THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

SMALL ROBOT COMPANY LIMITED (the "Company") (Company Number: 10846464) (Adopted by special resolution passed on 6 September 2022)

1. Interpretation

1.1. In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:

> Accepting Shareholder has the meaning given in Article 12.5;

Acting in Concert has the meaning given to it in the City Code on

> Takeovers and Mergers published by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended from time to

time);

Articles means the Company's Articles of Association;

Asset Sale means the sale or transfer of the whole or

substantially the whole of the undertaking or assets of

the Company or any subsidiary of the Company;

Associated Government **Entities**

means:

- a) any UK Government departments, including their executive agencies, other subsidiary bodies and other parts of UK Government;
- b) companies wholly or partly owned by UK departments Government and subsidiaries:
- c) non-departmental public bodies, other public bodies, public corporations and their bodies sponsored subsidiary by UK Government departments; and/or
- d) any successors to any of the entities set out in (a), (b) and (c) above or any new bodies which fall within the same criteria:

Bad Leaver

means a Founder, if he:

ceases to be an Employee where such cessation is due to (i) his resignation or voluntary departure, (ii) gross misconduct or a material or repudiatory breach of the terms of any employment agreement, including any material breach of obligations to the Company concerning confidentiality or intellectual property or non-compliance with non-compete obligations applicable under the terms of such employment agreement; (iii) fraud or acts of dishonesty; (iv) being convicted of any criminal offence (other than a road traffic offence which is not punishable by a custodial sentence); or (iv) any act or omission (whether or not in the course of employment or engagement) which causes material damage to the Company's business reputation; or

 (b) applies for an interim order (within the meaning of the Insolvency Act 1986) or enters into an individual voluntary arrangement or is made bankrupt, or makes an arrangement or composition with his creditors;

Beneficial Owner

means a person whose Shares are held on trust by NomineeCo:

Board

means the board of Directors:

Business Day

means any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday 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 12.1;

Called Shares

has the meaning given in Article 13.2.1;

Called Shareholder

has the meaning given in Article 13.1;

Civil Partner

means in relation to a Shareholder, a civil partner (as defined in the Civil Partnership Act 2004) of the Shareholder:

Companies Act

the Companies Act 2006;

Controlling Interest

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

Convertible Securities

has the meaning given in Article 12.2.3;

Date of Adoption

means the date on which these Articles were adopted;

Deferred Shares

means the deferred shares of £0.00001 each in the capital of the Company:

Directors

means the directors of the Company from time to

time, and **Director** means any one of them;

Drag Along Notice has the meaning given in Article 13.2;

Drag Along Option has the meaning given in Article 13.1;

Drag Buyer has the meaning given in Article 13.1;

Drag Completion Date has the meaning given in Article 13.5;

Drag Consideration has the meaning given in Article 13.3;

Drag Documents has the meaning given in Article 13.5;

Effective Termination

Date

means the date on which the Employee's employment or consultancy terminates;

Employee means an individual who is employed by or who

provides consultancy services to, the Company;

Equity Securities has the meaning given in sections 560(1) to (3)

inclusive of the Companies Act;

Exit means a Share Sale or an Asset Sale;

Family Trust means, in relation to an individual Shareholder, a trust

or settlement set up wholly for the benefit of that individual Shareholder ("Settlor") and/or the Settlor's

Privileged Relations;

Founders means Josey Ross Allnut, Sam Watson-Jones and

Benjamin Scott-Robinson and "Founder" shall mean

any one of them;

Founder Shares in relation to a Founder means all of the Shares in the

Company held by:

(a) the relevant Founder (and in the case of Sam Watson Jones any Shares held by Peter

Watson Jones Limited); and

(b) in the event that a Founder (or in the case of Sam Watson Jones, Peter Watson Jones Limited) has transferred any of his Shares held as at the Date of Adoption to a Permitted Transferee, by any Permitted Transferee of the relevant Founder (or in the case of Sam Watson Jones, Peter Watson Jones Limited) other than those Shares held by those persons that the Board declares itself satisfied were not acquired directly or indirectly from the relevant Founder (or in the case of Sam Watson Jones, Peter Watson Jones Limited) or by reason of their relationship with the relevant Founder (or in the case of Sam Watson Jones, Peter

Watson Jones Limited);

means UK FF Nominees Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales with company

Future Fund

registration number 12591650 and whose registered office address is at 5 Churchill Place, 10th Floor, London, England, E14 5HU;

Good Leaver

means a Founder, if he ceases to be an Employee of a Group Company and:

- (a) is not a Bad Leaver; or
- (b) is determined to be a Good Leaver by the Board;

Member of the same Group

means as regards any company, a company which is from time to time a parent undertaking or a subsidiary undertaking of that company or a subsidiary undertaking of any such parent undertaking;

Institutional Investors

means any fund, partnership, body corporate, trust or other person or entity whose principal business is to make investments or a person whose business is to make, manage or advise upon investments for any of the foregoing, other than an Institutional Investor who the Board determines in its reasonable discretion is a competitor with the business of the Company;

Model Articles

means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the Date of Adoption and for ease of reference annexed as Appendix 1 to these Articles;

New Securities

means any shares or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for, those shares issued by the Company after the Date of Adoption (other than shares or securities issued as a result of the events set out in Article 8.6);

New Shareholder

has the meaning given in Article 13.10;

NomineeCo

means Crowdcube Nominees Limited (company number 09820478) or a Permitted Transferee;

Offer

has the meaning given in Article 12.2;

Offer Notice

has the meaning given in Article 12.3;

Offer Period

has the meaning given in Article 9.2.3;

Offer Shares

has the meaning given in Article 12.3.4;

Ordinary Shares

means the ordinary shares of £0.00001 each in the

capital of the Company;

Original Shareholder

has the meaning given in Article 10.1;

Permitted Transferee means:

- (a) in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual, any of his Privileged Relations, Trustees or Qualifying Companies; and
- in relation to a Shareholder which is an undertaking (as defined in section 1161(1) of the Companies Act) means any Member of the same Group
- (c) in relation to NomineeCo, means another trust company;

Price has the meaning given in Article 9.2.2.2;

Privileged Relations means in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual member or deceased or former member means a spouse, Civil Partner, child or grandchild

their issue);

Proceeds of Sale means the consideration payable (including any

deferred consideration) whether in cash or otherwise to those shareholders selling shares pursuant to a Share Sale less any fees, costs and expenses payable in respect of such Share Sale as approved

(including step or adopted or illegitimate child and

by the Board;

Proposed Buyer means a bona fide arm's length buyer;

Proposed Transfer has the meaning given in Article 12.1;

Purchase Notice has the meaning given in Article 9.2.4;

