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THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN TOPCO LIMITED (THE “COMPANY”)

PART A

1 INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Articles the following definitions apply:

“Act”	the Companies Act 2006;
“acting in concert”	has the meaning given to it in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended);
“Allocation Notice”	has the meaning given in Article 7.6.1;
“A Shares”	the A ordinary shares of £0.001 (one tenth of a penny) each in the capital of the Company;
“Articles”	the Company's articles of association for the time being in force;
“Bad Leaver”	a member who becomes a Leaver and who is not a Good Leaver;
“bankruptcy”	includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
“Board”	the board of directors of the Company, as constituted from time to time;
“Board Invitee”	has the meaning given in Article 7.3;
“B Shares”	the B ordinary shares of £0.01 (one penny) each in the capital of the Company;
“business days”	any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or a bank or public holiday in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the city of London are generally open for business;
“Buyer”	has the meaning given in Article 7.6.1b);
“Chairman”	the chairman of the Board appointed pursuant to Article 22;
“chairman of the meeting”	has the meaning given in Article 56.3;
“Companies Acts”	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 40.2;
“Compulsory Transfer Shares”	has the meaning given in Article 7.2;
“Conflict Situation”	any situation or matter in which any director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company;
“Controlling Interest”	an interest in Shares conferring on the holder or holders the right to exercise more than 50% of the total voting rights normally exercisable at any general meeting of the Company;
“C Shares”	the C ordinary shares of £0.10 (ten pence) each in the capital of the Company;
“Default”	any act, omission or event occurring which constitutes a default or a potential default within the meaning of the Facility Agreement;
“director”	a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
“distribution recipient”	has the meaning given in Article 47.2;
“document”	includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;
“D Shares”	the D ordinary shares of £0.01 (one penny) each in the capital of the Company;
“electronic form”	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act;
“eligible director”	a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter);
“Emergency Rights Issue”	in the event of a Default, means any issue of equity securities (with Investor Consent) in the Company or any other member of the Group as contemplated by Article 36.7.1;
“Employee Trust”	a trust, the terms of which are approved by the Lead Investor, whose beneficiaries are the bona fide employees of the Group;
“Equity Securities”	has the meaning given in section 560(1) of the Act;
“Facility Agreement”	the asset based finance facility agreement entered into on or about the date of adoption of these Articles by (among others) the Group Companies as Original Obligors and RBS Invoice Finance Limited as mandated lead arranger, original lender, agent and security agent, as amended, novated, supplemented, extended, restated or refinanced;

“Facility Documents”	the Facility Agreement and related intercreditor agreements and security documentation entered into by (among others) any Group Company and RBS Invoice Finance Limited, in each case as amended, novated, supplemented, extended, or restated;
“fully paid”	in relation to a Share means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in respect of that Share have been paid to the Company;
“Good Leaver”	a member who becomes a Leaver by reason of: (a) death; (b) permanent disability or permanent incapacity through ill-health (other than where such ill-health arises from the abuse of alcohol or drugs); (c) the employment of the member with the relevant Group Company ceasing for reasons of wrongful dismissal, as determined by an employment tribunal or a court where there is no leave to appeal; or (d) bona fide retirement at age 65 or over; or (e) any other reason where the Board (with Lead Investor consent, acting reasonably and having taken into account the reasonable wishes of the remaining members holding D Shares in light of the fiduciary duties owed by such members to the Group in their capacity as directors and/or employees of the Group) agrees that such Leaver is a Good Leaver;
“Group”	the Company, a subsidiary or holding company from time to time of the Company and any subsidiary from time to time of any such holding company and “Group Company” shall be construed accordingly;
“Group Conflict Situation”	in respect of each director, all or any of the following situations existing at any time while such person is a director: a) being employed or otherwise engaged by any Group Company; b) holding office, including (but not limited to) office as director, of any Group Company; (c) being a member of any pension scheme operated from time to time by any Group Company; (d) being a member of any Group Company or holding loan notes or other securities issued by any Group Company;

- (e) participating in any share option, bonus or other incentive schemes operated from time to time by any Group Company;
- (f) participating in any benefit provided by an employee benefit trust of which the director is a beneficiary;

“hard copy form”

has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act;

“holder”

in relation to Shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the Shares;

“Independent Accountant”

an independent firm of accountants which is included in the latest annual list of top 20 accountancy firms published on www.accountancyage.com jointly appointed by the Company and the seller of the relevant Shares or, in the absence of agreement on the identity of the Independent Accountant between the Company and such seller, an independent firm of accountants appointed by the President or other senior officer, for the time being, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (in each case acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator);

“instrument”

a document in hard copy form;

“Investment Agreement”

the agreement dated on or about the date of adoption of these Articles and made between, among others, the Company and the members on that date (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms);

“Investor”

a holder for the time being of A Shares, B Shares, C Shares, Investor Loan Notes, Series 2 Investor Loan Notes or Series 3 Investor Loan Notes;

“Investor Affiliate”

any person who or which, as regards any Investor or any other Investor Affiliate of that Investor:

- (a) is a member for the time being of its Investor Group or an associated company;
- (b) is an investment manager or investment advisor to or of it and/or another Investment Affiliate;
- (c) is a person in which the Investor and/or any Investor Affiliate may have or acquire a direct or indirect economic interest, including without limitation any portfolio company investee;
- (d) controls or is controlled, managed, advised (in an investment adviser capacity) or promoted by the Investor and/or such Investor Affiliate; or

	(e) a trustee, manager, beneficiary, shareholder, partner, co-investor, unitholder or other financier or any participant in or of it and/or that Investor Affiliate;
“Investor Consent”	the prior consent in writing of the Lead Investor or, if there is no Lead Investor appointed for the time being, the prior consent in writing of an Investor Majority;
“Investor Director(s)”	has the meaning given in Article 4.5;
“Investor Group”	in relation to any corporate investor, that Investor and any Member of the Same Group as that Investor;
“Investor Loan Note Instrument”	the instrument dated on or about the date of adoption of these Articles constituting the Investor Loan Notes (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms);
“Investor Loan Notes”	the £20,000,000, 8 per cent secured loan notes 2026 of the Company;
“Investor Majority”	the holder(s) for the time being of a majority in number of all A Shares in issue from time to time;
“Lead Investor”	Spring Ventures LLP or such other party as may be nominated from time to time for that purpose in accordance with the Investment Agreement;
“Leaver”	a member holding D Shares who, being a director or employee of, or consultant to, a Group Company, ceases to be a director, employee or consultant for any reason and does not continue as or immediately become a director or employee of, or a consultant to, a Group Company;
“Lien Enforcement Notice”	has the meaning given in Article 40.3.2;
“Listing”	the successful application and admission of all or any of the Shares, or securities representing such Shares to: (a) the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and the grant of permission for the same to be traded on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange plc; (b) trading on the AIM market operated by the London Stock Exchange plc; or (c) any recognised investment exchange (as defined in section 285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000);
“Market Value”	the price per Share as agreed between the seller of such Share and the Board (with consent of the Lead Investor) or, if the parties are unable to agree the Market Value the

Market Value as determined by an Independent Accountant in accordance with Article 73, calculated on the basis that:

- (a) the Market Value is the sum which a willing buyer would agree with a willing seller to be the purchase price for the relevant Shares (being a rateable proportion of the total value of all the issued Shares);
- (b) appropriate account shall be taken of the size of the holding which the relevant Shares comprise and whether those Shares represent a majority or minority interest; and
- (c) any difficulty in applying any of the bases set out above shall be resolved by an Independent Accountant (acting reasonably) as they, in their absolute discretion, think fit;

“Member of the Same Group”

as regards any company, a company which is for the time being a holding company or a subsidiary of that company or a subsidiary of any such holding company;

“paid”

paid or credited as paid;

“participate”

in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in Article 20;

“Permitted Issue”

the issue of:

- (a) 57,800 A Shares;
- (b) 13,230 B Shares;
- (c) 1,470 C Shares; and
- (d) 26,500 D Shares;

“proxy notice”

has the meaning given in Article 62.1;

“Qualifying Person”

has the meaning given in section 318 of the Act;

“Relevant Member”

a member in respect of whom the Lead Investor has notified the Company that an event shall be treated as a Transfer Event in accordance with Article 7.1;

“Sale”

the sale of (or the grant of a right to acquire or to dispose of) any Shares (in one transaction or a series of transactions) which would, if completed, result in the buyer of those Shares (or grantee of that right) and persons acting in concert with him together acquiring a Controlling Interest;

“Series 2 Investor Loan Note Instrument”

the instrument dated 12 October 2018 constituting the Series 2 Investor Loan Notes (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms);

“Series 2 Investor Loan Notes”	the £20,000,000, series 2 fixed rate secured loan notes 2026 of the Company;
“Series 3 Investor Loan Note Instrument”	the instrument dated <u>21 March</u> 2022 constituting the Series 3 Investor Loan Notes (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms);
“Series 3 Investor Loan Notes”	the £15,000,000, series 3 fixed rate secured loan notes 2026 of the Company;
“Shares”	shares in the capital of the Company;
“Spring Ventures Nominees”	Spring Ventures Nominees Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 07437169;
“Subscription Price”	in relation to any Share, the amount paid up or credited as paid up on such Share including the full amount of any premium at which such Share was issued;
“Transfer Event”	has the meaning given in Article 7.1;
“Transfer Event Notice”	a notice in writing that a Transfer Event has occurred;
“Transfer Price”	the price determined in accordance with Article 7.4;
“transmittee”	a person entitled to a Share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a member or otherwise by operation of law; and
“writing”	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 Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Act as in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company.

