

# Registration of a Charge

Company Name: WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

Company Number: 00066516

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## **Details of Charge**

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Persons entitled: MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED, LONDON BRANCH

Brief description: RECEIVABLES DUE TO WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED IN

RELATION TO A TRANSFER AGREEMENT DATED 7 JANUARY 2021 FOR

THE PLAYER SEBASTIEN ROMAIN TEDDY HALLER

Contains negative pledge.

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# CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRATION OF A CHARGE

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The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales hereby certifies that a charge dated 18th June 2021 and created by WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED was delivered pursuant to Chapter A1 Part 25 of the Companies Act 2006 on 24th June 2021.

Given at Companies House, Cardiff on 25th June 2021

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- (1) WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED (AS "BORROWER"); AND
- (2) MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED, LONDON BRANCH
  (THE "LENDER")

SECURITY ASSIGNMENT OF
CERTAIN RECEIVABLES IN
RELATION TO THE TRANSFER OF
SEBASTIEN HALLER

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THIS DEED dated 18 June 2021 is made

#### **BETWEEN:**

- (1) **WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED**, a company registered in England and Wales with company number **00066516**, with registered office at London Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, England E20 2ST (the "**Borrower**"); and
- (2) **MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED, LONDON BRANCH**, a company registered in the Australian Capital Territory, registered in England and Wales with number FC018220, acting through its London branch at Ropemaker Place, 28 Ropemaker Street, London EC2Y 9HD (the "**Lender**").

#### **RECITALS**

- (A) The Lender has agreed, pursuant to the Facility Agreement, to provide the Borrower with a loan facility on a secured basis.
- (B) Under this deed, the Borrower provides security to the Lender for the loan facility made available under the Facility Agreement.

#### WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows:

#### 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1.1 Definitions

Terms defined in the Facility Agreement shall, unless otherwise defined in this deed, have the same meaning in this deed. In addition, the following definitions apply in this deed:

"Buyer" means AFC Ajax NV;

"**Delegate**" means any person appointed by the Lender or any Receiver pursuant to clause 12, and any person appointed as attorney of the Lender, Receiver or Delegate;

"Facility Agreement" means the facility agreement dated on or around the date of this deed as entered into between the Borrower and the Lender;

"FIFA Regulations" means the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players from time to time in effect;

"Football Creditor" means, in respect of any person, any creditor of that person, that is a professional football club;

"HMRC" means HM Revenue & Customs;

"IA 1986" means the Insolvency Act 1986;

"LPA 1925" means the Law of Property Act 1925;

"Player" means Sebastien Romain Teddy Haller;

"Premier League" means The Football Association Premier League Limited (or combination of association football clubs comprising the clubs known as the Premier League, or any replacement thereof by whatever name);

"Receivables" means, subject to clause 2(b): (i) the second, third and fourth instalments of the Fixed Transfer Fee (as defined in the Transfer Agreement) as further set out in Clauses 5(ii), 5(iii) and 5(iv) of the Transfer Agreement respectively (being, for the avoidance of doubt, instalments each in the amount of EUR 5,625,000 that are due and payable on 1 February 2022, 1 February 2023 and 1

February 2024 respectively) and all rights, interests and title in respect of the monies and proceeds payable by the Buyer under the Transfer Agreement in relation to those instalments of the Fixed Transfer Fee and (ii) all related rights, powers, benefits, claims, causes of action, contracts, warranties, remedies, security, guarantees, indemnities or covenants for title in respect of or derived from the Transfer Agreement in respect of those rights, interests and title;

- "**Receiver**" means a receiver, receiver and manager or administrative receiver of any or all of the Secured Assets appointed by the Lender under clause 10;
- "Secured Assets" means all the assets, property and undertaking for the time being subject to any Security created by this deed (and references to the Secured Assets shall include references to any part of them);
- "Secured Liabilities" means all present and future monies, obligations and liabilities of the Borrower to the Lender, whether actual or contingent and whether owed jointly or severally, as principal or surety or in any other capacity, under or in connection with the Facility Agreement or this deed (including, without limitation, those arising under clause 24.3.2), together with all interest (including, without limitation, default interest) accruing in respect of such monies, obligations or liabilities;
- "**Security**" means any mortgage, charge (whether fixed or floating, legal or equitable), pledge, lien, assignment by way of security or other security interest securing any obligation of any person, or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect;
- "Security Period" means the period starting on the date of this deed and ending on the date on which the Lender is satisfied that all the Secured Liabilities have been unconditionally and irrevocably paid and discharged in full and no further Secured Liabilities are capable of being outstanding;
- "The FA" means The Football Association;
- "The FA Rules" means the rules of The FA from time to time in effect; and
- "**Transfer Agreement**" means the transfer agreement in relation to the Player, dated 7 January 2021 between the Borrower and the Buyer.

#### 1.2 Clawback

If the Lender considers that an amount paid by the Borrower in respect of the Secured Liabilities is capable of being avoided or otherwise set aside on the liquidation or administration of the Borrower or otherwise, then that amount shall not be considered to have been irrevocably paid for the purposes of this deed.

#### 1.3 **Perpetuity period**

If the rule against perpetuities applies to any trust created by this deed, the perpetuity period shall be 125 years (as specified by section 5(1) of the Perpetuities and Accumulations Act 2009).

