177(6) or section 182(6) of the Companies Act, as applicable.

35.7 For the purposes of this Article and subject to the Companies Act. and unless his appointors shall by written notice to the Company prescribe that this Article 35.7 is not to apply to the Director concerned, each Investor Director shall be deemed by these Articles generally to have disclosed that he is to be regarded as interested in any contracts between and/or situations involving the Company or any member of the Group on the one hand and any Investor and/or any Investor Affiliate (as defined in Article 35.12(B)(1)) on the other.

#### 35.8 References in this Article to:

- (A) a contract include references to any proposed contract and to any transaction or arrangement whether or not constituting a contract,
- (B) any contract with or situation involving the Company shall include also any contract with or situation involving any of its subsidiaries or subsidiary undertakings for the time being thereof,
- (C) an interest of a Director shall include any interest of any person who is connected with him for the purposes of sections 252 to 255 (inclusive) of the Companies Act, to the extent the Director is aware of the interest of that connected person, and
- (D) an interest of an alternate Director shall also include the interest of his appointor, to the extent the alternate Director is aware of that interest.
- 35.9 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, the Company may, by Investor Consent or by ordinary resolution passed with investor Consent, suspend or relax the provisions of this Article to any extent or ratify any contract not properly authorised by reason of a contravention of this Article. Neither a Director nor any member connected with him for the purposes of section 239 of the Companies Act shall vote on any resolution of the Company relating to the ratification of any action by him amounting to negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company.
- Subject to Article 35.11, the Directors are empowered under these Articles to authorise any Conflict Situation that may arise and to amend or vary any such authorisation so given. Any such authorisation, amendment or revocation shall be given by resolution of the Directors made in accordance with these Articles and, in the case of such authorisation, that section. The Directors may give any such authorisation subject to such terms as they shall consider appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances.
- 35.11 Investor Consent shall be required before the Company or any member of the Group shall:
  - (A) through its directors, authorise for the purposes of section 175 of the Companies Act or otherwise any situation or matter in which any director (other than an Investor Director) has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest which conflicts, or may possibly conflict, with the interests of the Company,
  - (B) amend or vary any authorisation referred to in Article 35.10.
- 35.12 For the purposes of sections 175 and 180(4) of the Companies Act and for all other purposes, it is acknowledged that an Investor Director may be or become subject to a Conflict Situation or Conflict Situations as a result of his also being or having been or being party to an agreement or arrangement or understanding or circumstances under which he may become an employee, director, trustee, member, partner, officer or representative of, or a consultant to, or a direct or indirect investor in and/or otherwise commercially involved with or economically interested in any of the following:

- (A) an Investor, and/or
- (B) any Investor Affiliate, which for these purposes means any Person who or which, as a regards any Investor or any other Investor Affiliate of that Investor:
  - (1) is a member for the time being of its Investor Group or an associated company, and/or
  - (2) is an investment manager or investment adviser to or of it and/or another Investor Affiliate, and/or
  - is a Person in which the Investor and/or another Investor Affiliate may have or acquire a direct or indirect economic interest, including without limitation any portfolio company investee, and/or
  - (4) controls or is controlled, managed, advised (in an investment adviser capacity) or promoted by the Investor and/or such an Investor Affiliate, and/or
  - (5) a trustee, manager, beneficiary, shareholder, partner, unitholder or other financier or any participant in or of it and/or that Investor Affiliate, and/or
- (C) any carried interest or similar incentive arrangement associated with any Person or arrangement referred to in paragraph (A) and/or (B) of this Article,

where for these purposes "Person" shall mean any individual, body corporate, fund, trust, partnership or other entity whether or not having separate legal status.

- 35.13 An Investor Director's duties to the Company arising from his holding office as director shall not be breached or infringed as a result of any Conflict Situation envisaged by Article 35.12 having arisen or existing in relation to him and he shall not be held accountable to the Company for any benefit he directly or indirectly derives from his involvement with any person or entity referred to in Article 35.12 (irrespective of whether the activities of such person or entity are or may become competitive with those of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries).
- 35.14 Any Investor Director the subject of a Conflict Situation envisaged by Article 35.12 shall be entitled to:
  - (A) receive notice (including any relevant board papers) of, attend, count in the quorum towards and vote at board meetings relating in any way to, and deal generally with, matters concerning, connected with or arising from the Conflict Situation concerned, and
  - (B) keep confidential and not disclose to the Company any information which comes into his possession as a result of such Conflict Situation where such information is confidential as regards any third party.
- 35.15 The Director in question and any other interested Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board in accordance with Article 35.10.
- 35.16 The provisions of this Article are without prejudice to the requirements of Article 9.

# 36. FEES, REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND PENSIONS

Each of the non executive Directors may be paid a fee at such rate as may from time to time be determined by the Board or as is prescribed by the Investment Agreement.

- Each Director may be paid his reasonable travelling, hotel and incidental expenses of attending and returning from meetings of the Board or committees of the Board or general meetings of the Company or any other meeting which as a Director he is entitled to attend and shall be paid all other costs and expenses properly and reasonably incurred by him in the conduct of the Company's business or in the discharge of his duties as a Director.
- 36.3 The Board or any committee authorised by the Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to provide benefits, either by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or in any other manner whether similar or not, for any director or former director or the relations, or dependants of, or persons connected to, any director or former director. No director or former director shall be accountable to the Company or the members for any benefit provided pursuant to this article and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a director of the Company.
- 36.4 The Board may exercise any power conferred by the Companies Act to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.
- 36.5 The rights conferred by this Article are subject to Article 9, to the extent applicable.

