



THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

FC 2020 LIMITED

COMPANY NUMBER: 12764164

(THE "COMPANY")

1 INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:

"Act"	the Companies Act 2006;
"Articles"	the Company's articles of association for the time being in force;
"Board"	the directors of the Company from time to time;
"Business"	manufacture, sale and supply of laboratory research and testing equipment and supplies together with such other business activities as may be undertaken from time to time with the approval of the Shareholders;
"Business Days"	any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or a bank or public holiday in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the city of London are generally open for business;
"Civil Partner"	in relation to an individual Shareholder, a civil partner as defined in the Civil Partnerships Act 2004;
"Conflict Situation"	any situation or matter in which any director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company;
"Eligible Director"	a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter);
"Encumbrance"	includes any mortgage, charge (fixed or floating), pledge, lien, hypothecation, guarantee, trust, right of set-off or other third party right or interest (legal or equitable) including any assignment by way of security, reservation of title or other security interest of any kind, howsoever created or arising, or any other agreement or arrangement (including any retention arrangement) having similar effect;
"Financial Year"	shall have the meaning given by section 390 of the Act (or such other accounting period as the Board may agree in accordance with Article 4.1);

“Group Company”	the Company, a subsidiary or holding company from time to time of the Company and any subsidiary from time to time of any such holding company;
“Group Conflict Situation”	in respect of each director, all or any of the following situations existing at any time while such person is a director: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) being employed or otherwise engaged by any Group Company; (b) holding office, including (but not limited to) office as director, of any Group Company; (c) being a Shareholder of any Group Company; (d) participating in any share option, bonus or other incentive schemes operated from time to time by any Group Company;
“Model Articles”	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 on which these Articles become binding on the Company;
“Permitted Transferee”	a person or trust to who receives Shares pursuant to a Permitted Transfer;
“Qualifying Person”	shall have the meaning given in section 318 of the Act;
“Relevant Securities”	any Shares, equity, convertible bonds, share options, stock options or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for those Shares, issued by any Group Company after the date hereof;
“Shareholder”	any holder of any Share and “Shareholders” means all of them together;
“Shareholders’ Agreement”	the agreement dated on or around the date on which these Articles were adopted and made between the Company and the Shareholders on that date (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms); and
“Shares”	shares in the capital of the Company.

- 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 Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles.
- 1.3 In these Articles, reference to a “subsidiary” or “holding company” is to be construed in accordance with section 1159 of the Act.
- 1.4 Headings in the Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.5 A reference in these Articles to an “Article” is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles

unless expressly provided otherwise.

- 1.6 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:

1.6.1 any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it; and

1.6.2 any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.

- 1.7 Any phrase introduced by the terms “including”, “include”, “in particular” or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

2 MODEL ARTICLES

The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles. If any provisions of these Articles conflict with any provisions of the Model Articles, these Articles shall prevail.

3 DIRECTORS – DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

- 3.1 The general rule about decision making is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 4.1.

- 3.2 If the Company has only one director for the time being the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of these Articles relating to directors' decision making.

- 3.3 Paragraph 7 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

4 DIRECTORS – MAJORITY DECISIONS

- 4.1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this Article when a majority of eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.

- 4.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing where a majority of eligible director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which a majority of eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.

- 4.3 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.

- 4.4 Paragraph 8 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

5 DIRECTORS – NUMBER AND QUORUM

- 5.1 Unless otherwise agreed pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement, the maximum number of directors is four and the minimum number of directors is two.

- 5.2 Subject to Article 3.2, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of directors may be fixed from time to time by special resolution of the Shareholders but it must never be less than two eligible directors, and unless otherwise so fixed, it is three eligible directors unless the number of directors falls below three in which case the quorum will be reduced to two eligible directors.

- 5.3 For the purposes of any meeting (or part of a meeting) held pursuant to Article 7 to authorise a director's conflict of interest, if no quorum is present due to the conflicted director(s), not being

counted in the quorum pursuant to Article 7.1, the quorum for such meeting (or part of a meeting) shall be reduced by such number of conflicted director(s) but shall not be less than one eligible director.

