No 233722

## The Companies Act 1985

## Private Company Limited by Shares

#### NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(Adopted by Special Resolution passed on February 1991)

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#### HART & CLOUGH LIMITED

## Incorporated on the 1st October 1928

# Interpretation

1. In these Articles, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

"THE ACT"

means the Companies Act 1985 (as amended by the Companies Act 1989) and every statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force

"TABLE A"

means Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A-F) Regulations 1985 (as amended)

## Table A

- 2. The regulations contained in Table A shall apply to the Company except in sc far as they are excluded by or are inconsistent with these Articles.
- 3. Regulations 8, 24, 41, 59, 64, 65, 73 to 78 inclusive, 80, 94 and 118 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.

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## Share Capital

- 4. Subject to any direction to the contrary which may be given by the Company in general meeting, the directors are unconditionally authorised to allot, create, deal with or otherwise dispose of relevant securities (within the meaning of Section 80(2) of the Act) to such persons (including any director) on such terms and at such time or times as they think fit, provided that no shares shall be offered at a discount.
- 5. The maximum nominal amount of share capital which the directors may allot, or otherwise dispose of in accordance with Article 4 shall be the nominal amount of unissued shares at the date of adoption of these Articles or such other amount as shall be authorised by the Company in general meeting.
- 6. The authority conferred on the directors by Articles 4 and 5 shall remain in force for a period of 5 years from the date of adoption of these Articles and thereafter provided this authority is renewed from time to time by the Company in general meeting in accordance with Section 80 of the Act.
- 7. The provisions of Section 89(1) of the Act shall not apply to the Company.

#### Lien

8. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share for all moneys (whether payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share, and the Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on all shares registered in the name of any person (whether solely or jointly with others) for all moneys owing to the Company from him or his estate either alone or jointly with any other person whether as a member or not and whether such moneys are presently payable or not. The directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or partly exempt from the provisions of this article. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to any amount payable in respect of it.

# Transfer of Shares

- 16. The directors shall not be subject to retirement by rotation and accordingly the final two sentences of regulation 79 of Table A shall not apply to the Company.
- 17. The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act as a director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director.
- 18. Any member or members holding a majority in nominal amount of the issued share capital which confers the right to attend and vote at general meetings may at any time appoint any person to be a director, whether as an additional director or to fill a vacancy, and may remove from office any director howsoever appointed. Any such appointment or removal shall be effected by notice in writing to the company signed by the member or members making the same or in the case of a corporate member signed by any director thereof or by any person so authorised by resolution of the directors or by any other governing body thereof. Any such appointment or removal shall take effect when the notice effecting the same is delivered to the registered office or to the secretary of the Company, or is produced at a meeting of the directors. Any such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim which a director may have under any contract between him and the Company.
- 19. There shall be no age limit for directors of the Company.
- 20. A director shall not be required to hold any qualification shares in the Company.

#### Disqualification and Removal of Directors

- 21. Regulation 81 of Table A shall be amended by substituting for paragraphs (c) and (e) thereof the following provisions:
  - (c) he becomes in the opinion of all his co-directors, incapable by reason of mental disorder of discharging his duties as a director; or
  - (e) he is otherwise duly removed from office.

# Remuneration of Directors

22. Regulation 82 of Table A shall be amended by the addition of the following:

Such remuneration shall be divided between the directors in such proportion and manner as the directors may unanimously determine or in default of such determination equally, except that any director holding office for less than a year or other period for which remuneration is paid shall rank in such division in proportion to the fraction of such year or other period during which he has held office. Any director, who at the request of the directors, performs special services or goes or resides abroad for any purpose of the Company may receive such extra remuneration by way of salary, commission or participation in profits, or partly in one way and partly in another as the directors may determine.

# Proceedings of Directors

23. Regulation 88 of Table A shall be amended by substituting for the sentence:

It shall be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a director who is absent from the United Kingdom.

# the following sentence:

Notice of every meeting of directors shall be given to each director or his alternate director, including directors and alternate directors who may for the time being be absent from the United Kingdom and have given the Company their address outside the United Kingdom.

24. If and so long as the minimum number of directors specified under these Articles is one, a sole director may exercise all the powers conferred on the directors by the Articles, and shall do so by written resolution under his hand and, so long as there is such sole director, regulations 83 to 90 of Table A shall not apply to the 5

Company and Article 22 of these Articles shall have no effect.

- 25. Any director (including an alternate director) may participate in a meeting of the directors or or a committee of directors of which he is a member by means of a conference telephone or similar communicating equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and participation in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- 26. Subject to such disclosure as is required by sections 317 of the Act a director shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest or duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company.

## Notices

27. Any notice required by these Articles to be given by the Company may be given by any visible form on paper, including telex, facsimile and electronic mail, and a notice communicated by such forms of immediate transmission shall be deemed to be given at the time it is transmitted to the person to whom it is addressed. Regulations 111 and 112 of Table A shall be amended accordingly.

#### Indemnity

28. Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director, secretary, auditor or other officer of the Company shall be indemnified by the Company against all losses and liabilities suctained or incurred by him in the execution of his duties or in the exercise of his powers or otherwise in connection with his office including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any liability incurred by him (a) in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal in which he is acquitted or which are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part, or (b) in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court free liability in

. respect of any act or omission done or alleged to be done by him as an officer or employee of the Company.

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