# **COMPANY NUMBER: 02536500**

## **BLACK & DECKER PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

## WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO ALTER ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

We, Black & Decker International, the sole corporate shareholder of Black & Decker Pension Trustee Limited ("the Company") hereby pass, with effect from the date below, the following Special Resolution:-

# SPECIAL RESOLUTION

THAT the Regulations contained in the document attached to this Resolution and, for the purpose of identification signed by the authorised signatory below, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof.

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New Articles of Association of Black & Decker Pension Trustee Limited

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## INTERPRETATION

1. In these regulations:-

"Act": the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;

"Articles": the articles of association of the Company;

"clear days": in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;

"executed": includes any mode of execution;

"office": the registered office of the Company;

"holder": in relation to shares means the member whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;

"seal": means the common seal of the Company;

"secretary": the secretary of the Company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;

"the United Kingdom": Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these regulations bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these regulations become binding on the Company.

2. The regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Table A to F) Regulations 1985 shall not apply to the company.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

3. The share capital of the Company at the date of adoption of these Articles is £100 divided into 100 ordinary shares of £1 each.

#### **SHARES**

- 4. Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine.
- 5. Subject to the provisions of the Act, shares may be issued which are to be redeemed or are to be liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by the Articles.
- 6. The provisions of Section 89(1) of the Act shall not apply to the Company.
- 7. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to these Articles, any unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the

- disposal of the directors who may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they may determine.
- 8. Subject to any direction to the contrary which may be given by the Company in general meeting, the directors are unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the Company to allot relevant securities. The maximum nominal amount of relevant securities that may be allotted under this authority shall be the nominal amount of the unissued share capital at the date of adoption of these Articles or such other amount as may from time to time be authorised by the Company in general meeting. The authority conferred on the directors by this article shall remain in force for a period of 5 years from the date of adoption of these Articles, but may be revoked, varied or renewed from time to time by the Company in general meeting in accordance with the Act.
- 9. The Company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- 10. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and (except as otherwise provided by the Articles or by law) the Company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the holder.

## SHARE CERTIFICATES

- 11. Every member, upon becoming the holder of any shares, shall be entitled without payment to one certificate for all the shares of each class held by him (and, upon transferring a part of his holding of shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of such holding) or several certificates each for one or more of his shares upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable sum as the directors may determine. Every certificate shall be sealed with the seal or be executed as a deed in accordance with article 114 and shall specify the number and class of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon. The shares shall not bear distinguishing numbers. The Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by several persons and delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all of them.
- 12. If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in investigating evidence as the directors may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

## LIEN

13. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. The directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this article. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to any amount payable in respect of it.

- 14. The Company may sell in such manner as the directors determine any shares on which the Company has a lien if a sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and is not paid within fourteen clear days after notice has been given to the holder of the share or to the person entitled to it in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.
- 15. To give effect to a sale the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 16. The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as is presently payable, and any residue shall (upon surrender to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable as existed upon the shares before the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

# CALLS ON SHARES AND FORFEITURE

- 17. 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, or such lesser period of notice as they may agree to accept, 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.
- 18. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the directors authorising the call was passed.
- 19. The joint holders of a share shall he jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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 instalment 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.
- 22. 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. 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, or such lesser period of notice as may be specified in the terms of issue of shares, 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.
- 24. If the notice is not complied with any share in respect of which it was given 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.
- 25. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share may be sold, re-allotted 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.
- 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.
- 27. 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.

## TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 28. The instrument of transfer of a share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the directors may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.
- 29. The directors may, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason for so doing, decline to register any transfer of any share, whether or not it is a fully paid share.
- 30. If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company send to the transferee notice of the refusal.

- 31. The registration of transfer of shares or of transfers of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding thirty days in any year) as the directors may determine.
- 32. No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.
- 33. The Company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered, but any instrument of transfer which the directors refuse to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

## TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

- 34. If a member dies the survivor or survivors where he was a joint holder and his personal representatives where he was a sole holder or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which had been jointly held by him.
- 35. Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member may, upon such evidence being produced as the directors may properly require, elect either to be registered himself as holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee, but the directors shall, in either case, have the same right to decline or suspend registration as they would have had in the case of a transfer of the share by that member before his death of bankruptcy as the case may be.
- 36. If the person so becoming entitled shall elect to be registered himself, he shall give notice to the Company to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person. All the Articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and the death or bankruptcy of the member had not occurred.
- A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member shall have the rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to attend or vote at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company; provided always that the directors may withhold payment of all dividends, bonuses or other monies payable in respect of the share until he becomes registered as the holder thereof or duly transfers the same.

#### ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 38. The Company may by ordinary resolution:-
  - (a) increase its share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes; 8
  - (b) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing share;

- (c) subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from the sub-division, any of them may have any preference or advantage as compared with the others; and
- (d) cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 39. Whenever as a result of a consolidation of shares any members would become entitled to fractions of a share, the directors may, on behalf of those members, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable to any person (including, subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those members, and the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 40. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way.

#### PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

41. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) and make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its own shares otherwise than out of distributable profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 42. All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings.
- 43. The directors may call general meetings and, on the requisition of members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, shall forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting for a date not later than eight weeks after receipt of the requisition. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or any member of the Company may call a general meeting.

# NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 44. An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution or a resolution appointing a person as a director shall be called by at least twenty-one clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least fourteen days' notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:-
  - (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and

(b) in the case of any other meeting by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent in nominal. value of the shares giving that right.

The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and, in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such.

Subject to the provisions of the Articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice shall be given to all the members, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member and to the directors and auditors.

45. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 46. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation, shall be a quorum.
- 47. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine.
- 48. The chairman, if any, of the board of directors or in his absence some other director nominated by the directors shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the chairman nor such other director (if any) be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman.
- 49. If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairman.
- A director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member, be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company.
- 51. The chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days' notice or such lesser period of notice as the members may agree to accept shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to given any such notice.

- 52. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:□
  - (a) by the chairman; or
  - (b) by at least two members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
  - (c) by a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
  - (d) by a member or members holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all shares conferring that right;

and a demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.

- 53. Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.
- 54. The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
- 55. A poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 56. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 57. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 58. No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven days' notice or such lesser period of notice as the members may agree to accept shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
- 59. A resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which he was present or, if such member is a corporation, signed by the duly authorised representative of

that member, shall be effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each signed by or on behalf of one or more members. In the case of joint holders the signature of any one of such joint holders shall be sufficient execution on behalf of the joint holders. Where a resolution in writing is signed on behalf of a member, being a corporation, a director or the secretary thereof shall be deemed to be its duly authorised representative.

## **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

- 60. Subject to any Fights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who is present whether (being an individual) in person or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative, not being himself a member entitled to vote, or is present by proxy. shall have one vote and on a poll every member, whether present in person or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative or by proxy, shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.
- In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register of members.
- 62. A member in respect of whom an order had been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf appointed by that court, and any such receiver, curator bonis or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with the Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.
- 63. No member shall vote at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all moneys presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.
- No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.
- An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under its seal or under the hand of an officer, attorney or other person authorised to sign it. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. An instrument of proxy shall be in any usual or common form or any other form which the directors may approve: The instrument of proxy shall be deemed to include the right to demand or join in demanding a poll. The

proxy shall, unless the contrary is stated in it, be as valid for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.

- 67. The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the directors may:
  - (a) be deposited at the office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours or such lesser period of time as the directors may agree to accept before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or
  - (b) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours or such lesser period of time as the directors may agree to accept before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
  - (c) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded or, with the agreement of the directors, at any time before the holding of the poll, to the chairman or to the secretary or to any director;

and an instrument of proxy which is not deposited or delivered in a manner so permitted shall be invalid.

68. A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the determination was received by the Company at the office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

## **DIRECTORS**

- 69. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the maximum number of directors shall be eleven and the minimum shall be nine.
- 70. The continuing directors at any time may act, notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, provided always that if the directors shall at any time be reduced in number to less than the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles, it shall be lawful for them to act as directors for the purpose of filling up vacancies or calling a general meeting of the Company, but not for any other purpose.
- 71. A director (including an alternate director) shall not be required to hold any qualification shares in the Company, but shall nevertheless be entitled to notice of any general meeting.

#### ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 72. Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any person to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him. Such appointment requires the prior written approval of the chairman and shall have effect only upon and subject to being so approved. An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if his appointor ceases to be a director.
- 73. If his appointor is for the time being unavailable due to absence from the United Kingdom or temporarily unable to act through ill health or disability, the signature of an alternate director to any resolution in writing of the directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor.
- 74. When an alternate director is also a director or acts as an alternate director for more than one director, such alternate director shall have one vote for every director so represented by him (in addition to his own vote if he is himself a director) and when so acting shall be considered as two directors for the purpose of making a quorum if the quorum exceeds two.
- 75. An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointor as a director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for his services as an alternate director except only such part (if any) of the remuneration payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- 76. Any appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice to the Company signed by the director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the directors.
- 77. Save as otherwise provided in the Articles, an alternate director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him.

## POWERS OF DIRECTORS

- 78. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the memorandum and the Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the Company. No alteration of the memorandum or Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this article shall not be limited by any special power given to the directors by the Articles and a meeting of directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the directors.
- 79. The directors may borrow or raise from time to time for the purposes of the Company or secure the payment of such sums as they think fit, and may secure the repayment or payment of any such sums by mortgage or charge upon all or any of the property or assets of the Company including its uncalled or unpaid capital, or by the issue of debentures

- (whether at part or at a discount or premium) or otherwise upon such terms and conditions as they think fit.
- 80. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments, and all receipts for money paid to the Company, shall be signed, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the directors shall from time to time determine.
- 81. The directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the Company for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

## **DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS**

82. The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors. They may also delegate to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying. Any. committee shall have power, unless the directors direct otherwise, to co-opt as a member or members of the committee for any specific purpose any person or persons although not being a director or directors of the Company.

## APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 83. The number of directors shall be eleven, of whom:
  - (a) two may be nominated by Black & Decker Corporation;
  - (b) two may be nominated by Black & Decker;
  - (c) two may be nominated by Tucker Fasteners Limited; and
  - (d) five may be elected by and from members of the Black & Decker 1995 Pension Scheme (or such categories of members of the Black & Decker 1995 Pension Scheme as may be decided from time to time by the Company) using such procedures as Black & Decker International in consultation with the Company shall decide.

The term of office of every director shall begin on the date of his appointment and end on on the expiry of three years thereafter or on such earlier date as may be specified in the resolution appointing him.

- 84. Directors shall vacate office or be appointed in accordance with procedures adopted pursuant to Sections 18 to 21 of the Pensions Act 1995 or any statutory modification or re-enactment of those provisions.
- 85. Without prejudice to the power of the Company under Section 303 of the Act to remove a director before the expiration of his period of office by ordinary resolution, the Company may by extraordinary resolution remove any director before the expiration of his period of

office. A person appointed in place of a director so removed shall unless otherwise determined by the board or the Company in general meeting be subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a director on the day on which the director in whose place he is appointed was last appointed a director.

- 86. 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 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 of 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.
- 87. There shall be no age limit for directors of the Company except as set out in procedures adopted pursuant to Section 18 to 21 of the Pensions Act 1995 or any statutory modification or re-enactment of those provisions.
- 88. The office of a director shall be vacated if:
  - (a) by notice in writing to the Company he resigns the office of director;
  - (b) he shall have been absent without permission of the directors from three consecutive meetings of directors, (unless he shall have appointed an alternate director who has not, in the opinion of the directors (other than the director in question), been similarly absent for those meetings) and the directors revolve to remove him from office;
  - (c) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors;
  - (d) he is prohibited from being a director by an order made under any provision of the Act;
  - (e) he becomes, in the opinion of all his co-directors, incapable by reason of mental disorder of discharging his duties as a director;
  - (f) he is removed from office under article 85 or 86; or
  - (g) the conditions in article 84 are satisfied.

## REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

89. The directors shall be entitled to such remuneration as the Company may by ordinary resolution determine and, unless the resolution provides otherwise, the remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day. 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.

## **DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

90. The directors may be paid all travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors or committees of directors or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

#### DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS

- 91. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may appoint one or more of their number to the office of managing director or to any other executive office under the Company and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any director for his employment by the Company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made upon such terms as the directors determine and they may remunerate any such director for his services as they think fit. Any appointment of a director to an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the Company. A managing director and a director holding any other executive office shall not be subject to retirement by rotation.
- 92. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office:
  - (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested;
  - (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested; and
  - (c) shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.
- 93. For the purposes of article 92:
  - (a) a general notice given to the directors that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be

- deemed to be a disclosure that the director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and
- (b) an interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