5.4 Paragraph 11(2) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

6 DIRECTORS – CASTING VOTE

6.1 If the number of votes for and against a proposal at a meeting of directors is equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

6.2 Paragraph 13 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

7 DIRECTORS - POWERS TO AUTHORISE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

7.1 The directors may authorise, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any matter which would otherwise result in a director infringing his duty to avoid a Conflict Situation provided that, for this purpose, the director in question and any other interested Director are not counted in the quorum at any board meeting at which such matter is authorised and it is agreed to without their voting or would have been agreed to if their votes had not been counted.

7.2 Any authorisation given under Article 7.1 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently) extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the conflict so authorised.

7.3 Where the directors give authority under Article 7.1:

7.3.1 they may (whether at the time of giving the authority or subsequently) require that the relevant director is excluded from the receipt of information, participation in discussion and/or the making of decisions (whether at directors' meetings or otherwise) related to the matter that is the subject of the authorisation and impose upon the relevant director such other terms for the purpose of the authorisation as they think fit and:

- a) the relevant director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the directors in relation to the authorisation; and
- b) the relevant director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the Act provided he acts in accordance with such terms;

7.3.2 they may provide that where the relevant director obtains (otherwise than through his position as a director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, the director will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use or apply the information in relation to the Company's affairs, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and

7.3.3 the directors may revoke or vary the authority at any time but this will not affect anything done by the relevant director prior to such revocation in accordance with the terms of such authority.

7.4 A director shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any matter which has been authorised by the directors pursuant to Article 7.1 (subject in any case to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject).

7.5 For the purposes of section 175 and 180(4) of the Act and for all other purposes, and notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7.1 to 7.4, it is acknowledged that a Director may be or become subject to a Group Conflict Situation or Group Conflict Situations.

7.6 A Director's duties to the Company arising from his holding office as director shall not be breached or infringed as a result of any Group Conflict Situation having arisen or existing in relation to him and such Group Conflict Situation shall, for the purposes of section 180(4) of the Act, be deemed authorised.

7.7 Any Director the subject of a Group Conflict Situation shall:

7.7.1 not be held accountable to the Company for any benefit he directly or indirectly derives from his involvement in any Group Company;

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

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

8 DIRECTORS – TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

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

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

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

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

8.2 Paragraphs 14(1) to 14(4) inclusive of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

9 DIRECTORS – METHODS OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS

9.1 Each Shareholder shall have the right, exercisable from time to time and on more than one occasion to appoint by written notice to the Company one person to the Board as a non-executive director and Shareholders shall not vote their Shares so as to remove such person from office, provided that:

9.1.1 such Shareholder together with their Permitted Transferees together hold not less than ten per cent (10%) of the Shares;

9.1.2 such Shareholder has ceased to be a director of the Board due to ill health, or otherwise, such Shareholder becomes the recipient of Shares due to the death of an existing director of the Board; and

9.1.3 such persons to be so appointed has been approved by the Board (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

9.2 Each Shareholder shall be entitled to remove such director so appointed under Article 9.1 at any time on written notice to the Company and appoint such other person (subject to Board

consent, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to act in his place and any such appointment or removal shall take effect on receipt by the Company of such notice at registered office of the Company or having been produced at a meeting of the Board.

