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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF A
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

Company Number **10013770**

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

ICAP NEWCO PLC

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a public company, that the company is limited by shares, and the situation of its registered office is in England and Wales

Given at Companies House on **18th February 2016**



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Companies House



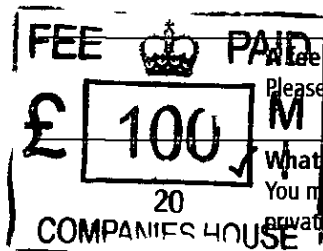
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REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES**

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Application to register a company



Companies House



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What this form is for
You may use this form to register a
private or public company

☒ What this form is NOT for
You cannot use this form to register a
limited liability partnership. To do
this, please use form LL IN01



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Part 1 Company details

A1 Company name

To check if a company name is available use our WebCheck service and select the 'Company Name Availability Search' option

www.companieshouse.gov.uk/info

Please show the proposed company name below

Proposed company
name in full ①

ICAP NEWCO PLC

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1 0 0 1 3 7 7 0

→ Filling in this form

Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals

All fields are mandatory unless
specified or indicated by *

① Duplicate names

Duplicate names are not permitted
A list of registered names can
be found on our website. There
are various rules that may affect
your choice of name. More
information on this is available in
our guidance booklet GP1 at
www.gov.uk/companieshouse

A2 Company name restrictions ②

Please tick the box only if the proposed company name contains sensitive
or restricted words or expressions that require you to seek comments of a
government department or other specified body

☐ I confirm that the proposed company name contains sensitive or restricted
words or expressions and that approval, where appropriate, has been
sought of a government department or other specified body and I attach a
copy of their response

② Company name restrictions

A list of sensitive or restricted
words or expressions that require
consent can be found in our
guidance booklet GP1 at
www.gov.uk/companieshouse

A3 Exemption from name ending with 'Limited' or 'Cyfyngedig' ③

Please tick the box if you wish to apply for exemption from the requirement to
have the name ending with 'Limited', 'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative

☐ I confirm that the above proposed company meets the conditions for
exemption from the requirement to have a name ending with 'Limited',
'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative

③ Name ending exemption

Only private companies that are
limited by guarantee and meet other
specific requirements or private
companies that are charities are
eligible to apply for this. For more
details, please go to our website
www.gov.uk/companieshouse

A4 Company type ④

Please tick the box that describes the proposed company type and members'
liability (only one box must be ticked)

- ☒ Public limited by shares
☐ Private limited by shares
☐ Private limited by guarantee
☐ Private unlimited with share capital
☐ Private unlimited without share capital

④ Company type

If you are unsure of your company's
type, please go to our website
www.gov.uk/companieshouse

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Situation of registered office ①

Please tick the appropriate box below that describes the situation of the proposed registered office (only one box must be ticked)

- ☒ England and Wales
☐ Wales
☐ Scotland
☐ Northern Ireland

① Registered office

Every company must have a registered office and this is the address to which the Registrar will send correspondence

For England and Wales companies, the address must be in England or Wales.

For Welsh, Scottish or Northern Ireland companies, the address must be in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively

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Registered office address ①

Please give the registered office address of your company

Building name/number 2 BROADGATE

Street

Post town LONDON

County/Region

Postcode E C 2 M 7 U R

① Registered office address

You must ensure that the address shown in this section is consistent with the situation indicated in section A5

You must provide an address in England or Wales for companies to be registered in England and Wales

You must provide an address in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland for companies to be registered in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively

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Articles of association ①

Please choose one option only and tick one box only

Option 1

I wish to adopt one of the following model articles in its entirety Please tick only **one** box

- ☐ Private limited by shares
☐ Private limited by guarantee
☐ Public company

Option 2

I wish to adopt the following model articles with additional and/or amended provisions I attach a copy of the additional and/or amended provision(s) Please tick only **one** box

- ☐ Private limited by shares
☐ Private limited by guarantee
☐ Public company

Option 3

☒ I wish to adopt entirely bespoke articles I attach a copy of the bespoke articles to this application

① For details of which company type can adopt which model articles, please go to our website www.gov.uk/companieshouse

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Restricted company articles ①

Please tick the box below if the company's articles are restricted

☐**① Restricted company articles**

Restricted company articles are those containing provision for entrenchment For more details, please go to our website www.gov.uk/companieshouse

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Part 2**Proposed officers**

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

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

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

Secretary**B1****Secretary appointments ①**

Please use this section to list all the secretary appointments taken on formation.
For a corporate secretary, complete Sections C1-C4

Title*	MS
Full forename(s)	DEBORAH ANNE
Surname	ABREHART
Former name(s) ②	

① Corporate appointments

For corporate secretary appointments, please complete section C1-C4 instead of section B.

Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one secretary, please use the 'Secretary appointments' continuation page.

② Former name(s)

Please provide any previous names (including maiden or married names) which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years.

B2**Secretary's service address ①**

Building name/number	THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE						
Street							
Post town							
County/Region							
Postcode							
Country							

① Service address

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of secretaries as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

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Corporate secretary

C1	Corporate secretary appointments ①	
	Please use this section to list all the corporate secretary appointments taken on formation	
Name of corporate body/firm		① Additional appointments If you wish to appoint more than one corporate secretary, please use the 'Corporate secretary appointments' continuation page Registered or principal address This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number
Building name/number		
Street		
Post town		
County/Region		
Postcode		
Country		
C2	Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm	
	Is the corporate secretary registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)?	
	→ Yes Complete Section C3 only	
	→ No Complete Section C4 only	
C3	EEA companies ②	
	Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register	
Where the company/firm is registered ③		② EEA A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance www.gov.uk/companieshouse ③ This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)
Registration number		
C4	Non-EEA companies	
	Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register	
Legal form of the corporate body or firm		④ Non-EEA Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered, you must also provide its number in that register
Governing law		
If applicable, where the company/firm is registered ④		
Registration number		

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Director

D1 Director appointments ①	
Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E4	
Title*	MR
Full forename(s)	MICHAEL ALAN
Surname	SPENCER
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	UNITED KINGDOM
Nationality	BRITISH
Month/year of birth ④	X X m 0 m 5 y 1 y 9 y 5 y 5
Business occupation (if any) ⑤	DIRECTOR

① Appointments
Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

② Former name(s)
Please provide any previous names (including maiden or married names) which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years.

③ Country/State of residence
This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

④ Month and year of birth
Please provide month and year only.

⑤ Business occupation
If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

Additional appointments
If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

D2 Director's service address ⑥	
Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.	
Building name/number	THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE
Street	
Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	

⑥ Service address
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

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Director

D1	Director appointments ^①	
	Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E4	
Title*	MR	
Full forename(s)	STUART JOHN	
Surname	BRIDGES	
Former name(s) ^②		
Country/State of residence ^③	ENGLAND	
Nationality	BRITISH	
Month/year of birth ^④	<div>X</div> <div>X</div> <div>m0</div> <div>m9</div> <div>y1</div> <div>y9</div> <div>y6</div> <div>y0</div>	
Business occupation (if any) ^⑤	DIRECTOR	

① Appointments
Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

② Former name(s)
Please provide any previous names (including maiden or married names) which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years.

③ Country/State of residence
This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

④ Month and year of birth
Please provide month and year only.

⑤ Business occupation
If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

Additional appointments
If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

D2	Director's service address ^①	
	Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4 .	
Building name/number	THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE	
Street		
Post town		
County/Region		
Postcode		
Country		

① Service address
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

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Director

D1	Director appointments ¹	
	Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E4	
Title*	MR	
Full forename(s)	CHARLES HENRY	
Surname	GREGSON	
Former name(s) ²		
Country/State of residence ³	ENGLAND	
Nationality	BRITISH	
Month/year of birth ⁴	<div>X X</div> <div>m0 m6</div> <div>y1 y9 y4 y7</div>	
Business occupation (if any) ⁵	DIRECTOR	

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

2 Former name(s)
Please provide any previous names (including maiden or married names) which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years.

3 Country/State of residence
This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

4 Month and year of birth
Please provide month and year only.

5 Business occupation
If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

D2	Director's service address ⁶	
	Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.	
Building name/number	THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE	
Street		
Post town		
County/Region		
Postcode		
Country		

6 Service address
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

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Corporate director

E1 Corporate director appointments ①

Please use this section to list all the corporate directors taken on formation

Name of corporate body or firm	
Building name/number	
Street	
Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Country	

① Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one corporate director, please use the 'Corporate director appointments' continuation page

Registered or principal address
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number

E2 Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm

Is the corporate director registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)?

→ Yes Complete **Section E3 only**

→ No Complete **Section E4 only**

E3 EEA companies ②

Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register

Where the company/firm is registered ③	
Registration number	

② EEA

A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance www.gov.uk/companieshouse

③ This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)

E4 Non-EEA companies

Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register

Legal form of the corporate body or firm	
Governing law	
If applicable, where the company/firm is registered ④	
If applicable, the registration number	

④ Non-EEA

Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered, you must also provide its number in that register

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Part 3 Statement of capital

Does your company have share capital?

→ Yes Complete the sections below

→ No Go to Part 4 (Statement of guarantee)

F1 Share capital in pound sterling (£)

Please complete the table below to show each class of shares held in pound sterling
If all your issued capital is in sterling, only complete Section F1 and then go to Section F4

Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ①	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ①	Number of shares ②	Aggregate nominal value ③
ORDINARY	£0 10	£0 00	1	£ 0 10
REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE	£0 10	£0 00	499999	£ 49,999 90
				£
				£
Totals			500000	£ 50,000 00

F2 Share capital in other currencies

Please complete the table below to show any class of shares held in other currencies
Please complete a separate table for each currency

Currency				
Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ①	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ①	Number of shares ②	Aggregate nominal value ③
Totals				

Currency				
Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ①	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ①	Number of shares ②	Aggregate nominal value ③
Totals				

F3 Totals

Please give the total number of shares and total aggregate nominal value of issued share capital

Total number of shares 500,000

Total aggregate nominal value ③ £50,000

③ Total aggregate nominal value
Please list total aggregate values in different currencies separately For example £100 + €100 + \$10 etc

① Including both the nominal value and any share premium

② Number of shares issued multiplied by nominal value of each share

③ Total number of issued shares in this class

Continuation Pages

Please use a Statement of Capital continuation page if necessary

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Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)

Please give the prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares for each class of share shown in the statement of capital share tables in Sections F1 and F2

Class of share

ORDINARY

Prescribed particulars

①

THE SHARES HAVE ATTACHED TO THEM FULL VOTING RIGHTS, THEY CONFER FULL DIVIDEND AND CAPITAL DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS (INCLUDING ON A LIQUIDATION OR WINDING UP, BUT SUBJECT TO PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS OF THE REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARES), THE SHARES ARE NOT REDEEMABLE

① Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares

The particulars are

- a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances,
- b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution,
- c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and
- d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder

A separate table must be used for each class of share

Continuation pages

Please use the next page or a 'Statement of Capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary

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Class of share	REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE	
Prescribed particulars ①	<p>THE SHARES DO NOT CONFER VOTING RIGHTS, THEY CONFER THE RIGHT TO A FIXED CUMULATIVE PREFERENTIAL DIVIDEND AND A PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RETURN OF CAPITAL ON A LIQUIDATION OR WINDING UP BUT THEY DO NOT CONFER ANY FURTHER RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PROFITS OR ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, THEY CONFER RIGHTS TO REDEMPTION (IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART), EXERCISABLE ON NOTICE BY BOTH THE PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS AND THE COMPANY</p>	<p>① Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares</p> <p>The particulars are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances, b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution, c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares. <p>A separate table must be used for each class of share</p> <p>Continuation pages</p> <p>Please use a 'Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary</p>

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Initial shareholdings

This section should only be completed by companies incorporating with share capital

Please complete the details below for each subscriber

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

Initial shareholdings

Please list the company's subscribers in alphabetical order

Please use an 'Initial shareholdings' continuation page if necessary

Subscriber's details	Class of share	Number of shares	Currency	Nominal value of each share	Amount (if any) unpaid	Amount paid
Name MR CHARLES GREGSON	ORDINARY	1	GBP	£0 10	0 00	£0 10
Address THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE	REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE	499,999	GBP	£0 10	0 00	£49,999 90
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						

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Part 4 Statement of guarantee

Is your company limited by guarantee?

→ Yes Complete the sections below

→ No Go to Part 5 (Consent to act)

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Subscribers

Please complete this section if you are a subscriber of a company limited by guarantee. The following statement is being made by each and every person named below.

I confirm that if the company is wound up while I am a member, or within one year after I cease to be a member, I will contribute to the assets of the company by such amount as may be required for

- payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before I cease to be a member,
- payment of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and,
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among ourselves, not exceeding the specified amount below

1 Name

Please use capital letters

2 Address

The addresses in this section will appear on the public record. They do not have to be the subscribers' usual residential address.

3 Amount guaranteed

Any valid currency is permitted

Continuation pages

Please use a 'Subscribers' continuation page if necessary

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) 1

Surname 1

Address 2

Postcode

Amount guaranteed 3

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) 1

Surname 1

Address 2

Postcode

Amount guaranteed 3

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) 1

Surname 1

Address 2

Postcode

Amount guaranteed 3

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Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	
Surname ①	
Address ②	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ③	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	
Surname ①	
Address ②	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ③	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	
Surname ①	
Address ②	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ③	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	
Surname ①	
Address ②	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ③	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	
Surname ①	
Address ②	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ③	

① Name

Please use capital letters.

② Address

The addresses in this section will appear on the public record. They do not have to be the subscribers' usual residential address.

③ Amount guaranteed

Any valid currency is permitted.

Continuation pages

Please use a 'Subscribers' continuation page if necessary.

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Part 5 Consent to act

H1 Consent statement

Please tick the box to confirm consent

☒ The subscribers confirm that each of the persons named as a director or secretary has consented to act in that capacity

Part 6 Statement of compliance

This section must be completed by all companies

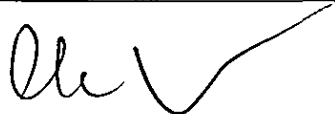
Is the application by an agent on behalf of all the subscribers?