#### 1.4 Schedules

The Schedules form part of this deed and shall have effect as if set out in full in the body of this deed. Any reference to this deed includes the Schedules.

## 1.5 **Provisions of Facility Agreement**

The provisions of clauses 1.2 (*Construction*) and 23 (*Notices*) of the Facility Agreement apply to this deed as if they were set out in full in this deed, except that each reference in those clauses to the Facility Agreement shall be read as a reference to this deed.

## 1.6 Facility Agreement precedence

If there is any inconsistency or conflict between any provision of this deed and any provision of the Facility Agreement, the provision of the Facility Agreement shall prevail.

#### 2 COVENANT TO PAY

- (a) The Borrower shall, on demand, pay to the Lender and discharge the Secured Liabilities when they become due.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this deed (including the foregoing), it is acknowledged and agreed that:
  - (i) the final paragraph of clause 5 of the Transfer Agreement shall not apply; and
  - (ii) should the Buyer obtain Profitable Transfer Compensation (as defined in the Transfer Agreement) from a subsequent transfer of the Player, this shall have no effect on the Scheduled Repayment Date(s) set out in the Facility Agreement and the Borrower (and/or the Buyer) shall not be obliged to make any earlier repayment of the relevant Receivables to the Lender.

#### 3 GRANT OF SECURITY - ASSIGNMENT

As a continuing security for the payment and discharge of the Secured Liabilities, the Borrower with full title guarantee assigns to the Lender absolutely, subject to a proviso for reassignment at the end of the Security Period, all rights and interests which it has to, or in connection with the Receivables (including but without limitation, the right to demand and receive all monies whatsoever payable to or for its benefit under or arising from any of them, all remedies provided for in any of them or available at law or in equity in relation to any of them, the right to compel performance of any of them and all other rights, interests and benefits whatsoever accruing to or for its benefit arising from any of them) provided that nothing in this clause 3 shall constitute the Lender as a mortgagee in possession.

## 4 LIABILITY OF THE BORROWER

#### 4.1 Liability not discharged

The Borrower's liability under this deed in respect of any of the Secured Liabilities shall not be discharged, prejudiced or affected by:

- 4.1.1 any security, guarantee, indemnity, remedy or other right held by, or available to, the Lender that is or becomes wholly or partially illegal, void or unenforceable on any ground;
- 4.1.2 the Lender renewing, determining, varying or increasing any facility or other transaction in any manner or concurring in, accepting or varying any compromise, arrangement or settlement, or omitting to claim or enforce payment from any other person; or
- 4.1.3 any other act or omission that, but for this clause 4.1, might have discharged, or otherwise prejudiced or affected, the liability of the Borrower.

#### 4.2 Immediate recourse

The Borrower waives any right it may have to require the Lender to enforce any security or other right, or claim any payment from, or otherwise proceed against, any other person before enforcing this deed against the Borrower.

#### 5 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

#### 5.1 Representations and warranties

The Borrower makes the representations and warranties set out in this clause 5 to the Lender.

#### 5.2 Ownership of Secured Assets

Subject to the Security created by this deed the Borrower is the sole legal and beneficial owner of, and has good, valid and marketable title to the Secured Assets.

#### 5.3 No Security

The Secured Assets are free from any Security other than (i) the Security created by this deed or otherwise provided in favour of the Lender and (ii) the floating charges granted in favour of MSD UK Holdings Limited and Barclays Bank PLC.

#### 5.4 No adverse claims

- 5.4.1 The Borrower has not received, or acknowledged notice of, any adverse claim by any person in respect of the Secured Assets or any interest in them (other than pursuant to the Premier League Rules, The FA Rules and/or the FIFA Regulations).
- 5.4.2 The Borrower has not accepted any adverse claim by any person in respect of the Secured Assets or any interest in them (other than pursuant to the Premier League Rules, The FA Rules and/or the FIFA Regulations).

#### 5.5 No adverse covenants

As far as it is reasonably aware, other than pursuant to the Premier League Rules, The FA Rules and/or the FIFA Regulations or the Finance Documents, there are no covenants, agreements, reservations, conditions, interests or rights that materially and adversely affect the Secured Assets.

#### 5.6 No breach of laws

As far as it is reasonably aware, there is no breach of any law or regulation by the Borrower or any other relevant party, that materially and adversely affects the Secured Assets.

#### 5.7 Avoidance of security

As far as it is reasonably aware, no Security expressed to be created under this deed is liable to be avoided, or otherwise set aside, on the liquidation or administration of the Borrower or otherwise.

#### 5.8 **No prohibitions**

The Borrower has the right, without requiring the consent or authority of any other person other than the consent of the Premier League (such consent to be obtained as a condition precedent to the Facility Agreement) and The FA, to grant the Security created by this deed.

## 5.9 Enforceable security

This deed constitutes and will constitute the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Borrower and is, and will continue to be, effective security over all and every part of the Secured Assets in accordance with its terms.

## 5.10 Times for making representations and warranties

The representations and warranties set out in clause 5.2 to clause 5.9 are made by the Borrower on the date of this deed and are deemed to be repeated on each day of the Security Period with reference to the facts and circumstances existing at the time of repetition.