1.3 In these Articles, reference to a “subsidiary” or “holding company” is to be construed in accordance with section 1159 of the Act and a company shall be treated, for the purposes only of the membership requirement contained in subsections 1159(1)(b) and (c), as a member of another company even if its shares in that other company are registered in the name of:

1.3.1 another person (or its nominee), whether by way of security or in connection with the taking of security; or

1.3.2 its nominee;

and in the case of a limited liability partnership which is a subsidiary of a company or another limited liability partnership, section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006 shall be amended so that: (a) references in sections 1159(1)(a) and (c) to voting rights are to the members' rights to vote on all or substantially all matters which are decided by a vote of the members of the limited liability partnership; and (b) the reference in section 1159(1)(b) to the right to appoint or remove

a majority of its board of directors is to the right to appoint or remove members holding a majority of the voting rights.

- 1.4 In these Articles, unless otherwise specified, reference to a **"person"** includes any natural person, individual, company, firm, corporation, partnership, foundation, association, organisation, trust or any undertaking (in each case whether or not having separate legal personality).
- 1.5 Headings in the Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.6 A reference in these Articles to an **"Article"** is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 1.7 Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of:
- 1.7.1 any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it; and
- 1.7.2 any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.
- 1.8 Any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.
- 1.9 In the event of there being any conflict or inconsistency between any provision in Part B of these Articles and any provision in Part C of these Articles, the provision in Part B shall prevail, whether or not the Part C provision is expressed to be subject to Part B.

2 MODEL ARTICLES

The relevant model articles (within the meaning of section 20 of the Act) are excluded.

3 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

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

PART B

4 SHARE RIGHTS

The rights attaching to the respective classes of Shares shall be as follows:

4.1 As regards voting:

- 4.1.1 Subject to the following provisions of this Article 4.1, and to any other provisions in these Articles concerning voting rights, each Share shall carry the right to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company.
- 4.1.2 The A Shares as a class shall carry 55.27% of all voting rights exercisable at a general meeting of the Company.
- 4.1.3 The C Shares as a class shall carry 5% of all voting rights exercisable at a general meeting of the Company.

4.1.4 Whenever any holder of Shares would otherwise cease to be entitled to attend, speak and vote (whether on a show of hands or a poll) at any general meeting of the Company in respect of such Shares pursuant to the terms of this Article 4.1, the relevant holder shall be required to exercise such votes in the manner directed by any Investor Director (at such Investor Director's sole discretion).

4.1.5 If any of the events, circumstances or failures specified in Article 4.1.6 shall, without Investor Consent, have occurred or be subsisting, the holders of the D Shares (other than Spring Ventures Nominees and John Onslow) shall cease to be entitled to attend, speak and vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll) at any general meetings of the Company. The provisions of this Article 4.1.5 shall continue for so long as such event, circumstance or failure subsists.

4.1.6 The events, circumstances or failures referred to in Article 4.1.5 are:

- a) any act or omission or event occurring which constitutes a Default;
- b) the Company failing, at any time, to pay any interest due on:
 - (i) the Investor Loan Notes in accordance with the Investor Loan Note Instrument within 10 Business Days after its due date (whether as a result of the operation of the Facility Documents or otherwise); or
 - (ii) the Series 2 Investor Loan Notes in accordance with the Series 2 Investor Loan Note Instrument within 10 Business Days after its due date (whether as a result of the operation of the Facility Documents or otherwise); or
 - (iii) the Series 3 Investor Loan Notes in accordance with the Series 3 Investor Loan Note Instrument within 10 Business Days after its due date (whether as a result of the operation of the Facility Documents or otherwise),

PROVIDED THAT this Article 4.1.6b) shall not apply if the Company fails to pay any part of the rolled up interest in accordance with Condition 3.4 of the Investor Loan Note Instrument, the Series 2 Investor Loan Note Instrument or the Series 3 Investor Loan Note Instrument;

- c) the Company failing, at any time, to redeem any of:
 - i the Investor Loan Notes due to be redeemed under the Investor Loan Note Instrument; or
 - ii the Series 2 Investor Loan Notes due to be redeemed under the Series 2 Investor Loan Note Instrument; or
 - iii the Series 3 Investor Loan Notes due to be redeemed under the Series 3 Investor Loan Note Instrument,

within 10 Business Days after the due date for redemption (whether as a result of the operation of the Facility Documents or otherwise);

- d) the Company, a director (other than an Investor Director) or a holder of D Shares being in material breach of the provisions of these Articles or the Investment Agreement, a material breach of the Investment Agreement being breach of any of the following clauses: clause 5 (*Warranties*), clause 6 (*Provision of Information and 100 Day Plan*), clause 7 (*Conduct of Business*),

clause 9.1 (*Investor Director(s) and Observer*), clause 10 (*Restrictive Covenants*), clause 11 (*Further obligations and undertakings etc*); or

- e) there has been proposed a resolution for the winding up of the Company or a resolution for a reduction of capital of the Company (other than in connection with a solvent amalgamation or reconstruction);

4.1.7 If any of the events or circumstances specified in Article 4.1.8 shall have occurred or be subsisting in relation to a member holding D Shares, the D Shares held by that member and any D Shares formerly held by that member which have been transferred either in breach of the provisions of these Articles or in accordance with Article 6 (Permitted Transfers) shall immediately cease to entitle the holders thereof to attend, speak and vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll) at any general meetings of the Company. The provisions of this Article 4.1.7 shall continue:

- a) in the case of Article 4.1.8a), for so long as such breach subsists or has not been waived in writing by an Investor Majority; or
- b) in the case of Articles 4.1.8b) and 4.1.8c), until such time as such person ceases to be a holder of D Shares.

4.1.8 The events or circumstances referred to in Article 4.1.7 are:

- a) the relevant member being in material breach of the provisions of these Articles or the Investment Agreement, a material breach of the Investment Agreement being breach of any of the following clauses: clause 5 (*Warranties*), clause 6 (*Provision of Information and 100 Day Plan*), clause 7 (*Conduct of Business*), clause 9.1 (*Investor Director(s) and Observer*), clause 10 (*Restrictive Covenants*), clause 11 (*Further obligations and undertakings etc*);
- b) any Group Company being entitled to terminate the service agreement of the relevant member by reason of a repudiatory breach by such member; or
- c) the relevant member becoming a Leaver.

4.1.9 To avoid doubt, where the voting rights of any D Shares are affected as a result of the operation of this Article 4.1, this shall not affect the rights attaching to such D Shares under Article 4.3.

4.2 **As regards income:**

4.2.1 The Company shall not declare or pay any dividends:

- a) until such time as the Investor Loan Notes, the Series 2 Investor Loan Notes and the Series 3 Investor Loan Notes have been redeemed in full; and
- b) unless the Company obtains Investor Consent to any such dividend.

4.2.2 Subject to Article 4.2.1 any profits which the Company, on the recommendation of the Board, determines to distribute shall be distributed between the holders (from time to time) of the Shares. Any such dividend shall be paid in cash and shall be distributed amongst the holders of the Shares pro rata according to the number of such Shares held by each of them as if they constituted one class of Share.

4.3 **As regards capital and distribution of proceeds on a Sale or Listing:**

4.3.1 On a return of capital, whether on liquidation, a Sale, a Listing, a capital reduction or otherwise (but excluding a purchase of own Shares, or redemption of Shares made in accordance with the provisions of these Articles) the assets of the Company remaining after the payment of its liabilities (or, in the case of a Sale or Listing, the transaction proceeds available for distribution to the members) shall be applied (to the extent that the Company is lawfully able to do so) among the holders of the Shares pro-rata to the number of Shares held and as if the Shares constituted one class.

4.3.2 Immediately prior to and conditional on a Listing, the members shall enter into such reorganisation of the share capital of the Company to ensure that the proceeds of the Listing are allocated between the members in the same proportions as the provisions of Article 4.3.1 would have provided on a Sale.

4.4 **As regards class consents:**

Whenever the Share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of Shares, the special rights attached to any class may only be varied or abrogated (either whilst the Company is a going concern or during or in contemplation of a winding up) with the consent in writing of the holders of at least 75% in nominal value of the issued Shares of that class.

4.5 **As regards appointment of directors and observers:**

4.5.1 The holders of the A Shares shall from time to time have the right to appoint, and to maintain in office, up to three people as a director (an "**Investor Director**") and to remove any such Investor Director and to appoint a replacement.

4.5.2 Any appointment or removal pursuant to Article 4.5.1 shall be made by notice in writing from the Lead Investor to the Company and shall take effect immediately on receipt (or deemed receipt) by the Company or, if later, on such date (if any) as may be specified in the notice.

4.5.3 Subject to section 168 of the Act, on any resolution to remove an Investor Director the A Shares shall together carry one vote in excess of 50% of all the other votes exercisable in relation to such resolution and if any such Investor Director is removed pursuant to section 168 of the Act or otherwise the Lead Investor may reappoint him or such other person as an Investor Director.

4.5.4 Upon written request from the Lead Investor, the Company shall procure that any Investor Director is forthwith appointed as a director of any other Group Company indicated in such request.

4.5.5 The holders of the A Shares shall from time to time have the right to nominate, by notice in writing from the Lead Investor, up to three people to be an observer, who shall be entitled to:

- a) receive notice of all meetings of the directors (and committees of directors) of each Group Company;
- b) receive copies of all board papers as if he were a director of each such Group Company; and
- c) attend, propose resolutions and speak at (but not vote) at any meeting of the directors (and committees of directors) of each Group Company.