# **DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS**

94. The directors may provide benefits, whether by payment of gratuities. pensions, annuities. allowances, bonuses or insurance or otherwise, for any director or former director who holds or has held but no longer holds any executive office or employment with the Company or with any subsidiary of the Company, or with the Company's ultimate holding company or any subsidiary of such holding company or with any of its or their respective predecessors in title, and for any member of his family (including a spouse, former spouse or dependants). The directors may include rights in respect of such pensions, annuities or allowances in the terms of appointment of any person as a director or in any other capacity. The directors may for the purpose of securing such pensions, annuities or allowances, establish and/or make contributions or other payments to or under any such trusts, schemes or arrangements as they think fit. The directors may procure any of these matters to be done by the Company either alone or in conjunction with any other person.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 95. Subject to the provisions of the Articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they see fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. Not less than five days written notice of every meeting of directors shall be given to each director or his alternate director, including directors and alternate directors who may from time to time be absent from the United Kingdom and have given the Company their address outside the United Kingdom. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 96. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors may be fixed by the directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be five of whom at least three must have been nominated under paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) of article 83. A person who holds office only as an alternate director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum.
- 97. Notwithstanding any of the provisions elsewhere in these Articles if a proposal is considered by the directors concerning any of the matters designated as "Special Business" as detailed in this article the quorum of the meeting shall be seven. In addition, where the directors are called upon to pass a resolution on any of the matters designated as "Special Business" five or more directors shall be required to vote in favour of such resolution. The following matters are designated as "Special Business":
  - (a) appointment of directors;
  - (b) appointment of standing committees;
  - (c) amendment of the trust deed and rules of the Black & Decker 1995 Pension Scheme;

- (d) approving the transfer or distribution of assets other than in the normal course of business;
- (e) changes in investment policy guidelines;
- (f) appointment and dismissal of investment managers, bankers, custodians or actuaries;
- (g) alteration of commutation or early or late retirement factors;
- (h) recommendation of contribution rates;
- (i) recommendation of utilisation of an actuarial surplus;
- (j) exercise of trustees' power of augmentation when actuarial costs are not paid in full into the Black & Decker 1995 Pension Scheme, including pension increases.
- 98. Any director or member of a committee of directors may participate in a meeting of the directors or such committee by means of conference telephone or any other communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting and any person so participating shall be entitled to vote and be counted in a quorum accordingly. Any meeting held pursuant to this article shall be deemed to have been held at the place at which the majority of persons attending that meeting are located or, if there is no such majority, at the place at which the chairman of the meeting is located.
- 99. Black & Decker International may appoint one of the directors to be the chairman of the board of directors and may at any time remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of directors at which he is present. But if there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors appointed under paragraphs (a) to (c) of article 83 present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- All acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
- 101. A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors or, in the absence of any such director, his alternate director shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors (or as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more directors or alternate directors; but a resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a director who has appointed an alternate director, it need not be signed by the alternate director in that capacity.

- 102. Subject to the provisions of the Act as to disclosure and otherwise, notwithstanding any interest a director may have as set out in article 92, that director may vote on any matter in which he is interested (including, without limitation, any insurance which the Company may be empowered to effect and/or maintain for, or for the benefit of, himself or any other director) and be included for the purpose of a quorum at any meeting at which the same is considered.
- 103. The directors may establish any local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local boards or to act as managers or agents and may fix their remuneration. The directors may delegate to any local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in the directors (with power to sub-delegate) and may authorise the members of any local board or any of them to fill any vacancies and to act notwithstanding vacancies. Any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the directors may decide and the directors may remove any person so appointed, and may revoke or vary any such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such revocation or variation shall be affected by it.
- Any branch or kind of business which the Company is either expressly or by implication authorised to undertake may be undertaken by the directors at such time or times as they shall think fit, and further may be suffered by them to be in abeyance, whether such branch or kind of business may have been actually commenced or not, so long as the directors may deem it expedient not to commence or proceed with it.
- 105. The Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the Articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.
- 106. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the directors concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
- 107. If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive.

## **SECRETARY**

- 108. The secretary shall be appointed by the directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them.
- 109. No person shall be appointed or hold office as secretary who is:-
  - (a) the sole director of the Company; or

- (b) a corporation the sole director of which is the sole director of the Company; or
- (c) the sole director of a corporation which is the sole director of the Company.
- 110. The directors may from time to time authorise (generally or specifically) any person to perform the duties of the secretary in his absence.