## 37. BORROWING POWERS OF DIRECTORS

- 37.1 Subject as otherwise provided in these Articles, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, whether in excess of the nominal amount of the share capital of the Company for the time being issued or not, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, in whole or any part, and, subject to the provisions of these Articles and of the Companies Act, to issue debentures, debenture stocks and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- 37.2 Except with Investor Consent:
  - (A) the Directors shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all rights exercisable by the Company in relation to other members of the Group (other than borrowings between the Company and/or any of its wholly owned subsidiaries) so as to secure (so far as by that exercise they can secure) that, no money shall be borrowed if the aggregate principal amount outstanding of all borrowings by the Group then exceeds or would as a result of that borrowing exceed £8 million or such greater amount as shall be approved from time to time by Investor Consent,
  - (B) the Company shall not and shall procure that no other member of the Group shall create issue or enter into or allow to subsist or arise any mortgage or charge or other encumbrance whatsoever over any of its assets or undertaking or give any other form of security except:
    - (1) pursuant to the terms of the Facilities referred to in the Investment Agreement, or
    - (2) liens arising in the ordinary course of business securing monies not yet due for payment and fully provided for, and
  - (C) the Company shall not and shall procure that no other member of the Group shall vary or agree to any material variation in the extent or terms of its borrowings and similar

facilities or the extent or terms of any security given in respect of them or open or vary the mandate applicable to any bank account.

- In this Article the expression "borrowings" shall include any obligation for the payment or repayment of money, whether as principal or as surety and whether present or future, actual or contingent, incurred in respect of (i) money borrowed or raised, (ii) any bond, note, loan stock, debenture or similar instrument, (iii) acceptance or documentary credit facilities, (iv) foreign exchange options, (v) rental payments under leases and hire purchase agreements and instalments under conditional sale agreements (in all cases whether in respect of land, machinery, equipment or otherwise) entered into primarily as a method of raising finance or of financing the acquisition or use of the asset concerned, (vi) guarantees, indemnities, bonds, standby letters of credit or other instruments issued in connection with the performance of contracts and or in respect of the indebtedness of any other person (vii) invoice discounting factoring or similar facilities and (viii) the amount paid up on any share capital of any subsidiary of the Company (other than equity share capital) not for the time being owned by the Company or any subsidiary thereof.
- 37.4 No debt incurred or security given in respect of monies borrowed or to be taken into account as monies borrowed in excess of the limit prescribed by this Article shall be invalid or ineffectual except in the case of express notice to the lender or the recipient of the security at the time when the debt was incurred or security given that the limit hereby imposed had been or was exceeded, as a result but no lender or other person dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or inquire whether that limit is observed.

## 38. DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

- 38.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and to Article 9 and the rights attaching to any classes of share, the Company may:
  - (A) pay such dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the financial position of the Company and may pay any dividend payable at a fixed rate at intervals settled by the Board whenever the financial position of the Company, in the opinion of the Board, justifies its payment,
  - (B) by ordinary resolution from time to time declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Board.
- 38.2 Except in so far as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any share otherwise provide:
  - (A) all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up (excluding any premium) on the share in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this article as paid up on the share,
  - (B) all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up (excluding any premium) on the share during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid, and
  - (C) with prior Investor Consent, dividends may be declared or paid in any currency other than Sterling and the Board may decide the basis of conversion for any currency conversions that may be required and how any costs involved are to be met.

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- With prior Investor Consent, the Board may deduct from any dividend or other moneys payable to a member by the Company on or in respect of any shares all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in respect of shares of the Company Sums so deducted can be used to pay amounts owing to the Company in respect of the shares.
- 38.4 Subject to the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any shares, no dividend or other moneys payable by the Company on or in respect of any share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 38.5 Any dividend or other sum payable in cash by the Company in respect of a share may be paid by cheque, warrant or similar financial instrument delivered to or sent by post addressed to the holder at his registered address or, in the case of joint holders, addressed to the holder whose name stands first in the register in respect of the shares at his address as appearing in the Register or addressed to such person and at such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every cheque, warrant or similar financial instrument shall, unless the holder or joint holders otherwise direct, be made payable to the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the holder whose name stands first on the register in respect of the shares, and shall be sent at his or their risk and payment of the cheque, warrant or similar financial instrument by the financial institution on which it is drawn shall constitute a good discharge to the Company. In addition, any such dividend or other sum may be paid by any bank or other funds transfer system or such other means and to or through such person as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct, and the Company shall have no responsibility for any sums lost or delayed in the course of payment by any such system or other means or where it has acted on any directions. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable on or in respect of the shares held by them. Where a person is entitled by transmission to a share, any dividend or other sum payable by the Company in respect of the share may be paid as if he were a holder of the share and his address noted in the Register were his registered address and where two or more persons are so entitled, any one of them may give effectual receipts for any dividends or other moneys payable or property distributable on or in respect of the shares.
- 38.6 The Company may cease to send any cheque, warrant or similar financial instrument through the post or to employ any other means of payment for any dividend payable on any shares in the Company which is normally paid in that manner on those shares if in respect of at least two consecutive dividends payable on those shares the cheques, warrants or similar financial instruments have been returned undelivered or remain uncashed during or at the end of the period for which the same are valid or that means of payment has failed. In addition, the Company may cease to send any cheque, warrant or similar financial instrument through the post or may cease to employ any other means of payment if, in respect of one dividend payable on those shares, the cheque, warrant or similar financial instrument has been returned undelivered or remains uncashed during or at the end of the period for which the same is valid or that means of payment has failed and reasonable enquiries have failed to establish any new address or account of the holder Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Company must recommence sending cheques, warrants or similar financial instruments or employing such other means in respect of dividends payable on those shares if the holder or person entitled by transmission requests that recommencement in writing.
- 38.7 All dividends or other sums payable on or in respect of any shares which remain unclaimed may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed.

Any dividend or other sum unclaimed after a period of 12 years from the date when it was declared or became due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company and the payment by the Board of any unclaimed dividend or other sum payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect of it.

