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## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY

Company No. 07147982

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that

NETSPAZE LIMITED

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a private company, that the company is limited by shares, and the situation of its registered office is in ENGLAND/WALES

Given at Companies House, Cardiff, on 5th February 2010



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## Application to register a company

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*Company Name  
in full:*

**NETSPAZE LIMITED**

*Company Type:*

**Private limited by shares**

*Situation of Registered  
Office:*

**England and Wales**

*Proposed Register  
Office Address:*

**69 GREAT HAMPTON STREET  
BIRMINGHAM  
UNITED KINGDOM  
B18 6EW**

*I wish to adopt entirely bespoke articles*

## Proposed Officers

### *Company Secretary 1*

*Type:* **Corporate**

*Name:* **GO AHEAD SERVICE LIMITED**

*Registered or  
principal address:* **69 GREAT HAMPTON STREET  
BIRMINGHAM  
WEST MIDLANDS  
UNITED KINGDOM  
B18 6EW**

### *European Economic Area (EEA) Company*

*Register Location:* **UNITED KINGDOM**

*Registration Number:* **05217519**

*Consented to Act:* **Y**      *Date authorised:* **05/02/2010**      *Authenticated:* **YES**

*Company Director*     **1**

*Type:*                                **Person**

*Full forename(s):*                **MR TOBIAS**

*Surname:*                           **SCHULZE**

*Former names:*

*Service Address:*                **MERZENICHER STRASSE 61  
DUEREN  
GERMANY  
52351**

*Country/State Usually Resident:*   **GERMANY**

*Date of Birth:*   **18/09/1975**

*Nationality:*   **GERMAN**

*Occupation:*    **NONE**

*Consented to Act:* **Y**

*Date authorised:* **05/02/2010**

*Authenticated:* **ERRO**  
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## Statement of Capital (Share Capital)

<b>Class of shares</b>	<b>ORDINARY</b>	<i>Number allotted</i>	<b>1</b>
		<i>Aggregate nominal value</i>	<b>1</b>
<i>Currency</i>	<b>GBP</b>	<i>Amount paid per share</i>	<b>1</b>
		<i>Amount unpaid per share</i>	<b>0</b>
<i>Prescribed particulars</i>	VOTING RIGHTS - SHARES RANK EQUALLY FOR VOTING PURPOSES. ON A SHOW OF HANDS EACH MEMBER SHALL HAVE ONE VOTE AND ON A POLL EACH MEMBER SHALL HAVE ONE VOTE PER SHARE HELD. THE VOTING RIGHTS ARE MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. - DIVIDEND RIGHTS - EACH SHARE RANKS EQUALLY FOR ANY DIVIDEND DECLARED AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF ASSOCIATION. - DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS ON A WINDING UP - EACH SHARE RANKS EQUALLY FOR ANY DISTRIBUTION MADE ON A WINDING UP AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. - REDEEMABLE SHARES - THE SHARES ARE NOT REDEEMABLE.		

## Statement of Capital (Totals)

<i>Currency</i>	<b>GBP</b>	<i>Total number of shares</i>	<b>1</b>
		<i>Total aggregate nominal value</i>	<b>1</b>

## Initial Shareholdings

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*Name:*        **TOBIAS SCHULZE**

*Address:*    **MERZENICHER  
STRASSE 61  
DUEREN  
GERMANY  
52351**

*Class of share:*        **ORDINARY**

*Number of shares:*     **1**

*Currency:*            **GBP**

*Nominal value of  
each share:*           **1**

*Amount unpaid:*       **0**

*Amount paid:*        **1**

## Statement of Compliance

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*I confirm the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with.*

*Name:* **TOBIAS SCHULZE**

*Authenticated:* **YES**

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## *Authorisation*

*Authoriser Designation:* **subscriber**

*Authenticated:* **Yes**

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## COMPANY HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL

Memorandum of association of

NetSpaze Limited

Each subscriber to this memorandum of association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the company and to take at least one share.

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Name of each subscriber	Authentication by each subscriber
Mr Tobias Schulze	Mr Tobias Schulze
Merzenicher Strasse 61	
DUEREN	
52351	
Germany	
1 Ordinary share	

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Dated 5/2/2010



**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006  
PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES  
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  
of NetSpaze Limited**

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PART 1  
INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

**Defined terms**

1. In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise—

“articles” means the company’s articles of association;

“bankruptcy” includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

“chairman” has the meaning given in article 12;

“chairman of the meeting” has the meaning given in article 39;

“Companies Acts” means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the company;

“director” means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;

“distribution recipient” has the meaning given in article 31;

“document” includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;

“electronic form” has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;

“fully paid” in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company;

“hard copy form” has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;

“holder” in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;

“instrument” means a document in hard copy form;

“ordinary resolution” has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act 2006;

“paid” means paid or credited as paid;

“participate”, in relation to a directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in article 10;

“proxy notice” has the meaning given in article 45;

“shareholder” means a person who is the holder of a share;

“shares” means shares in the company;

“special resolution” has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act 2006;

“subsidiary” has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;

“transmittee” means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law; and

“writing” means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when these articles become binding on the company.