- No Go to **Section I1** (Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers)
- Yes Go to **Section I2** (Statement of compliance delivered by an agent)

I1 Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers ¹

Please complete this section if the application is not delivered by an agent for the subscribers of the memorandum of association

I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with

Subscriber's signature	Signature X  X
Subscriber's signature	Signature X X
Subscriber's signature	Signature X X
Subscriber's signature	Signature X X
Subscriber's signature	Signature X X
Subscriber's signature	Signature X X

1 Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers
Every subscriber to the memorandum of association must sign the statement of compliance

Continuation pages
Please use a 'Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers' continuation page if more subscribers need to sign

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Statement of compliance delivered by an agent

Please complete this section if this application is delivered by an agent for the subscribers to the memorandum of association

Agent's name

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with

Agent's signature

Signature

X

X

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Presenter information

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name ALISON KIERNAN

Company name CLIFFORD CHANCE LLP

Address 10 UPPER BANK STREET

Post town LONDON

County/Region

Postcode E 1 4 5 J J

Country UNITED KINGDOM

DX 149120 Canary Wharf 3

Telephone 020 7006 1000



Certificate

We will send your certificate to the presenters address (shown above) or if indicated to another address shown below

- ☐ At the registered office address (Given in Section A6)
- ☐ At the agents address (Given in Section I2)



Checklist

We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing

Please make sure you have remembered the following

- ☒ You have checked that the proposed company name is available as well as the various rules that may affect your choice of name. More information can be found in guidance on our website
- ☒ If the name of the company is the same as one already on the register as permitted by The Company LLP and Business (Names and Trading Disclosures) Regulations 2015, please attach consent
- ☒ You have used the correct appointment sections
- ☒ Any addresses given must be a physical location. They cannot be a PO Box number (unless part of a full service address), DX or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number
- ☒ The document has been signed, where indicated
- ☒ All relevant attachments have been included
- ☒ You have enclosed the Memorandum of Association
- ☒ You have enclosed the correct fee



Important information

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



How to pay

A fee is payable on this form

Make cheques or postal orders payable to 'Companies House'. For information on fees, go to www.gov.uk/companieshouse



Where to send

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

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

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

For companies registered in Northern Ireland
The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Second Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street,
Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 8BG
DX 481 N R Belfast 1

Section 243 exemption

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



Further information

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

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

COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES INCORPORATED
UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
ICAP NEWCO PLC

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

Name of subscriber

Signature of subscriber

Mr Charles Henry Gregson



Dated

18 February 2016

Company No [•]

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT
2006

PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of
ICAP NEWCO PLC

Incorporated on [•] 2016

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PART 1
INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1 DEFINED TERMS

1 1 In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise

"**Act**" means the Companies Act 2006,

"**alternate director**" means the person appointed to that role pursuant to article 37.1 and "**alternate**" shall be construed accordingly,

"**appointor**" has the meaning given in article 37 1,

"**articles**" means the Company's articles of association,

"**auditors**" means the auditors from time to time of the Company,

"**bankruptcy**" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,

"**business day**" means a day (not being a Saturday or Sunday) on which clearing banks are open for business in London,

"**call**" has the meaning given in article 81 1,

"**call notice**" has the meaning given in article 81 1,

"**certificate**" means a paper certificate evidencing a person's title to specified shares or other securities,

"**certificated**" in relation to a share, means that it is not an uncertificated share,

"**chairman**" means the person appointed to that role pursuant to article 14 1,

"**chairman of the meeting**" has the meaning given in article 46 4,

"**clear days**" means, in relation to a period of notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect,

"**company**" includes any body corporate (not being a corporation sole) or association of persons, whether or not a company within the meaning of the Act,

"**Company**" means ICAP Newco plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales (registered number [•]),

"**Companies Acts**" means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Act), in so far as they apply to the Company,

"**company's lien**" has the meaning given in article 79 1,

"corporate representative" has the meaning given in article 61 1,

"director" means a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,

"Disclosure Rules and Transparency Rules" mean the disclosure rules made by the Financial Conduct Authority under Part VI of FSMA,

"distribution recipient" has the meaning given in article 102 5,

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

"FCA" means the Financial Conduct Authority or its successors from time to time,

"FSMA" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000,

"fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in respect of that share has been paid to the Company,

"holder" in relation to a share means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of that share,

"instrument" means a document in hard copy form,

"Issue Price" means the aggregate of the amount paid up (or credited as paid up) in respect of the nominal value in respect of the relevant share in the capital of the Company,

"lien enforcement notice" has the meaning given in article 80,

"Listing Rules" means the listing rules made by the FCA under Part VI of FSMA,

"London Stock Exchange" means London Stock Exchange plc,

"member" means a member of the Company,

"Model Articles" means the model articles for public companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 3 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2009/3229) as amended prior to the date on which the Company was incorporated,

"Ordinary Shareholder" means a person entered in the register of members of the Company as the holder for the time being of an Ordinary Share,

"Ordinary Shares" means the ordinary shares of 10 pence each in the capital of the Company, having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in the articles, and **"Ordinary Share"** shall be construed accordingly,

"paid" and **"paid up"** mean paid or credited as paid,

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 11 1 and **"participating director"** shall be construed accordingly,

"partly paid" in relation to a share means that part of that share's nominal value and any premium at which it was issued which has not been paid to the Company,

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 59.1,

"qualifying person" means an individual who is a member of the Company, a corporate representative in relation to a meeting or a person appointed as proxy of a member in relation to a meeting,

"Redeemable Preference Dividend" has the meaning given to it in Article 68 1;

"Redeemable Preference Dividend Payment Date" has the meaning given to it in Article 68 1,

"Redeemable Preference Shareholder" means a person entered in the register of members of the Company as the holder for the time being of a Redeemable Preference Share,

"Redeemable Preference Shares" means the cumulative redeemable preference shares of 10 pence each in the capital of the Company,

"Redemption Date" has the meaning given to it in Article 68 1 5,

"Redemption Sum" has the meaning given to it in Article 68 1 6,

"register" means the register of members of the Company kept under section 113 of the Act or the issuer register of members and Operator register of members maintained under Regulation 20 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations and, where the context requires, any register maintained by the Company or the Operator of persons holding any renounceable right of allotment of a share,

"seal" means the common seal of the Company or any official or securities seal that the Company may have or may be permitted to have under the Act,

"secretary" means the secretary of the Company and includes any joint, assistant or deputy secretary and a person appointed by the directors to perform the duties of the secretary,

"senior holder" means, in the case of a share held by two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register,

"shares" means shares in the Company,

"subsidiary undertaking" or **"parent undertaking"** is to be construed in accordance with section 1162 (and Schedule 7) of the Act and for the purposes of this definition, a subsidiary undertaking shall include any person the shares or ownership interests in which are subject to security and where the legal title to the shares or ownership interests so secured are registered in the name of the secured party or its nominee pursuant to such security,

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

"Uncertificated Securities Regulations" means the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, as amended from time to time, including any provisions of or under the Act which alter or replace such regulations,

"uncertificated" means, in relation to a share, a share title to which is recorded in the register as being held in uncertificated form and title to which, by virtue of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, may be transferred by means of a relevant system,

"uncertificated proxy instruction" means an instruction or notification sent by means of a relevant system and received by a participant in that system acting on behalf of the Company as the directors may prescribe, in such form and subject to such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the directors (subject always to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system concerned),

"Unpaid Redeemable Preference Dividend" has the meaning given to it in Article 68 1 2, and

"writing" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise

- 1 2 The expressions **"issuer register of members"**, **"Operator"**, **"Operator-instruction"**, **"Operator register of members"**, **"participating issuer"**, **"participating security"** and **"relevant system"** have the same meaning as in the Uncertificated Securities Regulations
- 1 3 Unless the context requires otherwise, words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning given by the Act as it is in force when the articles are adopted
- 1 4 All references in the articles to the giving of instructions by means of a relevant system shall be deemed to relate to a properly authenticated dematerialised instruction given in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations The giving of such instructions shall be subject to
 - 1 4 1 the facilities and requirements of the relevant system,
 - 1 4 2 the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, and
 - 1 4 3 the extent to which such instructions are permitted by or practicable under the rules and practices from time to time of the Operator of the relevant system
- 1 5 Where an ordinary resolution of the Company is expressed to be required for any purpose, a special resolution is also effective for that purpose
- 1 6 References to a **"meeting"** shall not be taken as requiring more than one person to be present if any quorum requirement can be satisfied by one person
- 1 7 The headings in the articles do not affect their interpretation
- 1 8 References to any statutory provision or statute include all modifications and re-enactments (with or without modification) to such provision or statute and all

subordinate legislation made under any such provision or statute, in each case for the time being in force This article 1 8 does not affect the interpretation of article 1 3

1 9 The *ejusdem generis* principle of construction shall not apply Accordingly, general words shall not be given a restrictive meaning by reason of their being preceded or followed by words indicating a particular class of acts, matters or things or by examples falling within the general words

1 10 In the articles, words importing one gender shall include each gender and a reference to a "spouse" shall include a reference to a civil partner under the Civil Partnership Act 2004

2 MODEL ARTICLES OR REGULATIONS NOT TO APPLY

No model articles or regulations contained in any statute or subordinate legislation, including those contained in the Model Articles, apply as the articles of association of the Company

3 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

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

PART 2 DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4 DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

4 1 Subject to the Act and the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company whether relating to the management of the business or not

4 2 No alteration of the articles invalidates anything which the directors have done before the alteration

4 3 The provisions of the articles giving specific powers to the directors do not limit the general powers given by this article 4

4 4 The directors can appoint a person (not being a director) to an office having the title including the word "director" or attach such a title to an existing office The directors can also terminate the appointment or use of that title Even though a person's title includes "director", this does not imply that they are (or are deemed to be) directors of the Company or that they can act as a director as a result of having such a title or be treated as a director of the Company for any of the purposes of the Act or the articles

4 5 The directors may in their discretion exercise (or cause to be exercised) the powers conferred by shares of another company held (or owned) by the Company or a power of appointment to be exercised by the Company (including the exercise of the voting power or power of appointment in favour of the appointment of a director as an officer or employee of that company)

- 4 6 Subject to the Act and the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, the directors may exercise the powers of the Company regarding keeping an overseas, local or other register and may make and vary regulations as they think fit concerning the keeping of such a register

5 **BORROWING POWERS**

The directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money without limit as to amount and upon such terms and in such manner as they think fit, and subject (in the case of any security convertible into shares) to section 549 of the Act to grant any mortgage, charge or other security over its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and, subject to the provisions of the Act, to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party

6 **MEMBERS' RESERVE POWER**

- 6 1 The Ordinary Shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action
- 6 2 No such special resolution invalidates anything that the directors have done before that resolution is passed

7 **DIRECTORS MAY DELEGATE**

- 7 1 Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of their powers, authorities and discretions
- 7 1 1 to such person or committee,
- 7 1 2 by such means (including by power of attorney),
- 7 1 3 to such an extent,
- 7 1 4 in relation to such matters or territories, and
- 7 1 5 on such terms and conditions,
- as they think fit
- 7 2 If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers, authorities and discretions by any person to whom they are delegated
- 7 3 If the directors delegate under article 7 1, they may retain or exclude the right to exercise the delegated powers, authorities and discretions together with that person or committee
- 7 4 Where a provision in the articles refers to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion by the directors and that power, authority or discretion has been delegated by the directors to a person or a committee under article 7 1, the provision shall be

construed as permitting the exercise of the power, authority or discretion by that person or committee

- 7 5 The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions

8 COMMITTEES

- 8 1 Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors

- 8 2 The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

9 DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

- 9 1 Decisions of the directors may be taken

9 1 1 at a directors' meeting, or

9 1 2 in the form of a directors' written resolution

10 CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

- 10 1 Any director may call a directors' meeting

- 10 2 The secretary must call a directors' meeting if a director so requests

- 10 3 A directors' meeting is called by giving notice of the meeting to the directors

- 10 4 Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate

10 4 1 its proposed date and time,

10 4 2 where it is to take place, and

10 4 3 if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting

- 10 5 Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing

- 10 6 Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to a director who waives his entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the Company at any time before or after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it

- 10 7 An alternate director is entitled to notice of all meetings of the directors and committees of which his appointor is a member

11 PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 11 1 Subject to the articles, directors "**participate**" in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when

11 1 1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and

11 1 2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting

- 11 2 In determining whether a director is participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where the director is or how he communicates with the others

- 11 3 If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

12 QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 12 1 At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting

- 12 2 Subject to article 18 3, the quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors and unless otherwise fixed it is two

- 12 3 An alternate director counts as one director for the purpose of deciding whether a quorum is present regardless of whether he is a director acting also as an alternate director or has been appointed as an alternate director by more than one director

13 MEETINGS WHERE TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECTORS LESS THAN QUORUM

- 13 1 This article 13 applies where the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum for directors' meetings

- 13 2 If there is only one director, that director may appoint sufficient directors to make up a quorum or may call a general meeting to do so

14 CHAIRING DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 14 1 The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings

- 14 2 The directors may appoint other directors as deputy or assistant chairmen to chair directors' meetings in the chairman's absence.

- 14 3 The directors may terminate the appointment of the chairman, deputy or assistant chairman at any time

- 14 4 If neither the chairman nor any director appointed generally to chair directors' meetings in the chairman's absence is participating in a meeting within five minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of their number to chair it

15 VOTING AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS: GENERAL RULES

- 15 1 Subject to the articles, a decision is taken at a directors' meeting by a majority of the votes of the participating directors

- 15 2 Subject to the articles, each director participating in a directors' meeting has one vote

16 CHAIRMAN'S CASTING VOTE AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 16 1 If the number of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote

- 16 2 But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes

17 ALTERNATES VOTING AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 17 1 A director who is also an alternate director has an additional vote on behalf of each appointor who

17 1 1 is not participating in a directors' meeting, and

17 1 2 would have been entitled to vote if he were participating in it

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

18 DIRECTORS' INTERESTS OTHER THAN IN RELATION TO TRANSACTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

- 18 1 The directors may authorise any matter proposed to them which would, if not so authorised, involve a breach of duty by a director under section 175 of the Act

- 18 2 Any authorisation under article 18 1 will be effective only if

18 2 1 any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting or part of the meeting at which the matter is considered is met without counting the director in question or any other director interested in the matter under consideration, and

18 2 2 the matter was agreed to without such directors voting or would have been agreed to if such directors' votes had not been counted

- 18 3 If, at a meeting at which the relevant matter is considered, there are insufficient directors to form a quorum as a result of article 18 2 2, one director entitled to vote on the matter under consideration shall constitute a quorum for that purpose

18 4 The directors may give any authorisation under article 18 1 upon such terms and conditions as they think fit The directors may vary or terminate any such authorisation at any time

18 5 For the purposes of articles 18 to 23 a conflict of interest includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties, and "interest" includes both direct and indirect interests

19 **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND ATTENDANCE AT DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

19 1 A director shall be under no duty to the Company with respect to any information which he obtains or has obtained otherwise than as a director of the Company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another person In particular the director shall not be in breach of the general duties he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act because he

19 1 1 fails to disclose any such information to the directors or to any director or other officer or employee of the Company, and/or

19 1 2 does not use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a director of the Company

However, to the extent that his relationship with that other person gives rise to a conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest, this article 19 1 applies only if the existence of that relationship has been authorised by the directors under article 18 1 (subject, in any such case, to any terms and conditions upon which such authorisation was given)

19 2 Where the existence of a director's relationship with another person has been authorised by the directors under article 18 1 and his relationship with that person gives rise to a conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest, the director shall not be in breach of the general duties he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act because he

19 2 1 absents himself from meetings of the directors or a committee of directors at which any matter relating to the conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest will or may be discussed or from the discussion of any such matter at a meeting or otherwise, and/or

19 2 2 makes arrangements not to receive documents and information relating to any matter which gives rise to the conflict of interest or possible conflict of interest sent or supplied by the Company,

for so long as he reasonably believes such conflict of interest (or possible conflict of interest) subsists

19 3 The provisions of articles 19 1 and 19 2 are without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse the director from

19 3 1 disclosing information, in circumstances where disclosure would otherwise be required under these articles, and/or

19 3 2 attending meetings or discussions or receiving documents and information as referred to in article 19 2, in circumstances where such attendance or receiving such documents and information would otherwise be required under these articles

20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN PROPOSED OR EXISTING TRANSACTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

20 1 A director who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company must declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors before the Company enters into the transaction or arrangement

20 2 A director who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement that has been entered into by the Company must declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors as soon as is reasonably practicable, unless the interest has already been declared under article 20 1

20 3 Any declaration required by article 20 1 may (but need not) be made

20 3 1 at a meeting of the directors,

20 3 2 by notice in writing in accordance with section 184 of the Act, or

20 3 3 by general notice in accordance with section 185 of the Act

20 4 Any declaration required by article 20 2 must be made

20 4 1 at a meeting of the directors,

20 4 2 by notice in writing in accordance with section 184 of the Act, or

20 4 3 by general notice in accordance with section 185 of the Act

20 5 If a declaration made under article 20 1 or 20 2 above proves to be, or becomes, inaccurate or incomplete, a further declaration must be made under article 20 1 or 20 2 as appropriate

20 6 A director need not declare an interest under this article 20

20 6 1 if it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest,

20 6 2 if, or to the extent that, the other directors are already aware of it (and for this purpose the other directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware),

20 6 3 if, or to the extent that, it concerns terms of his service contract that have been or are to be considered by a meeting of the directors or by a committee of the directors appointed for the purpose under these articles, or

20 6 4 if the director is not aware of his interest or is not aware of the transaction or arrangement in question (and for this purpose a director is treated as being aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware)

21 ABILITY TO ENTER INTO TRANSACTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY NOTWITHSTANDING INTEREST

21 1 Subject to the Act and provided that he has declared to the directors the nature and extent of any direct or indirect interest of his in accordance with article 20 or where article 20 6 applies and no declaration of interest is required, a director notwithstanding his office

21 1 1 may be a party to, or otherwise be interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is directly or indirectly interested,