- Any shareholder resolution declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the Board and with Investor Consent, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets, and in particular of paid up shares or debentures of any other company, and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution the Board may settle it as it thinks expedient, and in particular may authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions or may ignore fractions altogether, and may fix the value for distribution purposes of any assets to be distributed and may determine that cash shall be paid to any members on the basis of the value so fixed in order to secure equality of distribution and may vest any assets to be distributed in trustees as may seem expedient to the Board.
- 38.9 If the Company commences liquidation, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Companies Act divide among the members in kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and, for that purpose, set such values as he deems fair upon any property to be divided and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members, or vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but no member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other assets upon which there is any liability
- Any person entitled to receive a dividend or other distribution from the Company in respect of any shares may waive their right to receive the same, in whole or in part, by written notice to the Company. No such a waiver shall be effective in respect of any share held by more than one holder or to which more than one person is entitled unless it is signed by all of the holders of that share or persons so entitled, as the case may be.

## 39. CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES

- 39.1 The Board may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution and subject to Article 39.2:
  - (A) subject to this Article, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the Company (whether or not available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of any reserve or fund of the Company (including any share premium account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution,
  - (B) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the holders of Equity Shares in proportion to the nominal amounts of the shares (whether or not fully paid) held by them respectively which would entitle them to participate in a distribution of that sum if the shares were fully paid and the sum were then distributable and were distributed by way of dividend and apply that sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the Company of a nominal amount equal to that sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to those holders of Equity Shares or as the Board may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other, but so that the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve and any profits or reserves which are not available for distribution may, for the

- purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid,
- (C) resolve that any shares so allotted to any member in respect of a holding by him of any partly paid shares shall, so long as those shares remain partly paid, rank for dividend only to the extent that those partly paid shares rank for dividend,
- (D) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates (or by ignoring fractions or by accruing the benefit of fractions to the Company rather than to the holders concerned) or by payment in cash or otherwise as the Board may determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions,
- (E) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for either (i) the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any further shares or debentures to which they are entitled upon that capitalisation, or (ii) the payment up by the Company on behalf of those members of their respective proportions of the reserves or profits resolved to be capitalised in or towards settlement of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares, and so that any such agreement shall be binding on all those members, and
- (F) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to that resolution.
- 39.2 The Board only exercise any powers under Article 39.1 with and in accordance with the terms of an Investor Consent.

# 40. INFORMATION RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- 40.1 No member shall by virtue of that capacity have any right of inspecting any accounting record or other documents or records of the Company unless he is authorised to do so by statute, by order of the court, by the Board or by an ordinary resolution.
- 40.2 Nothing in Article 40.1 shall restrict the rights of the Investors or any of them to receive or have access to information under the terms of the Investment Agreement or any provision of these Articles and/or the Companies Act.

# 41. NOTICES

- Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of the Directors) shall be in writing or ((where that person has agreed or is deemed by the Companies Act to have agreed) to communications being made to him in electronic form and (where permitted) has not withdrawn that agreement) shall be given in electronic form to an address for the time being notified (or deemed notified by a provision of the Companies Act) for that purpose to the person giving the notice.
- A notice or other document may be given by the Company to any member either personally or by sending it by post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to that member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address or (where permitted under Article 41.1) by giving it in electronic form to an address for the time being notified (or deemed notified by a provision of the Companies Act) to the Company by the member, or by any other means authorised in writing by the member concerned.
- A notice or other document may be given to the Company by sending it by post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to it at the Registered Office or by leaving it at that address or (where

- permitted by Article 41.1) by giving it in electronic form to an address for the time being notified by the Company specified or deemed agreed by the Company as provided in part 3 of schedule 5 of the Companies Act.
- 41.4 In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices and documents shall be given to the person whose name stands first in the Register in respect of that share Notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders.
- 41.5 If a member (or, in the case of joint holders, the person first named in the Register) has a registered address outside the United Kingdom but has given to the Company an address in the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him or has an address to which notices may be sent in electronic form, he shall be entitled to have notices or documents given to him at that address. Otherwise no such member (including any such joint holder) shall be entitled to receive any notice or other document from the Company.
- 41.6 Any notice or other document to be given to a member may be given by reference to the Register as it stands at any time within the period of 21 days before the day that the notice is given. No change in the Register after that time shall invalidate the giving of that notice or document or require the Company to give that item to any other person.
- 41.7 If on three consecutive occasions notices or other documents have been sent through the post to any member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices but have been returned undelivered, such member shall not be entitled to receive notices or other documents from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new registered address or address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices.
- 41.8 If on three consecutive occasions notices or other documents have been sent in electronic form to an address for the time being notified (or deemed notified by a provision of the Companies Act) to the Company by the member and the Company becomes aware that there has been a failure of transmission, the Company shall revert to giving notices and other documents to the member by post or by any other means authorised in writing by the member concerned. That member shall not be entitled to receive notices or other documents from the Company in electronic form until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new address to which notices or other documents may be sent in electronic form
- 41.9 The Company may send or supply notices, documents or other information to members by making those notices, documents and other information available on a website subject to and provided in compliance with schedule 5 of the Companies Act.
- 41.10 A notice or other document addressed to a member at his registered address or address for giving notice in the United Kingdom shall be, if sent by post, deemed to have been given at the time 24 hours after posting if pre-paid as first class post and at the time 48 hours after posting if pre-paid as second class post In proving that notice has been given it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice or document was properly addressed, pre-paid and posted.
- 41.11 A notice or other document address to a member at an address to which notices may be sent using electronic communications shall be, if sent by electronic communications, deemed to have been given at the expiration of 24 hours after the time it was sent Proof that a notice contained in an electronic communication was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.