Purchasing Shareholder has the meaning given in Article 9.2.4;

Qualifying Company means a company in which a Shareholder or Trustee(s) holds the entire issued share capital and

over which that Shareholder or Trustee(s) exercises control (within the meaning of section 1124 of the

CTA 2010);

Relevant Percentage means, in relation to and for the purposes of determining the number of Founder Shares that are

required (pursuant to Article (a)) to be converted into Deferred Shares as a result of the relevant Founder ceasing to be an Employee within the period commencing on the 7 September 2017 and ending on the Effective Termination Date, the percentage (rounded to the nearest two decimal places) as

calculated using the formula below:

 $100 - ((1/48 \times 100) \times NM),$

where NM = number of full calendar months from 7 September 2017 to the Effective Termination Date such that the Relevant Percentage shall be zero on the first day of the 49th month after 7 September 2017 and thereafter;

Relevant Period means 48 months from 7 September 2017;

Sale Agreement has the meaning given in Article 13.2.5;

Sale Date has the meaning given in Article 12.3;

Sale Documents has the meaning given in Article 12.6;

Sellers' Shares has the meaning given in Article 13.1;

Selling Shareholder has the meaning given in Article 13.1;

Share Sale means the sale of (or the grant of a right to acquire or

to dispose of) any Shares (in one transaction or as a series of transactions) which will result in the purchaser of such Shares (or grantee of such right) and persons connected (in terms of section 1122 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010) with him gaining a

Controlling Interest in the Company;

Shareholders means all or any of those persons whose names are

entered in the register of members of the Company,

and Shareholder shall mean any one of them;

Shares means the Ordinary Shares and any other class of

share in the capital of the Company (other than the Deferred Shares) subsequently created or issued and

Share shall be constructed accordingly;

Specified Price has the meaning given in Article 12.2.3;

Subscribers has the meaning given in Article 8.2

Subscription Period has the meaning given in Article 8.2.1;

Transaction Expenses any fees, costs and expenses, payable in respect of

such Share sale pursuant to Article 13 as approved by the holders of a majority percentage of the

Ordinary Shares in issue from time to time;

Transfer Notice has the meaning given in Article 9.2.1;

Transfer Offer Period has the meaning given in Article 9.2.3;

Transferring Shares has the meaning given in Article 9.2.1;

Transferring has the meaning given in Article 9.2.1; **Shareholder**

Trust A Family Trust or any other trust whereby legal title of

Shares of the Shareholder are held on trust by a third party Trustee subject to a declaration of trust

including without limitation a nominee;

Trustees means in relation to a Shareholder means the trustee

or the trustees of a Trust.

- 1.2. Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Companies Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles.
- 1.3. Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.4. A reference in these Articles to an "Article" is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 1.5. 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:
 - 1.5.1. any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it; and
 - 1.5.2. any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.
- 1.6. 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 following those terms.
- 1.7. The singular includes the plural, the masculine includes the feminine and, in each case, vice versa.
- 1.8. The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles or are inconsistent with these Articles, and, subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies, shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation. A copy of the Model Articles is appended to these Articles.
- 1.9. Articles 13, 14 and 24 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

2. Quorum for general meetings

The quorum for a general meeting shall be at least two Shareholders holding a majority of the Shares present in person or by proxy or (in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation) by representative, save that, if and for so long as the Company has only one person as a Shareholder, one Shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum.

3. Number of Directors

The number of Directors of the Company shall not be more than three

4. Appointment and Retirement of Directors

4.1. For so long as Benjamin Scott-Robinson holds Shares and is an Employee, he shall have the right to appoint and maintain in office one natural person as he may from

time to time nominate as a Director and to remove any such Director so appointed and, upon his removal whether by Benjamin Scott-Robinson or otherwise, to appoint another Director in his place.

- 4.2. For so long as (i) Peter Watson Jones Limited holds Shares and (ii) Sam Watson Jones is an Employee, Peter Watson Jones Limited shall have the right to appoint and maintain in office one natural person as it may from time to time nominate as a Director and to remove any such Director so appointed and, upon his removal whether by Peter Watson Jones Limited or otherwise, to appoint another Director in his place.
- 4.3. The Board may appoint and maintain in office one natural person as it may from time to time nominate as a Director and to remove any such Director so appointed and, upon his removal whether by the Board or otherwise, to appoint another Director in his place.

5. Disqualification and Removal of Directors

- 5.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4, a person ceases to be a Director as soon as:
 - 5.1.1. that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act, or these Articles or is prohibited from being a director by law; or
 - 5.1.2. a bankruptcy order is made against that person; or
 - 5.1.3. a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
 - 5.1.4. 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:
 - 5.1.5. 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;
 - 5.1.6. 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; or
 - 5.1.7. he shall for more than three consecutive months have been absent without permission of the Directors from meetings of Directors held during that period and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated.

6. Directors' conflicts of interest

- 6.1. Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors in accordance with the provisions of these Articles the nature and extent of his interest, a Director may (save as to the extent not permitted by law from time to time), notwithstanding his office, have an interest of the following kind:
 - 6.1.1. where a Director (or a person connected with him) is party to or in any way directly or indirectly interested in, or has any duty in respect of, any existing or proposed contract, arrangement or transaction with the Company or any other undertaking in which the Company is in any way interested;
 - 6.1.2. where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a director, employee or other officer of, or a party to any contract, arrangement or transaction with, or in any way interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;

- 6.1.3. where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a shareholder in the Company or a shareholder in, employee, director, member or other officer of, or consultant to, a holding company of, or a subsidiary of a holding company of, the Company;
- 6.1.4. where a Director (or a person connected with him) holds and is remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor) in respect of the Company or body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
- 6.1.5. where a Director is given a guarantee, or is to be given a guarantee, in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
- 6.1.6. where a Director (or a person connected with him or of which he is a member or employee) acts (or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested of which he is a director, employee or other officer may act) in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested (other than as auditor) whether or not he or it is remunerated for this;
- 6.1.7. an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
- 6.1.8. any other interest authorised by ordinary resolution.
- 6.2. In relation to any vote by the Board on the approval or termination of the service agreement of any Director, such vote shall be effective only if the quorum at the meeting at which such vote is taken is met without counting the Director in question (or his alternate as the case may be) and the vote is passed without the Director in question (or his alternate as the case may be) voting, or would have been passed if his vote had not been counted.
- 6.3. For the purposes of this Article 6, an interest of which a Director is not aware and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to be aware shall not be treated as an interest of his.
- 6.4. In any situation permitted by this Article 6 (save as otherwise agreed by him) a Director shall not by reason of his office be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from that situation and no such contract, arrangement or transaction shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.
- 6.5. Any authority given in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act in respect of a Director (an "Interested Director") who has proposed that the Directors authorise his interest (a "Relevant Interest") pursuant to that section may, for the avoidance of doubt:
 - 6.5.1. be given on such terms and subject to such conditions or limitations as may be imposed by the authorising Directors (excluding the Interested Director) as they see fit from time to time, including, without limitation:
 - 6.5.1.1. restricting the Interested Director from voting on any resolution put to a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors in relation to the Relevant Interest;
 - 6.5.1.2. restricting the Interested Director from being counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors where such Relevant Interest is to be discussed; or
 - 6.5.1.3. restricting the application of the provisions in Articles 6.6 and 6.7, so far as is permitted by law, in respect of such Interested