- 9.3 Each director shall be entitled at his request to be appointed to any committee of the Company established from time to time and to the board of directors of any Group Company.
- 9.4 In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no Shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last Shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director. Article 27(3) of the Model Articles shall be modified accordingly.
- 9.5 For the purposes of Article 9.4, where two 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.
- 9.6 Subject to section 168 of the Act, on any resolution to remove a director appointed pursuant to Article 9.1 the Shares held by such Shareholder who appointed that director shall together carry one vote in excess of 50% of all votes exercisable in relation to such resolution if any director is removed pursuant to s168 of the Act that Shareholder may reappoint him or any other person as a director.
- 9.7 Upon request from a Shareholder, the Company shall procure that any director appointed by that Shareholder in accordance with Article 9.1 is forthwith appointed as a director of a Group Company indicated in such request.
- 9.8 Paragraphs 17(2) and 17(3) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

10 DIRECTORS – ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 10.1 Any director (the “**appointor**”) may appoint as an alternate of any other director or any other person approved by resolution of the directors to:
- 10.1.1 exercise that director’s powers; and
- 10.1.2 carry out that director’s responsibilities
- in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate’s appointor.
- 10.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the Company signed by the appointor or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- 10.3 The notice must:
- 10.3.1 identify the proposed alternate, and
- 10.3.2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.
- 10.4 An alternate director may act as an alternate director to more than one director and has the same rights in relation to any decision of the directors as the alternate’s appointor.
- 10.5 Except as the Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:
- 10.5.1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors;

10.5.2 are liable for their own acts and omissions;

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

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

and, in particular (without limitation), each alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member.

10.6 A person who is an alternate director but not a director:

10.6.1 may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present (but only if that person's appointor is not participating);

10.6.2 may participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his appointor is an eligible director in relation to that decision, but does not participate); and

10.6.3 shall not be counted as more than one director for the purposes of Articles 10.6.1 and 10.6.2.

10.7 A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors (provided that his appointor is an eligible director in relation to that decision) but shall not count as more than one director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

10.8 An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing to the Company.

10.9 An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates:

10.9.1 when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;

10.9.2 on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director;

10.9.3 on the death of the alternate's appointor; or

10.9.4 when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates.

11 DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

11.1 The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors (including alternate directors and, if it has one, the secretary (but so that nothing in this Article 11.1 shall require the Company to have a secretary) properly incur in connection with their attendance at:

11.1.1 meetings of directors or committees of directors;

11.1.2 general meetings; or

11.1.3 separate meetings of any holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their

responsibilities in relation to the Company.

11.2 Paragraph 20 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

12 SECRETARY

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

13 SHARES

Save as expressly set out herein, the Shares shall rank pari passu in all respects whether for voting, dividends or otherwise.

14 AUTHORITY TO ALLOT

Save to the extent authorised by these Articles, the directors shall not exercise any power to allot Shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into, any Shares in the Company.

15 ISSUE OF SHARES – PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

15.1 In accordance with section 567(1) of the Act, sections 561 and 562 of the Act shall not apply to an allotment of Relevant Securities made by the Company.

15.2 No Relevant Securities shall be allotted to any person unless the Company has first offered such Relevant Securities in accordance with the Shareholders' Agreement to the Shareholders (on the same terms and at the same price as the Relevant Securities were to be offered to any other person). The Company shall, not less than fifteen (15) business days prior to the proposed date of allotting any Relevant Securities, serve a notice ("**Issue Notice**") on the relevant Shareholders specifying:

15.2.1 the key terms of the allotment of Relevant Securities, including the allotment price (or the means by which the price will be calculated); and

15.2.2 the total number of Relevant Securities to be allotted.

15.3 Within fifteen (15) business days after the date of the Issue Notice ("**Subscription Period**"), the relevant Shareholder(s) may exercise its right to subscribe for any number of Relevant Securities by way of written notice to the Company. If the relevant Shareholder(s) has not given notice before the expiry of the Subscription Period, then it shall have no further right to subscribe for the Relevant Securities.

16 PRE-EMPTION ON TRANSFER

16.1 Any person proposing to transfer Shares (the "**Transferor**") otherwise than in accordance with Article 17, shall give notice in writing (a "**Transfer Notice**") to the Company that they wish to transfer the same.