- 41.12 A notice or document not sent by post but left at a registered address or address for giving notice in the United Kingdom shall be deemed to be given at the time it is left.
- 41.13 If by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services in the United Kingdom the Company is unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, any such meeting may be convened by notice advertised once in at least one national newspaper published in the country in which the Company's registered office is located. The Company shall send a copy of the notice to members by post if at least seven clear days before the meeting the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom again becomes practicable. Any notice given by advertisement in accordance with this Article shall be deemed to have been served at noon on the day on which the advertisement first appears.
- 41.14 A member present either in person or by proxy, or in the case of a corporate member by a duly authorised representative, at any meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares shall be deemed to have received due notice of that meeting and, where required, of the purposes for which it was called.
- 41.15 A person who becomes entitled to a share by transfer, transmission or otherwise shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share (other than a notice given by the Company under section 793 of the Companies Act) which, before his name is entered in the Register of Members, has been given to the person from whom he derives his title.
- A notice or other document may be given by the Company to a transmittee by sending or delivering it in any manner authorised by these Articles for the giving of notice to a member, addressed to that person by name, or by the title of representative of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt or by any similar or equivalent description, at the address, if any, in the United Kingdom or to the address to which notices may be sent in electronic form supplied (or deemed supplied by a provision of the Companies Act) for that purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice or other document may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the event giving rise to the transmission had not occurred. The giving of notice in accordance with this Article shall be sufficient notice to all other persons interested in the share.
- 41.17 In this Article, "address", in relation to documents in electronic form, includes any number or address used for the supply of documents in electronic form

# 42. DATA PROTECTION

Each of the members and Directors (from time to time) consents to the processing of his personal data by the Company, its members and Directors (each a Recipient) for the purpose of due diligence exercises, compliance with applicable laws, regulations and procedures and the exchange of information amongst themselves, provided effected consistently with any restrictions contained in the Investment Agreement. A Recipient may process that personal data either electronically or manually. The personal data which may be processed for those purposes under this Article shall include any information which may have a bearing on the prudence or commercial merits of investing, or disposing of any shares or other investment or security in the Company Subject to any confidentiality undertakings given to them by a Recipient and to any restrictions imposed in the Investment Agreement, each of the Members and Directors (from time to time) consent to the transfer of that personal data to persons acting on behalf of any Recipient and to the offices of any Recipient both within and outside the European Economic Area for the purposes stated above, where it is necessary or desirable to do so.

#### 43. DETERMINATION PROVISIONS

- 43.1 If a matter is to be Determined or referred to a Determiner for Determination as provided in these Articles, the following provisions of this Article shall apply.
- 43.2 The Determiner shall be such person as shall be agreed in writing between the Relevant Parties (as defined below) within five business days of the obligation or entitlement to refer the matter for Determination arising, failing which such independent chartered accountant or independent valuer as shall be nominated by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on application by any such Relevant Party.
- 43.3 For the purposes of these Articles the "Relevant Parties" shall be:
  - (A) in the case where the Determination is to be made for the purposes of Article 23 (*Tag Along and Drag Along, Specified Price*), the parties to the disagreement concerned, or
  - (B) the Proposed Transferor (or holder of the relevant shares) and the Company, in any other case where the matter to be Determined involves the determination of the Fair Value or Transfer Value of any shares.
- 43.4 The terms of engagement of a Determiner (including without limitation his fees and costs and any limitations on liability) shall be such reasonable commercial terms as shall be agreed between the Determiner and the Lead Appointor (as defined below), consistently with the following provisions of this Article 43:
  - (A) the Determiner shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator,
  - (B) the Determiner shall be instructed to issue his determination in writing and address and supply it to the Relevant Parties,
  - (C) the Determiner shall be instructed to take account of such representations as may be made by the Relevant Parties as he shall see fit, and each of the Relevant Parties shall be entitled to make such representations separately but shall do so as expeditiously as reasonably possible, and
  - (D) the Determiner shall be instructed to make his determination as expeditiously as is reasonably possible.
- 43.5 The terms of engagement need only be signed between the Determiner and the Lead Appointor but shall bind all of the Relevant Parties.
- For the purposes of this Article 43, the "Lead Appointor" shall be:
  - (A) in the case where the Determination is to be made for the purposes of Article 23 (*Tag Along and Drag Along, Specified Price*), the holders of a Majority of the Investor Shares held by the Relevant Parties (or such person as may be nominated in writing for such purposes by such a Majority) or (if there are no Relevant Parties holding Investor Shares) the Company as agent for the Relevant Parties, or
  - (B) the Company, acting with the consent of an Investor Majority, in any other case where the matter to be Determined involves the determination of the Fair Value or Transfer Value of any shares.
- 43.7 The Lead Appointor shall in that capacity act as it shall see fit in its absolute discretion, and (absent its proven fraud or wilful default) shall not in that capacity be under any liability to any of the Relevant Parties or any other person.

- 43.8 Nothing shall oblige a Lead Appointor to enforce any terms of engagement or other rights against a Determiner unless it shall first have been indemnified and secured to its reasonable satisfaction against any costs, expenses and other liability that may be thereby involved, after taking account of any due proportion of those costs, expenses and liability that should be borne by it having regard to its financial interest in the matter being Determined.
- 43.9 If the Lead Appointor is nominated under Article 43.5, the members and Company shall be deemed hereby irrevocably to appoint the relevant Investor Majority as their attorney to enter into any documentation required to agree on their behalf directly with the Lead Appointor in the terms specified in Articles 43.7 and 43.8.
- 43.10 Each of the Company and other Relevant Parties shall, promptly after request, supply the Determiner with such information as he may from time to time reasonably require for the purposes of making his Determination.
- 43.11 The Determination of a Determiner which shall be in writing and (in the absence of manifest error on its face) shall be final and binding for the purposes of the relevant provisions of these Articles.
- 43.12 Except as expressly provided to the contrary in these Articles, the fees and expenses of the Determiner shall be borne as the Determiner shall direct or, in the absence of such a direction, by the Company, where the dispute is as to the Transfer Value of any of Offered Shares or in any other case where the Company is a party to the dispute or. where the Company is not party to the dispute and/or it is not lawful for the Company to bear such costs, between the other Relevant Parties pro rata to the number of Equity Shares held by them respectively.
- 43.13 The Company and other Relevant Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to procure that any Determination required is obtained with due expedition.