#### 6 COVENANTS

#### 6.1 Negative pledge and disposal restrictions

The Borrower shall not at any time, during the Security Period, except with the prior written consent of the Lender:

- 6.1.1 create, purport to create or permit to subsist any Security on, or in relation to, any Secured Asset (save for the floating charges granted in favour of MSD UK Holdings Limited and Barclays Bank PLC or any floating charge in favour of another lender which ranks after the Security over the Secured Assets created pursuant to this deed);
- 6.1.2 sell, assign, transfer, part with possession of or otherwise dispose of in any manner (or purport to do so) all or any part of, or any interest in, the Secured Assets; or

6.1.3 create or grant (or purport to create or grant) any interest in any Secured Asset in favour of a third party,

in each case other than pursuant to Security created by this deed.

#### 6.2 Preservation of Secured Assets

The Borrower shall not do, or permit to be done, any act or thing that would or might depreciate, jeopardise or otherwise prejudice the security held by the Lender or diminish the value of any of the Secured Assets or the effectiveness of the security created by this deed.

#### 6.3 Premier League Rules

The Borrower shall:

- 6.3.1 notify the Lender, as soon as the Borrower becomes aware of the same, of:
  - (a) any act, omission, event or other matter which would entitle the Premier League to suspend the Borrower or the Buyer in accordance with the Premier League Rules; and
  - (b) any failure by the Borrower to pay a Football Creditor or HMRC the full amount payable to such Football Creditor or HMRC on the due date for payment or failure to make any payment in accordance with the Premier League Rules (unless such payment is being contested in good faith);
- 6.3.2 not do or permit any act or thing whereby the payment of the Receivables would or might reasonably be expected to be delayed, prevented or impeded.

#### 6.4 Football League Rules

If the Borrower is relegated from the Premier League prior to the expiry of the Security Period, the Borrower shall:

- 6.4.1 notify the Lender, as soon as the Borrower becomes aware of the same, of:
  - (a) any act, omission, event or other matter which would entitle the Football League to suspend the Borrower; and
  - (b) any failure by the Borrower to pay a Football Creditor or HMRC the full amount payable to such Football Creditor or HMRC on the due date for payment or failure to make any payment in accordance with the Football League Rules (unless such payment is being contested in good faith);
- 6.4.2 not do or permit any act or thing whereby the payment of the Receivables would or might reasonably be expected to be delayed, prevented or impeded.

## 6.5 Rights

During the Security Period the Borrower shall:

- 6.5.1 take all necessary or appropriate action against any person (including as reasonably required by the Lender) to protect and enforce its rights in respect of, and recover money or receive other property in connection with, the Secured Assets; and
- 6.5.2 not waive any of the Lender's rights or release any person from its obligations in connection with the Secured Assets.

## 6.6 Enforcement of rights

The Borrower shall use its best endeavours to enforce any rights and institute, continue or defend any proceedings relating to, and recover money or receive other property in connection with, any of the Secured Assets that the Lender may require from time to time.

#### 6.7 Notice of misrepresentations and breaches

The Borrower shall, promptly on becoming aware of any of the same, notify the Lender in writing of:

- 6.7.1 any representation or warranty set out in clause 5 which is incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed to be repeated; and
- 6.7.2 any breach of any covenant set out in this deed.

#### 6.8 Notices given by Borrower

The Borrower shall immediately on the execution of this deed:

- 6.8.1 give notice to the Buyer, in the form set out in Schedule 1, Part 1 and to the Premier League of the assignment of the Borrower's rights and interest in the Receivables pursuant to clause 3;
- 6.8.2 procure that the Buyer will provide to the Lender promptly an acknowledgement of the notice, in the form set out in Schedule 1, Part 2, of the Lender's interest in the Secured Assets; and
- 6.8.3 procure that the Premier League will confirm its agreement to the assignment of the Secured Assets as contemplated hereunder.

#### 6.9 Information

The Borrower shall, during the Security Period:

- 6.9.1 give the Lender such information concerning the Secured Assets as the Lender may reasonably require;
- 6.9.2 promptly notify the Lender in writing of any action, claim, notice or demand made by or against it in connection with all or any part of a Secured Asset or of any fact, matter or circumstance which might reasonably be expected to, with the passage of time, give rise to such an action, claim, notice or demand, together with, in each case, the Borrower's proposals for settling, liquidating, compounding or contesting any such action, claim or demand and shall implement those proposals at its own expense.

## 6.10 Proceeds from Receivables

All monies received in relation to the Receivables at any time (whether or not the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable) shall:

- 6.10.1 be paid directly to the Lender by the Buyer, to be applied by the Lender in accordance with the terms of the Facility Agreement; or
- 6.10.2 (if they are paid to the Borrower and not directly to the Lender by the Buyer) immediately upon receipt by the Borrower be paid to the Lender (and pending receipt by the Lender shall be held by the Borrower on trust for the benefit of the Lender).

#### 7 POWERS OF THE LENDER

#### 7.1 Power to remedy

- 7.1.1 The Lender shall be entitled (but shall not be obliged) to remedy, at any time during the Security Period, a breach by the Borrower of any of its obligations contained in this deed.
- 7.1.2 The Borrower irrevocably authorises the Lender and its agents to do all things that are necessary or desirable for that purpose.
- 7.1.3 Any third party costs reasonably, properly and directly incurred by the Lender in remedying a breach by the Borrower of its obligations contained in this deed, in accordance with this clause 7, shall be reimbursed by the Borrower to the Lender pursuant to and in accordance with clause 14.

## 7.2 Exercise of rights

- 7.2.1 The rights of the Lender under clause 7.1 are without prejudice to any other rights of the Lender under this deed.
- 7.2.2 The exercise of any rights of the Lender under this deed shall not make the Lender liable to account as a mortgage in possession.