21 1 2 may act by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor), and in any such case on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the directors may decide, or

21 1 3 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise be interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is directly or indirectly interested

22 REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

22 1 A director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any remuneration or other benefit which he derives from any office or employment or from any transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any body corporate

22 1 1 the acceptance, entry into or existence of which has been authorised by the directors under article 18 1 (subject, in any such case, to any terms and conditions upon which such authorisation was given), or

22 1 2 which he is permitted to hold or enter into by virtue of article 21 or otherwise under these articles,

nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act No transaction or arrangement authorised or permitted under articles 18 1 or 21 or otherwise under these articles shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit

23 GENERAL VOTING AND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

23 1 Save as otherwise provided by these articles, a director shall not vote on or be counted in the quorum in relation to a resolution of the directors or committee of the directors concerning a matter in which he has a direct or indirect interest which is, to his knowledge, a material interest (otherwise than by virtue of his interest in shares or debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through the Company), but this prohibition does not apply to a resolution concerning any of the following matters

- 23 1 1 the giving of a guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings,
 - 23 1 2 the giving of a guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which the director has assumed responsibility in whole or in part, either alone or jointly with others, under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security,
 - 23 1 3 a transaction or arrangement concerning an offer of shares, debentures or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for subscription or purchase, in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of which he is to participate,
 - 23 1 4 a transaction or arrangement to which the Company is or is to be a party concerning another company (including a subsidiary undertaking of the Company) in which he or any person connected with him is interested (directly or indirectly) whether as an officer, shareholder, creditor or otherwise (a "**relevant company**"), if he and any persons connected with him do not to his knowledge hold an interest in shares (as that term is used in sections 820 to 825 of the Act) representing one per cent or more of either any class of the equity share capital (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) in the relevant company or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant company,
 - 23 1 5 a transaction or arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings (including any pension fund or retirement, death or disability scheme) which does not award him a privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom it relates, or
 - 23 1 6 a transaction or arrangement concerning the purchase or maintenance of any insurance policy for the benefit of directors or for the benefit of persons including directors
- 23 2 A director shall not vote on or be counted in the quorum in relation to a resolution of the directors or committee of the directors concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of his appointment or its termination) as the holder of an office or place of profit with the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is directly or indirectly interested. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment or its termination) of two or more directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or a body corporate in which the Company is directly or indirectly interested, such proposals may be divided and a separate resolution considered in relation to each director. In that case, each of the directors concerned (if not otherwise debarred from voting under article 23) is entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
- 23 3 If a question arises at a meeting as to the materiality of a director's interest (other than the interest of the chairman of the meeting) or as to the entitlement of a director (other than the chairman) to vote or be counted in a quorum and the question is not resolved

by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, the question shall be referred to the chairman and his ruling in relation to the director concerned is conclusive and binding on all concerned

23 4 If a question arises at a meeting as to the materiality of the interest of the chairman of the meeting or as to the entitlement of the chairman to vote or be counted in a quorum and the question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, the question shall be decided by resolution of the directors or committee members present at the meeting (excluding the chairman) whose majority vote is conclusive and binding on all concerned

23 5 For the purposes of article 23, in relation to an alternate director, the interest of his appointor is treated as the interest of the alternate director in addition to any interest which the alternate director otherwise has Articles 18 to 23 apply to an alternate director as if he were a director otherwise appointed

23 6 The Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax the provisions of articles 18 to 23 to any extent Subject to the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution ratify any transaction or arrangement not properly authorised by reason of a contravention of articles 18 to 23

24 PROPOSING DIRECTORS' WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

24 1 Any director may propose a directors' written resolution

24 2 The secretary must propose a directors' written resolution if a director so requests

24 3 A directors' written resolution is proposed by giving written notice of the proposed resolution to each director

24 4 Notice of a proposed directors' written resolution must indicate

24 4 1 the proposed resolution,

24 4 2 the time by which it is proposed that the directors should adopt it, and

24 4 3 the manner in which directors can indicate their agreement in writing to it, for the purposes of article 25

25 ADOPTION OF DIRECTORS' WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

25 1 A proposed directors' written resolution is adopted when all directors who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution at a directors' meeting or committee meeting have signed one or more copies of it, or have otherwise indicated their agreement in writing to it, provided that those directors would have formed a quorum at such a meeting A director indicates his agreement in writing to a proposed directors' written resolution when the Company receives from him an authenticated document identifying the resolution to which it relates and indicating the director's agreement to the resolution, in accordance with section 1146 of the Act Once a director has so indicated his agreement, it may not be revoked

- 25 2 It is immaterial whether any director signs the resolution or otherwise indicates his agreement in writing to it before or after the time by which the notice proposed that it should be adopted
- 25 3 Where a director has indicated his agreement in writing to a directors' written resolution, his alternate, acting in that capacity does not need to indicate his agreement in writing to such resolution and an alternate's appointor does not need to indicate his agreement in writing to a resolution if his alternate, acting in that capacity, has indicated his agreement in writing
- 25 4 Once a directors' written resolution has been adopted, it must be treated as if it had been a decision taken at a directors' meeting or committee meeting in accordance with the articles
- 26 **DIRECTORS' DISCRETION TO MAKE FURTHER RULES**

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

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

27 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Unless and until otherwise decided by the Company by ordinary resolution the number of directors (other than alternate directors) must not be less than two and must not be more than 20

28 METHODS OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS

- 28 1 Subject to the articles, any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director
- 28 1 1 by ordinary resolution,
- 28 1 2 at a general meeting called under article 41 4
- 28 1 3 by a decision of the directors, or
- 28 1 4 under article 13 2 if the Company has only one director
- 28 2 A director appointed under article 28 1 3 or 28 1 4 must retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after his appointment unless he is reappointed during that meeting A director who retires in this way is not taken into account in determining the number of directors who are to retire by rotation at the meeting
- 28 3 Subject to the Act, the directors may appoint one or more directors to hold an executive office with the Company for such term and on such other terms and conditions as (subject to the Act) the directors think fit The directors may revoke or terminate an appointment, without prejudice to a claim for damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the Company or otherwise

- 28 4 Subject to the Act, the directors may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any director for the provision of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director Any such agreement or arrangement may be made on such terms and conditions as (subject to the Act) the directors think fit and (without prejudice to any other provision of the articles) they may remunerate any such director for such services as they think fit
- 28 5 The only persons who can be elected directors at a general meeting are the following:
- 28 5 1 a director who is retiring at the meeting,
- 28 5 2 a person who is recommended by the directors,
- 28 5 3 a person who has been proposed by a member (other than the person to be proposed) who is entitled to attend and to vote at the meeting The proposing member must provide written notice that he intends to propose the person for election and the notice must
- (a) be delivered at least seven days before the date of the meeting,
- (b) state the particulars which would be required to be included in the register of directors if the proposed director were appointed (or reappointed), and
- (c) be accompanied by notice given by proposed director of his willingness to be appointed (or reappointed)
- 28 6 A resolution for the appointment of two or more persons as directors by a single resolution is void unless a resolution that the resolution for appointment is proposed in this way has first been proposed by the meeting without a vote being given against it
- 28 7 A director need not be a member
- 28 8 All acts done by:
- 28 8 1 a meeting of the directors,
- 28 8 2 a meeting of a committee of the directors,
- 28 8 3 written resolution of the directors, or
- 28 8 4 a person acting as a director, alternate director or a committee,
- shall be valid notwithstanding that it is discovered afterwards that there was a defect in the appointment of a person or persons acting or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, had ceased to hold office or were not entitled to vote on the matter in question

29 ANNUAL RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

29 1 At the end of each annual general meeting held after the adoption of these articles all the directors shall retire from office unless appointed or reappointed at the meeting

29 2 A director who retires at an annual general meeting can be reappointed by members Subject to articles 29 4 and 29 5, if he is not reappointed (or deemed to be reappointed), he may remain a director until the meeting appoints someone in his place or, if it does not appoint anyone, until the end of the meeting

29 3 Subject to articles 29.4 and 29 5, if the Company does not fill the vacancy of a director who retires at an annual general meeting, the retiring director (if willing) will be deemed reappointed unless

29 3 1 it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacancy, or

29 3 2 a resolution for reappointment of the director is put to the meeting and lost

29 4 If

29 4 1 any resolution or resolutions for the appointment or reappointment of the persons eligible for appointment or reappointment as directors are put to the annual general meeting and lost, and

29 4 2 at the end of that meeting the number of directors is fewer than any minimum number of directors required under article 27, all retiring directors who stood for reappointment at that meeting (the "**retiring directors**") shall be deemed to have been reappointed as directors and shall remain in office, but the retiring directors

(a) may only act for the purposes of filling vacancies and convening general meetings of the Company and may only perform such duties as are appropriate to maintain the Company as a going concern and to comply with the Company's legal and regulatory obligations, and

(b) shall convene a general meeting as soon as reasonably practical following the meeting referred to in article 29 4 1 and they shall retire from office at that meeting if the number of directors appointed or ratified by the Company at that meeting is equal to or more than the minimum number of directors required under article 27

29 5 If at the end of the general meeting convened under article 29 4 2 the number of directors is fewer than any minimum number of directors required under article 27, the provisions of article 29 4 shall also apply in respect of such meeting

29 6 Subject to the Act, a person can be appointed (or remain) a director regardless of his age

30 TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT

30 1 In addition to any power of removal under the Act, the Company can by ordinary resolution remove a director even though his time in office has not ended (without

prejudice to a claim for damages for breach of contract or otherwise) and, subject to the articles, by ordinary resolution appoint a person to replace a director who has been removed in this way. A person appointed under this article to replace a director who has been removed, will be due to retire when the director he replaces would have been due to retire.

30 2 A person ceases to be a director as soon as

30 2 1 the period expires, if he has been appointed for a fixed period,

30 2 2 he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act, is removed from office under the articles or is prohibited from being a director by law,

30 2 3 a bankruptcy order is made against him,

30 2 4 a composition is made with his creditors generally in satisfaction of his debts,

30 2 5 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months and the directors resolve that he cease to be a director,

30 2 6 by reason of his mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have and the directors resolve that he cease to be a director,

30 2 7 both he and his alternate director appointed under the provisions of the articles (if any) are absent, without the permission of the directors, from directors' meetings for six consecutive months and the directors resolve that he cease to be a director,

30 2 8 he is removed from office by notice addressed to him at his last-known address and signed by all his co-directors (without prejudice to a claim for damages for breach of contract or otherwise), or

30 2 9 notification is received by the Company from the director that the director is resigning from office as director, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms

30 3 A resolution of the directors declaring a director to have ceased to be a director under the terms of this article is conclusive as to the fact and grounds of cessation stated in the resolution

30 4 If a director ceases to be a director for any reason, he shall cease to be a member of any committee of the directors

31 DIRECTORS' FEES

31 1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide

- 31 2 Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, directors (but not alternate directors) are entitled for their services to such total fees as the directors determine. But the total fees paid to directors must not exceed

31 2 1 £1,600,000 a year, or

31 2 2 any other sum decided by ordinary resolution

The total fees will be divided among the directors in the proportions that the directors decide. If no decision is made, the total fees will be divided equally. A fee payable under this article 31 2 is distinct from any salary, remuneration or other amount payable to a director under the articles or otherwise. Unless the directors determine otherwise, a fee payable under this article 31 2 accrues from day to day.

- 31 3 Subject to the Act and the articles, directors' fees may be payable in any form and, in particular, the directors may arrange for part of a fee payable under this article 31 to be provided in the form of fully paid shares of the Company. The amount of the fee payable in this way is at the directors' discretion. The amount of the fee will be applied to purchase or subscribe for shares on behalf of the director. The subscription price will be deemed to be the closing middle-market quotation for a fully paid share of that class as published in the Daily List of the London Stock Exchange on the day of subscription (or another quotation derived from another source as the directors decide).

- 31 4 Unless the directors decide otherwise, a director is not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which he receives as a director or other officer or employee of the Company's subsidiary undertakings or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.

32 DIRECTORS' ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION

- 32 1 The directors can pay additional remuneration (whether by way of salary, percentage of profits or otherwise) and expenses to any director who at the request of the directors

32 1 1 makes a special journey for the Company,

32 1 2 performs a special service for the Company, or

32 1 3 works abroad in connection with the Company's business

33 DIRECTORS' PENSIONS AND OTHER BENEFITS

- 33 1 The directors may decide whether to pay or provide (by insurance or otherwise)

33 1 1 pensions, retirement or superannuation benefits,

33 1 2 death, sickness or disability benefits,

33 1 3 gratuities; or

33 1 4 other allowances,

to any person who is or who was a director of

33 1 5 the Company,

33 1 6 a subsidiary undertaking of the Company;

33 1 7 any company which is or was allied to or associated with the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings, or

33 1 8 a predecessor in business of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings,

or to a member of his family including a spouse, former spouse or a person who is (or was) dependent on him

33 2 For the purpose of article 33 1, the directors may establish, maintain, subscribe and contribute to any scheme trust or fund and pay premiums. The directors may arrange for this to be done either by the Company alone or in conjunction with another person

34 REMUNERATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

34 1 An alternate director is not entitled to a fee from the Company for his services as an alternate director except such part of his appointor's fee as the appointor may direct by notice in writing to the Company

35 REMUNERATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

35 1 The salary or remuneration of a director appointed to hold employment or executive office in accordance with these articles may be:

35 1 1 a fixed sum,

35 1 2 wholly or partly governed by business done or profits made, or

35 1 3 as the directors decide.

This salary or remuneration may be in addition to or instead of a fee payable to him for his services as a director under these articles

36 DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

36 1 The Company may repay any reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses which a director properly incurs in performing his duties as director in connection with his attendance at.