## 44. INDEMNITY

- Subject to and to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may be otherwise entitled:
  - (A) every present and former Director and other officer of the Company (not being its auditor) and alternate Director shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs and liabilities incurred by him in relation to any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as a Director or alternate present and former Director save that no present and former Director or officer or alternate Director shall be entitled to be indemnified:
    - (1) for any liability incurred by him to the Company or any associated company of the Company (as defined by section 256 of the Companies Act),
    - (2) for any fine imposed in criminal proceedings which have become final,
    - (3) for any sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature howsoever arising,
    - (4) for any costs for which he has become liable in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted and that conviction has become final,

- (5) for any costs for which he has become liable in defending any civil proceedings bought by the Company or an associated company in which a final judgment has been given against him, and
- (6) for any costs for which he has become liable in connection with any application under sections 661(3) or (4) or 1157 of the Companies Act in which the court refuses to grant him relief and that refusal has become final,
- (B) every present and former Director and other officer (not being its auditor) and alternate Director shall be entitled to have funds provided to him by the Company to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred in any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) brought by any party which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as a Director or officer or alternate Director, provided that he will be obliged to repay those amounts no later than:
  - (1) if he is convicted in proceedings, the date when the conviction becomes final,
  - (2) if judgment is given against him in proceedings, the date when the judgment becomes final, or
  - (3) if the court refuses to grant him relief on any application under sections 661(3) or (4) or 1157 of the Companies Act, the date when the refusal becomes final
- Every Director and alternate Director shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs and liabilities incurred by him in relation to any of the Company's activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act) save that no Director or alternate Director shall be entitled to be indemnified (i) for any fine imposed in criminal proceedings which have become final, or (ii) for any sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature howsoever arising, or (iii) for any costs for which he has become liable in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted and that conviction has become final.
- 44.3 The Company may purchase and maintain for any Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company insurance against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to him in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust or which he may be guilty in relation to the Company.

#### **SCHEDULE**

## **Definitions and Interpretation**

- 1. The model articles prescribed in accordance with section 20 of the Companies Act, do not apply to the Company.
- 2. In these Articles of Association (including this schedule) ("these Articles") unless the context otherwise requires:
  - "'A' Ordinary Shares" means 'A' Ordinary Shares of £0.10 each in the capital of the Company;
  - "'A1' Ordinary Shares" means 'A1' Ordinary Shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
  - "Acquisition" means as regards an Equity Share, the acquisition of that share by its holder through issue of the share to that holder or (if the Board so agrees in respect of that share) by way of its subsequent transfer and references to any person "Acquiring" or who "Acquires" or "Acquired" an Equity Share shall be construed accordingly provided always that, for the purposes of Article 7.1 only, any Relevant Executive as at the Adoption Date shall be deemed to have Acquired their Equity Shares as at 8 November 2018 (and the provisions of Article 7.1 shall be construed accordingly);

"Adoption	Date"	means	2019

- "Asset Sale" mean the sale or other disposal of any subsidiary or subsidiaries or other assets (except current assets disposed of in the ordinary course of trading) representing (in terms of net assets, turnover or pre-tax profits) more than seventy-five per cent of the net assets, turnover or pre-tax profits of the Company or (as the case may be) Group as shown by its latest audited accounts or its latest management accounts delivered to the Investors under the Investment Agreement;
- "associated company" means, in relation to a company, a subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking or holding company for the time being of that company or a subsidiary undertaking for the time being of such a holding company;
- "Auditors" means the auditors for the time being of the Company;
- "Bad Leaver" means any Leaver who became a Leaver in circumstances where:
- (a) he has resigned; or
- (b) the relevant Group Company is entitled to lawfully dismiss him for gross misconduct or otherwise committing an act of fraud (or his resignation at a time when he could have been so dismissed);
- "Base Hurdle" means an amount equal to £10,000,000 in aggregate;
- "Board" means the board of directors for the time being of the Company or any duly constituted and authorised committee of that board;
- "business day" means a day (not being a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks generally are open for business in London;
- "Cap" and "Capping" "Capped" and "Capped Amount" shall be construed in accordance with Article 5;

- "clear days" means in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
- "Clipper Exit Bonus Plan" means any arrangements entered into on or around the Adoption Date by the Company with any holder of 'F' Ordinary Shares in connection with a Sale, Asset Sale or Listing;
- "Clipper Group EBT" means the Clipper Group Employee Benefit Trust established pursuant to a trust deed between, inter alia, the Company and entered into on 6 February 2019;
- "Companies Act" means the Companies Act 2006;
- "Competitor" means any person who, in the opinion of the Board (including any Investor Director) or an Investor Majority, carries on or is interested, directly or indirectly, in any business which competes, directly or indirectly, with any business carried on by the Group or who is connected with or an associated company of such a person;
- "Conflict Situation" means any situation or matter (other than one which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest) in which any Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company including (without limitation) any such situation or matter which relates to the exploitation of any property, information or opportunity (irrespective of whether the Company could take advantage of the property, information or opportunity);
- "Controlling Interest" means an interest (within the meaning of sections 820 to 824 (inclusive) of the Companies Act) in shares which (absent any Default Period) confer in the aggregate more than fifty per cent of the total voting rights conferred by all the shares in the equity share capital of the company concerned for the time being in issue and conferring the right to vote at all its general meetings;
- "Default Period" means any period in which, except with Investor Consent, a Default Period has expressly been notified as being in effect under the Investment Agreement and subsists or:
- (a) an event of default (by whatever name called) has been notified by any Investor or Investor Director and is outstanding for the purposes of any other borrowings or financial facilities of the Group and has not been remedied or any other event has occurred or circumstances subsist which (with the giving of notice, passing of time or otherwise) has been notified by any Investor or Investor Director and would be such an event of default, or
- (b) any of the special rights or privileges attaching to any Investor Shares in these Articles and/or the terms of any Investor Consent shall have been breached in any material respect and has been notified by any Investor or Investor Director and (if remediable) not remedied, within twenty one days of notification by any Investor of the breach, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Special Director or an Investor Majority;
- "Deferred Shares" means Deferred Shares in the Company carrying the rights set out in Article 6;
- "Determiner" means the accountant or umpire or other person appointed as provided in these Articles to make a determination of a value or any matter in dispute or on which there is disagreement;