## 7.3 Lender has Receiver's powers

To the extent permitted by law, any right, power or discretion conferred by this deed on a Receiver may, after the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable, be exercised by the Lender in relation to any of the Secured Assets whether or not it has taken possession of any Secured Assets and without first appointing a Receiver or notwithstanding the appointment of a Receiver.

## 7.4 Conversion of currency

- 7.4.1 For the purpose of, or pending the discharge of, any of the Secured Liabilities, the Lender may convert any monies received, recovered or realised by it under this deed (including the proceeds of any previous conversion under this clause 7.4) from their existing currencies of denomination into GBP, if relevant.
- 7.4.2 Any such conversion shall be effected at the Lender's then prevailing spot selling rate of exchange for such other currency against the existing currency.
- 7.4.3 Each reference in this clause 7.4 to a currency extends to funds of that currency and, for the avoidance of doubt, funds of one currency may be converted into different funds of the same currency.
- 7.4.4 For the avoidance of doubt, it is acknowledged and agreed that the Loan is provided to the Borrower in EUR and the Receivables are payable by the Buyer in EUR and therefore the provisions of this clause 7.4 shall not apply to the repayment or payment of the same (including any associated interest payments).

#### 7.5 **New accounts**

- 7.5.1 If the Lender receives, or is deemed to have received, notice of any subsequent Security, or other interest, affecting all or part of the Secured Assets, the Lender may open a new account for the Borrower in the Lender's books. Without prejudice to the Lender's right to combine accounts, no money paid to the credit of the Borrower in any such new account shall be appropriated towards, or have the effect of discharging, any part of the Secured Liabilities.
- 7.5.2 If the Lender does not open a new account immediately on receipt of the notice, or deemed notice, under clause 7.5.1, then, unless the Lender gives express written notice to the contrary to the Borrower, all payments made by the Borrower to the Lender shall be treated as having been credited to a new account of the Borrower and not as having been applied in reduction of the Secured Liabilities, as from the time of receipt of the relevant notice by the Lender.

## 7.6 Indulgence

The Lender may, at its discretion, grant time or other indulgence or make any other arrangement, variation or release with any person not being a party to this deed (whether or not any such person is jointly liable with the Borrower) in respect of any of the Secured Liabilities or of any other security for them without prejudice either to this deed or to the liability of the Borrower for the Secured Liabilities.

## 8 WHEN SECURITY BECOMES ENFORCEABLE

#### 8.1 Security becomes enforceable on Event of Default

The security constituted by this deed shall become immediately enforceable on the occurrence of an Event of Default.

#### 8.2 Discretion

After the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable, the Lender may, in its absolute discretion, enforce all or any part of that security at the times, in the manner and on the terms it thinks fit, and take possession of and hold or dispose of all or any part of the Secured Assets.

#### 9 ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY

#### 9.1 Enforcement powers

- 9.1.1 For the purpose of all powers implied by statute, the Secured Liabilities are deemed to have become due and payable on the date of this deed.
- 9.1.2 The power of sale and other powers conferred by section 101 of the LPA 1925 (as varied or extended by this deed) shall be exercisable, subject to clause 18.1.1 at any time after the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 9.1.3 Section 103 of the LPA 1925 does not apply to the security constituted by this deed.

## 9.2 Prior Security

- 9.2.1 At any time after the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable, or after any powers conferred by any Security having priority to this deed shall have become exercisable, the Lender may:
  - (a) redeem that or any other prior Security;
  - (b) procure the transfer of that Security to it; and
  - (c) settle and pass any account of the holder of any prior Security.
- 9.2.2 The settlement and passing of any such account shall, in the absence of any manifest error, be conclusive and binding on the Borrower. All monies paid by the Lender to an encumbrancer in settlement of any of those accounts shall, as from its payment by the Lender, be due from the Borrower to the Lender on current account and shall bear interest at the default rate of interest specified in the Facility Agreement and be secured as part of the Secured Liabilities.

#### 9.3 **Protection of third parties**

No purchaser, mortgagee or other person dealing with the Lender, any Receiver or Delegate shall be concerned to enquire:

- 9.3.1 whether any of the Secured Liabilities have become due or payable, or remain unpaid or undischarged:
- 9.3.2 whether any power the Lender, a Receiver or a Delegate is purporting to exercise has become exercisable or is properly exercisable; or
- 9.3.3 how any money paid to the Lender, any Receiver or any Delegate is to be applied.

#### 9.4 Privileges

Each Receiver and the Lender is entitled to all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred by the LPA 1925 on mortgagees and receivers.

#### 9.5 No liability as mortgagee in possession

Neither the Lender, any Receiver nor any Delegate shall be liable, by reason of entering into possession of a Secured Asset or for any other reason, to account as mortgagee in possession in respect of all or any of the Secured Assets, nor shall any of them be liable for any loss on realisation of, or for any act, neglect or default of any nature in connection with, all or any of the Secured Assets for which a mortgagee in possession might be liable as such.

## 9.6 Conclusive discharge to purchasers

The receipt of the Lender, or any Receiver or Delegate shall be a conclusive discharge to a purchaser and, in making any sale or other disposal of any of the Secured Assets or in making any acquisition in the exercise of their respective powers, the Lender, and every Receiver and Delegate may do so for any consideration, in any manner and on any terms that it or he thinks fit.

