

Incorporated Under The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967
The Companies Act 1985
Public Company Limited by Shares

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

of

MAPLIN ELECTRONICS PLC

(As amended by Special Resolution passed on 24.10.88)

1. The name of the Company is Maplin Electronics PLC
2. The Company is to be a Public Company.
3. The registered office of the Company will be situate in England.
4. The objects for which the Company is established are:-
 - (a) To carry on all or any of the businesses of electronic and electrical engineers and contractors, manufacturers, designers, fitters, installers, maintainers, repairers, importers, exporters and distributors of, agents for, and dealers in electronic and electrical goods, equipment, devices, appliances, accessories and supplies of every description, cable jointers, heating, lighting, radio, television, telephone, telecommunication, mechanical and general engineers; inventors, constructors, installers and maintainers of systems for heating and lighting and the supply of power, telecommunication, radio, sound recording, television and telephone reception and transmission, government surplus contractors and dealers, manufacturers, fitters, maintainers, repairers and merchants of, agents for, and dealers in household and domestic appliances, equipment, utensils, furniture, fittings, hardware and ironmongery of all kinds; general builders and contractors, property repairers and developers, builders' merchants, plant hire specialists, painters and decorators, carpenters, glaziers, shop and office fitters, estate agents, hire purchase financiers and agents, mortgage and insurance brokers, fuel merchants, haulage and transport contractors, commission and general agents, factors, brokers and warehousemen; and to manufacture, buy, sell, maintain, repair and deal in vehicles, plant, machinery, tools, articles, and things of all kinds capable of being used for the purpose of the above-mentioned businesses or any of them, or likely to be required by customers of, or persons having dealings with the Company.
 - (b) To carry on any other business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above objects, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render more profitable any of the Company's property.



- (c) To purchase or by any other means acquire and take options over any freehold, leasehold or other real or personal property for any estate or interest whatever, and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any real or personal property.
- (d) To apply for, register, purchase, or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, any patents, patent rights, brevets d'invention, licences, secret processes, trade marks, designs, protections and concessions and to disclaim, alter, modify, use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting upon, testing and improving any patents, inventions or rights which the Company may acquire or propose to acquire.
- (e) To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any person, firm, or company carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the businesses which this Company is authorised to carry on, and as part of the consideration for such acquisition to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm or company, or to acquire an interest in, amalgamate with, or enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for mutual assistance with any such person, firm or company, or for subsidising or otherwise assisting any such person, firm or company, and to give or accept, by way of consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired, any Shares, Debentures, Debenture Stock, or securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain, or sell, mortgage, and deal with any shares, debentures, debenture stock, or securities so received.
- (f) To improve, manage, construct, repair, develop, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant licences, options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company, both real and personal.
- (g) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined and to hold, sell or otherwise deal with any investments made.
- (h) To lend and advance money or give credit on such terms as may seem expedient and with or without security to customers and others, to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds, to receive money on deposit or loan upon such terms as the Company may approve and to become security for any persons, firms, or companies.
- (i) To borrow or raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised, or owing, by mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future), including its uncalled capital, and also by a similar mortgage, charge, lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it.
- (j) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments.

- (k) To apply for, promote, and obtain any Act of Parliament, Provisional Order, or Licence of the Board of Trade or other authority for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem expedient, and to oppose any proceedings or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.
- (l) To enter into any arrangements with any Governments or authorities (supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise) that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such Government or authority any charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such charters, decrees, rights, privileges, and concessions.
- (m) To subscribe for, take, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold shares or other interests in or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company or carrying on any business capable of being carried on so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company or enhance the value of any of its property and to co-ordinate, finance and manage the businesses and operations of any company in which the Company holds any such interest.
- (n) To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company, and to undertake and perform sub-contracts, and also to act in any of the businesses of the Company through or by means of agents, brokers, sub-contractors, or others.
- (o) To remunerate any person, firm or company rendering services to this Company either by cash payment or by the allotment to him or them of Shares or other securities of the Company credited as paid up in full or in part or otherwise as may be thought expedient.
- (p) To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling, or guaranteeing the subscription of any Shares or other securities of the Company.
- (q) To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object, and to support and subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its employees, or may be connected with any town or place where the Company carries on business; to give or award pensions, annuities, gratuities, and superannuation or other allowances or benefits or charitable aid to any persons who are or have been Directors of, or who are or have been employed by, or who are serving or have served the Company, or of any company which is a subsidiary of the company or the holding company of the Company or of the predecessors in business of the Company or of any such subsidiary or holding Company and to the wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants of such persons; to make payments towards insurance; and to set up, establish, support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for the benefit of any of such persons and of their wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants; and to set up, establish, support and maintain profit sharing or share purchase schemes for the benefit of any of the employees of the Company or of any such subsidiary or holding Company

and to lend money to any such employees or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such share purchase schemes to be established or maintained.