36 1 1 directors' meetings,

36 1 2 committee meetings;

36 1 3 general meetings, or

36 1 4 separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of his responsibilities in relation to the Company

36 2 Subject to the Act, the directors may make arrangements to provide a director with funds to meet expenditure incurred (or to be incurred) by him for the purposes of

36 2 1 the Company,

36 2 2 enabling him to properly perform his duties as an officer of the Company, or

36 2 3 enabling him to avoid incurring any such expenditure

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

37 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF ALTERNATES

37 1 Any director (other than an alternate director) (the "**appointor**") may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other person approved by the directors and willing to act, to

37 1 1 exercise that director's powers, and

37 1 2 carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor

37 2 Subject to the articles, any appointment or removal of an alternate director must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors

37 3 The notice must

37 3 1 identify the proposed alternate, and

37 3 2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate director that the proposed alternate director is willing to act as the alternate director of the director giving the notice

37 4 An alternate director need not be a member of the Company

37.5 Any person appointed as an alternate director under this article 37 may act as an alternate director for more than one director

38 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

38 1 An alternate director has the same rights as his appointor, in relation to any directors' meeting or directors' written resolution

38 2 Except as the articles specify otherwise, alternate directors

38 2 1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors,

- 38 2 2 are liable for their own acts and omissions,
- 38 2 3 are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors, and
- 38 2 4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors
- 38.3 Subject to the articles, a person who is an alternate director but not a director
 - 38 3 1 may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating (but only if his appointor is not participating), and
 - 38 3 2 may sign a written resolution (but only if it is not signed by his appointor),
but may not be counted as more than one director for such purposes
- 39 **TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE DIRECTORSHIP**
 - 39 1 An alternate director's appointment as an alternate director terminates
 - 39 1 1 when his appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate,
 - 39 1 2 on the occurrence in relation to him of any event which, if it occurred in relation to his appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director,
 - 39 1 3 on the death of his appointor, or
 - 39 1 4 when his appointor's appointment as a director terminates, except that his appointment as an alternate director does not terminate when the appointor retires by rotation at a general meeting and is then re-appointed (or deemed reappointed) as a director at the same general meeting

PART 3 DECISION-MAKING BY MEMBERS

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 40 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**
 - 40 1 Subject to the Act, the Company must hold an annual general meeting in each period of six months beginning with the day following its accounting reference date (in addition to any other general meeting held in that period)
 - 40 2 The directors may decide where and when to hold annual general meetings
- 41 **CALLING GENERAL MEETINGS**
 - 41 1 The directors may call a general meeting whenever they think fit
 - 41 2 On the requirement of members under the Act, the directors must call a general meeting:

- 41 2 1 within 21 days from the date on which the directors become subject to the requirement, and
- 41 2 2 to be held on a date not more than 28 days after the date of the notice calling the meeting
- 41 3 At a general meeting called by a requisition (or by requisitionists), no business may be transacted except that stated by the requisition or proposed by the directors
- 41 4 A general meeting may also be called under this article 41 4 if
- 41 4 1 the Company has fewer than two directors, and
- 41 4 2 the director (if any) is unable or unwilling to appoint sufficient directors to make up a quorum or to call a general meeting to do so,
- then two or more members may call a general meeting (or instruct the secretary to do so) for the purpose of appointing one or more directors
- 42 NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**
- 42 1 At least 21 clear days' notice must be given to call an annual general meeting Subject to the Act, at least 14 clear days' notice must be given to call all other general meetings
- 42 2 Notice of a general meeting must be given to
- 42 2 1 the members (other than any who, under the provisions of the articles or the terms of allotment or issue of shares, are not entitled to receive notice),
- 42 2 2 the directors,
- 42 2 3 beneficial owners nominated to enjoy information rights under the Act, and
- 42 2 4 the auditors
- 42 3 The directors may decide that persons entitled to receive notices of a general meeting are those on the register at the close of business on a day the directors decide However, if the Company is a participating issuer, the day decided by the directors must be no more than 21 days before the day the relevant notice is being sent
- 42 4 The notice of a general meeting must specify a time (which must not be more than 48 hours, excluding any part of a day that is not a working day, before the time fixed for the meeting) by which a person must be entered on the register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting Changes to entries on the register after the time specified in the notice will be disregarded in deciding the rights of any person to attend or vote
- 42 5 The accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting or to send, supply or make available any document or information relating to a meeting to, or the non receipt of any such notice, document or information by, a person entitled to receive

any such notice, document or information will not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting

- 42.6 Subject to the Act, if the directors decide that it is impractical or unreasonable for any reason to hold a general meeting at the time, date or place set out in the notice for calling the meeting, they can move or postpone the meeting (or both). Subject to the Act, if the directors do this, an announcement of the time, date and place of the re-arranged meeting will, if practical, be published in at least two national newspapers in the United Kingdom. Notice of the business of the meeting does not need to be given again. The directors must take reasonable steps to ensure that any member trying to attend the meeting at the original time, date and/or place is informed of the new arrangements. If a meeting is re-arranged in this way, proxy forms can be delivered as specified in article 60. The directors can also move or postpone (or both) the re-arranged meeting under this article.

43 ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 43 1 The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak and vote at it.
- 43 2 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 43 3 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.
- 43 4 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 43 5 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when
- 43 5 1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
- 43 5 2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.

44 MEETING SECURITY

- 44 1 The directors may make any arrangement and impose any restriction they consider appropriate to ensure the security of a general meeting including the searching of a person attending the meeting and the restriction of the items of personal property that may be taken into the meeting place.
- 44 2 The directors may authorise one or more persons, including a director or the secretary or the chairman of the meeting, to
- 44 2 1 refuse entry to a meeting to a person who refuses to comply with these arrangements or restrictions, and

44 2 2 eject from a meeting any person who causes the proceedings to become disorderly

45 **QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**

45 1 No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending the meeting do not constitute a quorum

45 2 If the Company has only one member entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting, one qualifying person present at the meeting and entitled to vote is a quorum

45 3 Subject to the Act and article 45 4, in all cases other than that in article 45 2 two qualifying persons present at the meeting and entitled to vote are a quorum

45 4 One qualifying person present at the meeting and entitled to vote

45 4 1 both in his own capacity as a member and as a corporate representative of one or more corporations, each of which is a member entitled to attend and vote upon the business to be transacted at the meeting,

45 4 2 as the corporate representative of two or more corporations, each of which is a member entitled to attend and vote upon the business to be transacted at the meeting,

45 4 3 both in his own capacity as a member and as a proxy duly appointed by one or more members entitled to attend and vote upon the business to be transacted at the meeting, or

45 4 4 as a proxy duly appointed by two or more members entitled to attend and vote upon the business to be transacted at the meeting,

is a quorum

46. **CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS**

46 1 If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so

46 2 If the chairman is absent and the directors have appointed a deputy or assistant chairman, then the senior of them shall act as the chairman

46 3 If the directors have not appointed a chairman (or deputy or assistant chairman), or if the chairman (or deputy or assistant chairman) is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within five minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start

46 3 1 the directors present, or

46 3 2 (if no directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a director or member to chair the meeting. If only one director is present and willing and able to act, he shall be the chairman. The appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

46 4 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "**the chairman of the meeting**".

47 **CONDUCT OF MEETING**

47 1 Without prejudice to any other power which he may have under the articles or at common law, the chairman of the meeting may take such action as he thinks fit to promote the orderly conduct of the business of the meeting as specified in the notice of meeting. His decision on matters of procedure or arising incidentally from the business of the meeting will be final, as will be his decision as to whether any matter is of such a nature

47 2 If it appears to the chairman of the meeting that the meeting place specified in the notice calling the meeting is inadequate to accommodate all members entitled and wishing to attend, the meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid if the chairman is satisfied that adequate facilities are available to ensure that a member who is unable to be accommodated is able to

47 2 1 participate in the business for which the meeting has been called,

47 2 2 exercise his rights to speak and to vote at the meeting in accordance with article 43,

47 2 3 hear and see all persons present who speak (whether by the use of microphones, loud-speakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise), whether in the meeting place or elsewhere, and

47 2 4 be heard and seen by all other persons present in the same way

48 **ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-MEMBERS**

48 1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings whether or not they are members

48 2 The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not

48 2 1 members of the Company, or

48 2 2 otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of members in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting if he considers it will assist the deliberations of the meeting

49 **DISSOLUTION AND ADJOURNMENT IF QUORUM NOT PRESENT**

49 1 If a general meeting was requisitioned by members and the persons attending the meeting within 5 minutes of the time at which the meeting was due to start (or such longer time as the chairman of the meeting decides to wait) do not constitute a

quorum, or if during the meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting is dissolved

49 2 In the case of a general meeting other than one requisitioned by members, if the persons attending the meeting within 5 minutes of the time at which the meeting was due to start (or such longer time as the chairman of the meeting decides to wait) do not constitute a quorum, or if during the meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it

49 3 The continuation of a general meeting adjourned under article 49 2 for lack of quorum is to take place either

49 3 1 on a day that is not less than 14 days but not more than 28 days after it was adjourned and at a time and/or place specified for the purpose in the notice calling the meeting, or

49 3 2 where no such arrangements have been specified, on a day that is not less than 14 days but not more than 28 days after it was adjourned and at such time and/or place as the chairman of the meeting decides (or, in default, the directors decide)

49 4 In the case of a general meeting to take place under article 49 3 2, the Company must give not less than seven clear days' notice of any adjourned meeting and the notice must state the quorum requirement

49 5 At an adjourned meeting the quorum is one qualifying person present and entitled to vote. If a quorum is not present within five minutes from the time fixed for the start of the meeting, the adjourned meeting is dissolved

50 ADJOURNMENT IF QUORUM PRESENT

50 1 The chairman may, with the consent of a general meeting at which a quorum is present (and must, if so directed by the meeting), adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period

50 2 Without prejudice to any other power which he may have under the provisions of the articles or at common law, the chairman of the meeting may, without the consent of the general meeting, interrupt or adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period if he decides that it has become necessary to do so in order to

50 2 1 secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting,

50 2 2 give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity of speaking and voting at the meeting, or

50 2 3 ensure that the business of the meeting is properly disposed of

51 NOTICE OF ADJOURNED MEETING

51 1 Whenever a general meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more or for an indefinite period under article 50 at least seven clear days' notice shall be given to

- 51 1 1 the members (other than any who, under the provisions of the articles or the terms of allotment or issue of the shares, are not entitled to receive notice),
- 51 1 2 the directors,
- 51 1 3 beneficial owners nominated to enjoy information rights under the Act, and
- 51 1 4 the auditors

Except in these circumstances it is not necessary to give notice of a general meeting adjourned under article 50 or of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting

- 51 2 The directors may decide that persons entitled to receive notice of an adjourned meeting in accordance with this article 51 are those persons entered on the register at the close of business on a day determined by the directors. However, if the Company is a participating issuer, the day decided by the directors may not be more than 21 days before the day that the relevant notice of meeting is being sent.
- 51 3 The notice of an adjourned meeting given in accordance with this article 51 shall also specify a time (which shall not be more than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time fixed for the meeting) by which a person must be entered on the register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting. Changes to entries on the register after the time so specified in the notice will be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote

52 BUSINESS AT ADJOURNED MEETING

- 52 1 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

53 VOTING: GENERAL

- 53 1 A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles
- 53 2 Subject to special rights or restrictions as to voting attached to any class of shares by or in accordance with the articles, on a vote on a resolution
 - 53 2 1 on a show of hands at a meeting
 - (a) every qualifying person (not being a proxy) present and entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote, and
 - (b) every proxy present who has been appointed by a member entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote, except where
 - (i) that proxy has been appointed by more than one member entitled to vote on the resolution, and

- (11) the proxy has been instructed
 - (A) by one or more of those members to vote for the resolution and by one or more of those members to vote against the resolution, or
 - (B) by one or more of those members to vote in the same way on the resolution (whether for or against) and one or more of those members has permitted the proxy discretion as to how to vote,

in which case, the proxy has one vote for and one vote against the resolution, and

53 2 2 on a poll taken at a meeting, every qualifying member present and entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote in respect of each share held by the relevant member

53 3 In the case of joint holders of a share, only the vote of the senior holder who votes (or any proxy duly appointed by him) may be counted by the Company

53 4 A member in respect of whom an order has been made by a court or official having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) that he is or may be suffering from mental disorder or is otherwise incapable of running his affairs may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his guardian, receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised for that purpose and appointed by the court. A guardian, receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised for that purpose and appointed by the court may vote by proxy if evidence (to the satisfaction of the directors) of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote is received at the registered office of the Company (or at another place specified in accordance with the articles for the delivery or receipt of forms of appointment of a proxy) or in any other manner specified in the articles for the appointment of a proxy within the time limits prescribed by the articles for the appointment of a proxy for use at the meeting, adjourned meeting or poll at which the right to vote is to be exercised

53 5 In the case of an equality of votes whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting shall not be entitled to a casting vote

53 6 The Company is not obliged to verify that a proxy or corporate representative has acted in accordance with the terms of his appointment and any failure to so act in accordance with the terms of his appointment shall not affect the validity of any proceedings at a meeting of the Company

54 CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION

54 1 Subject to article 56 1 2, on a vote on a show of hands a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that the resolution has or has not been passed, or has or has not been passed by a particular majority, is conclusive evidence of that fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution

- 54 2 An entry in respect of such a declaration in minutes of the meeting recorded in accordance with section 355 of the Act is also conclusive evidence of that fact without such proof

55 **ERRORS AND DISPUTES**

- 55 1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of a voter or to the counting of, or failure to count, a vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered Every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid

- 55 2 Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision is final An objection only invalidates the decision of a meeting if in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting, it is of sufficient magnitude to affect the decision of the meeting

56 **DEMANDING A POLL**

- 56 1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded

56 1 1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or

56 1 2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared

- 56 2 A poll may be demanded by

56 2 1 the chairman of the meeting;

56 2 2 five or more qualifying persons having the right to vote on the resolution,

56 2 3 a qualifying person (or qualifying persons) representing in total not less than 10 per cent of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares), or

56 2 4 a qualifying person (or qualifying persons) representing shares conferring a right to vote on a resolution, being shares on which a total sum has been paid up equal to not less than 10 per cent of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares)

- 56 3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if

56 3 1 the poll has not yet been taken, and

56 3 2 the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal

A demand so withdrawn validates the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting will continue as if the demand had not been made

57 PROCEDURE ON A POLL

- 57 1 Subject to the articles, polls at general meetings must be taken when, where and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs
- 57 2 The chairman of the meeting may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and decide how and when the result of the poll is to be declared
- 57 3 The result of a poll shall be the decision of the general meeting in respect of the resolution on which the poll was demanded
- 57 4 A poll on
- 57 4 1 the election of the chairman of the meeting, or
- 57 4 2 a question of adjournment,
- must be taken immediately
- 57 5 Other polls must be taken within 30 clear days of their being demanded
- 57 6 A demand for a poll (other than on the election of the chairman of the meeting or on a question of adjournment) does not prevent a general meeting from continuing, except as regards the question on which the poll was demanded
- 57 7 No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately if the time, date and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded
- 57 8 In any other case, at least seven clear days' notice must be given specifying the time, date and place at which the poll is to be taken
- 57 9 On a poll taken at a general meeting of the Company, a qualifying person present and entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way

58 APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

- 58 1 A member may appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all (or any) of his rights to attend and to speak and to vote (both on a show of hands and on a poll) on
- 58 1 1 a resolution,
- 58 1 2 an amendment of a resolution, or
- 58 1 3 on other business arising at a general meeting of the Company
- Unless the contrary is stated in it, the appointment of a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to exercise all such rights, as the proxy thinks fit
- 58 2 A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a general meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to different shares held by the member

- 58 3 When two or more valid but differing appointments of proxy are received for the same share for use at the same general meeting, the one which is last validly delivered or received (regardless of its date or 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.
- 58 4 A proxy need not be a member.
- 58 5 The appointment of a proxy shall (unless the contrary is stated in it) be valid for an adjournment of the general meeting as well as for the meeting to which it relates.
- 58 6 The appointment of a proxy shall be valid for 12 months from the date of execution or, in the case of an appointment of proxy delivered by electronic means, for 12 months from the date of delivery unless otherwise specified by the directors.
- 58 7 Subject to the Act and the Listing Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, the Company may send a form of appointment of proxy to all or none of the persons entitled to receive notice of and to vote at a meeting. If sent, the form shall provide for three way voting on all resolutions (other than procedural resolutions) set out in the notice of meeting.

59 CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES

- 59 1 Subject to article 59 2, the appointment of a proxy (a "**proxy notice**") shall be in writing in any usual form (or in another form approved by the directors) and shall be
- 59 1 1 signed by the appointor or his duly appointed attorney, or
- 59 1 2 if the appointor is a company, executed under its seal or signed by its duly authorised officer or attorney or other person authorised to sign.
- 59 2 Subject to the Act, the directors may accept a proxy notice received by electronic means on such terms and subject to such conditions as they consider fit.
- 59 3 A proxy notice received by electronic means shall not be subject to the requirements of article 59 1.
- 59 4 For the purposes of articles 59 1 and 59 2, the directors may require such reasonable evidence they consider necessary to determine
- 59 4 1 the identity of the member and the proxy, and
- 59 4 2 where the proxy is appointed by a person acting on behalf of the member, the authority of that person to make the appointment.

60 DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

- 60 1 Any notice of a general meeting must specify the address or addresses ("**proxy notification address**") at which the Company or its agents will receive proxy notices relating to that meeting, or any adjournment of it, delivered in hard copy or by electronic means.