#### 10 **RECEIVER**

#### 10.1 **Appointment**

At any time after the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable, or at the request of the Borrower, the Lender may, without further notice, appoint by way of deed, or otherwise in writing, any one or more persons to be a Receiver of all or any part of the Secured Assets.

#### 10.2 Removal

The Lender may, without further notice (subject to section 45 of the IA 1986 in the case of an administrative receiver), from time to time, by way of deed, or otherwise in writing, remove any Receiver appointed by it and may, whenever it thinks fit, appoint a new Receiver in the place of any Receiver whose appointment may for any reason have terminated.

#### 10.3 Remuneration

The Lender may fix the remuneration of any Receiver appointed by it without the restrictions contained in section 109 of the LPA 1925, and the remuneration of the Receiver shall be a debt secured by this deed, to the extent not otherwise discharged.

#### 10.4 Power of appointment additional to statutory powers

The power to appoint a Receiver conferred by this deed shall be in addition to all statutory and other powers of the Lender under the IA 1986, the LPA 1925 or otherwise, and shall be exercisable without the restrictions contained in sections 103 and 109 of the LPA 1925 or otherwise.

## 10.5 **Power of appointment exercisable despite prior appointments**

The power to appoint a Receiver (whether conferred by this deed or by statute) shall be, and remain, exercisable by the Lender despite any prior appointment in respect of all or any part of the Secured Assets.

#### 10.6 Agent of the Borrower

Any Receiver appointed by the Lender under this deed shall be the agent of the Borrower and the Borrower shall be solely responsible for the contracts, engagements, acts, omissions, defaults, losses and remuneration of that Receiver and for liabilities incurred by that Receiver. The agency of each Receiver shall continue until the Borrower goes into liquidation and after that, the Receiver shall act as principal and shall not become the agent of the Lender.

## 11 POWERS OF RECEIVER

#### 11.1 General

- 11.1.1 Any Receiver appointed by the Lender under this deed shall, in addition to the powers conferred on it by statute, have the powers set out in clause 11.2 to clause 11.15.
- 11.1.2 If there is more than one Receiver holding office at the same time, each Receiver may (unless the document appointing him states otherwise) exercise all of the powers conferred on a Receiver under this deed individually and to the exclusion of any other Receiver.
- 11.1.3 Any exercise by a Receiver of any of the powers given by clause 11 may be on behalf of the Borrower or itself.

#### 11.2 Employ personnel and advisers

A Receiver may provide services and employ or engage any managers, officers, servants, contractors, agents, other personnel and professional advisers on any terms, and subject to any conditions, that it thinks fit. A Receiver may discharge any such person or any such person appointed by the Borrower.

#### 11.3 Remuneration

A Receiver may charge and receive any sum by way of remuneration (in addition to all costs, charges and expenses incurred by it) that the Lender may prescribe or agree with the Receiver.

#### 11.4 Realise Secured Assets

A Receiver may collect and get in the Secured Assets or any part of them in respect of which it is appointed, and make any demands and take any proceedings as may seem expedient for that purpose, and take possession of the Secured Assets with like rights.

#### 11.5 Dispose of Secured Assets

A Receiver may, subject to clause 18.1.1, sell or assign (or concur in selling or assigning), all or any of the Secured Assets in respect of which it is appointed in any manner (including, without limitation, by public auction or private sale) and generally on any terms and conditions as it thinks fit. Any sale may be for any consideration that the Receiver thinks fit and a Receiver may promote, or concur in promoting, a company to purchase the Secured Assets to be sold.

## 11.6 Valid receipts

A Receiver may give valid receipt for all monies and execute all assurances and things that may be proper or desirable for realising any of the Secured Assets.

#### 11.7 Make settlements

A Receiver may make any arrangement, settlement or compromise between the Borrower and any other person that the Receiver may think expedient.

## 11.8 **Bring proceedings**

A Receiver may bring, prosecute, enforce, defend and abandon all actions, suits and proceedings in relation to any of the Secured Assets as it thinks fit.

#### 11.9 Insurance

A Receiver may, if it thinks fit, but without prejudice to the indemnity in clause 14, effect with any insurer, any policy of insurance either in lieu or satisfaction of, or in addition to, that insurance.

## 11.10 Powers under the LPA 1925

A Receiver may exercise all powers provided for in the LPA 1925 in the same way as if the Receiver had been duly appointed under the LPA 1925, and exercise all powers provided for an administrative receiver in Schedule 1 to the IA 1986.

#### 11.11 **Borrow**

A Receiver may, for any of the purposes authorised by this clause 11, raise money by borrowing from the Lender (or from any other person) either unsecured or on the security of all or any of the Secured Assets in respect of which the Receiver is appointed on any terms that it thinks fit (including, if the Lender consents, terms under which that security ranks in priority to this deed).

## 11.12 Redeem prior Security

A Receiver may redeem any prior Security and settle and pass the accounts to which the Security relates. Any accounts so settled and passed shall be, in the absence of any manifest error, conclusive

and binding on the Borrower, and the monies so paid shall be deemed to be an expense properly incurred by the Receiver.

#### 11.13 **Delegation**

A Receiver may delegate its powers in accordance with this deed.

#### 11.14 Absolute beneficial owner

A Receiver may, in relation to any of the Secured Assets, exercise all powers, authorisations and rights the Receiver would be capable of exercising, and do all those acts and things, as an absolute beneficial owner could exercise or do in the ownership and management of the Secured Assets or any part of the Secured Assets.

