**Appendix 1: New Articles of Association** 



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#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

**COMPANY NUMBER: 13658719** 

#### THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

#### PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

#### **BLOOM LP INVESTMENT LTD**

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# PART 1 INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Articles" means the company's articles of association, and

"Article" shall be construed accordingly;

"Authorisation" has the meaning given in Article 15.2;

"Bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a

jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to

that of bankruptcy;

"Business Day" means 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;

"Capitalised Sum" has the meaning given in Article 39.1.2

"Chairman" has the meaning given in Article 13;

"Chairman of the

Meeting"

has the meaning given in Article 42;

"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;

"Conflict" has the meaning given in Article 15.1;

"Conflicted Director" has the meaning given in Article 15.1;

"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 34;

"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;

"Holder" in relation to shares means the person whose

name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;

"Interested Director" has the meaning given in Article 16.1;

"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 11;

"Persons Entitled" has the meaning given in Article 39.1.2;

"Proxy Notice" has the meaning given in Article 48;

"Shareholder" means a person who is the Holder of a share;

"Shares" means shares in the company and "Share" shall

be construed accordingly;

"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 and "Subsidiaries" shall be

construed accordingly;

"Transaction" has the meaning given in Article 16.1;

"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

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires:

1.2.1 a "person" includes a reference to:

- (a) any individual, firm, partnership, unincorporated association or company wherever incorporated or situate; and
- (b) that person's legal personal representatives, trustees in Bankruptcy and successors;
- 1.2.2 a "company" shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, however incorporated or established and in whichever jurisdiction;
- 1.2.3 words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;
- 1.2.4 words denoting a gender shall include all genders;
- 1.2.5 references to (or to any specified provision of) these Articles or any other Document shall be construed as references to these Articles,

- that provision or that Document as in force and as amended from time to time; and
- 1.2.6 if not otherwise specified 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.

#### 2. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

2.1 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

#### 3. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY

3.1 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.

#### 4. SHAREHOLDERS' RESERVE POWER

- 4.1 The Shareholders may, by Special Resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.
- 4.2 No such Special Resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

#### 5. 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—
  - 5.1.1 to such person or committee;
  - 5.1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney);
  - 5.1.3 to such an extent;
  - 5.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories; and
  - 5.1.5 on such terms and conditions;

as they think fit.

- 5.2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 5.3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

#### 6. 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.
- 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**

#### 7. 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.
- 7.2 If:
  - 7.2.1 the company only has one Director, and
  - 7.2.2 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.

#### 8. 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.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 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.
- 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.

## 9. CHANGE OF NAME

- 9.1 Pursuant to section 77(1)(b) of the Act, a decision to amend the company's name may be made by the Directors of the company, subject to the Articles.
- 10. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 Notice of any Directors' meeting must indicate:
  - 10.2.1 its proposed date and time;
  - 10.2.2 where it is to take place; and
  - 10.2.3 if it is anticipated that Directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.
- 10.3 Notice of a Directors' meeting must be given to each Director, but need not be in Writing.
- 10.4 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.

#### 11. PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 11.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors Participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:
  - 11.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and
  - 11.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.
- 11.3 If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

#### 12. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 Save where the Company only has one Director pursuant to Article 7.2, 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—
  - 12.3.1 to appoint further directors, or

12.3.2 to call a general meeting so as to enable the Shareholders to appoint further directors.

#### 13. CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 13.1 The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings.
- 13.2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the "Chairman".
- 13.3 The Directors may terminate the Chairman's appointment at any time.
- 13.4 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.

#### 14. CASTING VOTE

- 14.1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the Chairman or other Director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.
- 14.2 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.