16.2 A Transfer Notice shall be revocable only with the consent of all the other members and shall specify:

16.2.1 the number of Shares which the Transferor wishes to transfer;

16.2.2 if he wishes to transfer such Shares to any person, the name of such person; and

16.2.3 the price per Share at which he wishes to transfer such Shares.

- 16.3 A Transfer Notice shall unconditionally constitute the Company as the agent of the Transferor for the sale of the entire legal and beneficial interest in the Shares specified or deemed comprised therein (the **"Sale Shares"**).
- 16.4 A Transfer Notice may provide as a condition (a **"Total Transfer Condition"**) that unless all the Sale Shares are transferred pursuant to this Article 16, then none shall be transferred. If a Total Transfer Condition is so included and is not fulfilled then the directors shall notify in writing the Transferor and all members or other persons who have agreed to purchase the Sale Shares that the Total Transfer Condition has not been met and that the relevant Transfer Notice has lapsed with immediate effect.
- 16.5 The date of a Transfer Notice shall be the date on which it is given.
- 16.6 The Sale Price for the Sale Shares shall be determined pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement and where such agreement is not applicable, shall be the price agreed between the Transferor and the directors or, if they are unable to agree a price within 20 business days of the date of the Transfer Notice, the directors shall instruct the auditor for the time being of the Company to certify in writing the price which they determine, in their opinion, to be a fair value for the Sale Shares. The price for the Sale Shares as so agreed or certified shall be the **"Sale Price"**.
- 16.7 The auditor shall, in making its determination under Article 16.6, be regarded as acting as expert and not arbitrator and shall value the Sale Shares on the basis that the fair value shall be the market value thereof as at the date when the relevant Transfer Notice was given or deemed to have been given (as the case may be) as between a willing buyer and a willing seller at arm's length but with no discount being made by reason of such shares constituting a minority or majority holding and the auditor shall be instructed accordingly.
- 16.8 As soon as reasonably practicable following the determination of the Sale Price, the Company shall, by notice in writing (the **"Offer Notice"**) offer the Sale Shares for sale to all the members of the Company other than the Transferor (the **"Remaining Members"**) pro rata (or as nearly as may be) to the respective number of Shares held by the Remaining Members.
- 16.9 The Offer Notice shall:
- 16.9.1 state the Sale Price per Sale Share;
- 16.9.2 identify the total number of Sale Shares being offered for sale to all the Remaining Members and the number of Sale Shares which that member is entitled to purchase (the **"Proportion"**);
- 16.9.3 invite each Remaining Member to state in writing the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to purchase and identify that any Remaining Members who wish to purchase Sale Shares in excess of their Proportion may, in their acceptance, state how many Sale Shares in excess of that Proportion they wish to purchase (the **"Excess Claim"**);
- 16.9.4 specify a period within which the offer may be accepted (the **"Acceptance Period"**), being not less than 20 business days nor more than 30 business days after the date of the Offer Notice; and
- 16.9.5 if the Transfer Notice contained a Total Transfer Condition, state that the Offer Notice is subject to the condition that, unless all the Sale Shares are transferred pursuant to the Articles, then none shall be transferred.