4.6 **As regards quorums:**

4.6.1 No meeting of the directors shall be quorate unless at least one Investor Director (or a duly appointed alternate director of such person) is present, save that if:

- a) there is no Investor Director in office for the time being;
- b) such Investor Director has, in respect of any particular meeting (or part of a meeting), otherwise agreed in writing ahead of such meeting;
- c) such Investor Director is not, in respect of any particular meeting (or part of a meeting), an eligible director;

the provisions of Article 21.2 shall apply. If the necessary quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting or if, during a meeting, such quorum ceases to be present, Article 21.3 shall apply.

4.6.2 No meeting of the members shall be quorate unless those Qualifying Persons present include (whether in person or by a duly authorised representative or a proxy) at least one holder of A Shares. If the necessary quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting or if, during a meeting, such quorum ceases to be present, Article 58.1 shall apply.

5 TRANSFER OF SHARES - GENERAL

- 5.1 For the purposes of Articles 5 to 9 inclusive any reference to a transfer of Shares includes a disposition of any interest in any Share (or the income or capital or other rights thereto) whether legal, beneficial or otherwise, including the entry into any option or other agreement (conditionally or otherwise) for the possible sale or transfer thereof or grant of any security thereover, and whether or not for consideration or by written disposition or otherwise.
- 5.2 No Share shall be transferred, and the directors shall not register any transfer of Shares, other than in accordance with these Articles and any transfer or purported transfer of any Share made otherwise than in accordance with these Articles shall be void and of no effect whatsoever.
- 5.3 The directors may only, and in their absolute discretion, refuse to register a transfer of Shares if they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent or if the transfer is to an infant, bankrupt or person in respect of whom, by reason of that person's mental health, a court has made an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have. Save where the directors suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent, if the directors do so refuse to register the transfer of a Share, they shall return the instrument of transfer to the transferee with the notice of refusal.
- 5.4 Where any Share is transferred to an existing member holding Shares, such Share so transferred shall, if so required by the Lead Investor, on and from the time of registration of the transfer of that Share in the register of members of the Company, be immediately and automatically (without resolution of the members or directors) redesignated as a Share of the same class as the Shares already held by such member.

6 PERMITTED TRANSFERS

- 6.1 Any Share may only be transferred :
 - 6.1.1 pursuant to, and in accordance with, Article 8 (Drag Along);
 - 6.1.2 pursuant to, and in accordance with, Article 9 (Tag Along);
 - 6.1.3 when required by, and in accordance with, Article 7 (Compulsory Transfers);

- 6.1.4 pursuant to, and in accordance with, this Article 6 (Permitted Transfers); or
 - 6.1.5 with the prior written consent of the Lead Investor, subject always to Article 8 (Drag Along) and Article 9 (Tag Along Rights).
- 6.2 Without prejudice to Article 6.1:
- 6.2.1 any Investor and/or any Investor Affiliate shall be entitled to transfer any Shares registered in its name at any time to any Investor Affiliate, save that if at any time and for any reason, that person ceases to be an Investor Affiliate of the original transferor, such person shall forthwith transfer all the Shares held by it to the original transferor or an Investor Affiliate of the original transferor; and
 - 6.2.2 any Investor and/or any Investor Affiliate shall be entitled to transfer any Shares registered in its name to a Syndicatee (as defined in the Investment Agreement) in accordance with the provisions of clause 18 (*Syndication*) of the Investment Agreement.

7 COMPULSORY TRANSFERS

- 7.1 In this Article 7.1 each of the following shall be a “**Transfer Event**” in relation to a member holding D Shares (except where such D Shares are held by Spring Ventures Nominees):
- 7.1.1 that member transferring, attempting to transfer or agreeing to transfer Shares otherwise than in accordance with these Articles;
 - 7.1.2 the death of that member;
 - 7.1.3 a bankruptcy order being made against that member or that member being declared bankrupt by any court of competent jurisdiction, that member making an offer to make any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally or if a trustee, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or liquidator or similar officer is appointed in respect of all or any part of the business and assets of that member;
 - 7.1.4 by reason of that member's mental health, that member is admitted to hospital or a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that member from personally exercising any powers or rights which that member would otherwise have;
 - 7.1.5 if that member becomes a Leaver;
 - 7.1.6 if there is a change of control (as that expression is defined in section 1124 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010) of that member (being a corporate member),
- and, in any such case, the Lead Investor serves on the Company a Transfer Event Notice, within 6 months following the date on which the Lead Investor becomes aware that the relevant Transfer Event has occurred, that such event is a Transfer Event in relation to that member for the purposes of this Article 7.1.
- 7.2 Upon the service of the Transfer Event Notice, the Relevant Member shall be required (in the sole discretion of the Lead Investor, acting reasonably and having taken into account the reasonable wishes of the remaining members holding D Shares in light of the fiduciary duties owed by such members to the Group in their capacity as directors and/or employees of the Group) to transfer some or all of the D Shares held by such member (“**Compulsory Transfer Shares**”) to one or more Board Invitees, as determined pursuant to Article 7.3 below.
- 7.3 In these Articles, the expression “**Board Invitee**” shall mean any of:

- a) the Company (subject to compliance by the Company with the provisions of the Act); and/or
- b) the trustees of any Employee Trust; and/or
- c) any person(s) nominated by the Board (with the consent of the Lead Investor) to hold Shares, as nominee, for a future Board Invitee; and/or
- d) any person(s) (being a current or future employee or officer of a Group Company) nominated by the Lead Investor,

as selected by the Board with the consent of the Lead Investor in the period of 20 business days after the date on which the Transfer Price is agreed or determined in accordance with these Articles or, if no such persons are selected as aforesaid within that period, as selected by the Lead Investor within a further period of 20 business days.

7.4 The Transfer Price in respect of the Compulsory Transfer Shares shall be:

7.4.1 where the Relevant Member is a Bad Leaver, whichever is the lower of their Market Value or their Subscription Price;

7.4.2 where the Relevant Member is a Good Leaver, their Market Value;

7.4.3 where the provisions of Article 7.1.1 apply, whichever is the lower of their Market Value or their Subscription Price; and

7.4.4 in any other case, their Market Value.

7.5 Any dispute as to whether the provisions of Article 7.4.1 or 7.4.2 apply in relation to any Transfer Event Notice in respect of a Leaver shall not affect the validity of such Transfer Event Notice nor shall it delay the procedure to be followed under Article 7.6 in respect thereof. If, however, the Subscription Price is less than the Market Value any Buyer (as defined in Article 7.6.1) acquiring Compulsory Transfer Shares pursuant to such Transfer Event Notice while such dispute is continuing shall pay to the Relevant Member their Subscription Price and shall, in addition, pay to the Company an amount equal to the difference between their Market Value and their Subscription Price. The Company shall hold such amount as trustee in a separate interest-bearing account and shall, upon final resolution of the relevant dispute, pay such amount (together with interest thereon but less any applicable bank charges) to:

7.5.1 the Relevant Member in respect of any Compulsory Transfer Shares which are determined to be sold for their Market Value; or

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

7.6 Offer Notice

The Compulsory Transfer Shares shall be offered for sale in accordance with the following provisions :

7.6.1 The Board shall serve a notice (an "**Allocation Notice**") on the Relevant Member and the Board Invitees to whom the Compulsory Transfer Shares are to be transferred in accordance with these Articles within 10 business days of whichever is the first to occur of:

- a) the period prescribed in Article 7.3 for the selection of Board Invitees having expired; or
- b) the identity of all Board Invitees having been determined with the consent of the Lead Investor (each a "**Buyer**").

7.6.2 An Allocation Notice shall:

- a) state the aggregate purchase price payable by the Buyer in respect of the Compulsory Transfer Shares allocated to him;
- b) state the number of Compulsory Transfer Shares to be allocated to that Buyer;
- c) state the name and address of the Buyer;
- d) state the date (being no less than 2 nor more than 10 Business Days after the date of the Allocation Notice) on, and the place at, which the sale and purchase of such Compulsory Transfer Shares shall be completed;
- e) constitute the Company as the agent of the Relevant Member in relation to the sale of the Compulsory Transfer Shares in accordance with this Article 7; and
- f) not be capable of variation or cancellation without the consent of the Lead Investor.

7.6.3 Subject to Article 7.6.4, the service of an Allocation Notice shall constitute the acceptance by a Buyer of the offer to purchase the number of Compulsory Transfer Shares specified therein on the terms offered to that Buyer.

7.6.4 Completion of a sale and purchase of Compulsory Transfer Shares pursuant to an Allocation Notice shall take place at the place, date and time specified in the Allocation Notice when the Relevant Member will, upon payment of the Transfer Price in respect of the Compulsory Transfer Shares allocated to a Buyer, transfer those Compulsory Transfer Shares, and deliver the relevant share certificate(s) therefor, to that Buyer.