- 60 2 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been received by the Company by or on behalf of that person
- 60 3 Subject to articles 60 4 and 60 5, a proxy notice must be received at a proxy notification address not less than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is not a working day) before the general meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates
- 60 4 In the case of
- 60 4 1 a general meeting adjourned for not more than 48 hours, or
- 60 4 2 a poll not taken during the general meeting but taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded,
- the proxy notice must be received by not later than the adjourned meeting or the meeting at which the poll was demanded
- 60 5 In the case of
- 60 5 1 a meeting adjourned for less than 28 days but more than 48 hours, or
- 60 5 2 a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded,
- the proxy notice must be received at a proxy notification address not less than 24 hours (excluding any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time appointed for the holding of the adjourned meeting or the taking of the poll
- 60 6 In relation to any shares which are held in uncertificated form, the directors may permit appointments of a proxy to be made by electronic means in the form of an uncertificated proxy instruction and may permit supplements to, or amendments or revocations of, any such uncertificated proxy instruction to be made
- 60 7 The directors may prescribe the method of determining the time at which any such uncertificated proxy instruction (and/or other instruction or notification) is to be treated as received by the Company or a participant acting on its behalf
- 60 8 The directors may treat any such uncertificated proxy instruction which purports to be or is expressed to be sent on behalf of a holder of a share as sufficient evidence of the authority of the person sending that instruction to send it on behalf of that holder

61 CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

- 61 1 In accordance with the Act, a corporation which is a member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise a person or persons to act as its representative or representatives at any general meeting of the Company (a "corporate representative")
- 61 2 A director, the secretary or other person authorised for the purpose by the secretary may require a corporate representative to produce a certified copy of the resolution of authorisation before permitting the corporate representative to exercise his powers

62 TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY

62 1 The termination of the authority of a person to act as proxy or as a corporate representative does not affect

62 1 1 whether he counts in deciding whether there is a quorum at a general meeting,

62 1 2 the validity of anything he does as chairman of a meeting,

62 1 3 the validity of a poll demanded by him at a general meeting, or

62 1 4 the validity of a vote given by that person,

unless the Company receives notice of the termination at the proxy notification address not later than the last time at which a proxy notice should have been received in order to be valid for use at the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than at or on the same day as the general meeting or adjourned meeting) for use on the holding of the poll at which the vote is cast

63 AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

63 1 No amendment to a resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution (other than an amendment to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error) may be considered or voted on unless either

63 1 1 at least 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is not a working day) before the time appointed for holding the general meeting or adjourned meeting at which the ordinary resolution is to be considered, notice of the terms of the amendment and intention to move it has been received at the registered office of the Company, or

63 1 2 the chairman of the meeting in his absolute discretion decides that the amendment may be considered or voted on

If an amendment proposed to a resolution under consideration is ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting the proceedings on the substantive resolution are not invalidated by an error in his ruling

63 2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if

63 2 1 the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and

63 2 2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution

63 3 If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution

RESTRICTIONS ON MEMBERS' RIGHTS

64 NO VOTING OF SHARES ON WHICH MONEY OWED TO COMPANY

Unless the directors decide otherwise, no voting rights (or other rights conferred by membership in relation to a meeting or poll) attached to a share may be exercised at any general meeting, at any adjournment of it, or on any poll called at or in relation to it, unless all amounts payable to the Company in respect of that share have been paid

APPLICATION OF RULES TO CLASS MEETINGS AND RIGHTS

65 VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS

65 1 Subject to the Act, the rights attached to a class of shares may be varied or abrogated (whether or not the Company is being wound up) either with the consent in writing of the holders of at least three quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the issued shares of that class validly held in accordance with article 65 3 and other relevant provisions of the articles

65 2 The rights attached to a class of shares are not, unless otherwise expressly provided for in the rights attaching to those shares, deemed to be varied by the creation, allotment or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* with or subsequent to them or by the purchase or redemption by the Company of its own shares in accordance with the Act

65 3 Subject to sections 334(2), 334(2A) and section 334(3) of the Act, a separate meeting for the holders of a class of shares must be called and conducted as nearly as possible in the same way as a general meeting, except that

65 3 1 no member is entitled to notice of it or to attend unless he is a holder of shares of that class,

65 3 2 no vote may be cast except in respect of a share of that class,

65 3 3 the quorum at a meeting (other than an adjourned meeting) is two qualifying persons present and holding at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares),

65 3 4 the quorum at an adjourned meeting is one qualifying person present and holding shares of that class, and

65 3 5 any qualifying person holding shares of that class present may demand a poll

66 FAILURE TO DISCLOSE INTERESTS IN SHARES

66 1 Where notice is served by the Company under section 793 of the Act (a "**section 793 notice**") on a member, or another person appearing to be interested in shares held by that member, and the member or other person has failed in relation to any shares (the "**default shares**", which expression includes any shares allotted or issued after the date of the section 793 notice in respect of those shares) to give the Company the

information required within the prescribed period from the date of service of the section 793 notice, the following sanctions apply, unless the directors otherwise decide

- 66 1 1 the member shall not be entitled in respect of the default shares to be present or to vote (either in person, by proxy or by corporate representative) at a general meeting or at a separate meeting of the holders of a class of shares or on a poll, and
- 66 1 2 where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent in nominal value of the issued shares of their class (excluding any share of their class held as treasury shares)
 - (a) a dividend (or any part of a dividend) or other amount payable in respect of the default shares shall be withheld by the Company, which has no obligation to pay interest on it, and the member shall not be entitled to elect, under article 108, to receive shares instead of a dividend, and
 - (b) no transfer of any certificated default shares shall be registered unless the transfer is an excepted transfer or
 - (i) the member is not himself in default in supplying the information required, and
 - (ii) the member proves to the satisfaction of the directors that no person in default in supplying the information required is interested in any of the shares the subject of the transfer
- 66 2 For the purpose of enforcing the sanction in article 66 1 2(b), the directors may give notice to the member requiring the member to change default shares held in uncertificated form to certificated form by the time stated in the notice. The notice may also state that the member may not change any default shares held in certificated form to uncertificated form. If the member does not comply with the notice, the directors may require the Operator to convert default shares held in uncertificated form into certificated form in the name and on behalf of the member in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations
- 66 3 The sanctions under article 66 1 cease to apply seven days after the earlier of
 - 66 3 1 receipt by the Company of notice of an excepted transfer, but only in relation to the shares thereby transferred, and
 - 66 3 2 receipt by the Company, in a form satisfactory to the directors, of all the information required by the section 793 notice
- 66 4 Where, on the basis of information obtained from a member in respect of a share held by him, the Company issues a section 793 notice to another person, it shall at the same time send a copy of the section 793 notice to the member, but the accidental omission to do so, or the non-receipt by the member of the copy, does not invalidate or otherwise affect the application of articles 66 1 or 66 2

66 5 For the purposes of this article 66

66 5 1 a person, other than the member holding a share, shall be treated as appearing to be interested in that share if the member has informed the Company that the person is or may be interested, or if the Company (after taking account of information obtained from the member or, under a section 793 notice, from anyone else) knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person is or may be so interested,

66 5 2 "**interested**" shall be construed as it is for the purpose of section 793 of the Act,

66 5 3 reference to a person having failed to give the Company the information required by a section 793 notice, or being in default in supplying such information, includes

- (a) reference to his having failed or refused to give all or any part of it, and
- (b) reference to his having given information which he knows to be false in a material particular or having recklessly given information which is false in a material particular,

66 5 4 the "**prescribed period**" means 14 days, and

66 5 5 an "**excepted transfer**" means, in relation to shares held by a member

- (a) a transfer pursuant to acceptance of a takeover offer for the Company (within the meaning of section 974 of the Act), or
- (b) a transfer in consequence of a sale made through a recognised investment exchange (as defined in the FSMA 2000) or through another stock exchange on which shares in the capital of the Company are normally traded, or
- (c) a transfer which is shown to the satisfaction of the directors to be made in consequence of a sale of the whole of the beneficial interest in the shares to a person who is unconnected with the member or with any other person appearing to be interested in the shares

66 6 The provisions of this article are in addition and without prejudice to the provisions of the Act

PART 4
SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS
ISSUE OF SHARES

67 ORDINARY AND REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARE CAPITAL

67 1 The share capital of the Company at the adoption of these articles is divided into Ordinary Shares and Redeemable Preference Shares

67 2 The Ordinary Shares and the Redeemable Preference Shares shall constitute separate classes of shares

68 REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARE RIGHTS

68 1 The Redeemable Preference Shares shall not constitute equity share capital for the purposes of section 548 of the Act and shall have the following rights

68 1 1 A fixed, cumulative, preferential dividend of one per cent per annum of the Issue Price (the "**Redeemable Preference Dividend**") shall accrue on each Redeemable Preference Share on a yearly basis from the date of Issue (and accordingly no such Redeemable Preference Dividend shall accrue for any period of less than one calendar year) The accrued Redeemable Preference Dividend (if any) shall be paid in accordance with the articles on any date specified by the directors from time to time (each, a "**Redeemable Preference Dividend Payment Date**")

68 1 2 If on a Redeemable Preference Dividend Payment Date, the Company is unable to pay the aggregate amount of the Redeemable Preference Dividend in full, the Company shall pay to the Redeemable Preference Shareholders the maximum sum (if any) which the Company can lawfully pay in respect of the Redeemable Preference Dividend (such sum to be divided pro rata between the Redeemable Preference Shareholders in proportion as nearly as possible to each Redeemable Preference Shareholder's holding of Redeemable Preference Shares on the Redeemable Preference Dividend Payment Date) and the Company shall pay the balance of the Redeemable Preference Dividend (the "**Unpaid Redeemable Preference Dividend**") (whether in one or more instalments) as soon after the Redeemable Preference Dividend Payment Date as it can lawfully do so Any Unpaid Redeemable Preference Dividend shall be carried forward and paid in priority to the Redeemable Preference Dividend payable on any later date

68 1 3 Any accrued Redeemable Preference Dividend, including any Unpaid Redeemable Preference Dividend, shall be paid in priority to any dividends payable in respect of the Ordinary Shares

68 1 4 The Redeemable Preference Shares do not confer any further rights of participation in the profits or assets of the Company, save that if there is a return of capital on winding-up of the Company or otherwise, the assets of the Company available for distribution amongst the Members shall be applied first

in repaying in full each holder of Redeemable Preference Shares the amount of the Issue Price of each Redeemable Preference Share and an amount equal to any accrued Redeemable Preference Dividend and any Unpaid Redeemable Preference Dividend on those shares (to be calculated up to and including the date of return of capital) in priority to the holders of the Ordinary Shares

68 1 5 Subject to the Act, a Redeemable Preference Shareholder (in respect of all of the Redeemable Preference Shares held by him, and not some only) or the Company (in respect of all of the Redeemable Preference Shares, and not some only) may redeem the Redeemable Preference Shares in accordance with these articles at any time by serving notice in writing on the other party, specifying the number of Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed, a date between 14 and 28 days later (the "**Redemption Date**") on which the redemption is to take place

68 1 6 On the Redemption Date the Company shall pay in cash (after deduction of any tax which the Company is required to deduct by law) in respect of each Redeemable Preference Share to be redeemed

(a) an amount equal to 100 per cent of the Issue Price, and

(b) a sum equal to any accrued Preference Dividend and any Unpaid Preference Dividend (calculated up to and including the Redemption Date)

The total amount payable under this Article 68 1 6 in respect of the Redeemable Preference Shares to be redeemed being the "**Redemption Sum**"

68 1 7 The Redemption Sum shall be paid to (or to the order of) each Redeemable Preference Shareholder in respect of those Redeemable Preference Shares which are to be redeemed against receipt of the relevant share certificate (or an indemnity in respect thereof in a form satisfactory to the Directors) Payment shall be made in such manner as is agreed between the Company and the relevant Redeemable Preference Shareholder and in the absence of such agreement, by cheque to the relevant Redeemable Preference Shareholder's last known address

68 1 8 The Company shall cancel the share certificates in respect of the redeemed Redeemable Preference Shares and shall issue fresh certificates without charge in respect of any Redeemable Preference Shares or any relevant other shares which remain outstanding, within 14 days of the Redemption Date

68 1 9 If by reason of the provisions of the Act the Company is unable to redeem all the Redeemable Preference Shares falling for redemption on a relevant Redemption Date, the Company shall redeem as many of the Redeemable Preference Shares on the Redemption Date as can consistently with the Act be properly redeemed (the redemption of the Redeemable Preference Shares being pro rata between Redeemable Preference Shareholders in proportion as nearly as possible to each Redeemable Preference Shareholder's holding of Redeemable Preference Shares) and shall redeem the balance as soon

thereafter as the Company can lawfully do so (whether in one or more instalments)

68 1 10 If any Redemption Date or Redeemable Preference Dividend Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then the Redemption Date shall be the next following day which is a Business Day

68 1 11 Redeemable Preference Shareholders shall have no right to attend, speak or vote, either in person or by proxy, at any general meeting of the Company in respect of the Redeemable Preference Shares (save where required by law) and shall not be entitled to receive any notice of meeting

68 1 12 The Company may from time to time create, allot and issue further shares, whether ranking *pari passu* with, in priority to or deferred to the Redeemable Preference Shares, and such creation, allotment or issue of any such further shares (whether or not ranking in any respect in priority to the Redeemable Preference Shares and whether or not the same confer on the holders voting rights more favourable than those conferred by the Redeemable Preference Shares) shall be deemed not to involve a variation of the rights attaching to Redeemable Preference Shares for any purpose. A reduction in the share capital (whether or not issued or fully or partly paid up) of the Company or the other capital reserves of the Company shall not involve a variation of the rights attaching to the Redeemable Preference Shares for any purpose, and the Company shall be authorised at any time to reduce its share capital (whether or not issued or fully or partly paid up) or its other capital reserves (subject in each case to the confirmation of the Court to the extent required by and in accordance with the Companies Acts) without obtaining the consent of the holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares.

69 ALLOTMENT

69 1 Subject to the Act and relevant authority given by the Company in general meeting, the directors have general and unconditional authority to allot, grant options over, or otherwise dispose of, unissued shares of the Company or rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares, to such persons, at such times and on such terms as the directors may decide, except that no share may be issued at a discount

69 2 The directors may at any time after the allotment of a share, but before a person has been entered in the register as the holder of the share, recognise a renunciation of the share by the allottee in favour of another person and may grant to an allottee a right to effect a renunciation on such terms and conditions as the directors think fit

70 POWERS TO ISSUE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARE

70 1 Subject to the Act and the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the Company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution. If no such resolution is passed or if the relevant resolution does not make specific provision, the directors may determine these rights and restrictions

- 70 2 Subject to the Act, the Company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares

71 RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS ATTACHING TO SHARES

If rights and restrictions attaching to shares are determined by ordinary resolution or by the directors under article 70, those rights and restrictions shall apply in place of any rights or restrictions that would otherwise apply by virtue of the Act in the absence of any provisions in the articles, as if those rights and restrictions were set out in the articles

72 PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS ON SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

- 72 1 Subject to the Act, the Company may pay any person a commission in consideration for that person

72 1 1 subscribing, or agreeing to subscribe, for shares, or

72 1 2 procuring, or agreeing to procure, subscriptions for shares

- 72 2 Subject to the Act, any such commission may be paid

72 2 1 in cash, or in fully paid or partly paid shares or other securities, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and

72 2 2 in respect of a conditional or an absolute subscription

INTERESTS IN SHARES

73 COMPANY NOT BOUND BY LESS THAN ABSOLUTE INTERESTS

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

SHARE CERTIFICATES

74. CERTIFICATES TO BE ISSUED EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CASES

- 74 1 Except where otherwise provided in the articles, the Company must issue each member with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that member holds within

74 1 1 two months of allotment or lodgement with the Company of a transfer to him of those shares,

74 1 2 two months after the relevant Operator instruction is received by the Company, or

74 1 3 any other period as the terms of issue of the shares provide

74 2 This article does not apply to

74 2 1 uncertificated shares,

74 2 2 shares in respect of which a share warrant has been issued, or

74 2 3 shares in respect of which the Companies Acts permit the Company not to issue a certificate

74 3 Except as otherwise specified in the articles, all certificates must be issued free of charge

74 4 No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class

74 5 If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it Delivery of a certificate to the senior holder shall constitute delivery to all of the holders of the share

75 CONTENTS AND EXECUTION OF CERTIFICATES

75 1 Every certificate must specify

75 1 1 in respect of how many shares and of what class it is issued,

75 1 2 the nominal value of those shares,

75 1 3 the amount paid up on them,

75 1 4 any distinguishing numbers assigned to them, and

75 1 5 any information required by the FCA

75 2 Certificates must

75 2 1 be executed under the Company's seal, which may be affixed or printed on it, or