- 16.10 For the purposes of Article 16.9.4, an offer shall be deemed to be accepted on the day on which the acceptance is received by the Company. Any offer not accepted within the Acceptance Period will lapse.
- 16.11 If the Company receives acceptances for all or any of the Sale Shares within the Acceptance Period, the directors shall allocate the Sale Shares or such of them as are applied for amongst those Remaining Members who have so applied for any of the Sale Shares (as nearly as may be without involving fractions). Any outstanding Sale Shares shall then be allocated in satisfaction of the Excess Claims in proportion (or as nearly as may be without involving fractions) to the respective numbers of Shares already held by those Remaining Members, provided that no member shall be obliged to take more Sale Shares so allocated than identified in his own Excess Claim.
- 16.12 If, prior to the expiry of the Acceptance Period, the Company shall, pursuant to Article 16.11, find Remaining Members to purchase some or all of the Sale Shares, the directors shall, within 5 business days of the expiry of the Acceptance Period give notice in writing thereof to the Transferor and the relevant Remaining Members (the “**Sale Notice**”). Each Sale Notice shall state:
- 16.12.1 the name and address of the Remaining Member;
- 16.12.2 the number of Sale Shares to be purchased by that Remaining Member; and
- 16.12.3 a place, time and date (not being less than 10 business days nor more than 20 business days after the date of the Sale Notice) at which the sale and purchase will be completed.
- 16.13 Upon the giving by the Company of a Sale Notice, the Transferor shall be unconditionally bound (subject only to due payment of the Sale Price) to complete the sale of the Sale Shares to which the Sale Notice relates in accordance with its terms.
- 16.14 If any Sale Shares have not been the subject of a Sale Notice, then the Company may, if permitted by law and subject to all relevant approvals being obtained, purchase any such Sale Shares at the Sale Price by notice in writing served on the Transferor such notice being given within 10 business days from the end of the Acceptance Period (the “**Buy Back Notice**”).
- 16.15 The Buy Back Notice shall state the number of the Sale Shares agreed to be purchased by the Company and shall specify a place and time and date at which the sale and purchase shall be completed. Upon the giving by the Company of any such Buy Back Notice, the Transferor shall be unconditionally bound (subject only to due payment of the Sale Price) to complete the sale of the Sale Shares to which such notice relates in accordance with its terms.
- 16.16 To the extent that shares included in any Transfer Notice are not the subject of a Sale Notice or a Buy Back Notice within the applicable time periods then the Transferor may transfer such shares to any other person approved by the directors at not less than the Sale Price within 20 business days of the final date that a Buy Back Notice can be given provided that such person shall not be a competitor of any Group Company or any of its member or its affiliates, whether directly or indirectly or otherwise connected with any such competitor.

17 DRAG ALONG RIGHTS

- 17.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, if any member (on his own or acting in concert with one or more other members) (the “**Proposing Shareholder(s)**”) proposes to sell or transfer its Shares (the “**Selling Shares**”) and the Shares such member own equate to more than 85% of all the issued Shares of the Company at the time of the proposed sale or transfer (“**Drag Percentage**”) to a person (other than a Permitted Transferee) who is a bona fide third party buyer at arms length (the “**Proposed Buyer**”) the following provisions of this Article 17 shall apply.

- 17.2 The Proposing Shareholder(s) shall have the right to give the Company not less than 25 days prior written notice (the **"Selling Notice"**) of the proposed sale or transfer. The Selling Notice will include details of:
- 17.2.1 the Selling Shares;
 - 17.2.2 the proposed price for each Selling Share to be paid by the Proposed Buyer;
 - 17.2.3 details of the Proposed Buyer; and
 - 17.2.4 the place, date and time of completion of the proposed sale (being a date not less than 25 days from the service of the Selling Notice) (the **"Drag Along Completion"**).
- 17.3 Immediately on receipt of a Selling Notice, the Company shall give notice in writing (the **"Drag Along Notice"**) to each of the members other than the Proposing Shareholder(s) (the **"Drag Along Shareholders"**), giving the details contained in the Selling Notice and requiring each of them at the Drag Along Completion to sell to the Proposed Buyer all Shares held by them.
- 17.4 A Proposing Shareholder may withdraw a Selling Notice any time prior to actual Drag Along Completion by written notice to the Company to that effect and, on service of that notice, each Drag Along Notice shall no longer be binding and shall cease to have any effect.
- 17.5 Each Drag Along Shareholder who is given a Drag Along Notice shall, in the event of the proposed sale or transfer proceeding, sell (or procure the sale of) all the Shares held by him to the Proposed Buyer at the time of the Drag Along Completion (or at such other time as the Proposing Shareholders and the Drag Along Shareholders shall agree) at the price per Selling Share as set out in the Drag Along Notice which shall not be lower than a fair value for the Selling Shares as determined in accordance with Article 16.6 and otherwise on the same terms as the sale of Selling Shares.
- 17.6 If any of the Drag Along Shareholders shall fail to comply with the terms of Article 17.5 in any respect (each a **"Defaulting Shareholder"**):
- 17.6.1 the Company shall be unconditionally constituted the agent of each Defaulting Shareholder for the sale of the Shares referred to in his Drag Along Notice in accordance with that notice and shall be authorised to transfer, and complete the transfer of, those Shares (including, without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, to execute and deliver any stock transfer form in respect thereof);
 - 17.6.2 the Company may receive the necessary purchase money in trust for each Defaulting Shareholder and the receipt by the Company of that purchase money shall constitute a good and valid discharge to the Proposed Buyer;
 - 17.6.3 against receipt by the Company of the purchase money (in trust for the Defaulting Shareholder), and notwithstanding (if such is the case) that the Defaulting Shareholder has failed to deliver up the relevant share certificate(s), the Company shall cause the Proposed Buyer to be registered as the holder of the relevant Shares and, after such registration, the validity of the proceedings shall not be questioned by any person; and
 - 17.6.4 the Company shall not be required to pay the purchase monies to a Defaulting Shareholder until he shall, in respect of the Shares subject to the Drag Along Notice, have delivered a share certificate or suitable indemnity and necessary transfers to the Company.
- 17.7 The expression **price per Selling Share** used in Articles 17.2 and 17.5 shall be deemed to include an amount equal to the relevant proportions of any other consideration (in cash or otherwise) received or receivable by the holders of the Shares in question which, having regard