7.7 Default by the Relevant Member

7.7.1 If a Relevant Member (a "**Defaulting Seller**") shall fail duly to transfer (or complete the transfer of) any Compulsory Transfer Shares to a Buyer in accordance with Article 7.6.4:

- a) the Company shall, as the agent of the Defaulting Seller appointed pursuant to Article 7.6.2e), be authorised to transfer, and complete the transfer of, those Compulsory Transfer Shares (including, without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, to execute and deliver any necessary stock transfer form and buy back agreement, where relevant);
- b) the Company:
 - i in the case of a Buyer other than the Company, may receive the necessary monies in respect of the Transfer Price in trust for the Defaulting Seller and the receipt by the Company of those monies shall constitute a good and valid discharge to the relevant Buyer; or

- ii in the case where the Buyer is the Company, shall pay the necessary monies in respect of the Transfer Price into a separate account and hold the same on trust for the Defaulting Seller;
- c) against receipt by the Company of those monies (in trust for the Defaulting Seller) and, notwithstanding (if such is the case) that the Defaulting Seller has failed to deliver up the relevant share certificate(s), the Company shall:
 - i in the case of a Buyer other than the Company, cause the Buyer to be registered as the holder of those Compulsory Transfer Shares and, after such registration, the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person; or
 - ii in the case where the Buyer is the Company, cause the relevant Compulsory Transfer Shares to be cancelled and, after such cancellation, the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person; and
- d) the Company shall not be required to pay the monies in respect of the Transfer Price to the Defaulting Seller until he shall, in respect of the Compulsory Transfer Shares, have delivered a share certificate, or suitable indemnity, and necessary documentation (including any transfers and, where relevant, any buy back agreement) to the Company.

8 DRAG ALONG RIGHTS

- 8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, if any member (on his own or acting in concert with one or more other members) (the "**Proposing Shareholder(s)**") proposes to sell or transfer Shares (the "**Selling Shares**") equal to or greater than 50% of all the issued A Shares at the time of the proposed sale or transfer to a person (other than an Investor Affiliate) who is a bona fide third party buyer at arm's length (the "**Proposed Buyer**") the following provisions of this Article 8 shall apply
- 8.2 The Proposing Shareholder(s) shall have the right to give the Company not less than 25 days prior written notice (the "**Selling Notice**") of the proposed sale or transfer. The Selling Notice will include details of:
- 8.2.1 the Selling Shares;
 - 8.2.2 the proposed price for each Selling Share to be paid by the Proposed Buyer (subject to Article 4.3);
 - 8.2.3 details of the Proposed Buyer; and
 - 8.2.4 the place, date and time of completion of the proposed sale (being a date not less than 25 days from the service of the Selling Notice) (the "**Drag Along Completion**").
- 8.3 Immediately on receipt of a Selling Notice, the Company shall give notice in writing (the "**Drag Along Notice**") to each of the members other than the Proposing Shareholder(s) (the "**Drag Along Shareholders**") giving the details contained in the Selling Notice and requiring each of them at the Drag Along Completion to sell to the Proposed Buyer all Shares held by them.
- 8.4 A Proposing Shareholder may withdraw a Selling Notice any time prior to actual Drag Along Completion by written notice to the Company to that effect and, on service of that notice, each Drag Along Notice shall no longer be binding and shall cease to have any effect.

8.5 Each Drag Along Shareholder who is given a Drag Along Notice shall, in the event of the proposed sale or transfer proceeding, sell (or procure the sale of) all the Shares held by him to the Proposed Buyer at the time of the Drag Along Completion (or at such other time as the Proposing Shareholders and the Drag Along Shareholders shall agree) at the price per Selling Share as set out in the Drag Along Notice and otherwise on the same financial terms as the sale of Selling Shares.

8.5.1 If any of the Drag Along Shareholders shall fail to comply with the terms of Article 8.5 in any respect (each a "**Defaulting Shareholder**");

- a) the Company shall be unconditionally constituted the agent of each Defaulting Shareholder for the sale of the Shares referred to in his Drag Along Notice in accordance with that notice and shall be authorised to transfer, and complete the transfer of, those Shares (including, without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, to execute and deliver any necessary stock transfer form);
- b) the Company may receive the necessary purchase money in trust for each Defaulting Shareholder and the receipt by the Company of that purchase money shall constitute a good and valid discharge to the Proposed Buyer;
- c) against receipt by the Company of the purchase money (in trust for the Defaulting Shareholder), and notwithstanding (if such is the case) that the Defaulting Shareholder has failed to deliver up the relevant share certificate(s), the Company shall cause the Proposed Buyer to be registered as the holder of the relevant Shares and, after such registration, the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person; and
- d) the Company shall not be required to pay the purchase monies to a Defaulting Shareholder until he shall, in respect of the Shares subject to the Drag Along Notice, have delivered a share certificate or suitable indemnity and necessary transfers to the Company.

8.6 The expression **price per Selling Share** used in Articles 8.2 and 8.5 shall be deemed to include an amount equal to the relevant proportions of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) received or receivable by the holders of the Shares in question which, having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or payable for the specified Shares and, in the event of disagreement, the calculation of the price shall be referred for determination to the Independent Accountant in accordance with Article 73.

8.7 Upon any person (a "**New Member**") becoming, at any time after the service of a Drag Along Notice, a registered holder of any Share pursuant to the exercise of any option, warrant or other right to subscribe for or acquire Shares, a Drag Along Notice, on the same terms as the then current Drag Along Notice, shall immediately be deemed to have been served upon that New Member. Upon the deemed service of a Drag Along Notice pursuant to this Article 8.7 the New Member shall become bound to sell and transfer to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct) any Share acquired by him as a result of the exercise of any such option, warrant or other right to subscribe for or acquire Shares. The provisions of this Article 8.7 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the sale of any such Shares by such New Member provided that completion of the sale and purchase of those Shares shall take place on whichever is the later of:

8.7.1 the date on which a Drag Along Notice is deemed to have been served on the New Member pursuant to this Article 8.7; and

- 8.7.2 the date of completion of the sale and purchase of the Shares which were the subject of the original Drag Along Notice.
- 8.8 To avoid doubt, the provisions of Article 4.3 shall apply in respect of the proceeds of a Sale pursuant to this Article 8.
- 9 TAG ALONG RIGHTS**
- 9.1 If any member (on his own or acting in concert with one or more other members) (the "**Selling Party**") proposes to sell or transfer Shares (the "**Committed Shares**") equal to or greater than 50% of all the issued A Shares of the Company at the time of the proposed sale or transfer to any person or persons other than another member or an Investor Affiliate, the Selling Party shall procure, before the sale or transfer that each proposed buyer (the "**Tag Along Buyer**") makes a bona fide written offer (a "**Tag Along Offer**") to each of the other members (each a "**Tag Along Shareholder**") to buy all the Shares which are not Committed Shares (the "**Uncommitted Shares**") for the same price per Share and otherwise on the same terms and conditions as those applying to the Committed Shares.
- 9.2 Each Tag Along Offer shall specify:
- 9.2.1 the price for the relevant Shares and any other principal terms and conditions of the sale or transfer (subject to Article 4.3);
- 9.2.2 the identity of the Tag Along Buyer; and
- 9.2.3 the period (being not less than 25 days from the service of the Tag Along Offer) for acceptance by each Tag Along Shareholder).
- 9.3 If, within the period specified in the Tag Along Offer any Tag Along Shareholder accepts the offer in writing, then the Selling Party shall procure that the sale by that Tag Along Shareholder of his relevant Shares shall proceed on the same financial terms (including price per Share) and at the same time as the sale of the Selling Party's Shares.
- 9.4 Any acceptance by a Tag Along Shareholder of a Tag Along Offer shall be irrevocable. But no sale of that Tag Along Shareholder's Shares pursuant to its acceptance shall take place unless and until the sale of the Selling Party's Shares is completed.
- 9.5 The expression **price per Share** used in Articles 9.1 and 9.3 shall be deemed to include an amount equal to the relevant proportions of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) received or receivable by the holders of the Shares in question which, having regard to the substance of the transaction as a whole can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or payable for the specified Shares and, in the event of disagreement, the matter shall be referred for determination to the Independent Accountant in accordance with Article 73 and, pending their determination:
- 9.5.1 the period for acceptance, specified in the Tag Along Offer shall not start to run until the date on which the Independent Accountant's determination of the price per Share is served on the Tag Along Buyer and the members holding Uncommitted Shares; and
- 9.5.2 the sale or transfer of the Committed Shares shall have no effect and shall not be registered.
- 9.6 To avoid doubt, the provisions of Article 4.3 shall apply in respect of the proceeds of a Sale pursuant to this Article 9.

10 PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

- 10.1 Subject to the Act (but without prejudice to any other provisions of these Articles) the Company may purchase its own Shares in accordance with Chapter 4 of Part 18 of the Act, including (without limitation) with cash up to an amount in a financial year not exceeding the limit for the time being set out in section 692(1)(b) of the Act.

11 SUBSIDIARIES

- 11.1 The Company shall procure that:

11.1.1 each other Group Company shall comply with those provisions of these Articles which are expressed to apply to a Group Company; and

11.1.2 no Group Company shall do or permit to be done any act, matter or thing which if it were done or permitted to be done by the Company would constitute a breach by the Company of any provision of these Articles or would require any consent, approval or sanction under these Articles, unless such consent, approval or sanction has been first obtained.

PART C

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

12 DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

Subject to these 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.

13 MEMBERS' RESERVE POWER

- 13.1 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

14 DIRECTORS MAY DELEGATE

- 14.1 Subject to these Articles the directors may, with Investor Consent, delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under these Articles:

14.1.1 to such person or committee;

14.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);

14.1.3 to such an extent;

14.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and

14.1.5 on such terms and conditions;

as they think fit.

- 14.2 If the directors (acting with Investor Consent) so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.

- 14.3 The directors (acting with Investor Consent) may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

15 COMMITTEES

- 15.1 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 these Articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.
- 15.2 The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from these Articles if they are not consistent with them.

DECISION MAKING BY DIRECTORS

16 DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

- 16.1 The general rule about decision making is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 17.2.
- 16.2 Subject to Article 21.5, if the Company has only one director for the time being the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of these Articles relating to directors' decision making.