#### 15. SITUATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- Subject to the other provisions of these Articles, the Directors may, in accordance with (but subject to) the provisions of section 175 of the Act and this Article, authorise any matter which would, if not authorised, result in a Director (the "Conflicted Director") being in breach of his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid a situation in which he has, or could have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the company (a "Conflict").
- Any authorisation given under Article 15.1 (an "Authorisation") (and any subsequent variation or termination of an Authorisation) will only be effective if:
  - 15.2.1 any requirement as to the quorum at the Directors' meeting at which the matter is considered is met without counting the Conflicted Director (or any other interested Director); and
  - the matter was agreed to without the Conflicted Director (or any other interested Director) voting or would have been agreed to if his (or any other interested Director's) vote had not been counted.
- 15.3 The Directors may at any time:
  - 15.3.1 make any Authorisation subject to such terms and conditions as they think fit; and
  - 15.3.2 vary or terminate any Authorisation (provided that this will not affect anything done by the relevant Conflicted Director or the company in accordance with that Authorisation before any such variation or termination).

- Unless as a condition of the relevant Authorisation the Directors provide otherwise, a Conflicted Director who has received an Authorisation in relation to a Conflict:
  - 15.4.1 may vote at any future Directors' meeting (or meeting of a committee of the Directors) on any resolution in respect of that Conflict (and if he does vote his vote shall be counted) and he shall be taken into account in determining whether a quorum is participating at that meeting;
  - may absent himself from the whole or any part of any Directors' meeting (or meeting of a committee of the Directors) at which anything relating to that Conflict may be discussed;
  - 15.4.3 shall not be required to disclose to the company (or use for its benefit) any confidential information he obtains otherwise than in his capacity as a Director, as a result of that Conflict where to do so would be a breach of any duty of confidence owed by him to a third party; and
  - 15.4.4 shall not be liable to account to the company for any benefit he or any of his connected persons derive as a result of that Conflict.

#### 16. TRANSACTIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 16.1 If a Director (the "Interested Director") is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the company (the "Transaction") he must declare the nature and extent of that interest to the other Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- Subject to the provisions of the Act, Article 15 and the terms of any relevant Authorisation, an Interested Director:
  - 16.2.1 may be a party to, or otherwise be interested in, the relevant Transaction;
  - 16.2.2 may vote at any Directors' meeting (or meeting of a committee of the Directors) on any resolution in respect of that Transaction (and if he does vote his vote shall be counted) and he shall be taken into account in determining whether a quorum is participating in that meeting; and
  - 16.2.3 shall not be liable to account to the company for any benefit he or any of his connected persons derive as a result of that Transaction and that Transaction shall not be liable to be avoided on the ground of his interest.

# 17. RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

17.1 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.

#### 18. DIRECTORS' DISCRETION TO MAKE FURTHER RULES

18.1 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

#### 19. METHODS OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS

- 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:
  - 19.1.1 by Ordinary Resolution, or
  - 19.1.2 by a decision of the Directors.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 For the purposes of paragraph 19.2, 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.

#### 20. TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT

- 20.1 A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:
  - 20.1.1 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;
  - 20.1.2 a Bankruptcy order is made against that person;
  - 20.1.3 a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
  - 20.1.4 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;
  - 20.1.5 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.
- 20.2 A Director may at any time be removed from office by Ordinary Resolution and for the avoidance of doubt the service of special notice pursuant to section 312 of the Companies Act 2006 shall not be required to exercise the power conferred by this Article.

# 21. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

- 21.1 Directors may undertake any services for the company that the Directors decide.
- 21.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine:

- 21.2.1 for their services to the company as Directors, and
- 21.2.2 for any other service which they undertake for the company.
- 21.3 Subject to the Articles, a Director's remuneration may:
  - 21.3.1 take any form, and
  - 21.3.2 include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that Director.
- 21.4 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 21.5 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.

#### 22. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

- 22.1 The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:
  - 22.1.1 meetings of Directors or committees of Directors,
  - 22.1.2 general meetings, or
  - 22.1.3 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

#### 23. NIL PAID AND PARTLY PAID SHARES

- Subject to the terms of allotment, the Directors may make calls upon the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their Shares (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and each member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the company as required by the notice the amount called on his Shares. A call may be required to be Paid by instalments. A call may, before receipt by the company of any sum due thereunder, be revoked in whole or part and payment of a call may be postponed in whole or part. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the Shares in respect whereof the call was made.
- 23.2 A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorising the call was passed.