### **Liability of members**

2. The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

## **PART 2**

### **DIRECTORS**

#### **DIRECTORS’ POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Directors’ general authority**

3. (1) Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company’s business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company and the company shall carry on business as a general commercial company and have all the powers of a natural person, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

(2) If the company has only one director, that director shall be the sole legal representative of the company, in accordance with these Articles.

(3) If the company has more than one director, two directors shall be the legal representatives of the company, in accordance with these Articles.

(4) The directors of the company shall not permit the company to be engaged in the business of banking and or in the trading of financial security instrument: Business operations or any activities taken by the company

concerning bank transactions or dealings in securities. The representatives and the directors of a branch which is not UK-based, are not allowed to take any action or activity in banking or in the dealing in securities.

(5) The directors may establish one or more branch offices of the company beyond the geographical territory of England and Wales.

### **Shareholders' reserve power**

4.—(1) The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.

(2) No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

### **Directors may delegate**

5.—(1) Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles—

- (a) to such person or committee;
- (b) by such means (including by power of attorney);
- (c) to such an extent;
- (d) in relation to such matters or territories; and
- (e) on such terms and conditions;

as they think fit.

(2) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.

(3) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

(4) The directors may appoint a company secretary to the company for such period of time and according to terms and conditions that they deem fit and the tenure of the company secretary shall continue until such time as such appointment is terminated.

(5) A director may appoint according to specific terms in writing by giving written notice to the company, any other consenting person as an alternate to exercise all rights, functions and responsibilities of the appointing director for a fixed period of time and such alternate shall be subject to any restrictions otherwise applicable to the appointing director, during the absence of the appointing director, as provided for in these Articles in relation to the company, however, the alternate shall be liable for its own acts and omissions and shall not be deemed the agent of, nor for the appointing director and the appointment of the alternate shall terminate when revoked by the appointer, or in accordance with the terms contained in the written notice of appointment, or when the tenure as director of the appointer terminates for whatever reason.

### **Committees**

6.—(1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.

(2) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them.

## DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

### **Directors to take decisions collectively**

7.—(1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8.

(2) If—

(a) the company only has one director, and

(b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director, the general rule does not apply, and the director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making.

### **Unanimous decisions**

8.—(1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.

(2) Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.

(3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting.

(4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

### **Calling a directors' meeting**

9.—(1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice.

(2) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing.

(3) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the

company not more than 7 days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

### **Participation in directors' meetings**

**10.**—(1) Subject to the articles, directors participate in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when—

(a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and

(b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.

(2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other.

(3) If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

### **Quorum for directors' meetings**

**11.**—(1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

(2) The quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two.

(3) If the total number of directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision—

(a) to appoint further directors, or

(b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors.

### **Chairing of directors' meetings**

**12.**—(1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings.

(2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the chairman.

(3) The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time.

(4) If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

### **Casting vote**

**13.**—(1) If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote.

(2) But this does not apply if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

### **Conflicts of interest**

**14.**—A director shall declare any direct and or indirect conflict of interest in relation to any transaction with the company including all relevant details relating thereto, in advance, in writing to the other directors, if any, otherwise to all shareholders and shall obtain written approval in advance from all other directors, if any, or shareholders as may be applicable in relation to each particular case, that the director may vote in relation to the matter at issue.

### **Records of decisions to be kept**

**15.** The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors.

### **Directors' discretion to make further rules**

**16.** Subject to the articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors.

## **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

### **Methods of appointing directors**

**17.**—(1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director—

- (a) by ordinary resolution, or
- (b) by a decision of the directors.

(2) In any case where, as a result of death, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the personal representatives of the last shareholder to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a director.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder.

### **Termination of director's appointment**

**18.** A person ceases to be a director as soon as—

- (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law;
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;



- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
- (e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have;
- (f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.

### **Directors' remuneration**

- 19.**—(1) Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide.
- (2) Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine—
- (a) for their services to the company as directors, and
  - (b) for any other service which they undertake for the company.
- (3) Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may—
- (a) take any form, and
  - (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.
- (4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.

### **Directors' expenses**

- 20.** The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at—
- (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,
  - (b) general meetings, or
  - (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company, or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company.

## **PART 3**

### **SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **SHARES**

### **Issue and transfer of Shares**

- 21.**—(1) Shares may be issued as either partly or fully paid.

(2) Full or partial payment of shares by a shareholder shall be evidenced by a written receipt of the transfer of the relevant amount or amounts to the bank account of the company, unless otherwise determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the company.