17 DIRECTORS' DECISIONS OTHERWISE THAN AT A DIRECTORS' MEETING

- 17.1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this Article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- 17.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing where each eligible director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.
- 17.3 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this Article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

18 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

Unless the Lead Investor otherwise agrees in writing, meetings of the directors shall take place at least 10 times in each year, with a period of not more than 6 weeks between any two meetings. Any director may call a meeting of the directors, or authorise the company secretary (if any) to give such notice. At least 5 business days' advance notice of each such meeting shall be given to each director (except with the prior consent in writing of an Investor Director, when meetings of the directors may take place on shorter notice).

19 CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

- 19.1 Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) to give such notice.
- 19.2 Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate:
- 19.2.1 its proposed date and time;
 - 19.2.2 where it is to take place; and
 - 19.2.3 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.
- 19.3 Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing.

- 19.4 Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the Company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

20 PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 20.1 Subject to these Articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 20.2 In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other.
- 20.3 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.

21 QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 21.1 At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 21.2 Subject to the provisions of Part B of these Articles and to Article 21.4, the quorum for directors' meetings shall be two eligible directors.
- 21.3 If the necessary quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, or if, during a meeting, such quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to such time and place as the Chairman determines. If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within 30 minutes from the time appointed, then those persons present shall be deemed to be a quorum and the meeting shall proceed.
- 21.4 For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to Article 23 to authorise a director's conflict of interest, if there is only one eligible director in office other than the conflicted director(s), the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be one eligible director.
- 21.5 If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision to appoint further directors, or to call a general meeting so as to enable the members to appoint further directors.
- 21.6 Subject to Article 21.7, each eligible director participating in a directors' meeting has one vote on each proposed resolution.
- 21.7 If, and for so long as, any of the events, circumstances or failures referred to in Article 4.1.6 exist then, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles:
- 21.7.1 if an Investor Director votes against any resolution put to a directors' meeting, that resolution shall be deemed not to have been carried notwithstanding that the number of votes cast in its favour exceeds those cast against it; and
- 21.7.2 if an Investor Director votes in favour of any resolution put to a directors' meeting, that resolution shall be deemed to have been carried notwithstanding that the number of votes cast against it exceeds those cast in its favour.

22 CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 22.1 The Lead Investor may (having consulted with the chief executive officer of the Group from time to time) appoint any person as Chairman and may remove and replace any such Chairman.
- 22.2 Any appointment or removal pursuant to Article 22.1 shall be made by notice in writing from the Lead Investor to the Company and shall take effect immediately on receipt (or deemed receipt) by the Company or, if later, on such date (if any) as may be specified in the notice.
- 22.3 If there is no Chairman in office for the time being, or the Chairman is unable to attend any meeting of the directors, the directors present at the meeting must appoint another director present at the meeting to chair the meeting and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.
- 22.4 If the number of votes for and against a proposal at a meeting of directors is equal, the Chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

23 DIRECTORS - POWERS TO AUTHORISE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 23.1 The directors may authorise, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any matter which would otherwise result in a director infringing his duty to avoid a Conflict Situation provided that, for this purpose, the director in question and any other interested Director are not counted in the quorum at any board meeting at which such matter is authorised and it is agreed to without their voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.
- 23.2 Any authorisation given under Article 23.1 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the conflict so authorised.
- 23.3 Where the directors give authority under Article 23.1:
 - 23.3.1 they may (whether at the time of giving the authority or subsequently) require that the relevant director is excluded from the receipt of information, participation in discussion and/or the making of decisions (whether at directors' meetings or otherwise) related to the matter that is the subject of the authorisation and impose upon the relevant director such other terms for the purpose of the authorisation as they think fit and:
 - a) the relevant director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the directors in relation to the authorisation; and
 - b) the relevant director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act provided he acts in accordance with such terms;
 - 23.3.2 they may provide that where the relevant director obtains (otherwise than through his position as a director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, the director will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use or apply the information in relation to the Company's affairs, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and
 - 23.3.3 the directors may revoke or vary the authority at any time but this will not affect anything done by the relevant director prior to such revocation in accordance with the terms of such authority.

- 23.4 A director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any matter which has been authorised by the directors pursuant to Article 23.1 (subject in any case to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject).
- 23.5 For the purposes of section 175 and 180(4) of the Act and for all other purposes, and notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 23.1 to 23.4, it is acknowledged that a Director may be or become subject to a Group Conflict Situation or Group Conflict Situations.
- 23.6 A Director's duties to the Company arising from his holding office as director shall not be breached or infringed as a result of any Group Conflict Situation having arisen or existing in relation to him and such Group Conflict Situation shall, for the purposes of section 180(4) of the Act, be deemed authorised.
- 23.7 Any Director the subject of a Group Conflict Situation shall:
- 23.7.1 not be held accountable to the Company for any benefit he directly or indirectly derives from his involvement in any Group Company;
 - 23.7.2 be entitled to receive notice (including any relevant board papers) of, attend, count in the quorum towards and vote at board meetings relating in any way to, and deal generally with, matters concerning, connected with or arising from the Group Conflict Situation concerned; and
 - 23.7.3 be entitled to keep confidential and not disclose to the Company any information which comes into his possession as a result of such Group Conflict Situation where such information is confidential as regards any third party.

24 INVESTOR DIRECTOR CONFLICTS

- 24.1 For the purposes of sections 175 and 180(4) of the Act and for all other purposes, and notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 23.1 to 23.7 it is acknowledged that an Investor Director may be or become subject to a Conflict Situation or Conflict Situations as a result of his also being or having been or being party to an agreement or arrangement or understanding or circumstances under which he may become an employee, director, trustee, member, partner, officer or representative of, or a consultant to, or a direct or indirect investor in and/or otherwise commercially involved with or economically interested in any of the following:
- 24.1.1 an Investor;
 - 24.1.2 an Investor Affiliate; or
 - 24.1.3 an interest or similar incentive arrangement associated with any Investor or Investor Affiliate.
- 24.2 An Investor Director's duties to the Company arising from his holding office as director shall not be breached or infringed as a result of any Conflict Situation envisaged by Article 24.1 having arisen or existing in relation to him and such Conflict Situation shall, for the purposes of section 180(4) of the Act, be deemed authorised.
- 24.3 Any Investor Director the subject of a Conflict Situation envisaged by Article 24.1 shall:
- 24.3.1 not be held accountable to the Company for any benefit he directly or indirectly derives from his involvement in or with any person referred to in Articles 24.1.1 to 24.1.3 (inclusive) irrespective of whether the activities of such person or entity are or may become competitive with those of any Group Company;

24.3.2 be entitled to receive notice (including any relevant board papers) of, attend, count in the quorum towards and vote at board meetings relating in any way to and deal generally with, matters concerning, connected with or arising from the Conflict Situation concerned; and

24.3.3 be entitled to keep confidential and not disclose to the Company any information which comes into his possession as a result of such Conflict Situation where such information is confidential as regards any third party.

25 DIRECTORS – TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

25.1 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Act, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:

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

25.1.2 shall be an eligible director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such transaction or arrangement or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;

25.1.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of the directors, or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such transaction or arrangement or such proposed transaction or arrangement.

25.2 For the purposes of this Article 25, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.

25.3 Subject to Article 25.4, if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the Chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the Chairman is to be final and conclusive.

25.4 If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the Chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the Chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

26 RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

The directors must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors.

27 DIRECTORS' DISCRETION TO MAKE FURTHER RULES

Subject to these 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

28 NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 28.1 Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors is not subject to any maximum and the minimum number of directors is one.
- 28.2 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:
- 28.2.1 by ordinary resolution, or
- 28.2.2 by a decision of the directors.
- 28.3 In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no members and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last member to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director.
- 28.4 For the purposes of Article 28.3, where two or more members die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger member is deemed to have survived an older member.

29 TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT

- 29.1 A person ceases to be a director as soon as:
- 29.1.1 that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a director by law;
- 29.1.2 a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- 29.1.3 a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- 29.1.4 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 Board has resolved that that person should cease to be a director;
- 29.1.5 by reason of that person's 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;
- 29.1.6 notification is received by the Company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.
- 29.1.7 he is convicted of a criminal offence (other than a minor motoring offence) and a majority of the other directors resolve that he cease to be a director; and
- 29.1.8 in the case of an executive director only, he shall cease to be employed by the Company or other Group Company (as appropriate) and does not continue as an employee of any other Group Company.

30 DIRECTORS – ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 30.1 Any director (the “**appointor**”) may appoint as an alternate any other director or any other person approved by resolution of the directors to:
- 30.1.1 exercise that director’s powers; and
 - 30.1.2 carry out that director’s responsibilities
- in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate’s appointor.
- 30.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- 30.3 The notice must:
- 30.3.1 identify the proposed alternate, and
 - 30.3.2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.
- 30.4 An alternate director may act as an alternate director to more than one director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors as the alternate’s appointor.
- 30.5 Except as the Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:
- 30.5.1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors;
 - 30.5.2 are liable for their own acts and omissions;
 - 30.5.3 are subject to the same restrictions as their appointors; and
 - 30.5.4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointors,
- and, in particular (without limitation), each alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member.
- 30.6 A person who is an alternate director but not a director:
- 30.6.1 may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person’s appointor is not participating);
 - 30.6.2 may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his appointor is an eligible director in relation to that decision, but does not participate); and
 - 30.6.3 shall not be counted as more than one director for the purposes of Articles 30.6.1 and 30.6.2.
- 30.7 A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors (provided that his appointor is an eligible director in relation to that decision) but shall not count as more than one director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

- 30.8 An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing to the Company
- 30.9 An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates:
- 30.9.1 when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;
 - 30.9.2 on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director;
 - 30.9.3 on the death of the alternate's appointor; or
 - 30.9.4 when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates.