- "Distribution" means any dividend or other distribution by the Company (whether in cash or in specie) to all or any of the members of the Company, provided it is of a capital nature including any distribution of assets on a winding up or on a repurchase or redemption of shares;
- "E' Ordinary Shares" means 'E' Ordinary Shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
- "Employees Trust" means any trust established by the Company or another member of the Group (with any consent required under Article 9) to acquire and hold shares in the capital of the Company (which shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, the Clipper Group EBT);
- "Enhancement Notice" means a notice in writing given during a continuing Default Period by an Investor Majority to the Company or any Director or the secretary of the Company:
- (a) to confirm that the enhanced voting rights of the 'A' Ordinary Shares in Article 9.4 shall apply, and/or
- (b) that Article 30.2(B) shall apply;

## "Equity Shares" means:

- (a) Ordinary Shares,
- (b) 'A' Ordinary Shares,
- (c) 'A1' Ordinary Shares,
- (d) 'E' Ordinary Shares,
- (e) (unless otherwise stated in the particular context) 'F' Ordinary Shares, whether Capped or not,

and references to "Equity Share Capital" shall be construed accordingly;

### "Exit Value" means:

- (a) on a Listing, the value at the Listing Value of the then issued ordinary shares of the Company (other than those issued under the Listing arrangements to raise new money), or
- (b) on a Sale, the consideration payable for the shares of the Company under and the subject of the terms of the Sale (including any deferred consideration), whether satisfied in cash or otherwise,
- (c) on an Asset Sale, the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities, and
- (d) on a Distribution relevant to Article 4 (which shall, for the avoidance of doubt, include any Distribution which is undertaken in connection with or immediately prior to a Sale, an Asset Sale or a Listing), the amount or value of the assets the subject of the Distribution;
- "F' Ordinary Shares" means 'F' Ordinary Shares of £0.10 each in the capital of the Company;

# "F' Ordinary Share Entitlement" means:

Y + Z

where:

"Y" is the amount by which the Grossed Up Proceeds exceed the Base Hurdle (provided that if "Y" would otherwise exceed £2.5m, Y shall be equal to £2.5m); and

"Z" is 20% of the amount by which the Grossed Up Proceeds exceed the Stretch Hurdle;

"Fair Value" means the fair value of any shares in the Company determined as provided in Article 24.15 or as otherwise expressly provided in these Articles, according to the required context:

"Former Financier Arrangements" means any arrangements entered into prior to the Adoption Date by any Group Company with any provider of third party debt finance, which remain valid and outstanding as at the Adoption Date (which shall not for the avoidance of doubt, include any former facilities agreements that have been discharged as at the Adoption Date);

"Former Financier Payment" means any payment made in connection with a Listing, Sale or Asset Sale pursuant to the terms of the Former Financier Arrangements;

"Full Equity Shares" means the 'A' Ordinary Shares, 'A1' Ordinary Shares, 'E' Ordinary Shares and all 'F' Ordinary Shares which are not Capped;

"Good Leaver" means a Leaver who:

- (a) is not a Bad Leaver, or
- (b) is a Bad Leaver but, nevertheless, the Board (with Investor Consent) designates him as a Good Leaver for the purposes of these Articles;

"Grossed Up Proceeds" means an amount equal to the aggregate amounts that would be payable, on the relevant payment date, to be distributed to the holders of the Equity Shares under Articles 4.1 and 4.2 <u>plus</u> the amount of the Management Bonus Pool <u>plus</u> the amount of the Former Financier Payment;

"Group" means the Company and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings for the time being (and "Group Company" shall be construed accordingly);

"Group Reorganisation" means any arrangement (by scheme of arrangement, share exchange, under section 110 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or otherwise) under which the shares in the Company, as the case may be, are acquired by a new body corporate in terms that the shareholders of the body corporate and their respective shareholdings and percentage equity interests in that new body corporate after that acquisition are the same or substantially the same as they were immediately prior to that acquisition, disregarding any changes in such shareholdings consequent on the exercise of options and similar entitlements under employee and similar share incentive arrangements operated by the Group or any of its members at the time of the acquisition;

"GSM" means GSM London Limited (company number 1443436);

"Investment Agreement" means the Investment Agreement entered into on 4 February 2015 (as amended and restated on 21 December 2016 and on or around the Adoption Date) between, inter alios, the Company and certain of its members relating to the subscription of Equity Shares, as from time to time amended supplemented or novated;