Director; and

6.5.2. be withdrawn, or varied at any time by the Directors entitled to authorise the relevant situation as they see fit from time to time; and

an Interested Director must act in accordance with any such terms, conditions or limitations imposed by the authorising Directors pursuant to section 175(5)(a) of the Act and this Article 6.

- 6.6. Subject to Article 6.7 (and without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse or release the Director from disclosing information, in circumstances where disclosure may otherwise be required under this Article 4), if a Director, otherwise than by virtue of his position as Director, receives information in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to a person other than the Company, he shall not be required:
 - 6.6.1. to disclose such information to the Company or to any Director, or to any officer or employee of the Company; or
 - otherwise to use or apply such confidential information for the purpose of or in connection with the performance of his duties as a Director.
- 6.7. Where such duty of confidentiality arises out of a situation in which a Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company, Article 6.6 shall apply only if the conflict arises out of a matter which falls within Article 6.1 or Article 6.2 or has been authorised under section 175(5)(a) of the Act.
- 6.8. Where a Director has an interest which can reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, the Director may take such additional steps as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of managing such conflict of interest, including compliance with any procedures laid down from time to time by the Directors for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest generally and/or any specific procedures approved by the Directors for the purpose of or in connection with the situation or matter in question, including without limitation:
 - 6.8.1. absenting himself from any discussions, whether in meetings of the Directors or otherwise, at which the relevant situation or matter falls to be considered; and
 - 6.8.2. excluding himself from documents or information made available to the Directors generally in relation to such situation or matter and/or arranging for such documents or information to be reviewed by a professional adviser to ascertain the extent to which it might be appropriate for him to have access to such documents or information.
- 6.9. Subject to section 182 of the Act, a Director shall declare the nature and extent of any interest permitted by Article 6.1 or Article 6.2 at a meeting of the Directors, or by general notice in accordance with section 184 (notice in writing) or section 185 (general notice) of the Act or in such other manner as the Directors may determine, except that no declaration of interest shall be required by a Director in relation to an interest:
 - 6.9.1. falling under Article 6.1.8;
 - 6.9.2. if, or to the extent that, the other Directors are already aware of such interest (and for this purpose the other Directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware); or
 - 6.9.3. if, or to the extent that, it concerns the terms of his service contract (as defined by section 227 of the Act) that have been or are to be considered by a meeting of the Directors, or by a committee of Directors appointed for

the purpose under these Articles.

- 6.10. Subject to section 239 of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution ratify any contract, transaction or arrangement, or other proposal, not properly authorised by reason of a contravention of any provisions of this Article 6.
- 6.11. For the purposes of this Article 6:
 - 6.11.1. a conflict of interest includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties; and
 - 6.11.2. the provisions of section 252 of the Act shall determine whether a person is connected with a Director; and
 - 6.11.3. a general notice to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified.

7. Proceedings of Directors' Meeting

- 7.1. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Board shall throughout the meeting be two. If such quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to 5 Business Days at the same time and place or at such time and place as determined by the directors present at such meeting provided that notice of such reconvened meeting shall be given to all directors as if it was a new meeting. If a quorum is not present at such adjourned meeting within half an hour from the time appointed, then the meeting shall proceed provided that it shall only conduct such business as is specifically identified in the agenda to the meeting sent with the notice.
- 7.2. The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Unless all Directors indicate their willingness to accept shorter notice of a meeting of the Directors, at least five Business Days' prior notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Directors shall be given.
- 7.3. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors. Notice of every meeting of the Directors shall be given to every Director (or alternate director) in accordance with the provisions referred to in Article 7.1 but the non-receipt of notice by any Director shall not of itself invalidate the proceedings at any meeting of the Directors. All decisions of the Directors made at any meeting of the Directors (or any committee of the Directors) shall be determined by a majority of votes.
- 7.4. In the event of a vote of the Board being equally split between the directors, the Chairman (if appointed) shall have no casting vote.
- 7.5. 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:
 - 7.5.1. such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible Director or to which each eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing;
 - 7.5.2. references in this Article to eligible Directors are to Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a Directors' meeting; and
 - 7.5.3. 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.

- 7.6. 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.
- 8. Further issues of Shares: pre-emption rights
- 8.1. Sections 561(1) and 562(1) to (5) (inclusive) of the Companies Act do not apply to an allotment of Equity Securities made by the Company.
- 8.2. Unless otherwise agreed by special resolution, if the Company proposes to allot any New Securities those New Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has in the first instance offered them to the Shareholders (the "Subscribers") on the same terms and at the same price as those New Securities are being offered to other persons on a pari passu and pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by those Shareholders (as nearly as may be without involving fractions). The offer:
 - 8.2.1. shall be in writing, be open for acceptance from the date of the offer to the date 10 Business Days after the date of the offer (inclusive) (the "Subscription Period") and give details of the number and subscription price of the New Securities; and
 - 8.2.2. may stipulate that any Subscriber who wishes to subscribe for a number of New Securities in excess of the proportion to which each is entitled shall in their acceptance state the number of excess New Securities for which they wish to subscribe.
- 8.3. If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is equal to or exceeds the total number of New Securities that the Company had proposed to allot, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers who have applied for New Securities on a pro rata basis to the number of Shares held by such Subscribers which procedure shall be repeated until all New Securities have been allotted (as nearly as may be without involving fractions or increasing the number allotted to any Subscriber beyond that applied for by him).
- 8.4. If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is less than the total number of New Securities that the Company has proposed to allot, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers in accordance with their applications and any remaining New Securities shall be offered to any other person as the Directors may determine at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the Subscribers.
- 8.5. Subject to the requirements of Articles 8.2 to 8.4 (inclusive) and to the provisions of section 551 of the Companies Act, any New Securities shall be at the disposal of the Board who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to any persons at those times and generally on the terms and conditions they think proper.
- 8.6. The provisions of Articles 8.2 to 8.5 (inclusive) shall not apply to:
 - 8.6.1. options to subscribe for Shares under a share option plan of the Company, the terms of which have been approved by the Board; or
 - 8.6.2. the acquisition of the shares, business or undertaking of any other person by the Company.
- 8.7. No Shares shall be allotted to any Employee, Director, prospective Employee or prospective director of the Company, who in the opinion of the Board is subject to

taxation in the United Kingdom, unless such person has entered into a joint section 431 ITEPA election with the Company if so required by the Company.