- 23.3 The joint Holders of a Share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 23.4 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day it became due and payable until it is Paid at the rate fixed by the terms of allotment of the Share or in the notice of the call or, if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by the Act) but the Directors may waive payment of the interest wholly or in part.
- An amount payable in respect of a Share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an installment of a call, shall be deemed to be a call and if it is not paid the provisions of the Articles shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.
- 23.6 Subject to the terms of allotment, the Directors may make arrangements on the issue of Shares for a difference between the Holders in the amounts and times of payment of calls on their Shares.
- 23.7 If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the Directors may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen clear days' notice requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued. The notice shall name the place where payment is to be made and shall state that if the notice is not complied with the Shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 23.8 If the notice is not complied with any Share in respect of which it was given it may, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors and the forfeiture shall include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited Shares and not Paid before the forfeiture.
- 23.9 Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited Share may be sold, reallotted or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Directors determine either to the person who was before the forfeiture the Holder or to any other person and at any time before sale, re-allotment or other disposition, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit. Where for the purposes of its disposal a forfeited Share is to be transferred to any person the Directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the Share to that person.
- 23.10 A person any of whose Shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of them and shall surrender to the company for cancellation the certificate for the Shares forfeited but shall remain liable to the company for all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the company in respect of those Shares with interest at the rate at which interest was payable on those moneys before the forfeiture or, if no interest was so payable, at the appropriate rate (as defined in the Act) from the date of forfeiture until payment but the Directors may waive payment wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the Shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.

23.11 A statutory declaration by a Director or the secretary that a Share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the Share and the declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the Share and the person to whom the Share is disposed of shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration, if any, nor shall his title to the Share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share.

#### 24. POWERS TO ISSUE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARE

- 24.1 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.
- 24.2 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.
- 24.3 The provisions of sections 560 577 of the Act shall **not** apply to the Company.

#### 25. COMPANY NOT BOUND BY LESS THAN ABSOLUTE INTERESTS.

25.1 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.

### 26. SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 26.1 The company must issue each Shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the Shares which that Shareholder holds.
- 26.2 Every certificate must specify:
  - 26.2.1 in respect of how many Shares, of what class, it is issued;
  - 26.2.2 the nominal value of those Shares;
  - 26.2.3 that the Shares are Fully Paid; and
  - 26.2.4 the distinguishing numbers assigned to them (if any).
- 26.3 No certificate may be issued in respect of Shares of more than one class.
- 26.4 If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 26.5 Certificates must:
  - 26.5.1 have affixed to them the company's common seal, or

26.5.2 be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

#### 27. REPLACEMENT SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 27.1 If a certificate issued in respect of a Shareholder's Shares is—
  - 27.1.1 damaged or defaced, or
  - 27.1.2 said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,
  - 27.1.3 that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same Shares.
- 27.2 A Shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:
  - 27.2.1 may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
  - 27.2.2 must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced; and
  - 27.2.3 must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the Directors decide.

#### 28. SHARE TRANSFERS

- 28.1 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.
- No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other Document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 28.3 The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.
- 28.4 The transferor remains the Holder of a Share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as Holder of it.
- 28.5 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.

#### 29. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

- 29.1 If title to a Share passes to a Transmittee, the company may only recognise the Transmittee as having any title to that share.
- 29.2 A Transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to Shares as the Directors may properly require:
  - 29.2.1 may, subject to the Articles, choose either to become the Holder of those Shares or to have them transferred to another person, and

- 29.2.2 subject to the Articles, and pending any transfer of the Shares to another person, has the same rights as the Holder had.
- 29.3 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.

# 30. EXERCISE OF TRANSMITTEES' RIGHTS

- Transmittees who wish to become the Holders of Shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in Writing of that wish.
- 30.2 If the Transmittee wishes to have a Share transferred to another person, the Transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- 30.3 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.

# 31. TRANSMITTEES BOUND BY PRIOR NOTICES

31.1 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.