- "Investor" means any person being an allottee of Investor Shares and/or any person who becomes an Investor pursuant to Article 21.4 and whom any such case from time to time holds shares in the Company;
- "Investor Consent" means the written consent (which may be given by email) of an Investor Majority
- "Investor Directors" means the Special Director and any other director appointed pursuant to Article 30 and references to an Investor Director shall be construed accordingly;
- "Investor Group" means, in relation to any corporate Investor, that Investor and its associated companies from time to time;
- "Investor Majority" means the holders of a Majority of each class of the Investor Shares;
- "Investor Shares" means 'A' Ordinary Shares, 'A1' Ordinary Shares and any other shares in the Company which with Investor Consent are designated as Investor Shares by Special Resolution;
- "Investor Share Majority" means the holders of a Majority of each class of Investor Share;
- "Lead Appointor" has the meaning given in Article 43.6;
- "Leaver" means any person who ceases or (as the case may be) will cease (through having given or been given notice) to be a Relevant Executive in circumstances where he does not or (as the case may be) will not continue immediately afterwards to be a Relevant Executive;
- "Leaving Date" means the date on which the Leaver concerned became a Leaver or, where he was given or gave notice to terminate his employment or engagement, the date when that notice was given, if earlier;
- "Listing" means the effective admission of any part of the equity share capital of the Company to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and trading on The London Stock Exchange or (subject to Investor Consent) the grant of effective permission by The London Stock Exchange for dealings to take place in that share capital on AIM or the commencement of dealings in that share capital on any other recognised investment exchange (as defined in part XVIII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) (whichever is the earlier);
- "Listing Value" means, in the event of a Listing and as regards an ordinary share, the value of that share (or the share capital into which it has been converted or re-designated or attributable to it at the time of the Listing), as determined by reference to the price at which the ordinary shares of the Company are to be issued or (as appropriate) placed or, in the case of an offer for sale by tender, by reference to the applicable striking price, as part of the Listing arrangements;
- "London Stock Exchange" means London Stock Exchange plc;
- "Majority" means as regards members of a class or classes of shares, a majority by reference to the number of shares of that class or classes held and not by reference to the number of members holding shares of that class or classes;
- "Management Bonus Pool" means the aggregate amount equal to the bonuses to be paid, on the relevant payment date, to the participants in the Clipper Exit Bonus Plan as a result of, or in connection with a Listing or on or following a Sale or Asset Sale;
- "Mandatory Transfer" means any transfer of shares required pursuant to Article 22 or which is given by any person at a time when he could be required under Article 22 to make such a transfer;

- "Mandatory Transfer Notice" means a Transfer Notice given or deemed to be given pursuant to Article 22 or given by a person at a time when he could be required under Article 22 to give such a Transfer Notice;
- "Official List" means the official list maintained by the Financial Services Authority;
- "Permitted Investor Transferee" means in relation to any holder of Investor Shares or any interest in them (such holder being treated for these purposes as an Investor):
- (a) any member for the time being of its Investor Group,
- (b) any body corporate controlled by that Investor or another member of its Investor Group or any investment manager or adviser that Investor and/or member or which immediately following the transfer of Investor Shares concerned will be such a body corporate,
- (c) any investment fund or trust or partnership controlled or managed or advised (in an investment adviser capacity) or promoted by (i) that Investor or (ii) another member of its Investor Group or (iii) any investment manager or advisor of that Investor and/or any such group member,
- (d) any trustee or manager or beneficiary or shareholder or partner or unitholder or other participant in or of that Investor or any investment fund or trust or partnership referred to in paragraph (c) above,
- (e) any directors or employees of that Investor or a member of its Investor Group or any trust or carried interest or similar partnership in which they or any of them participate, or
- (f) any person to whom the Investor, if it is an original party to the Investment Agreement, shall transfer shares by way of syndication of its investment, in whole or in part, or
- (g) a nominee or custodian for any of the above;
- "Permitted Option" means any Subscription Right granted after the Adoption Date with Investor Consent;
- "Permitted Transfer" mean a transfer of shares permitted by Articles 17 to 24 (inclusive);
- "Proposed Transferor" means a Proposed Transferor as defined in Article 24.2;
- "Register" means the register of members of the Company required to be maintained by the Companies Act;
- "Registered Office" means the registered office of the Company for the time being;
- "Related Party" means the following and each of them in relation to any member:
- (a) any person in which the relevant person (and/or persons falling within paragraph (b) of this definition) together has or between them have an interest in at least thirty per cent in number of its shares and/or capital and/or voting rights and/or the ability to control (in terms of procuring or preventing matters to be effected) its activities, and/or
- (b) any member of the family of the relevant person (where for these purposes family relationships shall be construed in the widest possible sense and shall include common

- law partners and relationships through adoption and step relationships) or any trust for the predominate benefit of that person and/or any members of his family, and/or
- (c) any associate or connected person of the relevant person not otherwise covered by the above;
- "Relevant Executive" means a director or employee of, or a consultant to, the Company or any member of the Group;
- "Relevant Parties" has the meaning given in Article 43.3;
- "Restricted Securities" shall have the meaning given in Article 19.3;
- "Sale" means (subject as provided below) the sale or transfer of any shares constituting at least ninety per cent of the issued equity share capital of the Company to a single purchaser or to one or more purchasers as part of a single transaction, or the acquisition (whether or not as part of a single transaction) of shares constituting such an interest by any person or group of persons who are connected persons of each other or who are acting in concert and who did not previously hold such an interest but excluding, unless otherwise agreed by Investor Consent (i) any sale or transfer of shares or interest in them as part of a Group Reorganisation and (ii) any sale or transfer of shares or an interest in them to, or acquisition (by subscription or otherwise) of shares or an interest in them by, any Investor(s) or persons or entities who in relation to any Investor fall within any of categories (a) (b) and (c) of the definition of Permitted Investor Transferee;
- "Secretary" means any secretary for the time being of the Company;
- "Senior Executive" means a Relevant Executive who is entitled (or who through any commitment to be entered into by any member of the Group, will become entitled), contingently or otherwise, to receive remuneration (including for this purpose all amounts paid by way of commission or bonus or under any profit sharing bonus or incentive scheme or by way of pensions contribution) in excess of £100,000 per annum or such increased amount as may from time to time have been approved by Investor Consent;
- "shareholder resolution" means any resolution passed by shareholders entitled to vote on it and which is effective for the purposes of the Companies Act and these Articles;
- "Special Director" and "Special Representative" means any Special Director or Special Representative appointed pursuant to Article 30;
- "Stretch Hurdle" means an amount equal to £12,500,000 in aggregate;
- "Subscription Rights" means any rights (whether under options, warrants on conversion of any indebtedness or otherwise) to call for the allotment or issue of any shares in the Company;
- "Time Condition" means any condition or conditions imposed by the Board in relation to an 'F' Ordinary Share on its Acquisition which requires the person Acquiring that 'F' Ordinary Share or holding that 'F' Ordinary Share and/or remaining a Relevant Executive (or in the case of a Relevant Member who is not that person, his related Relevant Executive remaining a Relevant Executive) to hold the relevant 'F' Ordinary Share for a designated future period of time;
- "Transfer Notice" means a Voluntary Transfer Notice or a Mandatory Transfer Notice, as the case may be;