9. Transfer of Shares: pre-emption rights

- 9.1. No Deferred Share may be transferred except with the consent of the Board.
- 9.2. Subject to Articles 10, 12 and 13, the Shareholders shall not transfer any Shares, except in the circumstances set out in Articles 9.2.1 to 9.2.8 and, for the avoidance of doubt and without prejudice to the generality of Article 26 of the Model Articles, the Board may refuse to register the transfer of any Share, if it has not been transferred in accordance with Articles 9.2.1 to 9.2.8.
 - 9.2.1. Any Shareholder who wishes to transfer any Shares (the "Transferring Shareholder") shall, before transferring or agreeing to transfer such shares (the "Transferring Shares") or any interest in them, first offer those Transferring Shares to the existing Shareholders, by giving irrevocable written notice to the Company (a "Transfer Notice").
 - 9.2.2. The Transfer Notice shall specify:
 - 9.2.2.1. the number of Transferring Shares the Transferring Shareholder wishes to transfer; and
 - 9.2.2.2. the price (in cash) and any other consideration at which the Transferring Shareholder wishes to transfer the Transferring Shares (which shall be the price offered to the Transferring Shareholder by a bona fide third party for the Transferring Shares, or in the absence of such an offer, the price calculated pursuant to Articles 9.2.6 and 9.2.7, in which case the Transfer Notice shall not specify a price) (the "Price").
 - 9.2.3. Upon receipt of the Transfer Notice, the Board shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, offer the Transferring Shares to the other Shareholders, inviting those Shareholders to state by notice in writing to the Company within 5 Business Days of the offer by the Board (the "Transfer Offer Period"), whether they are willing to purchase at the Price, such number of Transferring Shares as corresponds to the proportion of other Shares held by them respectively.
 - 9.2.4. Each Shareholder who wishes to purchase the shares offered to him in accordance with Article 9.2.3 above (a "Purchasing Shareholder") may within the Transfer Offer Period, serve notice (the "Purchase Notice") on the Board specifying how many Transferring Shares he wishes to purchase.
 - 9.2.5. Any Transferring Shares not accepted pursuant to Articles 9.2.4 may be transferred by the Transferring Shareholder to any person, provided the transfer is at the Price and takes place within 90 Business Days of the end of the Transfer Offer Period.
 - 9.2.6. If there is no bona fide third party offer for any of the Transferring Shares, the Price shall be such price per Transferring Share as may be determined by the accountants for the time being of the Company as the fair value thereof. The Board shall instruct such accountants to specify such fair value as soon as practicable upon receipt of the Transfer Notice not having the Price specified therein and such accountants shall, acting as experts and not arbitrators, calculate the fair value on such bases as they consider most applicable, but without discount for minority or uplift for majority shareholdings, and their costs and expenses shall be borne equally by the Company and the Transferring Shareholder.

- 9.2.7. In determining the fair value of the Transferring Shares, the accountants will rely on the following assumptions: the sale is between a willing seller and a willing buyer of the Transferring Shares, the Company is carrying on its business as a going concern and shall continue to do so, the Transferring Shares are sold free of all restrictions, liens, charges and other encumbrances and the sale is taking place on the date the accountants were instructed to calculate the fair value.
- 9.2.8. Following completion of the procedure in respect of the Transferring Shares set out in Articles 9.2.1 to 9.2.7, the Transferring Shareholder shall sell the Transferring Shares as required and shall execute and deliver to the Board stock transfer forms relating to the Transferring Shares as required by the Board against receipt of the Price which the Board may receive from and transfer on behalf of the purchasers.

10. Permitted Transfers

- 10.1. A Shareholder (who is not a Permitted Transferee) (the "**Original Shareholder**") may transfer all or any of his or its Shares to a Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- 10.2. Shares previously transferred as permitted by Article 10.1 may be transferred by the transferee to any other Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- 10.3. Where under the provision of a deceased Shareholder's will or laws as to intestacy, the persons legally or beneficially entitled to any Shares, whether immediately or contingently, are Permitted Transferees of the deceased Shareholder, the legal representative of the deceased Shareholder may transfer any Share to those Permitted Transferees, in each case without restriction as to price or otherwise.
- 10.4. If a Permitted Transferee who was a Member of the same Group as the Original Shareholder ceases to be a Member of the same Group as the Original Shareholder, the Permitted Transferee must not later than five Business Days after the date on which the Permitted Transferee so ceases, transfer the Shares held by it to the Original Shareholder or a Member of the same Group as the Original Shareholder (which in either case is not in liquidation) without restriction as to price or otherwise failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of those Shares.
- 10.5. Trustees may (i) transfer Shares to a Qualifying Company or (ii) transfer Shares to the Original Shareholder or to another Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder or (iii) transfer Shares to the new or remaining trustees upon a change of Trustees without restrictions as to price or otherwise.
- 10.6. No transfer of Shares may be made to Trustees unless the Board is satisfied:
 - 10.6.1. with the terms of the trust instrument and in particular with the powers of the trustees;
 - 10.6.2. with the identity of the proposed trustees;
 - 10.6.3. the proposed transfer will not result in 50 per cent or more of the aggregate of the Company's equity share capital being held by trustees of that and any other trusts; and
 - 10.6.4. that no costs incurred in connection with the setting up or administration of the Family Trust in question are to be paid by the Company.
- 10.7. If a Permitted Transferee who is a Qualifying Company of the Original Shareholder ceases to be a Qualifying Company of the Original Shareholder, it must within five Business Days of so ceasing, transfer the Shares held by it to the Original

- Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder) (any may do so without restriction as to price or otherwise) failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of such Shares.
- 10.8. If a Permitted Transferee who is a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder ceases to be a spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder whether by reason of divorce or otherwise he must, within 15 Business Days of so ceasing either:
 - 10.8.1. execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by him to the Original Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder) for such consideration as may be agreed between them; or
 - 10.8.2. give a Transfer Notice to the Company in accordance with Article 9.2.1, failing which he shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.
- 10.9. On the death (subject to Article 10.3), bankruptcy, liquidation, administration or administrative receivership of a Permitted Transferee (other than a joint holder) his personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy, or its liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver must within five Business Days after the date of the grant of probate, the making of the bankruptcy order or the appointment of the liquidator, administrator or the administrative receiver execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by the Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise. The transfer shall be to the Original Shareholder if still living (and not bankrupt or in liquidation) or, if so directed by the Original Shareholder, to any Permitted Transferee of the Original Shareholder. If the transfer is not executed and delivered within five Business Days of such period or if the Original Shareholder has died or is bankrupt or is in liquidation, administration or administrative receivership, the personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.
- 10.10. A Beneficial Owner shall be entitled at any time to transfer his entire beneficial interest in the Shares held on trust for him by NomineeCo without restriction to any person, provided that the legal title in such Shares continues to be held by NomineeCo and the transferee is (or becomes prior to the completion of the transfer) a member of the crowdfunding platform operated by Crowdcube Capital Limited.
- 10.11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Future Fund shall at any time be entitled to transfer its any shares in the capital of the Company that are held by the Future Fund, without restriction as to price or otherwise and free of pre-emption rights howsoever expressed to:
 - (a) any Associated Government Entities; or;
 - (b) an Institutional Investor that is acquiring the whole or part (being not fewer than 10 companies, including the Company) of the Future Fund's interest in a portfolio of investments which comprise or result from the conversion of unsecured convertible loans substantially on the same terms as the convertible loan agreement between the Future Fund and the Company, provided always that such transaction(s) is bona fide in all respects.

11. Founder Shares

11.1. Unless the Board determines that this Article 11.1 shall not apply and subject to Article 11.3, if at any time during the Relevant Period a Founder ceases to be an Employee by reason of being a Bad Leaver, all the Founder Shares held by the relevant Founder (and in the case of Sam Watson Jones, shall include any Shares held by Peter Watson Jones Limited and its Permitted Transferees) shall automatically convert into Deferred Shares (on the basis of one Deferred Share for each Ordinary Share held)

- on the Effective Termination Date (rounded down to the nearest whole share).
- 11.2. Subject to Article 11.3, if a Founder is a Good Leaver, the Relevant Percentage of the Founder Shares held by him (and any Permitted Transferees and in the case of Sam Watson Jones, any Shares held by Peter Watson Jones Limited) shall at that time automatically convert into Deferred Shares (on the basis of one Deferred Share for each Ordinary Share held) on the Effective Termination Date (rounded down to the nearest whole share).
- 11.3. On an Exit, all Founder Shares shall be deemed to be fully vested and shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article (a), provided always that any Shares previously converted to Deferred Shares pursuant to this Article (a) shall remain as Deferred Shares subject to the provisions of these Articles setting out the rights attached to Deferred Shares.
- 11.4. The allotment or issue of Deferred Shares or the conversion of shares into Deferred Shares shall be deemed to confer irrevocable authority on the Company at any time after their allotment, issue or conversion to appoint any person to execute or give on behalf of the holder of those Deferred Shares:
 - 11.4.1. an agreement to transfer and a transfer of such Deferred Shares to such person or persons as the Company may determine; and/or
 - 11.4.2. a consent to the cancellation of such Deferred Shares; and/or
 - 11.4.3. an agreement to transfer and a transfer of such Deferred Shares to such person or persons as the Company may determine as custodian thereof; and/or
 - 11.4.4. an agreement for the Company to purchase such Deferred Shares in accordance with the Act,
 - 11.4.5. in any such case for a price being not more than an aggregate sum of one penny for all the Deferred Shares so purchased without obtaining the sanction of such holder or holders and pending such transfer and/or purchase to retain the certificates (if any) in respect thereof.

12. Tag along rights on a change of control

- 12.1. The provisions of Articles 12.2 to 12.6 shall apply if, in one or a series of related transactions, one or more Shareholders propose to transfer any Shares ("**Proposed Transfer**") which would, if carried out, result in any person ("**Buyer**"), and any person Acting in Concert with the Buyer, acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company.
- 12.2. Before making a Proposed Transfer, each Shareholder proposing to transfer Shares shall procure that the Buyer makes an offer ("**Offer**") to:
 - 12.2.1. the other Shareholders to purchase all of the Shares held by them;
 - 12.2.2. the holders of any existing options to acquire Shares (granted by the Company or under any share option arrangements established by the Company) that are already capable of exercise or that are expected to become capable of exercise before the Proposed Transfer, to purchase any Shares acquired on the exercise of options at any time before the Proposed Transfer; and
 - 12.2.3. the holders of any securities of the Company that are convertible into Shares ("Convertible Securities"), to purchase any Shares arising from the conversion of such Convertible Securities at any time before the Proposed Transfer,
 - for a consideration in cash per Share that is equal to the highest price per Share offered or paid by the Buyer, or any person Acting in Concert with

the Buyer, in the Proposed Transfer or in any related previous transaction in the 12 months preceding the date of the Proposed Transfer ("**Specified Price**").

- 12.3. The Offer shall be given by written notice ("**Offer Notice**"), at least 30 Business Days ("**Offer Period**") before the proposed sale date ("**Sale Date**"). To the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the Offer Notice shall set out:
 - 12.3.1. the identity of the Buyer;
 - 12.3.2. the amount, form and timing of consideration payable and any other terms and conditions applicable;
 - 12.3.3. the Sale Date; and
 - 12.3.4. the number of Shares proposed to be purchased by the Buyer ("Offer Shares").
- 12.4. If the Buyer fails to make the Offer to all of the holders of Shares in the Company in accordance with Articles 12.2 and 12.3, the Shareholders proposing to transfer Shares shall not be entitled to complete the Proposed Transfer and the Directors shall not register any transfer of Shares effected in accordance with the Proposed Transfer.
- 12.5. If the Offer is accepted in writing by any Shareholder ("Accepting Shareholder") within the Offer Period, the completion of the Proposed Transfer shall be conditional on completion of the purchase of all the Offer Shares held by Accepting Shareholders.
- 12.6. If any Accepting Shareholder does not, at the time appointed for completion of the Proposed Transfer, deliver a duly executed stock transfer form, sale agreement or other documents required to be entered into to effect the acquisition of the Offer Shares by the Buyer ("Sale Documents"), the Company and each Director shall be constituted the agent of such defaulting Accepting Shareholder to take such actions and enter into any Sale Documents required to effect the transfer of such Accepting Shareholder's Shares pursuant to this Article 12 and the Directors shall, if requested by the Buyer, authorise any Director to transfer the defaulting Accepting Shareholder's Shares on the defaulting Accepting Shareholder's behalf against receipt by the Company (on trust for such Accepting Shareholder) of the consideration due in respect of the Offer Shares. After the Buyer has been registered as the holder of such Offer Shares the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any such person. Failure to produce a Share certificate shall not impede the registration of Shares under this Article 12.