## 32. PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

- 32.1 Subject to the Act but without prejudice to any other provision of these Articles, the company may purchase its own Shares in accordance with Chapter 4 of Part 18 of the Act, including (without limitation) out of capital up to any amount in a financial year not exceeding the lower of:
  - 32.1.1 £15,000; and
  - 32.1.2 the nominal value of 5% of the company's Fully Paid share capital at the beginning of each financial year of the company.

#### **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

## 33. PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING DIVIDENDS

- 33.1 The company may by Ordinary Resolution declare dividends, and the Directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- 33.2 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.
- 33.3 No dividend may be declared or Paid unless it is in accordance with Shareholders' respective rights.

- 33.4 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.
- 33.5 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 arrears.
- 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.
- 33.7 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.

#### 34. PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

- 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:
  - 34.1.1 (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the Distribution Recipient either in Writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
  - 34.1.2 (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;
  - 34.1.3 (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
  - 34.1.4 (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.
- In the Articles, "the Distribution Recipient" means, in respect of a Share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:
  - 34.2.1 the Holder of the share; or
  - 34.2.2 if the Share has two or more joint Holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
  - 34.2.3 if the Holder is no longer entitled to the Share by reason of death or Bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the Transmittee.

#### 35. NO INTEREST ON DISTRIBUTIONS

- The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a Share unless otherwise provided by:
  - 35.1.1 (a) the terms on which the Share was issued, or
  - 35.1.2 (b) the provisions of another agreement between the Holder of that Share and the company.

#### 36. UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS

- 36.1 All dividends or other sums which are:
  - 36.1.1 payable in respect of Shares, and
  - 36.1.2 unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,
  - 36.1.3 may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the company until claimed.
- The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it.
- 36.3 If:
  - 36.3.1 twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
  - 36.3.2 the Distribution Recipient has not claimed it,
  - 36.3.3 the Distribution Recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company.

# 37. NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

- 37.1 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).
- 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—
  - 37.2.1 fixing the value of any assets;
  - 37.2.2 paying cash to any Distribution Recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and
  - 37.2.3 vesting any assets in trustees.

#### 38. WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS

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:

- 38.1.1 the share has more than one Holder, or
- 38.1.2 more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or Bankruptcy of one or more joint Holders, or otherwise,
- 38.1.3 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**

# 39. AUTHORITY TO CAPITALISE AND APPROPRIATION OF CAPITALISED SUMS

- 39.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may, if they are so authorised by an Ordinary Resolution:
  - 39.1.1 decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and
  - 39.1.2 appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "Capitalised Sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "Persons Entitled") and in the same proportions.
- 39.2 Capitalised Sums must be applied:
  - 39.2.1 on behalf of the Persons Entitled, and
  - 39.2.2 in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.
- 39.3 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.
- 39.4 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.
- 39.5 Subject to the Articles the Directors may:
  - 39.5.1 apply Capitalised Sums in accordance with paragraphs 39.3 and 39.4 partly in one way and partly in another;
  - 39.5.2 make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with Shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this Article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and

39.5.3 authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the Persons Entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of Shares and debentures to them under this Article.

# PART 4 DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

#### 40. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 40.1 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.
- 40.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when:
  - 40.2.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
  - 40.2.2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- 40.3 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.
- 40.4 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.
- 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.

## 41. Quorum for general meetings

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

#### 42. CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS

- 42.1 If the Directors have appointed a Chairman, the Chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- 42.2 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:
  - 42.2.1 the Directors present, or

- 42.2.2 (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.
- The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the Chairman of the Meeting".
- 43. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-SHAREHOLDERS
- Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are Shareholders.
- 43.2 The Chairman of the Meeting may permit other persons who are not:
  - 43.2.1 Shareholders of the company, or
  - 43.2.2 otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of Shareholders in relation to general meetings, to attend and speak at a general meeting.