to the substance of the transaction as a whole can reasonably be regarded as an addition to the price paid or payable for the specified Shares and, in the event of disagreement, the calculation of the price shall be referred to a chartered accountant or other expert (acting as an expert and not as arbitrator) nominated by the parties concerned (or in the event of disagreement as to nomination, appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) whose decision shall, in the absence of fraud or manifest error, be final and binding.

18 PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

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

19 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 19.1 No business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum is present. Subject to Article 19.2, three Qualifying Persons shall be a quorum. Paragraph 38 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.
- 19.2 If, and for so long as, the Company has only one Shareholder, one Qualifying Person shall be a quorum at any general meeting of the Company.
- 19.3 If, at an adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Shareholders present shall be a quorum. Paragraph 41 of the Model Articles shall be modified accordingly.
- 19.4 A poll on a resolution may be demanded by any person having the right to vote on the resolution. Paragraph 44 of the Model Articles shall be modified accordingly.

20 PROXIES

- 20.1 Proxies may only be validly appointed by a notice in writing (a “**proxy notice**”) which:
 - 20.1.1 states the name and address of the Shareholder appointing the proxy;
 - 20.1.2 identifies the person appointed to be that Shareholder’s proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
 - 20.1.3 is signed by or on behalf of the Shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
 - 20.1.4 is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate

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

- 20.2 Paragraph 45(1) of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

21 NOTICES

- 21.1 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:

- 21.1.1 if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, 48 hours after it was posted (or five business days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five business days was guaranteed at the time of sending (and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider));
- 21.1.2 if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address;
- 21.1.3 if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, two hours after the document or information was sent or supplied; and
- 21.1.4 if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website.

For the purpose of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a business day.

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

22 DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY

- 22.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act (but so that this Article 22.1 does not extend to any matter insofar as it would cause this Article or any part of it to be void thereunder), the Company:

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

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

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

- 22.1.2 may, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 22.1.1, purchase and maintain insurance for any person who is or was a director or officer of the company or any associated company against any loss or liability which he may incur, whether in connection with any proven or alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust or otherwise in relation to the Company, any associated company, any employees' share scheme of the Company or of any associated company or any occupational

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

where for the purposes of this Article 20.1, companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

22.2 Paragraphs 52 and 53 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

22.3 This Article 22 does not authorize any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Act or by any other provision of law.