75 2 2 be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts

76 CONSOLIDATED CERTIFICATES

76 1 When a member's holding of shares of a particular class increases, the Company may issue that member with

76 1 1 a single, consolidated certificate in respect of all the shares of a particular class which that member holds, or

76 1 2 a separate certificate in respect of only those shares by which that member's holding has increased

76 2 When a member's holding of shares of a particular class is reduced, the Company must ensure that the member is issued with one or more certificates in respect of the

number of shares held by the member after that reduction. But the Company need not (in the absence of a request from the member) issue any new certificate if

76 2 1 all the shares which the member no longer holds as a result of the reduction, and

76 2 2 none of the shares which the member retains following the reduction, were, immediately before the reduction, represented by the same certificate

76 3 A member may request the Company, in writing, to replace

76 3 1 the member's separate certificates with a consolidated certificate, or

76 3 2 the member's consolidated certificate with two or more separate certificates representing such proportion of the shares as the member may specify

76.4 When the Company complies with such a request it may charge such reasonable fee as the directors may decide for doing so

76 5 A consolidated certificate or separate certificates must not be issued unless any certificates which they are to replace have first been returned to the Company for cancellation or the holder has complied with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity as the directors decide

77 REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES

77 1 Subject to having first complied with the obligations in articles 77.2 2 and 77 2 3, if a certificate issued in respect of a member's shares is

77 1 1 damaged or defaced, or

77 1 2 said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

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

77 2 A member exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate

77 2 1 may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates,

77 2 2 must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced, and

77 2 3 must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide

SHARES NOT HELD IN CERTIFICATED FORM

78 UNCERTIFICATED SHARES

78 1 In this article, "**the relevant rules**" means

- 78 1 1 any applicable provision of the Companies Acts about the holding, evidencing of title to, or transfer of shares other than in certificated form, and
- 78 1 2 any applicable legislation, rules or other arrangements made under or by virtue of such provision including the Uncertificated Securities Regulations
- 78 2 The provisions of this article have effect subject to the relevant rules
- 78 3 Where a class of shares is a participating security, the articles only apply to an uncertificated share of that class to the extent that they are consistent with
 - 78 3 1 the holding of shares of that class in uncertificated form,
 - 78 3 2 the transfer of title of that class by means of a relevant system, and
 - 78 3 3 the relevant rules
- 78 4 The directors have the power to resolve that a class of shares may become a participating security and/or that a class of shares may cease to be a participating security Any share or class of shares of the Company may be issued or held on such terms, or in such a way, that
 - 78 4 1 title to it or them is not, or must not be, evidenced by a certificate, or
 - 78 4 2 it or they may or must be transferred wholly or partly without a certificate
- 78 5 A member may, in accordance with the relevant rules, change a share of a class which is a participating security from a certificated share to an uncertificated share and from an uncertificated share to a certificated share
- 78 6 The directors have power to take such steps as they think fit in relation to
 - 78 6 1 the evidencing of and transfer of title to uncertificated shares (including in connection with the issue of such shares),
 - 78 6 2 any records relating to the holding of uncertificated shares,
 - 78 6 3 the conversion of certificated shares into uncertificated shares, or
 - 78 6 4 the conversion of uncertificated shares into certificated shares
- 78 7 The Company may by notice to the holder of a share require that share
 - 78 7 1 if it is uncertificated, to be converted into certificated form by the time stated on the notice, and
 - 78 7 2 if it is certificated, not be converted into uncertificated form,
 to enable it to be dealt with in accordance with the articles
- 78 8 If the member does not comply with the notice, the directors may require the Operator to convert the shares held in uncertificated form into certificated form in the name and on behalf of the member in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations

- 78 9 If
- 78 9 1 the articles give the directors power to take action, or require other persons to take action, in order to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of shares, and
- 78 9 2 uncertificated shares are subject to that power, but the power is expressed in terms which assume the use of a certificate or other written instrument,
- the directors may take such action as is necessary or expedient to achieve the same results when exercising that power in relation to uncertificated shares
- 78 10 In particular, the directors may take such action as they consider appropriate to achieve the sale, transfer, disposal, forfeiture, re-allotment or surrender of an uncertificated share or otherwise to enforce a lien in respect of it
- 78 11 Unless the directors otherwise determine, shares which a member holds in uncertificated form must be treated as separate holdings from any shares which that member holds in certificated form
- 78 12 A class of shares must not be treated as two classes simply because some shares of that class are held in certificated form and others are held in uncertificated form

PARTLY PAID SHARES

79 COMPANY'S LIEN OVER PARTLY PAID SHARES

- 79 1 The Company has a lien (the "**company's lien**") over every share which is partly paid for any part of
- 79 1 1 that share's nominal value, and
- 79 1 2 any premium at which it was issued,
- which has not been paid to the Company, and which is payable immediately or at some time in the future, whether or not a call notice has been sent in respect of it
- 79 2 The company's lien over a share
- 79 2 1 takes priority over any third party's interest in that share, and
- 79 2 2 extends to any dividend or other money payable by the Company in respect of that share and (if the lien is enforced and the share is sold by the Company) the proceeds of sale of that share
- 79 3 The directors may at any time decide that a share which is or would otherwise be subject to the Company's lien shall not be subject to it, either wholly or in part Unless otherwise agreed with the transferee, the registration of a transfer of a share operates as a waiver of the Company's lien (if any) on that share solely for the purposes of the transfer

80 ENFORCEMENT OF THE COMPANY'S LIEN

80 1 Subject to the provisions of this article, if

80 1 1 a lien enforcement notice has been given in respect of a share, and

80 1 2 the person to whom the notice was given has failed to comply with it,

the Company may sell that share in such manner as the directors decide

80 2 A lien enforcement notice

80 2 1 must be in writing,

80 2 2 may only be given in respect of a share which is subject to the company's lien, in respect of which a sum is payable and the due date for payment of that sum has passed,

80 2 3 must specify the share concerned,

80 2 4 must require payment of the sum payable within 14 days of the notice,

80 2 5 must be addressed either to the holder of the share or to a person entitled to it by reason of the holder's death, bankruptcy or otherwise, and

80 2 6 must state the company's intention to sell the share if the notice is not complied with

80 3 Where shares are sold under this article

80 3 1 the directors may authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser, and

80 3 2 the transferee is not bound to see to the application of the purchase money, and the transferee's title is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the sale

80 4 The net proceeds of any such sale (after payment of the costs of sale and any other costs of enforcing the lien) must be applied

80 4 1 first, in payment or towards satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien exists, and

80 4 2 secondly, to the person entitled to the shares immediately before the sale, but only after the certificate for the shares sold has been surrendered to the Company for cancellation, or a suitable indemnity has been given for any lost certificates

80 5 A statutory declaration by a director or the secretary that the declarant is a director or the secretary and that a share has been sold to satisfy the Company's lien on a specified date

80 5 1 is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and

80 5 2 subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share

81 CALL NOTICES

81 1 Subject to the articles and the terms on which shares are allotted, the directors may send a notice (a "**call notice**") to a member requiring the member to pay the Company a specified sum of money (a "**call**") which is payable in respect of shares which that member holds at the date of the call notice

81 2 A call notice

81 2 1 may not require a member to pay a call which exceeds the total sum unpaid on that member's shares (whether as to the share's nominal value or any amount payable to the Company by way of premium),

81 2 2 must state the date by which it is to be paid (the "**due date for payment**") and how any call to which it relates it is to be paid, and

81 2 3 may permit or require the call to be paid by instalments

81 3 A member must comply with the requirements of a call notice, but no member is obliged to pay any call before 14 days have passed since the notice was given.

81 4 Before the Company has received any call due under a call notice the directors may

81 4 1 revoke it wholly or in part, or

81 4 2 specify a later time for payment than is specified in the call notice,

by a further notice in writing to the member in respect of whose shares the call is made

81 5 Delivery of a call notice to the senior holder shall constitute delivery to all of the holders of the share

82 LIABILITY TO PAY CALLS

82 1 Liability to pay a call is not extinguished or transferred by transferring the shares in respect of which it is required to be paid

82 2 Joint holders of a share are jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of that share

82 3 Subject to the terms on which shares are allotted, the directors may, when issuing shares, provide that call notices sent to the holders of those shares may require them.

82 3 1 to pay calls which are not the same, or

82 3 2 to pay calls at different times

83 **WHEN CALL NOTICE NEED NOT BE ISSUED**

83 1 A call notice need not be issued in respect of sums which are specified, in the terms on which a share is issued, as being payable to the Company in respect of that share (whether in respect of nominal value or premium)

83 1 1 on allotment;

83 1 2 on the occurrence of a particular event, or

83 1 3 on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue,

each a "**due date for payment**"

83 2 But if the due date for payment of such a sum has passed and it has not been paid, the holder of the share concerned at the due date for payment is treated in all respects as having failed to comply with a call notice in respect of that sum, and is liable to the same consequences as a person having failed to comply with a call notice as regards the payment of interest and forfeiture

84 **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CALL NOTICE: AUTOMATIC CONSEQUENCES**

84 1 If a person is liable to pay a call and fails to do so by the due date for payment

84 1 1 the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture to that person, and

84 1 2 until the call is paid, that person must pay the Company interest on the call from the due date for payment to the actual date of payment (both dates inclusive) at the relevant rate

84 2 For the purposes of this article the "**relevant rate**" is

(a) the rate fixed by the terms on which the share in respect of which the call is due was allotted or issued,

(b) if no rate is fixed under (a), such other rate as was fixed in the call notice which required payment of the call, or has otherwise been determined by the directors, or

(c) if no rate is fixed in either of these ways, 5 per cent per annum

84 3 The relevant rate must not exceed 20 per cent per annum

84 4 The directors may waive any obligation to pay interest on a call wholly or in part

85 **PAYMENT OF UNCALLED AMOUNT IN ADVANCE**

85 1 The directors may, in their discretion, accept from a member some or all of the uncalled amounts which are unpaid on shares held by him

85 2 A payment in advance of a call extinguishes, to the extent of the payment, the liability of the member on the shares in respect of which the payment is made

85 3 The Company may pay interest on the amount paid in advance (or that portion of it that exceeds the amount called on shares)

85 4 The directors may decide this interest rate which must not exceed 15 per cent per annum

86 NOTICE OF INTENDED FORFEITURE

86 1 A notice of intended forfeiture

86 1 1 must be in writing,

86 1 2 may be sent in respect of any share in respect of which a call has not been paid as required by a call notice,

86 1 3 must be sent to the holder of that share or to a person entitled to it by reason of the holder's death, bankruptcy or otherwise,

86 1 4 must require payment of the call and any accrued interest (and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of non-payment) by a date which is not less than 14 days after the date of the notice,

86 1 5 must state how the payment is to be made, and

86 1 6 must state that if the notice is not complied with, the shares in respect of which the call is payable will be liable to be forfeited

87 DIRECTORS' POWER TO FORFEIT SHARES

If a notice of intended forfeiture is not complied with before the date by which payment (including interest, costs, charges and expenses) of the call is required in the notice of intended forfeiture, the directors may decide that any share in respect of which it was given is forfeited, and the forfeiture is to include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.

88 EFFECT OF FORFEITURE

88 1 Subject to the articles, the forfeiture of a share extinguishes:

88 1 1 all interests in that share, and all claims and demands against the Company in respect of it, and

88 1 2 all other rights and liabilities incidental to the share as between the person whose share it was prior to the forfeiture and the Company

88 2 Any share which is forfeited in accordance with the articles

88 2 1 is deemed to have been forfeited when the directors decide that it is forfeited,

88 2 2 is deemed to be the property of the Company; and

88 2 3 may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of as the directors think fit

88 3 If a person's shares have been forfeited

88 3 1 the Company must send that person notice that forfeiture has occurred, but no forfeiture is invalidated by an omission to give such notice, and record it in the register of members,

88 3 2 that person ceases to be a member in respect of those shares,

88 3 3 that person must surrender the certificate (if any) for the shares forfeited to the Company for cancellation,

88 3 4 that person remains liable to the Company for all sums payable by that person under the articles at the date of forfeiture in respect of those shares, including any interest at the relevant rate set out in article 85 (whether accrued before or after the date of forfeiture) and costs, charges and expenses, and

88 3 5 the directors may waive payment of such sums wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal

88 4 At any time before the Company disposes of a forfeited share, the directors may decide to cancel the forfeiture on payment of all calls and interest due in respect of it and on such other terms as they think fit

89 PROCEDURE FOLLOWING FORFEITURE

89 1 If a forfeited share is to be disposed of by being transferred, the Company may receive the consideration for the transfer and the directors may authorise any person to transfer a forfeited share to a new holder. The Company may register the transferee as the holder of the share

89 2 A statutory declaration by a director or the secretary that the declarant is a director or the secretary and that a share has been forfeited on a specified date

89 2 1 is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and

89 2 2 subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the share

89 3 A person to whom a forfeited share is transferred is not bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any) nor is that person's title to the share affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the forfeiture or transfer of the share

89 4 If the Company sells a forfeited share, the person who held it prior to its forfeiture is entitled to receive from the Company the proceeds of such sale, net of any interest, expenses or commission, and excluding any amount which

89 4 1 was, or would have become, payable, and

89 4 2 had not, when that share was forfeited, been paid by that person in respect of that share,

but no interest is payable to such a person in respect of such proceeds and the Company is not required to account for any money earned on them

90 SURRENDER OF SHARES

90 1 A member may surrender any share

90 1 1 in respect of which the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture,

90 1 2 which the directors may forfeit, or

90 1 3 which has been forfeited

90 2 The directors may accept the surrender of any such share

90 3 The effect of surrender of a share is the same as the effect of forfeiture of that share

90 4 A share which has been surrendered may be dealt with in the same way as a share which has been forfeited

UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS

91 POWER OF SALE

91 1 Subject to the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, the Company may sell the share of a member or of a person entitled by transmission at the best price reasonably obtainable at the time of sale, if

91 1 1 during a period of not less than 12 years before the date of publication of the advertisements referred to in article 91 1 3 (or, if published on two different dates, the first date) (the "**relevant period**") at least three cash dividends have become payable in respect of the share,

91 1 2 throughout the relevant period no cheque, warrant or money order payable on the share has been presented by the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the share to the paying bank of the relevant cheque, warrant or money order, no payment made by the Company by any other means permitted by article 102 1 has been claimed or accepted and, so far as any director of the Company at the end of the relevant period is then aware, the Company has not at any time during the relevant period received any communication from the holder of, or person entitled by transmission to, the share;

91 1 3 the Company has given notice of its intention to sell the share by advertisement in a national newspaper and in a newspaper circulating in the area of the address of the holder of, or person entitled by transmission to, the share shown in the register, and

- 91 1 4 the Company has not, so far as the directors are aware, during a further period of three months after the date of the advertisements referred to in article 91 1 3 (or the later advertisement if the advertisements are published on different dates) and before the exercise of the power of sale received a communication from the holder of, or person entitled by transmission to, the share
- 91 2 Where a power of sale is exercisable over a share under this article 91 (a "**sale share**"), the Company may at the same time also sell any additional share issued in right of such sale share or in right of such an additional share previously so issued provided that the requirements of articles 91 1 2 to 91 1.4 (as if the words "throughout the relevant period" were omitted from article 91 1 2) have been satisfied in relation to the additional share
- 91 3 To give effect to a sale under articles 91 1 or 91 2, the directors may authorise any person to transfer the share in the name and on behalf of the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the share, or to cause the transfer of such share, to the purchaser or his nominee and in relation to an uncertificated share may require the Operator to convert the share into certificated form in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations The purchaser is not bound to see to the application of the purchase money and the title of the transferee is not affected by an irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings connected with the sale of the share

92 APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE

- 92 1 The Company shall be indebted to the member or other person entitled by transmission to the share for the net proceeds of sale and shall credit any amount received on sale to a separate account
- 92 2 The Company is deemed to be a debtor and not a trustee in respect of that amount for the member or other person
- 92 3 Any amount credited to the separate account may either be employed in the business of the Company or invested as the directors may think fit
- 92 4 No interest is payable on that amount and the Company is not required to account for money earned on it

TRANSFERS AND TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

93 TRANSFERS OF SHARES

- 93 1 Subject to this article and article 66, shares of the Company are free from any restriction on transfer In exceptional circumstances approved by the FCA, the directors may refuse to register a transfer of certificated shares provided that such refusal would not disturb the market in those shares
- 93 2 Certificated shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in writing in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of
- 93 2 1 the transferor, and

93 2 2 (if any of the shares is partly paid) the transferee

93 3 No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share

93 4 Subject to the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, the transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.