13. Drag Along Option

- 13.1. If the holders of a majority percentage of the Shares in issue for the time being (the "Selling Shareholders") wish to transfer (whether through a single transaction or a series of related transactions) all their interest in Shares (the "Sellers' Shares") to a Proposed Buyer, the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (the "Drag Along Option") to compel each other holder of Shares (each a "Called Shareholder" and together the "Called Shareholders") to sell and transfer their legal and beneficial title to all of their Shares free from all liens, charges and encumbrances and together with all rights attaching to them to the Proposed Buyer or as the Proposed Buyer shall direct (the "Drag Buyer") in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
- 13.2. The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving a written notice to that effect (a "Drag Along Notice") to the Company which the Company shall forthwith copy to the Called Shareholders at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Drag Buyer. A Drag Along Notice shall specify:
 - 13.2.1. that the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Shares (the "Called Shares") under this Article 13;

- 13.2.2. the person to whom they are to be transferred;
- 13.2.3. the amount and form of consideration for which the Called Shares are to be transferred (calculated in accordance with this Article);
- 13.2.4. the proposed date of the transfer, and
- 13.2.5. the form of any sale agreement or form of acceptance or any other document of similar effect that the Called Shareholders are required to sign in connection with such sale (the "Sale Agreement"),

(and, in the case of paragraphs 13.2.2 to 13.2.4 above, whether actually specified or to be determined in accordance with a mechanism described in the Drag Along Notice). Drag Along Notices shall be irrevocable but will lapse if for any reason there is not a sale of the Sellers' Shares by the Selling Shareholders to the Drag Buyer within 30 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.

- 13.3. The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares shall be equal to the price per Share payable to the Selling Shareholders in respect of their Shares less the Called Shareholder's proportion of any Transaction Expenses which shall be borne pro rata to the consideration due to the Shareholders in respect of their Shares (the "Drag Consideration").
- 13.4. In respect of a transaction that is the subject of a Drag Along Notice and with respect to any Drag Document, a Called Shareholder shall be obliged to undertake to transfer his Shares with full title guarantee (and provide an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board if so necessary) in receipt of the Drag Consideration when due.
- 13.5. Within three Business Days of the Company copying the Drag Along Notice to the Called Shareholders (or such later date as may be specified either in the Drag Along Notice or in any subsequent written notice from the Company to the Called Shareholders) (the "Drag Completion Date"), each Called Shareholder shall deliver:
 - 13.5.1. duly executed stock transfer form(s) for its Shares in favour of the Drag Buyer;
 - 13.5.2. the relevant share certificate(s) (or a duly executed indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board) to the Company; and
 - 13.5.3. a duly executed Sale Agreement, if applicable, in the form specified in the Drag Along Notice or as otherwise specified by the Company,

(together the "Drag Documents").

- 13.6. On the Drag Completion Date, the Company shall pay each Called Shareholder, on behalf of the Drag Buyer, the Drag Consideration that is due to the extent that the Drag Buyer has paid such consideration to the Company. The Company's receipt of the Drag Consideration shall be a good discharge to the Drag Buyer. The Company shall hold the Drag Consideration in trust for each of the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.
- 13.7. To the extent that the Drag Buyer has not, on the Drag Completion Date, paid the Drag Consideration that is due to the Company, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the immediate return of the Drag Documents for the relevant Shares. The Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to serve further Drag Along Notices and the provisions of this Article 13 will continue to apply.
- 13.8. If a Called Shareholder fails to deliver the Drag Documents for its Shares to the

Company by the Drag Completion Date, the Company and each Director shall be constituted the agent and duly appointed attorney of such defaulting Called Shareholder to take such actions and enter into any Drag Document or such other agreements or documents as are necessary to effect the transfer of the Called Shareholder's Shares pursuant to this Article 13 and the Directors shall, if requested by the Drag Buyer, authorise any Director to transfer the Called Shareholder's Shares on the Called Shareholder's behalf to the Drag Buyer to the extent the Drag Buyer has, by the Drag Completion Date, paid the Drag Consideration due to the Company for the Called Shareholder's Shares offered to him. The Board shall then authorise registration of the transfer once appropriate stamp duty has been paid. The defaulting Called Shareholder shall surrender his share certificate for his Shares (or suitable executed indemnity) to the Company. On surrender, he shall be entitled to the Drag Consideration due to him.

- 13.9. Any transfer of Shares to a Drag Buyer pursuant to a sale in respect of which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served shall not be subject to the provisions of Article 9.
- 13.10. On any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a Shareholder pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option or warrant to acquire shares in the Company or pursuant to the conversion of any convertible security of the Company (a "New Shareholder"), a Drag Along Notice shall be deemed to have been served on the New Shareholder on the same terms as the previous Drag Along Notice who shall then be bound to sell and transfer all Shares so acquired to the Drag Buyer and the provisions of this Article shall apply with the necessary changes to the New Shareholder except that completion of the sale of the Shares shall take place immediately on the Drag Along Notice being deemed served on the New Shareholder.

14. Rights attaching to Shares

- 14.1. Save as resolved by the Board, no declared dividend shall be payable in respect of any Shares unless and until the amount of such dividend when aggregated with all dividends then payable to the holder of such Shares exceeds the sum of £10.
- 14.2. All the dividends declared but not paid to a Shareholder pursuant to Article 14.1 as a result of the cumulative value not exceeding £10 ("Withheld Dividends") shall be held by the Company as dedicated retained dividends on trust for those holders of Shares so entitled to the Withheld Dividends. Withheld Dividends shall be payable to the holders of Shares so entitled on the earlier of a transfer of the Shares to which the Withheld Dividends relate, a winding up of the Company or the cumulative value of such Withheld Dividends exceeding £10.
- 14.3. Further to Article 14.2 the Company shall notify each Shareholder whose accumulated entitlement to Withheld Dividends is less than £10 with a running total of their accumulated dividends on request by each holder of Shares so entitled to Withheld Dividends and each time a dividend is declared.
- 14.4. Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of Shares, on a show of hands every Shareholder entitled to vote who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporate body) is present by a representative or proxy shall have one vote and, on a poll, each Shareholder shall have one vote for each Share (save for Deferred Shares which shall not vote) of which he is the holder.