31 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

- 31.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide.
- 31.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine:
- 31.2.1 for their services to the Company as directors, and
 - 31.2.2 for any other service which they undertake for the Company.
- 31.3 Subject to these Articles, a director's remuneration may:
- 31.3.1 take any form, and
 - 31.3.2 include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.
- 31.4 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 31.5 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested

32 DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

- 32.1 The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors (including alternate directors and, if it has one, the secretary (but so that nothing in this Article 32.1 shall require the Company to have a secretary) properly incur in connection with their attendance at:
- 32.1.1 meetings of directors or committees of directors;
 - 32.1.2 general meetings; or
 - 32.1.3 separate meetings of any holders of any class of Shares or of debentures of the Company,
- or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company

33 SECRETARY

The directors may appoint any person who is willing to act as the secretary for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and from time to time remove such person and, if the directors so decide, appoint a replacement in each case by a decision of the directors. Nothing in this Article 33 shall require the Company to have a secretary.

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

34 POWERS TO ISSUE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARE

- 34.1 Subject to these 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.
- 34.2 The Company may issue Shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder, and the directors may, with Investor Consent, determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such Shares.

35 AUTHORITY TO ALLOT

- 35.1 Save to the extent authorised by these Articles, or authorised from time to time by an ordinary resolution of the members, the directors shall not exercise any power to allot Shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, any Shares in the Company.
- 35.2 Subject to the remaining provisions of this Article 35 and to Article 36, the directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purposes of section 551 of the Act and generally, to exercise any power of the Company to:
- 35.2.1 offer or allot Shares; or
- 35.2.2 grant rights ("**Rights**") to subscribe for or to convert any security into Shares
- to persons pursuant to any Permitted Issue.
- 35.3 The authority referred to in Article 35.2:
- 35.3.1 shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £602.10;
- 35.3.2 shall only apply insofar as the Company has not renewed, waived or revoked it by ordinary resolution; and

may only be exercised for a period of five years commencing on the date of adoption of these Articles, save that the directors may, before the expiry of such authority make an offer or agreement which would, or might, require Shares to be allotted or Rights to be granted after such expiry (and the directors may allot Shares or grant Rights in pursuance of such an offer or agreement).

36 ISSUE OF SHARES – PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

- 36.1 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment of Equity Securities made by the Company.
- 36.2 If the Company proposes to allot any Equity Securities other than:
- 36.2.1 any Equity Securities to be allotted pursuant to any Permitted Issue; or

- 36.2.2 any Equity Securities to be held under an employees share scheme (as that expression is defined in section 1166 of the Act); or
- 36.2.3 any Equity Securities allotted pursuant to Article 36.7,
- those Equity Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has first offered them to all members holding Shares on the date of the offer on the same terms, and at the same price, as those Equity Securities are being offered to other persons on a pari passu and pro-rata basis to the number of Shares held by those members (as nearly as possible without involving fractions). The offer:
- 36.2.4 shall be in writing, (made in hard copy or electronic form) shall be open for a period of 15 business days from the date of the offer and shall give details of the number and subscription price of the relevant Equity Securities; and
- 36.2.5 shall stipulate that any member who wishes to subscribe for a number of Equity Securities in excess of the proportion to which he is entitled shall, in his acceptance, state the number of excess Equity Securities ("**Excess Securities**") for which he wishes to subscribe.
- 36.3 Any Equity Securities not accepted by members pursuant to the offer made to them in accordance with Article 36.2 shall be used for satisfying any requests for Excess Securities made pursuant to Article 36.2. If there are insufficient Excess Securities to satisfy such requests, the Excess Securities shall be allotted to the applicants pro-rata to the number of Shares held by the applicants immediately before the offer was made to members in accordance with Article 36.2 (as nearly as possible without involving fractions or increasing the number of Excess Securities allotted to any member beyond that applied for by him). After that allotment, any Excess Securities remaining shall be offered to any other person as the directors may, with Investor Consent determine, provided that:
- 36.3.1 no Share shall be issued at a discount;
- 36.3.2 no Share shall be issued on terms which are more favourable than those on which they were offered to the members pursuant to this Article 36; and
- 36.3.3 no Share shall be issued more than 3 months after the end of the period for acceptance of the offer made under Article 36.2 unless the procedure in Articles 36.2 and 36.3 is repeated in relation to that Share.
- 36.4 No Shares shall be allotted to any employee, director, prospective employee or director unless such person has entered into a joint election with the company under section 431 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.
- 36.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no Share shall be issued to a person who is not already a party to the Investment Agreement unless that person has entered into a deed of adherence to, and in the form required by, the Investment Agreement.
- 36.6 Where any Share is issued to an existing member holding Shares, such new Share shall, if so required by the Lead Investor, on and from the time of registration of the allotment of that Share in the register of members, be immediately and automatically (without resolution of the members or directors) redesignated as a Share of the same class as the Shares already held by such member.

36.7 No Equity Securities (whether forming part of the original share capital or not) shall be required, before they are issued, to be offered to the members holding Shares in accordance with Article 36.2 if:

36.7.1 subject to Article 36.8, such Equity Securities are to be issued to an Investor or any Investor Affiliate as part of an Emergency Rights Issue; or

36.7.2 they are required for the purposes of an issue of shares on arms' length terms to any subscriber or subscribers who:

- a) is or are not a connected person or associate of any of the existing Shareholders or a fund managed by any existing Shareholders or any of their connected persons at the time such issue is made; and
- b) is or are (or an associate of whom is or are) contemporaneously with such issue of Equity Securities providing funding to the Company or any Group Company for any bona fide requirements of the Group ("**Relevant Funding**"); and
- c) requires such issue of Equity Securities as a condition of providing the Relevant Funding,

provided that alternative funding is not, or in the reasonable opinion of the Board (acting with Investor Consent) will not be, available on terms at least as favourable as those offered by the proposed subscriber(s) (or its or their associates) from a third party bank or financial institution which does not require such issue of Equity Securities as a condition of providing such funding.

36.8 In the event of an Emergency Rights Issue, each Equity Shareholder (other than the Shareholder or Shareholders to whom any Equity Securities were issued pursuant to the Emergency Rights Issue ("**Emergency Subscribers**")) shall be entitled, but not obliged, to subscribe at any time during the period of 60 days following completion of the Emergency Rights Issue for such number of the class or classes of Equity Securities issued pursuant to such Emergency Rights Issue as he would have been entitled to subscribe for by reference to his holding of Shares in accordance with Article 36.2 (had Article 36.2 not been subject to Article 36.7.1) on the same terms as the Emergency Subscribers.

37 SHARE CERTIFICATES

37.1 The Company must issue each member, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the Shares which that member holds.

37.2 Every certificate must specify:

37.2.1 in respect of how many Shares, of what class, it is issued;

37.2.2 the nominal value of those Shares;

37.2.3 the amount (if any) paid upon them; and

37.2.4 any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.

37.3 No certificate may be issued in respect of Shares of more than one class

37.4 If more than one person holds a Share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.

- 37.5 Certificates must have affixed to them the Company's common seal, or be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

38 COMPANY NOT BOUND BY LESS THAN ABSOLUTE INTERESTS

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

39 FRACTIONAL ENTITLEMENTS

- 39.1 Where there has been a consolidation or division of Shares and, as a result, members are entitled to fractions of Shares, the Board shall, with the consent of the Lead Investor, deal with the any fractional entitlements in such manner as it sees fit and may, in respect thereof:
- 39.1.1 sell the Shares representing the fractions to any person including the Company for the best price reasonably obtainable;
 - 39.1.2 authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the Shares to the person (s) nominated by the Board; and
 - 39.1.3 distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among the holders of the Shares.
- 39.2 Where any holder's entitlement to a portion of the proceeds of sale under Article 39.1 amounts to less than a minimum figure determined by the directors, that member's portion may be retained for the benefit of the Company.
- 39.3 The person to whom the Shares are transferred pursuant to Article 39.1 is not obliged to ensure that any purchase money is received by the person entitled to the relevant fractions. The transferee's title to the Shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to their sale.

40 COMPANY'S LIEN OVER SHARES

40.1 Partly paid Shares

- 40.1.1 The Company may, with Investor Consent, issue Shares for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in consideration for its issue.

40.2 Lien

- 40.2.1 The Company has a lien (the "**Company's Lien**") over every Share which is registered in the name of a person indebted or under any liability to the Company, whether he is the sole registered holder of the Share or one of several joint holders, for all monies payable by him (either alone or jointly with any other person) to the Company, whether payable immediately or at some time in the future.
- 40.2.2 The Company's Lien over a Share:
- a) takes priority over any third party's interest in that Share; and
 - b) 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.

40.2.3 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.

40.3 **Enforcement of the Company's Lien**

40.3.1 Subject to the provisions of this Article 40.3, if:

- a) a Lien Enforcement Notice has been given in respect of a Share; and
 - b) 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.

40.3.2 A lien enforcement notice (the "**Lien Enforcement Notice**"):

- a) 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;
- b) must specify the Share concerned;
- c) must require payment of the sum within 14 clear days of the notice (that is, excluding the date on which the notice is given and the date on which that 14 day period expires);
- d) must be addressed either to the holder of the Share or to a transmittee of that holder; and
- e) must state the Company's intention to sell the Share if the notice is not complied with.