93 5 Subject to the requirements of the Listing Rules (if applicable to the Company), the directors may, in their absolute discretion, refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share which is not fully paid or the transfer of a certificated share on which the Company has a lien

93 6 The directors may also, in their absolute discretion, refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share or a renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment of a share unless all of the following conditions are satisfied

93 6 1 it is in respect of only one class of shares,

93 6 2 it is in favour of (as the case may be) a single transferee or renouncee or not more than four joint transferees or renouncees,

93 6 3 it is duly stamped (if required), and

93 6 4 it is delivered for registration to the registered office of the Company or such other place as the directors may decide, accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates (except in the case of a person to whom the Company is not required by sections 769, 776, 777 or 778 of the Act to issue a certificate, or in the case of a renunciation) and such other evidence as the directors may reasonably require to prove the title 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

93 7 If the directors refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share or renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment, the instrument of transfer or renunciation must be returned to the transferee or renouncee as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the transfer or renunciation was lodged with the Company with the notice of refusal and reasons for refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer or renunciation may be fraudulent

93 8 Subject to article 118, the Company may retain all instruments of transfer which are registered

94 TRANSFERS OF UNCERTIFICATED SHARES

94 1 Uncertificated shares may be transferred in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations

94 2 In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, the Operator of the relevant system shall register a transfer of

94 2 1 title to any uncertificated share, or

94 2 2 any renounceable right of allotment of a share which is a participating security held in uncertificated form,

unless the Uncertificated Securities Regulations permit the Operator of the relevant system to refuse to register such a transfer in certain circumstances in which case the Operator of the relevant system may refuse such registration in such circumstances

94 3 In accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, if the Operator of the relevant system refuses to register the transfer of

94 3 1 an uncertificated share, or

94 3 2 any uncertificated renounceable right of allotment of a share,

it must, as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the relevant system-member instruction or issuer instruction (as the case may be) was received by the Operator, send notice of the refusal to the relevant system-member or participating issuer (as the case may be)

94 4 In accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, where title to an uncertificated share is transferred by means of a relevant system to a person who is to hold such share in certificated form after such transfer, the Company as participating issuer must register the transfer in accordance with the relevant Operator-instruction, but so that the Company may refuse to register such a transfer in any circumstance permitted by the Uncertificated Securities Regulations

94 5 In accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, if the Company as participating issuer refuses to register the transfer of title to an uncertificated share transferred by means of a relevant system to a person who is to hold such share in certificated form after such transfer, it must, as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the Operator-instruction was received by the Company, send notice of the refusal to the transferee

95 TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

95 1 If title to a share passes to a transferee, the Company may only recognise the transferee as having any title to a share held by that member alone or to which he was alone entitled. In the case of a share held jointly by two or more persons, the Company may recognise only the survivor or survivors as being entitled to it

95 2 Nothing in these articles releases the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of a share solely or jointly held by that member

96 TRANSMITTEES' RIGHTS

96 1 Where a person becomes entitled by transmission to a share, the rights of the holder in relation to a share cease

- 96 2 A transmittee may give an effective receipt for dividends and other sums payable in respect of that share
- 96 3 A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares, subject to the Act, as the directors may properly require
- 96 3 1 may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
- 96 3 2 subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had
- 96 4 But transmittees do not have the right to receive notice of or exercise rights conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company (or at a separate meeting of the holders of a class of shares) in respect of shares to which they are entitled by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares

97 EXERCISE OF TRANSMITTEES' RIGHTS

- 97 1 Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in writing of that wish
- 97 2 If the share is a certificated share and a transmittee wishes to have it transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
- 97 3 If the share is an uncertificated share and the transmittee wishes to have it transferred to another person, the transmittee must
- 97 3 1 procure that all appropriate instructions are given to effect the transfer, or
- 97 3 2 procure that the uncertificated share is changed into certificated form and then execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
- 97.4 Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

98 TRANSMITTEES BOUND BY PRIOR NOTICES

- 98 1 The directors may give notice requiring a person to make the choice referred to in article 96 3 1
- 98 2 If that notice is not complied with within 60 days, the directors may withhold payment of all dividends and other sums payable in respect of the share until the choice has been made
- 98 3 If a notice is given to a member 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 member before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register

CONSOLIDATION/DIVISION OF SHARES

99 PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSING OF FRACTIONS OF SHARES

99 1 This article applies where

99 1 1 there has been a consolidation and division or sub-division shares, and

99 1 2 as a result, members are entitled to fractions of shares

99 2 Subject to the Act and to the Uncertificated Securities Regulations, the directors may, in effecting divisions and/or consolidations, treat a member's shares held in certificated form and uncertificated form as separate holdings

99 3 The directors may on behalf of the members deal with fractions as they think fit, in particular they may

99 3 1 sell the shares representing the fractions to any person including (subject to the Act) the Company for the best price reasonably obtainable,

99 3 2 in the case of a certificated share, authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to the purchaser or a person nominated by the purchaser,

99 3 3 distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among the holders of the shares or, if the directors decide, some or all of the sum raised on sale may be retained for the benefit of the Company,

99 3 4 subject to the Act, allot or issue to a member, credited as fully paid, by way of capitalisation the minimum number of shares required to round up his holding of shares to a number which, following consolidation and division or sub-division, leaves a whole number of shares (such allotment or issue being deemed to have been effected immediately before consolidation and division or sub-division, as the case may be)

99 4 To give effect to a sale under article 99 3 1 the directors may arrange for the shares representing the fractions to be entered in the register as certificated shares

99 5 The directors may authorise any person to transfer the shares to, or to the direction of, the purchaser

99 6 The person to whom the shares are transferred is not obliged to ensure that any purchase money is received by the person entitled to the relevant fractions

99 7 The transferee's title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to their sale

99 8 If shares are allotted or issued under article 99 3 4, the amount required to pay up those shares may be capitalised as the directors think fit out of amounts standing to the credit of reserves (including a share premium account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution, and applied in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares

- 99 9 A resolution of the directors capitalising part of the reserves has the same effect as if the capitalisation had been declared by ordinary resolution of the Company under article 109 In relation to the capitalisation the directors may exercise all the powers conferred on them by article 109 without an ordinary resolution of the Company

DISTRIBUTIONS

100 PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING DIVIDENDS

- 100 1 Subject to the Act and the articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends
- 100 2 A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors.
- 100 3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with members' respective rights
- 100 4 Unless the members' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each member's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it
- 100 5 The directors may pay any dividend (including any dividend payable at a fixed rate) if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment
- 100 6 If the Company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrears
- 100 7 If the directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights

101. CALCULATION OF DIVIDENDS

- 101 1 Except as otherwise provided by the articles or the rights attached to or the terms of issue of shares, all dividends must be
- 101 1 1 declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid, and
- 101 1 2 apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid
- 101 2 If any share is issued on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividend accordingly

- 101 3 For the purposes of calculating dividends, no account is to be taken of any amount which has been paid up on a share in advance of the due date for payment of that amount
- 101 4 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, dividends may be declared or paid in any currency
- 101 5 The directors may agree with any member that dividends which may at any time or from time to time be declared or become due on his shares in one currency shall be paid or satisfied in another, and may agree the basis of conversion to be applied and how and when the amount to be paid in the other currency shall be calculated and paid and for the Company or any other person to bear any costs involved

102 PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

- 102 1 Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means
- 102 1 1 in cash,
- 102 1 2 by transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient in writing or as the directors otherwise decide,
- 102 1 3 by sending a cheque, warrant or money order made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient in writing or as the directors otherwise decide,
- 102 1 4 by sending a cheque, warrant or money order made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified in writing or as the directors otherwise decide,
- 102 1 5 by means of a relevant system in respect of an uncertificated share in such manner as may be consistent with the facilities and requirements of the relevant system or as the directors may otherwise decide, or
- 102 1 6 by any electronic or other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide
- 102 2 In respect of the payment of any dividend or other sum which is a distribution, the directors may decide, and notify distribution recipients, that
- 102 2 1 one or more of the means described in article 102 1 will be used for payment and a distribution recipient may elect to receive the payment by one of the means so notified in the manner prescribed by the directors,
- 102 2 2 one or more of such means will be used for the payment unless a distribution recipient elects otherwise in the manner prescribed by the directors, or

102 2 3 one or more of such means will be used for the payment and that distribution recipients will not be able to elect otherwise

The directors may for this purpose decide that different methods of payment may apply to different distribution recipients or groups of distribution recipients

102 3 Payment of any dividend or other sum which is a distribution is made at the risk of the distribution recipient. The Company is not responsible for a payment which is lost or delayed. Payment, in accordance with the articles, of any cheque, warrant or money order by the bank upon which it is drawn, or the transfer of funds by any means, or (in respect of an uncertificated share) the making of payment by means of a relevant system, shall be a good discharge to the Company

102 4 In the event that

102 4 1 a distribution recipient does not specify an address, or does not specify an account of a type prescribed by the directors, or other details necessary in order to make a payment of a dividend or other distribution by the means by which the directors have decided in accordance with this article that a payment is to be made, or by which the distribution recipient has elected to receive payment, and such address or details are necessary in order for the Company to make the relevant payment in accordance with such decision or election, or

102 4 2 if payment cannot be made by the Company using the details provided by the distribution recipient,

then the dividend or other distribution shall be treated as unclaimed for the purposes of these articles

102 5 In the articles, the "**distribution recipient**" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable

102 5 1 the holder of the share,

102 5 2 if the share has two or more joint holders, the senior holder,

102 5 3 if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee (or, where two or more person are jointly entitled by transmission to the share, to any one transmittee and that person shall be able to give effective receipt for payment), or

102 5 4 in any case, to a person that the person or persons entitled to payment may direct in writing

102 6 Without prejudice to article 98, the directors may withhold payment of a dividend (or part of a dividend) payable to a transmittee until he has provided such evidence of his right as the directors may reasonably require

103 **DEDUCTIONS FROM DISTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF SUMS OWED TO THE COMPANY**

103 1 If

103 1 1 a share is subject to the Company's lien, and

103 1 2 the directors are entitled to issue a lien enforcement notice in respect of it,

they may, instead of issuing a lien enforcement notice, deduct from any dividend or other sum payable in respect of the share any sum of money which is payable to the Company in respect of that share to the extent that they are entitled to require payment under a lien enforcement notice

103 2 Money so deducted must be used to pay any of the sums payable in respect of that share

103 3 The Company must notify the distribution recipient in writing of

103 3 1 the fact and amount of any such deduction,

103 3 2 any non-payment of a dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share resulting from any such deduction, and

103 3 3 how the money deducted has been applied

104 NO INTEREST ON DISTRIBUTIONS

104 1 The Company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by

104 1 1 the rights attached to the share, or

104 1 2 the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the Company

105 UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS

105 1 All dividends or other sums which are

105 1 1 payable in respect of shares, and

105 1 2 unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,

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

105.2 The payment of an unclaimed dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the Company a trustee in respect of it

105 3 If.

105 3 1 12 years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and

105 3 2 the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

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

105 4 If, in respect of a dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share, on any one occasion

105 4 1 a cheque, warrant or money order is returned undelivered or left uncashed, or

105 4 2 a transfer made by a bank or other funds transfer system is not accepted,

and reasonable enquiries have failed to establish another address or account of the distribution recipient, the Company is not obliged to send or transfer a dividend or other sum payable in respect of that share to that person until he notifies the Company of an address or account to be used for that purpose. If the cheque, warrant or money order is returned undelivered or left uncashed or transfer not accepted on two consecutive occasions, the Company may exercise this power without making any such enquiries

106 NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

106 1 Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the Company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including shares or other securities in any company)

106 2 For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution

106 2 1 issuing fractional certificates (or ignoring fractions),

106 2 2 fixing the value of any assets,

106 2 3 paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients, and

106 2 4 vesting any assets in trustees

107 WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS

107 1 Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the Company notice in writing to that effect, but if

107 1 1 the share has more than one holder, or

107 1 2 more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders,

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

108 **SCRIP DIVIDENDS**

- 108 1 Subject to the Act, but without prejudice to article 66, the directors may, with the prior authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, allot to those holders of a particular class of shares who have elected to receive them further shares of that class or ordinary shares in either case credited as fully paid ("**new shares**") instead of cash in respect of all or part of a dividend or dividends specified by the resolution
- 108 2 The directors may on any occasion determine that the right of election under article 108 1 shall be subject to any exclusions, restrictions or other arrangements that the directors may in their absolute discretion deem necessary or expedient to deal with legal or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of a recognised regulatory body or a stock exchange in, any territory
- 108 3 Where a resolution under article 108 1 is to be proposed at a general meeting and the resolution relates in whole or in part to a dividend to be declared at that meeting, then the resolution declaring the dividend is deemed to take effect at the end of that meeting
- 108 4 A resolution under article 108 1 may relate to a particular dividend or to all or any dividends declared or paid within a specified period, but that period may not end later than five years after the date of the meeting at which the resolution is passed
- 108 5 The entitlement of each holder of shares to new shares shall be such that the relevant value of the entitlement shall be as nearly as possible equal to (but not greater than) the cash amount (disregarding any associated tax credit) of the dividend which would otherwise have been received by the holder (the "**relevant dividend**") provided that, in calculating the entitlement, the directors may at their discretion adjust the figure obtained by dividing the relevant value by the amount payable on the new shares up or down so as to procure that the entitlement of each holder of shares may be represented by a simple numerical ratio For this purpose the "**relevant value**" of each of the new shares shall be calculated by reference to the average of the middle-market quotations for a fully paid share of the Company of that class derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange (or such other average value derived from such other source as the directors may deem appropriate) for the business day on which the relevant class of shares is first quoted "ex" the relevant dividend (or such other date as the directors may deem appropriate) and the four subsequent business days or shall be as determined by or in accordance with the resolution under article 108 1 A certificate or report by the auditors as to the value of the new shares to be allotted in respect of any dividend shall be conclusive evidence of that amount
- 108 6 The directors may make any provision they consider appropriate in relation to an allotment made or to be made under this article (whether before or after the passing of the resolution under article 108 1), including
- 108 6 1 the giving of notice to holders of the right of election offered to them,
- 108 6 2 the provision of forms of election (whether in respect of a particular dividend or dividends generally),

- 108 6 3 determination of the procedure for making and revoking elections,
- 108 6 4 the place at which, and the latest time by which, forms of election and other relevant documents must be lodged in order to be effective, and
- 108 6 5 the disregarding or rounding up or down or carrying forward of fractional entitlements, in whole or in part, or the accrual of the benefit of fractional entitlements to the Company (rather than to the holders concerned)
- 108 7 The dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been offered) is not declared or payable on shares in respect of which an election has been duly made (the "**elected shares**"), instead new shares are allotted to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment calculated as in article 108 5 For that purpose, the directors may resolve to capitalise out of amounts standing to the credit of reserves (including a share premium account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution, a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the new shares to be allotted and apply it in paying up in full the appropriate number of new shares for allotment and distribution to the holders of the elected shares A resolution of the directors capitalising part of the reserves has the same effect as if the directors had resolved to effect the capitalisation with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company under article 109. In relation to the capitalisation the directors may exercise all the powers conferred on them by article 109 without an ordinary resolution of the Company
- 108 8 The new shares rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other and with the fully paid shares of the same class in issue on the record date for the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been offered, but they will not rank for a dividend or other distribution or entitlement which has been declared or paid by reference to that record date
- 108 9 In relation to any particular proposed dividend, the directors may in their absolute discretion decide
- 108 9 1 that holders shall not be entitled to make any election in respect of, and that any election previously made shall not extend to, such dividend, or
- 108 9 2 at any time prior to the allotment of the new shares which would otherwise be allotted in lieu of such dividend, that all elections to take new shares in lieu of such dividend shall be treated as not applying to that dividend, and if so the dividend shall be paid in cash as if no elections had been made in respect of it

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES

109 AUTHORITY TO CAPITALISE AND APPROPRIATION OF CAPITALISED SUMS

- 109 1 Subject to the Act and the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution
- 109 1 1 decide to capitalise any amount standing to the credit of the Company's reserves (including share premium account, capital redemption reserve and

profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution, which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, and

109 1 2 appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "**capitalised sum**") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "**persons entitled**") and in the same proportions

109 2 Capitalised sums must be applied

109 2 1 on behalf of the persons entitled, and

109 2 2 in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them

109 3 Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

109 4 A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied

109 4 1 in or towards paying up any amounts unpaid on existing shares held by the persons entitled, or

109 4 2 in paying up new debentures of the Company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct

109 5 Subject to the Act and the articles the directors may

109 5 1 apply capitalised sums in accordance with articles 109 3 and 109 4 partly in one way and partly in another,

109 5 2 make such arrangements as they think fit to resolve a difficulty arising in the distribution of a capitalised sum and in particular to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article the directors may deal with fractions as they think fit (including the issuing of fractional certificates, disregarding fractions or selling shares or debentures representing the fractions to a person for the best price reasonably obtainable and distributing the net proceeds of the sale in due proportion amongst the members (except that if the amount due to a member is less than £5, or such other sum as the directors may decide, the sum may be retained for the benefit of the Company)),

109 5 3 authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them or the payment by the Company on behalf of the members of the amounts or part of the amounts or part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares under this article, and

109 5 4 generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the resolution

110 RECORD DATES

- 110 1 Notwithstanding any other provision of the articles, but subject to the Act and rights attached to shares, the Company or the directors may fix any date as the record date for a dividend, distribution, allotment or issue. The record date may be on or at any time before or after a date on which the dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, made or paid.