#### 11.15 Incidental powers

A Receiver may do any other acts and things that it:

- 11.15.1 may consider desirable or necessary for realising any of the Secured Assets;
- 11.15.2 may consider incidental or conducive to any of the rights or powers conferred on a Receiver under or by virtue of this deed or law; or
- 11.15.3 lawfully may or can do as agent for the Borrower.

#### 12 **DELEGATION**

#### 12.1 **Delegation**

The Lender or any Receiver may delegate (either generally or specifically) by power of attorney or in any other manner to any person any right, power, authority or discretion conferred on it by this deed (including the power of attorney granted under clause 16.1).

#### 12.2 **Terms**

The Lender and each Receiver may make a delegation on the terms and conditions (including the power to sub-delegate) that it thinks fit.

## 12.3 Liability

Neither the Lender nor any Receiver shall be in any way liable or responsible to the Borrower for any loss or liability arising from any act, default, omission or misconduct on the part of any Delegate.

#### 13 APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS

## 13.1 Order of application of proceeds

All monies received by the Lender, a Receiver or a Delegate pursuant to this deed, after the security constituted by this deed has become enforceable, shall (subject to the claims of any person having prior rights and by way of variation of the LPA 1925) be applied in the following order of priority:

- in or towards payment of or provision for all costs, charges and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Lender (and any Receiver, Delegate, attorney or agent appointed by it) under or in connection with this deed, and of all remuneration due to any Receiver under or in connection with this deed;
- 13.1.2 in or towards payment of or provision for the Secured Liabilities in any order and manner that the Lender determines (in the Lender's absolute discretion); and
- 13.1.3 in payment of the surplus (if any) to the Borrower or other person entitled to it.

## 13.2 **Appropriation**

Neither the Lender, any Receiver nor any Delegate shall be bound (whether by virtue of section 109(8) of the LPA 1925, which is varied accordingly, or otherwise) to pay or appropriate any receipt

or payment first towards interest rather than principal or otherwise in any particular order between any of the Secured Liabilities.

#### 13.3 Suspense account

All monies received by the Lender, a Receiver or a Delegate under this deed:

- 13.3.1 may, at the discretion of the Lender, Receiver or Delegate, be credited to any suspense or securities realised account;
- 13.3.2 shall bear interest, if any, at the rate agreed in writing between the Lender and the Borrower; and
- 13.3.3 may be held in that account for so long as the Lender, Receiver or Delegate thinks fit.

#### 14 COSTS

The Borrower shall, on demand, pay to, or reimburse, the Lender and any Receiver on a full indemnity basis all third party legal fees reasonably and properly incurred by the Lender, any Receiver or any Delegate in connection with enforcing the provisions of this deed:

#### 15 **FURTHER ASSURANCE**

The Borrower shall, at its own expense, take whatever action the Lender or any Receiver may reasonably require for:

- 15.1.1 creating, perfecting or protecting the security intended to be created by this deed;
- 15.1.2 facilitating the realisation of any Secured Asset; or
- 15.1.3 facilitating the exercise of any right, power, authority or discretion exercisable by the Lender or any Receiver in respect of any Secured Asset,

including, without limitation (if the Lender or Receiver thinks it expedient) and subject to the consent of the Premier League, the Football League and the FA (each as applicable) the execution of any transfer, conveyance, assignment or assurance of all or any of the assets forming part of (or intended to form part of) the Secured Assets (whether to the Lender or to its nominee) and the giving of any notice, order or direction and the making of any registration.

## 16 **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

## 16.1 Appointment of attorneys

By way of security, the Borrower irrevocably appoints the Lender, every Receiver and every Delegate separately to be the attorney of the Borrower and, in its name, on its behalf and as its act and deed, to execute any documents and do any acts and things which:

- 16.1.1 the Borrower is required to execute and do under this deed; or
- 16.1.2 any attorney deems proper or desirable in exercising any of the rights, powers, authorities and discretions conferred by this deed or by law on the Lender, any Receiver or any Delegate.

## 16.2 Ratification of acts of attorneys

The Borrower ratifies and confirms, and agrees to ratify and confirm, anything that any of its attorneys may do in the proper and lawful exercise, or purported exercise, of all or any of the rights, powers, authorities and discretions referred to in clause 16.1.

#### 17 **RELEASE**

Subject to clause 24.3, on the expiry of the Security Period (but not otherwise), the Lender shall, at the request and cost of the Borrower, take whatever action is necessary to:

17.1.1 release the Secured Assets from the security constituted by this deed; and

- 17.1.2 reassign the Secured Assets to the Borrower.
- 17.2 For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent that the Lender receives any payment from the Buyer in excess of the Secured Liabilities, following the expiry of the Security Period it shall pay all such excess monies to the Borrower promptly and shall, in the meantime, hold all such excess monies on trust for the Borrower and to its sole order.

#### 18 **ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER**

#### 18.1 **Assignment by Lender**

- 18.1.1 The Lender shall not assign or transfer its rights under this deed unless it has first obtained the prior written consent of the Premier League or, if applicable, the Football League, where it is required to do so under the Premier League Rules or the Football League Rules as relevant.
- 18.1.2 The Lender may disclose to any actual or proposed assignee or transferee any information in its possession that relates to the Borrower, the Secured Assets and this deed that the Lender considers appropriate.