- (r) To promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the business or property and undertaking any of the liabilities of this Company, or of undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit this Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of this Company, and to place or guarantee the placing of, underwrite, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire all or any part of the shares or securities of any such company as aforesaid.
- (s) To sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the business or property of the Company, either together or in portions, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any company purchasing the same.
- (t) To distribute among the Members of the Company in kind any property of the Company of any kind.
- (u) To procure the Company to be registered or recognized in any part of the world.
- (v) To do all or any of the things or matters aforesaid in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise and by or through agents or otherwise and either separately or in conjunction with others.
- (w) To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

The objects set forth in each sub-clause of this Clause shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given thereto, and they shall not except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited to or restricted by reference to or inference from any other object or objects set forth in such sub-clause or from the terms of any other sub-clause or by the name of the Company. None of such sub-clauses or the object or objects therein specified or the powers thereby conferred shall be deemed subsidiary or ancillary to the objects or powers mentioned in any other sub-clause, but the Company shall have as full a power to exercise all or any of the objects conferred by and provided in each of the said sub-clauses as if each sub-clause contained the objects of a separate company.

5. The liability of the Members is limited.

6.* The Share Capital of the Company is £50,000 divided into 50,000 Shares of £1 each.

* The Share Capital of the Company was increased from £100 to £5,000 by Ordinary Resolution passed on 5th April 1977 and to £50,000 by Ordinary Resolution passed on

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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PRELIMINARY

1. Subject as hereinafter provided the Regulations contained in Table A set out in the Schedule to The Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 shall apply to the Company.
2. Regulations 3, 23, and 35 of Table A shall not apply to the Company, but the Regulations hereinafter contained together with the remaining Regulations of Table A shall, subject to the modifications hereinafter expressed, constitute the regulations of the Company.
3. Any reference in these Regulations to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended or extended by or under any other enactment.

INTERPRETATION

4. In Regulation 1 of Table A there shall be inserted before the words "office" and "secretary" the word "the" and between the words "regulations" and "the Acts" the words "and in any regulations adopting the whole or in part the same".

SHARES

5. Subject to the provisions of the next following Regulation the Directors are authorised for the purposes of section 80 of the Act to exercise the power of the Company to allot shares to the amount of the authorised but unissued share capital of the Company at the date hereof and the Directors may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of such shares, to such persons, on such terms and in such manner as they think fit provided always that:-
 - (i) save as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) of this Regulation the authority given in this Regulation to the Directors to exercise the power of the Company to allot shares shall expire five years after the date of incorporation of the Company;
 - (ii) the Members in General Meeting may by Ordinary Resolution:-
 - (a) renew the said authority (whether or not it has been previously renewed) for a period not exceeding five years, but such Resolution must state (or restate) the amount of shares which may be allotted under such authority or renewed authority or, as the case may be, the amount remaining to be allotted thereunder, and

must specify the date on which the authority or renewed authority will expire;

(ii) revoke or vary any such authority (or renewed authority); and

(iii) notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Regulation the Company may make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares to be allotted after such authority has expired and in pursuance of such an offer or agreement the Directors may allot shares notwithstanding that such authority or renewed authority has expired.

In this Regulation any reference to the allotment of shares shall include a reference to the grant of any right to subscribe for, or to convert any security into shares, but shall not include any reference to the allotment of shares pursuant to such a right.

6. Subject to Chapter VII of the Act, the Company may purchase its own shares (including redeemable shares) out of distributable profits or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

7. Subject to Chapter VII of the Act, any shares may, with the sanction of an Ordinary Resolution, be issued on the terms that they are, or, at the option of the Company or the shareholder are liable, to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue of the shares may by Special Resolution determine, and whether out of distributable profits or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

8. The instrument of transfer of a fully paid share shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and in the case of a share which is not fully paid, the instrument of transfer shall in addition be executed by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall be deemed to remain a holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of Members in respect thereof.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

9. In every notice convening a General Meeting of the Company there shall appear with reasonable prominence a statement that a Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and on a poll vote instead of him and that such proxy need not also be a Member. Regulation 36 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

10. Votes may be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at any time before the time of the Meeting for which they are to be used unless otherwise specified in the notice convening such Meeting. Regulation 62 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

DIRECTORS

11. The first Directors of the Company shall be the persons named in the statement delivered under Section 10 of the Act.

12. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, whether in excess of the nominal amount of the share capital of the Company for the time being issued or not, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof, and to issue

debentures, debenture stock or any other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

13. In Regulation 87 there shall be inserted between the words "the directors" and "may" the words "on behalf of the Company".

DIVIDENDS

14. No dividend or interim dividend shall be paid otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of Part VIII of the Act which apply to the Company.