15. Allocation of Proceeds on an Exit

15.1. On a distribution of assets on a liquidation or a return of capital (other than a conversion, redemption or purchase of Shares) the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities (the "Surplus Assets") shall be applied (to the extent that the Company is lawfully permitted to do so) as follows:

- 15.1.1. in paying the holders of Deferred Shares (if any) £1.00 in aggregate for all Deferred Shares; and
- 15.1.2. second in distributing the balance of the Surplus Assets between the holders of Ordinary Shares pro rata in accordance with the number of Ordinary Shares held by such Shareholders.
- 15.2. On a Share Sale the Proceeds of Sale shall be distributed in the order of priority set out in Article 15.1 and the Directors shall not register any transfer of Shares if the Proceeds of Sale are not so distributed save in respect of any Shares not sold in connection with that Share Sale provided that if the Proceeds of Sale are not settled in their entirety upon completion of the Share Sale:
 - 15.2.1. the Directors shall not be prohibited from registering the transfer of the relevant Shares so long as the Proceeds of Sale that are settled have been distributed in the order of priority set out in Article 15.1; and
 - 15.2.2. the Shareholders shall take any action required by the Board to ensure that the Proceeds of Sale in their entirety are distributed in the order of priority set out in Article 15.1.
- 15.3. On an Asset Sale the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed (to the extent that the Company is lawfully permitted to do so) in the order of priority set out in Article 15.1 provided always that if it is not lawful for the Company to distribute its surplus assets in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the Shareholders shall take any action required by the Board (including, but without prejudice to the generality of this Article 15.3, actions that may be necessary to put the Company into voluntary liquidation so that Article 15.1 applies).

16. Electronic communication

- 16.1. Without prejudice to Article 48 of the Model Articles, notices and any other communications sent or supplied, by or to Shareholders or Directors under these Articles may be sent or supplied by electronic means as defined in section 1168 of the Companies Act (including via a website, chatroom, extranet, intranet, blog, online social network or forum or other similar mechanism duly notified to such Shareholder or Director or by electronic mail to any email address supplied to the Company, its officers or agents in writing by such Shareholders or Directors).
- 16.2. For the purposes of Article 16.1 above, the Company can assume that any email addresses supplied to the Company, its officers or agents by Shareholders or Directors are up to date and current, and it is the sole responsibility of each Shareholder and Director to update the Company as to any changes in their email addresses, and to ensure that the Company has and uses the correct email address. In this regard, all Shareholders and Directors agree that the Company has no responsibility to any Shareholder or Director who fails to receive any notice or other communication as a result of the Shareholder or Director failing to comply with this Article 16.2.
- 16.3. When any notice or communication is sent by means of a website, chatroom, internet, intranet, extranet, blog, online social network or forum, or other similar mechanism, an email shall be sent to Shareholders to inform them of the existence of the notice or communication made on such website, chatroom, internet, intranet, extranet, blog, online social network or forum, or other similar mechanism in accordance with Schedule 5 of the Companies Act.
- 16.4. Any notice or communication sent by means of a website, chatroom, internet, intranet, extranet, blog, online social network or forum, or other similar mechanism, shall be deemed to have been served on the intended recipient 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, and any notice or communication sent by electronic mail or fax shall be deemed to be delivered at the time it was sent and shall be deemed to have been received 24 hours after its transmission.

- 16.5. The Company's obligation to send or supply any notice or communication to Shareholders or Directors is satisfied when the Company transmits an electronic message and the Company is not responsible for a failure in transmission beyond its control.
- 16.6. Each Shareholder and Director shall, for the purposes of paragraph 6 and paragraph 9 of Schedule 5 of the Companies Act, be deemed to have agreed to accept notices or communications from the Company in electronic form, and to them being made available on a website, by providing a copy of his email address and expressly consenting to that email address being used for the purpose of receiving notices or communications from the Company in electronic form, and to the Company making information available on a website.

17. Share certificates

- 17.1. The conditions of issue of any Shares shall not require the Company to issue any Share certificate although the Board may resolve to do so.
- 17.2. The Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate in respect of Shares held jointly by two or more persons. Delivery of a certificate to the person first named in the register shall be sufficient delivery to all joint holders.
- 17.3. If the Board resolves to issue a Share certificate it may be issued under seal (by affixing the seal to or printing the seal or a representation of it on the certificate) or signed by at least two Directors or by at least one Director and the Secretary. Such certificate shall specify the number and class of the Shares in respect of which it is issued and the amount or respective amounts paid up on it. The Board may by resolution decide, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any Share certificates need not be autographic but may be applied to the certificates by some mechanical or other means or may be printed on them or that the certificates need not be issued under seal or signed by any person.
- 17.4. Every Share certificate sent in accordance with these Articles will be sent at the risk of the member or other person entitled to the certificate. The Company will not be responsible for any Share certificate lost or delayed in the course of delivery.

18. Put Option

- 18.1. In the event that it is determined by the Future Fund (in its absolute discretion) that it would be prejudicial to the reputation of the Future Fund and/or the UK Government to continue holding any shares in the capital of the Company, the Future Fund shall have the option to require the Company to purchase all of the shares in the capital of the Company held by the Future Fund for an aggregate price of £1.00 at any time (the "Put Option"), provided that:
 - (i) the Put Option shall be exercisable by notice in writing from the Future Fund to the Company, such notice being irrevocable (the "**Put Option Notice**");
 - (ii) the terms of the completion of the Put Option and have been lawfully authorised by a resolution of the Company;
 - (iii) soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no later than 20 Business Days following the Company's receipt of the Put Option Notice; and
 - (iv) each of the shareholders of the Company and the Company shall execute, and the Company shall procure so far as it lies within its power to do so the

execution of, all such documents and deeds and do all such acts and things as may be reasonably required from time to time to implement the Put Option and transfer the legal and beneficial ownership of the relevant shares being sold to the Company under this Article 18, including waiving any pre-emption rights relating to such transfer.

19. Specific Future Fund Rights

19.1. The specific rights of the Future Fund cannot be amended or removed without the prior written consent of the Future Fund.

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PART 1 INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Defined terms

- 1. In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise—
- "articles" means the company's articles of association;
- "bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
- "chairman" has the meaning given in article 12;
- "chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 39;
- "Companies Acts" means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the company;
- "director" means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
- "distribution recipient" has the meaning given in article 31;
- "document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;
- "electronic form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company;
- "hard copy form" has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;

- "instrument" means a document in hard copy form;
- "ordinary resolution" has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "paid" means paid or credited as paid;
- "participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10;
- "proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 45;
- "shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share;
- "shares" means shares in the company;
- "special resolution" has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "subsidiary" has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- "transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law; and
- "writing" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

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

Liability of members

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

PART 2

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Directors' general authority

3. Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company.

Shareholders' reserve power

- **4.**—(1) The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.
- (2) No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

Directors may delegate

- **5.**—(1) Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles—
- (a) to such person or committee;
- (b) by such means (including by power of attorney);
- (c) to such an extent;
- (d) in relation to such matters or territories; and

- (e) on such terms and conditions; as they think fit.
- (2) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- (3) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

Committees

- **6.**—(1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.
- (2) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

Directors to take decisions collectively

- 7.—(1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8.
- (2) If—
- (a) the company only has one director, and
- (b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.