## 18.2 Assignment by the Borrower

The Borrower may not assign any of its rights, or transfer any of its rights or obligations, under this deed.

#### 19 **SET-OFF**

## 19.1 Lender's right of set off

The Lender may at any time set off any liability of the Borrower to the Lender against any liability of the Lender to the Borrower, whether either liability is present or future, liquidated or unliquidated, and whether or not either liability arises under this deed. If the liabilities are to be set off are expressed in different currencies, the Lender may convert either liability at a market rate of exchange for the purpose of set-off. Any exercise by the Lender of its rights under this clause 19 shall not limit or affect any other rights or remedies available to it under this deed or otherwise.

## 19.2 No obligation to set off

The Lender is not obliged to exercise its rights under clause 19.1. If, however, it does not exercise those rights it must promptly notify the Borrower of the set-off that has been made.

#### 19.3 Exclusion of Borrower's right of set-off

All payments made by the Borrower to the Lender under this deed shall be made without any set-off, counterclaim, deduction or withholding (other than any deduction or withholding of tax as required by law).

## 20 AMENDMENTS, WAIVERS AND CONSENTS

#### 20.1 Amendments

No amendment of this deed shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by, or on behalf of, each party (or its authorised representative).

#### 20.2 Waivers and consents

- 20.2.1 A waiver of any right or remedy under this deed or by law, or any consent given under this deed, is only effective if given in writing by the waiving or consenting party and shall not be deemed a waiver of any other breach or default. It only applies in the circumstances for which it is given and shall not prevent the party giving it from subsequently relying on the relevant provision.
- 20.2.2 A failure to exercise, or a delay in exercising, any right or remedy provided under this deed or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, prevent or restrict any further exercise of that or any other right or remedy or constitute an election to affirm this deed. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy provided under this deed or by law shall prevent or restrict the

further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No election to affirm this deed by the Lender shall be effective unless it is in writing.

#### 20.3 Rights and remedies

The rights and remedies provided under this deed are cumulative and are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any rights and remedies provided by law.

#### 21 **SEVERANCE**

## 21.1 Severance

If any provision (or part of a provision) of this deed is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision (or part of a provision) shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision (or part of a provision) under this clause shall not affect the legality, validity and enforceability of the rest of this deed.

#### 22 COUNTERPARTS

## 22.1 Counterparts

- 22.1.1 This deed may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts, each of which is an original and which together have the same effect as if each party had signed the same document.
- 22.1.2 Transmission of an executed counterpart of this deed (but for the avoidance of doubt not just a signature page) by email (in PDF, JPEG or other agreed format) shall take effect as delivery of an executed counterpart of this deed. If either method of delivery is adopted, without prejudice to the validity of the deed thus made, each party shall provide the others with the original of such counterpart as soon as reasonably possible thereafter.
- 22.1.3 No counterpart shall be effective until each party has executed and delivered at least one counterpart.

#### 23 THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

## 23.1 Third party rights

- 23.1.1 Except as expressly provided elsewhere in this deed, a person who is not a party to this deed (other than a permitted successor or assign, any Receiver or any Delegate) has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of this deed. This does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists, or is available, apart from that Act.
- 23.1.2 The rights of the parties to rescind or agree any amendment or waiver under this deed are not subject to the consent of any other person.

#### 24 FURTHER PROVISIONS

## 24.1 Independent security

The security constituted by this deed shall be in addition to, and independent of, any other security or guarantee that the Lender may hold for any of the Secured Liabilities at any time. No prior security held by the Lender over the whole or any part of the Secured Assets shall merge in the security created by this deed.

## 24.2 Continuing security

The security constituted by this deed shall remain in full force and effect as a continuing security for the Secured Liabilities, despite any settlement of account, or intermediate payment, or other matter or thing, unless and until the Lender discharges this deed in writing.

#### 24.3 Discharge conditional

Any release, discharge or settlement between the Borrower and the Lender shall be deemed conditional on no payment or security received by the Lender in respect of the Secured Liabilities

being avoided, reduced or ordered to be refunded pursuant to any law relating to insolvency, bankruptcy, winding up, administration, receivership or otherwise. Despite any such release, discharge or settlement:

- 24.3.1 the Lender or its nominee may retain this deed and the security created by or pursuant to it, including all certificates and documents relating to the whole or any part of the Secured Assets, for any period that the Lender deems necessary to provide the Lender with security against any such avoidance, reduction or order for refund; and
- 24.3.2 the Lender may recover the value or amount of such security or payment from the Borrower subsequently as if the release, discharge or settlement had not occurred.

#### 24.4 Certificates

A certificate or determination by the Lender as to any amount for the time being due to it from the Borrower shall be, in the absence of any manifest error, conclusive evidence of the amount due.

#### 24.5 Consolidation

The restriction on the right of consolidation contained in section 93 of the LPA 1925 shall not apply to this deed

#### 25 GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

#### 25.1 Governing law

This deed and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

## 25.2 Jurisdiction

Each party irrevocably agree that, subject as provided below, the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) that arises out of or in connection with this deed or its subject matter or formation. Nothing in this clause shall limit the right of the Lender to take proceedings against the Borrower in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdictions, whether concurrently or not, to the extent permitted by the law of such other jurisdiction.