"Transfer Value" means the value attributable to the shares comprised in any Transfer Notice determined as provided in Article 24.13;

"transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or the bankruptcy of the holder of the share or otherwise by operation of law;

"Vest" means in the context of the Time Conditions of an Equity Share, that its Time Conditions have been satisfied through the passing of the requisite Vesting Period and references to "Vested Shares" or "Vested" Equity Shares of a particular class and (correspondingly) "Unvested Shares" shall be construed accordingly;

"Vesting Period" means the period in which an Equity Share must continue to be held by the holder concerned and/or the period of continuity as a Relevant Executive before his Leaving Date to satisfy its Time Condition;

"Voluntary Transfer" means any transfer of shares other than a Mandatory Transfer; and

"Voluntary Transfer Notice" means a Transfer Notice other than a Mandatory Transfer Notice.

- 3. In these Articles references to:
  - (A) "attorney" shall include separately and in addition "agent" or "agency" as the context may admit and also shall be deemed to include (unless the context otherwise admits) a power for the attorney or agent to delegate his authority as he shall see fit,
  - (B) "document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,
  - (C) "electronic form" and "hard copy form" have the meanings respectively given in section 1168 of the Companies Act,
  - (D) a document being "executed" include references to its being executed under hand or under seal or as a deed or by any other method and "execution" shall be construed accordingly,
  - (E) an "instrument" means a document in hard copy form, and
  - (F) "writing" or "written" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.
- 4. In these Articles, any reference to a matter to be "Determined" or to be referred for "Determination", shall mean that the matter is to be determined by a Determiner as provided in Article 43.
- 5. In these Articles words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa, words denoting the masculine gender include the feminine gender and words denoting persons include any individual, firm, partnership, unincorporated association, company, corporation or other body corporate.
- 6. Where the context so admits, words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act as in force and operative on the Adoption Date and so that (without limitation):

- (A) the expressions "ordinary resolution" and "special resolution" shall have the meanings respectively given in section 283 of the Companies Act as in force on the Adoption Date,
- (B) the expressions "subsidiary" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the meaning given in sections 1159 and 1162 of the Companies Act, as read in conjunction with section 1161 of that Act, as in each case in force on the Adoption Date, and
- (C) references in these Articles to a "dormant subsidiary" of the Company are references to any subsidiary of the Company which at the relevant time is dormant for the purposes of section 480 (1)(a) or (b) of the Companies Act.
- 7. Except where expressly stated references in these Articles to any provision of any enactment or of any subordinate legislation (as defined by Section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978) include any modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.
- 8. For the purposes of these Articles a person will be "insolvent" or "bankrupt" if at the time in question (i) any expropriation, attachment, sequestration, distress or execution affects any material asset or assets of that person and has not been discharged, or (ii) the person is unable or admits inability to pay his or its debts as they fall due, suspends making payments on any of his or its debts or, by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulties, commences negotiations with or has arrangements in force with one or more of his or its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its indebtedness or (iii) any resolution to wind-up, administration application or notice of an intention to, or a notice to, appoint an administrator or receiver is outstanding in relation that person or a liquidator, receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, compulsory manager or other similar officer has been appointed in respect of that person or any of its material assets or (iv) that person has been adjudicated bankrupt or (v) any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction and is still outstanding For these purposes materiality shall be as reasonably determined by the Board.
- 9. For the purposes of these Articles a person will be suffering from a "mental disorder" if an order is made by any court of competent jurisdiction on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a guardian or receiver or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs or he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under any legislation relating to mental health.
- 10. The decision of the Board (acting with Investor Consent) or of an Investor Majority as to the status of a Leaver as a Good Leaver or Bad Leaver shall be conclusive and binding for the purposes of these Articles and may be amended at any time before any Mandatory Transfer Notice to which that status is relevant has been called or, if called, has been fully processed.
- 11. References in these Articles to
  - (A) a "connected person" of any person shall mean any connected person of that person for the purposes of sections 1122 and 1123 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 as in force on the Adoption Date,
  - (B) "control" shall mean control for the purposes of sections 993 to 995 (inclusive) of the Income Tax Act 2007 as in force on the Adoption Date, and
  - (C) "acting in concert" shall be construed in accordance with the City Code on Take-overs and Mergers published by the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers as in force on the Adoption Date.

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- 12. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in these Articles to (i) a "share" are to a share in the capital of the Company and (ii) a "member" or "holder" in relation to a share are to the person(s) whose name(s) are entered in the register of members of the Company as the holder of that share and references to a "shareholder" shall be construed accordingly.
- 13. Where a holder of 'A' Ordinary Shares and/or 'A1' Ordinary Shares and/or 'E' Ordinary is a limited partnership or a nominee on behalf of a limited partnership, the consent or direction of the general partner for the time being of that partnership or of the investment manager for the time being of such a partnership shall be a good and sufficient consent or direction on its behalf for the purposes of these Articles.
- 14. Except where expressly stated, references to the amount "paid up" on a share shall include (without prejudice to 583 of the Companies Act) all amounts credited as paid up on the share including any premium and "fully paid" means, in relation to a share, that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company (or as it shall direct) in respect of that share have been so paid.
- 15. The headings in these Articles are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect their construction.