#### 44. ADJOURNMENT

- 44.1 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.
- 44.2 The Chairman of the Meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:
  - 44.2.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
  - 44.2.2 it appears to the Chairman of the Meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.
- The Chairman of the Meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.
- 44.4 When adjourning a general meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting must—
  - 44.4.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors, and
  - 44.4.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.
- 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):
  - 44.5.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and

- 44.5.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.
- 44.6 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**

#### 45. VOTING: GENERAL

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

#### 46. ERRORS AND DISPUTES

- 46.1 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.
- Any such objection must be referred to the Chairman of the Meeting, whose decision is final.

#### 47. POLL VOTES

- 47.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:
  - 47.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
  - 47.1.2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.
- 47.2 A poll may be demanded by:
  - 47.2.1 the Chairman of the Meeting;
  - 47.2.2 the Directors;
  - 47.2.3 two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
  - 47.2.4 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.
- 47.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:
  - 47.3.1 the poll has not yet been taken, and
  - 47.3.2 the Chairman of the Meeting consents to the withdrawal.
- 47.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the Chairman of the Meeting directs.

#### 48. CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES

- Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in Writing (a "Proxy Notice") which:
  - 48.1.1 states the name and address of the Shareholder appointing the proxy;
  - 48.1.2 identifies the person appointed to be that Shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
  - 48.1.3 is signed by or on behalf of the Shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the Directors may determine; and
  - 48.1.4 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.
- The company may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- 48.3 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.
- 48.4 Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
  - 48.4.1 allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
  - 48.4.2 appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

#### 49. DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

- 49.1 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.
- 49.2 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.
- 49.3 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.
- 49.4 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.

#### 50. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

50.1 An Ordinary Resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by Ordinary Resolution if:

- 50.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in Writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the Chairman of the Meeting may determine), and
- 50.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- A Special Resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by Ordinary Resolution, if:
  - 50.2.1 the Chairman of the Meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
  - 50.2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 50.3 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

#### 51. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED

- 51.1 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.
- 51.2 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.
- 51.3 The company may provide any Document, information or notice in Electronic Form pursuant to Part 3 of Schedule 5 of the Act.
- 51.4 The company may deliver any notice or other Document to a member:
  - 51.4.1 by email to an address notified by the member to the company in Writing or to an email address customarily used by the member;
  - 51.4.2 by sending it by post or other delivery service in an envelope (with postage or delivery Paid) to an address recorded for the member in the register of members:
  - 51.4.3 by delivering it by hand to the address recorded for the member in the register of member;

- 51.4.4 by advertisement in at least two national newspapers.
- 51.5 If a notice or Document is delivered by hand, it is treated as being delivered at the time it is handed to or left for the member.
- 51.6 If a notice or Document is sent:
  - 51.6.1 by post or other delivery service in accordance it is treated as being delivered 48 hours after it was posted;
  - 51.6.2 by email, it is treated as being delivered at the time it was sent;

For the purposes of this Article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a Business Day.

51.7 If a notice is given by advertisement, it is treated as being delivered at midday on the day when the last advertisement appears in the newspapers.

#### 52. COMPANY SEALS

- 52.1 Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the Directors.
- 52.2 The Directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- 52.3 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.
- 52.4 For the purposes of this Article, an authorised person is:
  - 52.4.1 any Director of the company;
  - 52.4.2 the company secretary (if any); or
  - 52.4.3 any person authorised by the Directors for the purpose of signing Documents to which the common seal is applied.

#### 53. NO RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORD

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.

#### 54. PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS

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

#### **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

#### 55. INDEMNITY

- 55.1 Subject to paragraph 55.2, a Relevant Director of the company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the company's assets against:
  - 55.1.1 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,
  - 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),
  - 55.1.3 any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the company or an associated company.
- 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.
- 55.3 In this Article:
  - 55.3.1 companies are associated if one is a Subsidiary of the other or both are Subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
  - 55.3.2 a "Relevant Director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company.

#### 56. INSURANCE

- 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.
- 56.2 In this Article:
  - 56.2.1 a "Relevant Director" means any Director or former director of the company or an associated company,
  - 56.2.2 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
  - 56.2.3 companies are associated if one is a Subsidiary of the other or both are Subsidiaries of the same body corporate.