## 25.3 Other service

The Borrower irrevocably consents to any process in any proceedings under clause 25.2 being served on it in accordance with the provisions of this deed relating to service of notices. Nothing contained in this deed shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

**AS WITNESS** the hands of the parties hereto or their duly authorised agents the day and year first above written.

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### PART 1 - FORM OF NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO THE BUYER

[To be inserted once agreed with AFC Ajax NV]

To:	
AFC Ajax NV	
2021	

Dear Sirs

Transfer Agreement concerning AFC Ajax NV in respect of Sebastien Romain Teddy Haller (the "Player") dated 7 January 2021 (the "Transfer Agreement")

We refer to the Transfer Agreement entered into between you and us.

We, West Ham United Football Club Limited ("West Ham"), hereby give notice that pursuant to security assignment deed dated on or around the date of this letter (the "Security Assignment"), we have assigned to Macquarie Bank Limited, London Branch ("Macquarie") the benefits of (and all our rights and interest in) over the receivable payable by your club pursuant to the Transfer Agreement, which shall become payable to Macquarie, as detailed further below:

Due Date	Receivable (EUR)	Transfer Agreement Ref
1 February 2022	5,625,000	5 (ii)
1 February 2023	5,625,000	5 (iii)
1 February 2024	5,625,000	5 (iv)

(each receivable being a "Receivable" and together, the "Receivables").

As a consequence, we hereby give irrevocable notice that payment of the Receivables (whenever paid and whether or not any invoice is presented by West Ham in respect of any such amount) should, notwithstanding any provision of the Transfer Agreement, be made to the account details of which are set out below or to any other bank account that Macquarie should notify you from time to time and not to any account detailed in any invoice received from our club in connection with the Transfer Agreement, or to any other account nominated by us:

Correspondent:
SWIFT address:
BAN:
Favour: Macquarie Bank Limited, London Branch
SWIFT address:

(the "Account").

For the avoidance of doubt:

- a) the Receivables constitute the amounts payable by your club to West Ham pursuant to the terms of the Transfer Agreement;
- b) no amount whatsoever shall be deducted from the amount of the Receivables, whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, withholding or otherwise; and

- c) all VAT, if applicable, should be paid, with the Receivables, to Macquarie and no amount in respect of VAT should be paid to West Ham;
- d) payment of a Receivable by your club to Macquarie in accordance with the terms of this letter and the Transfer Agreement shall have debt-discharging effect on the related provision under the Transfer Agreement; and
- e) following the execution of the Security Assignment, the final paragraph of clause 5 of the Transfer Agreement shall no longer apply, meaning should your club obtain Profitable Transfer Compensation (as defined in clause 5 of the Transfer Agreement) from a subsequent transfer of the Player, the Due Dates in respect of the Receivables set out above shall continue to apply and your club shall not be obliged to make any payment of the same to West Ham nor any earlier payment of the same to Macquarie.

We would be grateful if you would acknowledge and agree the above position by signing this letter in the section below.

This letter and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Swiss law.

Yours faithfully		

#### For and on behalf of West Ham United Football Club Limited

Cc: Macquarie Bank Limited, London Branch

#### PART 2- FORM OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE BUYER

To: West Ham United Football Club Limited ("West Ham") and Macquarie Bank Limited, London Branch ("Macquarie")

For the benefit of West Ham and Macquarie, we hereby:

- a) acknowledge and agree to the terms of the above notice, and defined terms used in this acknowledgement shall have the meaning given to them in the above letter unless otherwise indicated;
- b) acknowledge and confirm that we consent to the security being granted under the Security Assignment relating to the Receivables under the Transfer Agreement;
- c) confirm that we acknowledge the irrevocable instruction that Macquarie shall, on behalf of West Ham, make any demand for payment to us related to the Receivables (and if applicable, VAT), under the terms of the Transfer Agreement;
- d) confirm that we have not claimed or exercised and have no outstanding right to claim or exercise, and will not claim or exercise, any security interest, right of set-off, counter-claim or other right relating to the Receivables; and
- e) confirm that no amounts shall be deducted from the amount of any of the Receivables or the VAT (if applicable).

We furthermore agree to pay the Receivables (and, if applicable, VAT) – with debt-discharging effect - to the Account and agree that we shall not pay the Receivables (or VAT) to any other account without the prior written consent of Macquarie.

This letter and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Swiss law.

Yours faithfully

For and on behalf of AFC Ajax NV
Date:

## Execution Page

## LENDER

Signed and delivered as a deed on behalf of MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED, LONDON BRANCH

acting by its authorised signatories:

Authorised Signatory

Authorised Signatory

In the presence of:

Leigh Watkins 57 Canford Road London SW11 6PB Robert Howarth, Associate Director Signed in London under PoA ref #3106 dated 16 March 2021

## **BORROWER**

Occupation of witness:

Executed and delivered as a deed by **WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED** acting by:

Signature of director
Name of director
Director
in the presence of:
Signature of witness
Name of witness
Address of witness:

LENDER
Signed and delivered as a deed on behalf of MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED, LONDON BRANCH acting by its authorised signatories:
Authorised Signatory
Authorised Signatory
BORROWER
Executed and delivered as a deed by WEST HAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED acting by:
Signature of director
A U MOLLETT  Name of director
Director
in the presence of:
Signature of witness
TENNIFER AKROYD Name of witness
Address of witness: LONDON STADIUM 620 75

Occupation of witness: ACCOUNTANT