Unanimous decisions

- **8.**—(1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- (2) Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.
- (3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting.
- (4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

Calling a directors' meeting

- **9.**—(1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice.
- (2) Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate—
- (a) its proposed date and time;
- (b) where it is to take place; and
- (c) if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.

- (3) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing.
- (4) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

Participation in directors' meetings

- **10**.—(1) Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when—
- (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and
- (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- (2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other.
- (3) If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

Quorum for directors' meetings

- 11.—(1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- (2) The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two.
- (3) If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision—
- (a) to appoint further directors, or
- (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors.

Chairing of directors' meetings

- **12**.—(1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings.
- (2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman.
- (3) The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time.
- (4) If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

Casting vote

- **13**.—(1) If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.
- (2) But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

Conflicts of interest

14.—(1) If a proposed decision of the directors is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the company in which a director is interested, that director is

not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

- (2) But if paragraph (3) applies, a director who is interested in an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the company is to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum and voting purposes.
- (3) This paragraph applies when—
- (a) the company by ordinary resolution disapplies the provision of the articles which would otherwise prevent a director from being counted as participating in the decision-making process;
- (b) the director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
- (c) the director's conflict of interest arises from a permitted cause.
- (4) For the purposes of this article, the following are permitted causes—
- (a) a guarantee given, or to be given, by or to a director in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) subscription, or an agreement to subscribe, for shares or other securities of the company or any of its subsidiaries, or to underwrite, sub-underwrite, or guarantee subscription for any such shares or securities; and
- (c) arrangements pursuant to which benefits are made available to employees and directors or former employees and directors of the company or any of its subsidiaries which do not provide special benefits for directors or former directors.
- (5) For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (7), if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.
- (7) If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

Records of decisions to be kept

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

Directors' discretion to make further rules

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

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

Methods of appointing directors

- 17.—(1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director—
- (a) by ordinary resolution, or
- (b) by a decision of the directors.
- (2) In any case where, as a result of death, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the personal representatives of the last shareholder to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a director.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder.

Termination of director's appointment

- **18**. A person ceases to be a director as soon as—
- (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law;
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
- (e) [paragraph omitted pursuant to The Mental Health (Discrimination) Act 2013]
- (f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.

Directors' remuneration

- 19.—(1) Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide.
- (2) Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine—
- (a) for their services to the company as directors, and
- (b) for any other service which they undertake for the company.
- (3) Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may—
- (a) take any form, and
- (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.
- (4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- (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.

Directors' expenses

20. The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at—

- (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,
- (b) general meetings, or
- (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company, or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company.

PART 3

SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS

SHARES

All shares to be fully paid up

- 21.—(1) No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in consideration for its issue.
- (2) This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum.

Powers to issue different classes of share

- **22**.—(1) Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution.
- (2) The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares.

Company not bound by less than absolute interests

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

Share certificates

- **24**.—(1) The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds.
- (2) Every certificate must specify—
- (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued;
- (b) the nominal value of those shares;
- (c) that the shares are fully paid; and
- (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.
- (3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class.
- (4) If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- (5) Certificates must—
- (a) have affixed to them the company's common seal, or
- (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

Replacement share certificates

- 25.—(1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is—
- (a) damaged or defaced, or
- (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed, that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.
- (2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate—
- (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
- (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced: and
- (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide.

Share transfers

- **26**.—(1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor.
- (2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- (3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.
- (4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.
- (5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

Transmission of shares

- **27**.—(1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share.
- (2) A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require—
- (a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
- (b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.
- (3) But 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.

Exercise of transmittees' rights

- **28**.—(1) Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish.
- (2) If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.

(3) Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

Transmittees bound by prior notices

29. If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register of members.

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

Procedure for declaring dividends

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

Payment of dividends and other distributions

- **31.**—(1) Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means—
- (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
- (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
- (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide; or
- (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide.
- (2) In the articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable—

- (a) the holder of the share; or
- (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
- (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

No interest on distributions

- **32**. The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by—
- (a) the terms on which the share was issued, or
- (b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company.

Unclaimed distributions

- 33.—(1) All dividends or other sums which are—
- (a) payable in respect of shares, and
- (b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,
- may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed.
- (2) The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it.
- (3) If—
- (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
- (b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

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

Non-cash distributions

- **34.**—(1) Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company).
- (2) For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution—
- (a) fixing the value of any assets;
- (b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and
- (c) vesting any assets in trustees.

Waiver of distributions

35. Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution

payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if—

- (a) the share has more than one holder, or
- (b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

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

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums

- **36**.—(1) Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution—
- (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and
- (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "capitalised sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "persons entitled") and in the same proportions.
- (2) Capitalised sums must be applied—
- (a) on behalf of the persons entitled, and
- (b) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.
- (3) Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- (4) A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.
- (5) Subject to the articles the directors may—
- (a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) partly in one way and partly in another;
- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and
- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article.

PART 4

DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Attendance and speaking at general meetings

37.—(1) A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person

is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.

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

Quorum for general meetings

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

Chairing general meetings

- **39**.—(1) If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- (2) If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start—
- (a) the directors present, or
- (b) (if no directors are present), the meeting,

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

(3) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the chairman of the meeting".

Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders

- **40**.—(1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders.
- (2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not—
- (a) shareholders of the company, or
- (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting.

Adjournment

41.—(1) If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum

ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it.

- (2) The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if—
- (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
- (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.
- (3) The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- (4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must—
- (a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and
- (b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- (5) If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)—
- (a) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and
- (b) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- (6) No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Voting: general

42. A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles.

Errors and disputes

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

Poll votes

- 44.—(1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded—
- (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
- (b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.
- (2) A poll may be demanded by—
- (a) the chairman of the meeting;

- (b) the directors;
- (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
- (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.
- (3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if—
- (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
- (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- (4) Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs.

Content of proxy notices

- **45**.—(1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which—
- (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy;
- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
- (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- (2) The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- (3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- (4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as—
- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
- (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

Delivery of proxy notices

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

on the appointor's behalf.

Amendments to resolutions

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

PART 5

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Means of communication to be used

- **48**.—(1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company.
- (2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- (3) A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.

Company seals

- **49**.—(1) Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors.
- (2) The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- (3) Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- (4) For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is—

- (a) any director of the company;
- (b) the company secretary (if any); or
- (c) any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied.

No right to inspect accounts and other records

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

Provision for employees on cessation of business

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

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

Indemnity

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

Insurance

- **53**.—(1) The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss.
- (2) In this article—
- (a) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company,
- (b) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that director's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company, and

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

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