40.3.3 Where Shares are sold under this Article 40.3:

- a) the directors may authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of the Shares to the purchaser or to a person nominated by the purchaser; and
- b) the transferee is not bound to see to the application of the consideration, and the transferee's title is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the process leading to the sale.

40.3.4 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:

- a) first, in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exceeds as was payable at the date of the Lien Enforcement Notice; and
- b) second, to the person entitled to the Shares at the date of the sale, but only after the certificate for the Shares sold has been surrendered to the Company for cancellation, or an indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the directors has been given for any lost certificates, and subject to a lien equivalent to the Company's Lien over the Shares before the sale for any money payable by that person (or his estate or any joint holder of the Shares) after the date of the Lien Enforcement Notice

40.3.5 A statutory declaration by a director or the company secretary that the declarant is a director or the company secretary and that a Share has been sold to satisfy the Company's Lien on a specified date:

- a) is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the Share; and
- b) subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the Articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the Share.

40.4 **Call notices**

40.4.1 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 to the Company at the date when the directors decide to send the Call Notice.

40.4.2 A Call Notice:

- a) may not require a member to pay a Call which exceeds the total amount of his indebtedness or liability to the Company;
- b) must state when and how any Call to which it relates is to be paid; and
- c) may permit or require the Call to be made in instalments.

40.4.3 A member must comply with the requirements of a Call Notice, but no member is obliged to pay any Call before 14 clear days (that is, excluding the date on which the notice is given and the date on which that 14 day period expires) have passed since the notice was sent.

40.4.4 Before the Company has received any Call due under a Call Notice the directors may:

- a) revoke it wholly or in part; or
- b) specify a later time for payment than is specified in the notice,

by a further notice in writing to the member in respect of whose Shares the Call is made.

40.5 **Liability to pay Calls**

40.5.1 Liability to pay a Call is not extinguished or transferred by transferring the Shares in respect of which it is required to be paid.

40.5.2 Joint holders of a Share are jointly and severally liable to pay all Calls in respect of that Share.

40.5.3 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:

- a) to pay Calls which are not the same; or
- b) to pay Calls at different times.

40.6 **When Call Notice need not be issued**

40.6.1 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:

- a) on allotment,
- b) on the occurrence of a particular event; or
- c) on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue.

40.6.2 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 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 regards the payment of interest and forfeiture.

40.7 **Failure to comply with Call Notice: automatic consequences**

40.7.1 If a person is liable to pay a Call and fails to do so by the Call payment date:

- a) the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture to that person; and
- b) until the Call is paid, that person must pay the Company interest on the Call from the Call payment date at the relevant rate.

40.7.2 For the purposes of this Article 40.7:

- a) the “**Call payment date**” is the time when the Call Notice states that a Call is payable, unless the directors give a notice specifying a later date, in which case the “**Call payment date**” is that later date; and
- b) the “relevant rate” is:
 - i the rate fixed by the terms on which the share in respect of which the call is due was allotted;
 - ii 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
 - iii if no rate is fixed in either of these ways, 5 per cent per annum.

40.7.3 The relevant rate must not exceed by more than 5 percentage points the base lending rate most recently set by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England in connection with its responsibilities under Part 2 of the Bank of England Act 1998.

40.7.4 The directors may waive any obligation to pay interest on a Call wholly or in part.

40.8 **Notice of intended forfeiture**

40.8.1 A notice of intended forfeiture:

- a) may be sent in respect of any Share in respect of which a Call has not been paid as required by a Call Notice;
- b) must be sent to the holder of that Share (or all the joint holders of that Share) or to a transmittee of that holder;

- c) must require payment of the Call and any accrued interest and all expenses that may have been incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment by a date which is not less than 14 clear days after the date of the notice (that is, excluding the date on which the notice is given and the date on which that 14 day period expires);
- d) must state how the payment is to be made; and
- e) 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.

40.9 **Directors' power to forfeit Shares**

40.9.1 If a notice of intended forfeiture is not complied with before the date by which payment 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.

40.10 **Effect of forfeiture**

40.10.1 Subject to the Articles, the forfeiture of a Share extinguishes:

- a) all interests in that Share, and all claims and demands against the Company in respect of it; and
- b) all other rights and liabilities incidental to the Share as between the person whose Share it was prior to the forfeiture and the Company.

40.10.2 Any Share which is forfeited in accordance with the Articles:

- a) is deemed to have been forfeited when the directors decide that it is forfeited;
- b) is deemed to be the property of the Company; and
- c) may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of as the directors think fit.

40.10.3 If a person's Shares have been forfeited:

- a) the Company must send that person notice that forfeiture has occurred and record it in the register of members;
- b) that person ceases to be a member in respect of those Shares;
- c) that person must surrender the certificate for the Shares forfeited to the Company for cancellation;
- d) 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 (whether accrued before or after the date of forfeiture); and
- e) 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.

40.10.4 At any time before the Company disposes of a forfeited Share, the directors may decide to cancel the forfeiture on payment of all Calls, interest and expenses due in respect of it and on such other terms as they think fit.

40.11 Procedure following forfeiture

40.11.1 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 execute the instrument of transfer.

40.11.2 A statutory declaration by a director or the company secretary that the declarant is a director or the company secretary and that a Share has been forfeited on a specified date:

- a) is conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the Share; and
- b) subject to compliance with any other formalities of transfer required by the Articles or by law, constitutes a good title to the Share.

40.11.3 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.

40.11.4 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 commission, and excluding any amount which:

- a) was, or would have become, payable; and
- b) 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.

40.12 Surrender of Shares

40.12.1 A member may surrender any Share:

- a) in respect of which the directors may issue a notice of intended forfeiture;
- b) which the directors may forfeit; or
- c) which has been forfeited.

40.12.2 The directors may accept the surrender of any such Share.

40.12.3 The effect of surrender on a Share is the same as the effect of forfeiture on that Share.

40.12.4 A Share which has been surrendered may be dealt with in the same way as a Share which has been forfeited.

41 REPLACEMENT SHARE CERTIFICATES

41.1 If a certificate issued in respect of a member's Shares is:

41.1.1 damaged or defaced, or

41.1.2 said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,

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

41.2 A member exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:

41.2.1 may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;

41.2.2 must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and

41.2.3 must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide.

42 SHARE TRANSFERS

42.1 Subject to the provisions of Part B of these Articles, Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, if the Shares are not fully paid, the transferee.

42.2 No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any Share.

42.3 The Company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.

42.4 The transferor remains the holder of a Share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.

43 TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

43.1 If title to a Share passes to a transmittee, the Company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that Share.

43.2 Subject to Part B of these Articles and pending any transfer of the Shares to another person, a transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to Shares as the directors may properly require has the same rights as the holder had, but transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of Shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those Shares.

44 TRANSMITTEES BOUND BY PRIOR NOTICES

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 of members.

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

45 PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING DIVIDENDS

45.1 Subject to Part B of these Articles (including, without limitation, Article 4.2), the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends.

- 45.2 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.
- 45.3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with members' respective rights.
- 45.4 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.
- 45.5 If the Company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on Shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear.
- 45.6 The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.
- 45.7 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.

46 CALCULATION OF DIVIDENDS

- 46.1 Except as otherwise provided by these Articles or the rights attached to Shares, all dividends must be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the Shares on which the dividend is paid and 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.
- 46.2 If any Share is issued on terms providing that it ranks for dividend as from a particular date, that Share ranks for dividend accordingly.
- 46.3 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.

47 PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

- 47.1 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:
- 47.1.1 transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
 - 47.1.2 sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the Share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
 - 47.1.3 sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide; or
 - 47.1.4 any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide.
- 47.2 In these Articles, a "**distribution recipient**" means, in respect of a Share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:

47.2.1 the holder of the Share; or

47.2.2 if the Share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or

47.2.3 if the holder is no longer entitled to the Share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

48 DEDUCTIONS FROM DISTRIBUTIONS IN RESPECT OF SUMS OWED TO THE COMPANY

48.1 If:

48.1.1 a Share is subject to the Company's Lien; and

48.1.2 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.

48.2 Money so deducted must be used to pay any of the sums payable in respect of that Share.

48.3 The Company must notify the distribution recipient in writing of:

48.3.1 the fact and amount of any such deduction;

48.3.2 any non-payment of a dividend or other sum payable in respect of a Share resulting from any such deduction; and

48.3.3 how the money deducted has been applied.

49 NO INTEREST ON DISTRIBUTIONS

49.1 The Company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a Share unless otherwise provided by:

49.1.1 the terms on which the Share was issued, or

49.1.2 the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that Share and the Company.

50 UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS

50.1 All dividends or other sums which are:

50.1.1 payable in respect of Shares, and

50.1.2 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.

50.2 The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the Company a trustee in respect of it.

50.3 If:

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

50.3.2 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.

51 NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

51.1 Subject to the terms of issue of the Share in question, the Company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a Share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company).

51.2 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:

51.2.1 fixing the value of any assets;

51.2.2 paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and

51.2.3 vesting any assets in trustees.

52 WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS

52.1 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:

52.1.1 the Share has more than one holder, or

52.1.2 more than one person is entitled to the Share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

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

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

53 AUTHORITY TO CAPITALISE AND APPROPRIATION OF CAPITALISED SUMS

53.1 Subject to these Articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution:

53.1.1 decide to capitalise any profits of the Company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and

53.1.2 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.