PART 5 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

111 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 111 1 Save where these articles expressly require otherwise, any notice, document or information to be sent or supplied by, on behalf of or to the Company may be sent or supplied in accordance with the Act (whether authorised or required to be sent or supplied by the Act or otherwise)

111 1 1 in hard copy form,

111 1 2 in electronic form, or

111 1 3 by means of a website.

- 111 2 Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being

- 111 3 A director may agree with the Company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours

- 111 4 If by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services in the United Kingdom the Company is unable effectively to call a general meeting by notices sent by post, then subject to the Act, the directors may, in their absolute discretion and as an alternative to any other method of service permitted by the articles, resolve to call a general meeting by a notice advertised in at least one United Kingdom national newspaper. In this case, the Company must send confirmatory copies of the notice to those 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

- 111 5 A notice, document or information sent by post and addressed to a member at his registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom is deemed to be given to or received by the intended recipient 24 hours after it was put in the post if pre paid as first class post and 48 hours after it was put in the post if pre paid as second class post, and in proving service it is sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice, document or information was properly addressed, pre paid and posted

- 111 6 A notice, document or information sent or supplied by electronic means to an address specified for the purpose by the member is deemed to have been given to or received

by the intended recipient 24 hours after it was sent, and in proving service it is sufficient to prove that the communication was properly addressed and sent

111 7 A notice, document or information sent or supplied by means of a website is deemed to have been given to or received by the intended recipient when

111 7 1 the material was first made available on the website, or

111 7 2 if later, when the recipient received (or, in accordance with this article 111, is deemed to have received) notification of the fact that the material was available on the website

111 8 A notice, document or information not sent by post but delivered by hand (which include delivery by courier) to a registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom is deemed to be given on the day it is left

111 9 Where notice is given by newspaper advertisement, the notice is deemed to be given to all members and other persons entitled to receive it at noon on the day when the advertisement appears or, where notice is given by more than one advertisement and the advertisements appear on different days, at noon on the last of the days when the advertisements appear

111 10 A notice, document or information served or delivered by or on behalf of the Company by any other means authorised in writing by the member concerned is deemed to be served when the Company has taken the action it has been authorised to take for that purpose

111 11 A qualifying person present at a meeting of the holders of a class of shares is deemed to have received due notice of the meeting and, where required, of the purposes for which it was called.

111 12 A person who becomes entitled to a share by transmission, transfer or otherwise is bound by a notice in respect of that share (other than a notice served by the Company under section 793 of the Act) which, before his name is entered in the register, has been properly served on a person from whom he derives his title

111.13 In the case of joint holders of a share, a notice, document or information shall be validly sent or supplied to all joint holders if sent or supplied to whichever of them is named first in the register in respect of the joint holding. Anything to be agreed or specified in relation to a notice, document or information to be sent or supplied to joint holders, may be agreed or specified by the joint holder who is named first in the register in respect of the joint holding

111 14 The Company may give a notice, document or information to a transmittee as if he were the holder of a share by addressing it to him by name or by the title of representative of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt member (or by similar designation) at an address in the United Kingdom supplied for that purpose by the person claiming to be a transmittee. Until an address has been supplied, a notice, document or information may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred. The giving of notice in accordance with this article is sufficient notice to any other person interested in the share

112 LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO NOTICES

112 1 Subject to the Act, a member (or in the case of joint holders, the person who is named first in the register) who has no registered address within the United Kingdom, and has not supplied to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notice or other documents or information can be given to him, shall not be entitled to receive any notice or other documents or information from the Company. Such a member (or in the case of joint holders, the person who is named first in the register) shall not be entitled to receive any notice or other documents or information from the Company even if he has supplied an address for the purposes of receiving notices or other documents or information in electronic form.

112 2 If

112 2 1 the Company sends two consecutive documents to a member over a period of at least 12 months, and

112 2 2 each of those documents is returned undelivered, or the Company receives notification that it has not been delivered,

that member ceases to be entitled to receive notices from the Company.

112 3 A member who has ceased to be entitled to receive notices from the Company becomes entitled to receive such notices again by sending the Company

112 3 1 a new address to be recorded in the register, or

112 3 2 if the member has agreed that the Company should use a means of communication other than sending things to such an address, the information that the Company needs to use that means of communication effectively.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

113 SECRETARY

113 1 Subject to the Act, the directors shall appoint a secretary or joint secretaries and may appoint one or more persons to be an assistant or deputy secretary on such terms and conditions (including remuneration) as they think fit.

113 2 The directors may remove a person appointed under this article 113 from office and appoint another or others in his place.

113 3 Any provision of the Act or of the articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a director and the secretary is not satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as director and as, or in the place of, the secretary.

114 CHANGE OF NAME

114 1 The name of the Company may be changed by

114 1 1 special resolution of the Ordinary Shareholders,

114 1 2 a resolution of the directors, or

114 1 3 otherwise in accordance with the Act

115 AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

115 1 A director or the secretary or another person appointed by the directors for the purpose may authenticate

115 1 1 documents affecting the constitution of the Company (including the articles),

115 1 2 resolutions passed by the Company or holders of a class of shares or the directors or a committee of the directors, and

115 1 3 books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company,

115 1 4 and may certify copies or extracts as true copies or extracts

116 COMPANY SEALS

116 1 The directors must provide for the safe custody of every seal

116 2 A seal may be used only by the authority of a resolution of the directors or of a committee of the directors

116 3 The directors may decide who will sign an instrument to which a seal is affixed (or, in the case of a share certificate, on which the seal may be printed) either generally or in relation to a particular instrument or type of instrument. The directors may also decide, either generally or in a particular case, that a signature may be dispensed with or affixed by mechanical means

116 4 Unless otherwise decided by the directors

116 4 1 share certificates and certificates issued in respect of debentures or other securities (subject to the provisions of the relevant instrument) need not be signed or, if signed, a signature may be applied by mechanical or other means or may be printed, and

116 4 2 every other instrument to which a seal is affixed shall be signed by one director and by the secretary or a second director, or by one director in the presence of a witness who attests his signature

117 RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS

117 1 The directors must make sure that proper minutes are kept in minute books of

117 1 1 all appointments of officers and committees made by the directors and of any remuneration fixed by the directors, and

117 1 2 all proceedings (including the names of the directors present at such meeting) of general meetings,

- 117 1 3 meetings of the holders of any class of shares in the Company,
- 117 1 4 the directors' meetings, and
- 117 1 5 meetings of committees of the directors
- 117 2 If purporting to be signed by the chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting, minutes are conclusive evidence of the proceedings at the meeting
- 117 3 The directors must ensure that the Company keeps records, in the books kept for the purpose, of all directors' written resolutions
- 117 4 All such minutes and written resolutions must be kept for at least 10 years from the date of the meeting or written resolution as the case may be

118 DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

- 118 1 The Company is entitled to destroy
 - 118 1 1 all instruments of transfer of shares (including documents constituting the renunciation of an allotment of shares) which have been registered, and all other documents on the basis of which any entries are made in the register, from six years after the date of registration,
 - 118 1 2 all dividend mandates (or mandates for other amounts), variations or cancellations of such mandates, and notifications of change of address, from two years after they have been recorded,
 - 118 1 3 all share certificates which have been cancelled from one year after the date of the cancellation,
 - 118 1 4 all paid dividend warrants and cheques from one year after the date of actual payment,
 - 118 1 5 all proxy notices from one year after the end of the meeting to which the proxy notice relates, and
 - 118 1 6 all other documents on the basis of which any entry in the register is made at any time after 10 years from the date an entry in the register was first made in respect of it
- 118 2 If the Company destroys a document in good faith, in accordance with the articles, and without express notice to the Company that the preservation of the document is relevant to a claim, it is conclusively presumed in favour of the Company that
 - 118 2 1 entries in the register purporting to have been made on the basis of an instrument of transfer or other document so destroyed were duly and properly made,
 - 118 2 2 any instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered,

118 2 3 any share certificate so destroyed was a valid and effective certificate duly and properly cancelled, and

118 2 4 any other document so destroyed was a valid and effective document in accordance with its recorded particulars in the books or records of the Company

118 3 This article does not impose on the Company any liability which it would not otherwise have if it destroys any document before the time at which this article permits it to do so or in any case where the conditions of this article are not fulfilled

118 4 In this article, references to the destruction of any document include a reference to its being disposed of in any manner

119 ACCOUNTS

119 1 The directors must ensure that accounting records are kept in accordance with the Act

119 2 The accounting records shall be kept at the registered office of the Company or, subject to the Act, at another place decided by the directors and shall be available during business hours for the inspection of the directors and other officers. No member (other than a director or other officer) has the right to inspect an accounting record or other document except if that right is conferred by the Act or he is authorised by the directors or by an ordinary resolution of the Company

119 3 In respect of each financial year, a copy of the Company's annual accounts, the directors' report, the strategic report, the directors' remuneration report, the auditors' report on those accounts and on the auditable part of the directors' remuneration report shall be sent or supplied to

119 3 1 every member (whether or not entitled to receive notices of general meetings),

119 3 2 every holder of debentures (whether or not entitled to receive notices of general meetings), and

119 3 3 every other person who is entitled to receive notices of general meetings,

not less than 21 clear days before the date of the meeting at which copies of those documents are to be laid in accordance with the Act. This article does not require copies of the documents to which it applies to be sent or supplied to

119 3 4 a member or holder of debentures of whose address the Company is unaware, or

119 3 5 more than one of the joint holders of shares or debentures.

119 4 The directors may determine that persons entitled to receive a copy of the Company's annual accounts, the directors' report, the strategic report, the directors' remuneration report, the auditors' report on those accounts and on the auditable part of the directors' remuneration report are those persons entered on the register at the close of business on a day determined by the directors, provided that, if the Company is a participating

issuer, the day determined by the directors may not be more than 21 days before the day that the relevant copies are being sent

- 119 5 Where permitted by the Act, the strategic report with supplementary material in the form and containing the information prescribed by the Act may be sent or supplied to a person so electing in place of the documents required to be sent or supplied by article 119 3

120 PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS

The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons (other than a director or former director or shadow director) employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings (or any member of his family, including a spouse or former spouse, or any person who is or was dependent on him) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary undertaking

121 WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY

- 121 1 On a voluntary winding up of the Company the liquidator may, on obtaining any sanction required by law

121 1 1 divide among the members in kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company, whether or not the assets consist of property of one kind or of different kinds, and

121 1 2 vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he, with the like sanction, shall determine

- 121 2 For this purpose the liquidator may

121 2 1 set the value he deems fair on a class or classes of property, and

121 2 2 determine on the basis of that valuation and in accordance with the then existing rights of members how the division is to be carried out between members or classes of members

- 121 3 The liquidator may not, however, distribute to a member without his consent an asset to which there is attached a liability or potential liability for the owner

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

122 INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS AND FUNDING DIRECTORS' DEFENCE COSTS

- 122 1 To the extent permitted by the Act and without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may otherwise be entitled, every person who is or was a director or other officer of the Company or an associated company (other than any person (whether or not an officer of the Company or an associated company) engaged by the Company or an associated company as auditor) shall be and shall be kept indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses and liabilities incurred by him (whether in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust

by him or otherwise as a director or such other officer of the Company or an associated company) in relation to the Company or an associated company or their affairs provided that such indemnity shall not apply in respect of any liability incurred by him

122 1 1 to the Company or to any associated company,

122 1 2 to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings,

122 1 3 to pay a 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),

122 1 4 in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted,

122 1 5 in defending any civil proceedings brought by the Company, or an associated company, in which judgment is given against him, or

122 1 6 in connection with any application under any of the following provisions in which the court refuses to grant him relief, namely

(a) section 661(3) or (4) of the Act (acquisition of shares by innocent nominee), or

(b) section 1157 of the Act (general power to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct)

122 2 In article 122 1 4, 122 1 5 or 122 1 6 the reference to a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief is a reference to one that has become final A conviction, judgment or refusal of relief becomes final

122 2 1 if not appealed against, at the end of the period for bringing an appeal, or

122 2 2 if appealed against, at the time when the appeal (or any further appeal) is disposed of

An appeal is disposed of

122 2 3 if it is determined and the period for bringing any further appeal has ended, or

122 2 4 if it is abandoned or otherwise ceases to have effect

122 3 To the extent permitted by the Act and without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may otherwise be entitled, every person who is or was a director of the Company acting in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme shall be and shall be kept indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses and liabilities incurred by him in connection with the Company's activities as trustee of the scheme provided that such indemnity shall not apply in respect of any liability incurred by him

122 3 1 to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings,

122 3 2 to pay a 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

122 3 3 in defending criminal proceedings in which he is convicted

For the purposes of this article, a reference to a conviction is to the final decision in the proceedings. The provisions of article 122 2 shall apply in determining when a conviction becomes final

122 4 Without prejudice to article 122 1 or to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, and to the extent permitted by the Act and otherwise upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the directors may in their absolute discretion think fit, the directors shall have the power to make arrangements to provide a director with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in defending any criminal or civil proceedings or in connection with an application under section 661(3) or (4) of the Act (acquisition of shares by innocent nominee) or section 1157 of the Act (general power to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct) or in defending himself in an investigation by a regulatory authority or against action proposed to be taken by a regulatory authority or to enable a director to avoid incurring any such expenditure

122 5 Where at any meeting of the directors or a committee of the directors any arrangement falling within article 122 4 is to be considered, a director shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum at such meeting unless the terms of such arrangement confers upon such director a benefit not generally available to any other director, in that event, the interest of such director in such arrangement shall be deemed to be a material interest for the purposes of article 23 and he shall not be so entitled to vote or be counted in the quorum

123 INSURANCE

123 1 To the extent permitted by the Act, the directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of a person who is or was

123 1 1 a director, alternate director or a secretary of the Company or of a company which is or was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company or in which the Company has or had an interest (whether direct or indirect), or

123 1 2 trustee of a retirement benefits scheme or other trust in which a person referred to in article 123 1 1 is or has been interested,

indemnifying him and keeping him indemnified against liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust or other liability which may lawfully be insured against by the Company