#### **MINUTES**

- 111. The directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose -
  - (a) of all appointments of officers made by the directors; and
  - (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the Company, of the holders of any class of shares in the Company, and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting.
- 112. It shall not be necessary for directors present at any meeting of directors or committee of directors to sign their names in the minute book or other book kept for recording attendance.

## THE SEAL

- 113. The seal shall only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors or such committee may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed, and for this purpose may by telephone or telex communication or by facsimile reproduction authorise the secretary or any director to use the seal, the transmission of such authority constituting a determination in such case that the secretary or the designated director alone may sign any instrument to which the seal is to be affixed pursuant to that authority. Unless otherwise determined, any instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by a director and by the secretary or by a second director.
- 114. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a document signed by a director and the secretary of the Company, or by two directors of the Company, and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the Company shall have the same effect as if executed under seal of the Company if its execution in that way is authorised by the directors or a committee of directors authorised to do so by the directors.
- 115. The Company may have an official seal for use abroad under the provisions of the Act, where and as the director shall determine, and the Company may by writing under the seal appoint any agents or agent, committees or committee abroad to be the duly authorised agent of the Company, for the purpose of affixing such official seal and signing any instrument on which it is used, and may impose such restrictions on the use thereof as may be thought fit. Wherever in these Articles reference is made to the seal of the Company, the reference shall, when and as so far as may be applicable, be deemed to include any such official seal as aforesaid.

# **DIVIDENDS**

- 116. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the directors.
- 117. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may pay interim dividends if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution. If the share capital is divided into different classes, the directors may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. The directors may also pay at intervals settled by them any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. Provided the directors act in good faith they shall 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 any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.
- 118. Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid: but, if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.
- A general meeting declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the directors, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets and, where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the directors may settle the same and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of any assets and may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.
- Any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the person entitled or, if two or more persons are the holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, to the registered address of that one of those persons who is first named in the register of members or to such person and to such address as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct. Every cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the Company. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the share.
- 121. No dividend or ether moneys payable in respect of a share shall bear interest against the Company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.
- 122. Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company.
- 123. The Company in general meeting may at any time and from time to time upon the recommendation of the directors resolve that any profits made on the realisation of

investments or other capital assets or any other undistributed profits of a capital nature or any investments or assets representing such profits be divided among the members on the footing that they receive the same as capital.

#### **ACCOUNTS**

124. No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by ordinary resolution of the Company.

#### CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

- 125. The directors may with the authority of any ordinary resolution of the Company -
  - (a) subject as hereinafter provided, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the Company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve;
  - (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the Company of a nominal amount equal to that sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to those members, or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other: but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid;
  - (c) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable under this article in fractions; and
  - (d) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them respectively. credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they are entitled upon such capitalisation, any agreement made under such authority being binding on all such members.

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#### **NOTICES**

- 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, either personally or by delivery, and a notice communicated by forms of immediate transmission shall be deemed to be given at the time it is transmitted to the person to whom it is addressed. Notices calling a meeting of the directors need not be in writing. Any notice to be given to the Company pursuant to these Articles shall be in writing.
- 127. Notices given by the Company to a member shall be given either personally or transmitted in accordance with the provisions of article 126 to the member at his registered address. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holders and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Company notice of an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address. If a member has no registered address within the United Kingdom and has not given notice to the Company of an address within or outside the United Kingdom for giving of notices to him he shall nevertheless be entitled to receive notices of general meetings and any other notices required to be given to him at the address entered alongside his name in the register of members of the Company.
- 128. A member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares in the Company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting, and where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.
- Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the register of members, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title.
- 130. Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted.
- A notice may be given by the Company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by the Articles for the giving of notice to a member, addressed to them by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt or by any like description at the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.

## WINDING UP

132. If the Company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the

members as he with the like sanction determines, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is a liability.

# **INDEMNITY**

- 133. Without prejudice to any other indemnity to which he may be entitled, every director or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the exercise, execution and/or discharge of the powers and duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto, including any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under Section 727 of the Act in which relief is granted to him by the court, and no director or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Company in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto. But this article shall only have effect insofar as its provisions are not avoided by Section 310 of the Act.
- 134. The directors shall have power to purchase and maintain for any director, secretary, auditor or other officer of the Company insurance against any such liability as is referred to in Section 310(1) of the Act.