53.2 Capitalised sums must be applied:

- 53.2.1 on behalf of the persons entitled, and
- 53.2.2 in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.
- 53.3 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.
- 53.4 A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the Company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- 53.5 Subject to these Articles the directors may:
 - 53.5.1 apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs 53.3 and 53.4 partly in one way and partly in another;
 - 53.5.2 make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with Shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this Article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and
 - 53.5.3 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 under this Article.

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

54 ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 54.1 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 54.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
 - 54.2.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
 - 54.2.2 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.
- 54.3 The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.
- 54.4 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- 54.5 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

55 QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum. Subject to the provisions of Part B of these Articles, two Qualifying Persons shall be a quorum.

56 CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS

56.1 If the directors have appointed a Chairman, the Chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.

56.2 If the directors have not appointed a Chairman, or if the Chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start:

56.2.1 the directors present, or

56.2.2 (if no directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a director or member to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

56.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this Article is referred to as "**the chairman of the meeting**".

57 ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-MEMBERS

57.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are members.

57.2 The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not:

57.2.1 members of the Company, or

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

to attend and speak at a general meeting

58 ADJOURNMENT

58.1 If the persons attending a general meeting within 30 minutes from the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it. If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the adjourned meeting, then those persons present shall be deemed to be a quorum and the meeting shall proceed.

58.2 The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:

58.2.1 meeting consents to an adjournment, or

58.2.2 it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.

58.3 The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.

58.4 When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must:

- 58.4.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and
- 58.4.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- 58.5 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given):
 - 58.5.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given, and
 - 58.5.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- 58.6 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

59 VOTING: GENERAL

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 these Articles

60 ERRORS AND DISPUTES

- 60.1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.
- 60.2 Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.

61 POLL VOTES

- 61.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:
 - 61.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
 - 61.1.2 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.
- 61.2 A poll may be demanded by any Qualifying Person present and entitled to vote on the resolution.
- 61.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
 - 61.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken, and
 - 61.3.2 the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- 61.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs.

62 CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES

- 62.1 Proxies may only be validly appointed by a notice in writing (a "**proxy notice**") which:

- 62.1.1 states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
- 62.1.2 identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- 62.1.3 is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
- 62.1.4 is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate

and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid, unless the directors, in their discretion, accept the notice at any time before the meeting.

- 62.2 The Company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 62.3 Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- 62.4 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
 - 62.4.1 allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
 - 62.4.2 appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

63 DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

- 63.1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the company by or on behalf of that person.
- 63.2 An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- 63.3 A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- 63.4 If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

64 NO VOTING OF SHARES ON WHICH MONEY OWED TO COMPANY

No voting rights 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, or in relation to any written resolution of the Company unless all amounts payable to the Company in respect of that Share have been paid.

65 AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

- 65.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
- 65.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
 - 65.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 65.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if:
- 65.2.1 the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - 65.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 65.3 If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman of the meeting's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

66 APPLICATION OF RULES TO CLASS MEETINGS

The provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings apply, with any necessary modifications, to meetings of the holders of any class of Shares.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

67 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 67.1 Subject to these Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under these Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Act provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of the Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.
- 67.2 Except insofar as the Companies Acts require otherwise and save in respect of any notices sent by an Investor Majority, the Lead Investor or an Investor Director pursuant to a provision of Part B of these Articles, the Company shall not be obliged to accept any notice, document or other information sent or supplied to the Company in electronic form unless it satisfies such stipulations, conditions or restrictions (including, without limitation, for the purpose of authentication) as the directors think fit, and the Company shall be entitled to require any such notice, document or information to be sent or supplied in hard copy form instead.
- 67.3 In the case of joint holders of a Share, except insofar as these Articles otherwise provide, all notices, documents or other information shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and shall be deemed to have been given to all the joint holders. For all purposes, including the execution of any appointment of proxy, resolution in writing, notice or other document (including anything sent or supplied in electronic form) executed or approved pursuant to any provision of these Articles, execution by any one of such joint holders shall be deemed to be and shall be accepted as execution by all the joint holders.

- 67.4 In the case of a member that is a corporation, for all purposes, including the execution of any appointment of proxy, resolution in writing, notice or other document (including anything sent or supplied in electronic form) executed or approved pursuant to any provision of these Articles, execution by any director or the secretary of that corporation or any other person who appears to any officer of the Company (acting reasonably and in good faith) to have been duly authorised to execute shall be deemed to be and shall be accepted as execution by that corporation
- 67.5 A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who notifies the Company of an address within the United Kingdom at which notices, documents or other information may be served on or delivered to him shall be entitled to have such things served on or delivered to him at that address (in the manner referred to above), but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice, document or other information from the Company. If the address is that member's address for sending or receiving documents or information by electronic means the Directors may at any time without prior notice (and whether or not the Company has previously sent or supplied any documents or information in electronic form to that address) refuse to send or supply any documents or information to that address
- 67.6 Subject to these 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.
- 67.7 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.

68 NOTICES

- 68.1 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:
- 68.1.1 if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, 48 hours after it was posted (or five business days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five business days was guaranteed at the time of sending (and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider));
 - 68.1.2 if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;
 - 68.1.3 if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, two hours after the document or information was sent or supplied; and
 - 68.1.4 if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website.
- For the purpose of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a business day.
- 68.2 In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall be sufficient to show that the notice, document or other information was addressed to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

69 COMPANY SEALS

- 69.1 Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors.
- 69.2 The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- 69.3 Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the Company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- 69.4 For the purposes of this Article, an authorised person is:
- 69.4.1 any director of the Company;
 - 69.4.2 the company secretary (if any); or
 - 69.4.3 any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

70 NO RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORDS

Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a member.

71 PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS

The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.

72 DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

- 72.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act (but so that this Article 72.1 does not extend to any matter insofar as it would cause this Article or any part of it to be void thereunder), the Company:

72.1.1 shall, without prejudice to any indemnity to which the person concerned may otherwise be entitled, indemnify any director or other officer (other than an auditor) of the Company and any associated company against all losses and liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution, or discharge, of his duties in relation to:

- a) the Company;
- b) any associated company; and
- c) any occupational pension scheme of which the Company or any associated company is a trustee

including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) in which judgment is given in his favour (or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding of any material breach of duty on his part) or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which the court grants him relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company, any associated company

or any occupational pension scheme of which the Company or any associated company is a trustee; and

72.1.2 may, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 72.1.1, purchase and maintain insurance for any person who is or was a director or officer of the company or any associated company against any loss or liability which he may incur, whether in connection with any proven or alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust or otherwise in relation to the Company, any associated company, any employees' share scheme of the Company or of any associated company or any occupational pension scheme of which the Company or any associated company is a trustee

where for the purposes of this Article 72.1, companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

73 DISPUTES

Where these Articles provide for any dispute in relation to a particular matter to be determined pursuant to this Article 73, such dispute shall be referred, at the request of any member, to an Independent Accountant. The decision of the Independent Accountant (who shall be deemed to act as an expert and not as an arbitrator) shall, save in the event of fraud or manifest error, be final and binding on the Company and the members and the cost of such reference shall be borne as directed in the relevant Article, or, where no such direction is given, by the party or parties named by the Independent Accountant (taking into account conduct of the parties and the merits of their respective arguments in relation to any matters in dispute) or, where no such party is named by the Independent Accountant, equally by the parties concerned.

74 RELATIONSHIP TO FACILITY DOCUMENTS

74.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no payment shall be declared or paid by the Company by way of dividend or other distribution, purchase, redemption, reduction or return of Shares or capital if and to the extent that such payment is prohibited or restricted by the terms of the Facility Documents (for so long as the Facility Documents remain in force and effect). No dividends or other distributions in respect of the Shares shall constitute a debt enforceable against the Company unless such dividend or distribution is permitted to be paid in accordance with the terms of the Facility Documents (for so long as the Facility Documents remain in force and effect) but any interest which is prescribed to accrue on any such dividends or distributions in accordance with these Articles shall continue to accrue with effect from the date upon which the dividend or distribution would otherwise have been a debt due from the Company and enforceable (but for this Article 74.1 and the provisions of the Facility Documents) until the date on which payment is actually made.

74.2 If any dividend or distribution is not paid because of the provisions of Article 74.1 or the Facility Documents, such dividend or distribution shall be paid forthwith upon the requisite consent being obtained or the relevant prohibition on such payment ceasing.

75 DATA PROTECTION

75.1 Each of the members and directors (from time to time) consents to the processing of his personal data by the Company, its members and directors (each a "**Recipient**") for the purposes of due diligence exercises, compliance with applicable laws, regulations and procedures and the exchange of information amongst themselves. A Recipient may process such personal data either electronically or manually.

75.2 The personal data that may be processed for such purposes under this Article 75 shall include any information which may have a bearing on the prudence or commercial merits of investing in, or disposing of any Shares (or other investment or security) in, the Company. Save as

required by law, court order or any regulatory authority, that personal data shall not be disclosed by a Recipient or any other person, except to:

75.2.1 a Member of the Same Group as the Recipient (each a "**Recipient Group Company**");

75.2.2 employees, directors and professional advisers of that Recipient or any Recipient Group Company; and

75.2.3 funds managed by any of the Recipient Group Companies.

75.3 Each of the members and directors consent (from time to time) to the transfer of such personal data to persons acting on behalf of any Recipient and to the offices of any Recipient, both within and outside the European Economic Area, for the purposes stated above, where it is necessary or desirable to do so.

76 CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME

The Company may, with the consent of an Investor Director, change its name by resolution of the directors.