(3) In the event that a shareholder proposes, or is legally required, to sell, transfer and or otherwise dispose of all or part of its shares in the company by whatever means, that transferring shareholder shall advise all other shareholders as to the same on each occasion in writing, with confirmation of receipt.

(4) Other shareholders in the company that received such written notification referred to in Clause 21(3) above, shall have a period of thirty (30) days in which to notify the transferring shareholder in writing with confirmation by written receipt, of any intention to acquire the relevant shares.

(5) If all other shareholders validly indicate an intention to acquire the shares subject to the transfer, then they shall be entitled to acquire the said shares in proportion to their existing shareholding in the company.

(6) If some other shareholders decline the opportunity to acquire the said shares, or do not respond within the prescribed thirty (30) day period, the said shares shall be offered to the remaining shareholders who may acquire the said surplus shares in proportion to their existing shareholding in the company.

(7) The consideration payable for the said shares by the other shareholder to the transferring shareholder shall be the nominal value of the shares, or the fair market value of the shares determined having regard to all relevant economic factors and in accordance with objective criteria, at the discretion of the transferring shareholder.

(8) If there is a dispute between the transferor and the transferee as to the monetary amount of the fair market value with respect to the said shares being the subject matter of the transfer, the fair market value shall be determined by an independent financial expert, acceptable to both the transferor and transferee, within a reasonable period of time that shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date on which the matter was officially referred to the expert for determination in writing.

(9) If the transferor and transferee cannot agree upon an independent financial expert for the purposes of Clause 21(8) above, an independent financial expert shall be appointed by the local Chamber of Commerce where the company is situated and the determination of the said independent financial expert, made having regard to all relevant economic considerations, shall be final and binding upon the transferor and transferee.

(10) The transferor shall sell, transfer and or dispose of the said shares at the same price, per share, to all other shareholders that have validly indicated an

intention to acquire the said shares in accordance with these Articles, provided that the same sale, transfer and or disposal of the said shares is concerned. A subsequent disposal at a later date would require a new share valuation.

(11) If no shareholders validly notify the transferring shareholder of an intention to acquire the said shares within the thirty (30) day notice period, the transferring shareholder shall be entitled to sell, transfer and or otherwise dispose of the said shares without restriction and as it deems fit.

### **Powers to issue different classes of share**

**22.**—(1) Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution.

(2) The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares.

### **Company not bound by less than absolute interests**

**23.** Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it.

### **Share certificates**

**24.** The company may issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds and such share certificate shall be dated, signed by all directors of the company as of that date and state the name of the shareholder, the nominal value and number and class of shares issued.

### **Replacement share certificates**

**25.** If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is—

- (a) damaged or defaced, or
- (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed, that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares.

### **Share transfers**

**26.**—(1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor.

(2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share.

(3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.

(4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it.

(5) The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share transferred other than in accordance with these Articles and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with a written notice stating the reasons for the refusal.

### **Transmission of shares**

**27.**—(1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share.

(2) A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require—

(a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and

(b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.

(3) But transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

### **Exercise of transmittees' rights**

**28.**—(1) Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish.

(2) If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it and the transaction must be in accordance with other provisions concerning the transfer of shares contained throughout these Articles.

### **Transmittees bound by prior notices**

**29.** If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register of members.

## **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

## **Procedure for declaring dividends**

- 30.—**(1) The company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- (2) A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors.
- (3) No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights.
- (4) Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.
- (5) If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear.
- (6) The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.
- (7) If the directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights.

## **Payment of dividends and other distributions**

- 31.—**(1) Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means—
- (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
  - (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide;
  - (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide; or
  - (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide.
- (2) In the articles, "the distribution recipient" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable—
- (a) the holder of the share; or
  - (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
  - (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

### **No interest on distributions**

**32.** The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by—

- (a) the terms on which the share was issued, or
- (b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company.

### **Unclaimed distributions**

**33.—**(1) All dividends or other sums which are—

- (a) payable in respect of shares, and
- (b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable, may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed.

(2) The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it.

(3) If—

- (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
- (b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company.

### **Non-cash distributions**

**34.—**(1) Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company).

(2) For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution—

- (a) fixing the value of any assets;
- (b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and
- (c) vesting any assets in trustees.

### **Waiver of distributions**

**35.** Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution

payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if—

- (a) the share has more than one holder, or
- (b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share.

## CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

### **Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums**

**36.—**(1) Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution—

- (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve; and
- (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "capitalised sum") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "persons entitled") and in the same proportions.

(2) Capitalised sums must be applied—

- (a) on behalf of the persons entitled, and
- (b) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them.

(3) Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.

(4) A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct.

(5) Subject to the articles the directors may—

- (a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) partly in one way and partly in another;
- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and
- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article.

## PART 4

### DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS

### ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

### **Attendance and speaking at general meetings**

- 37.**—(1) A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- (2) A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when—
- (a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
  - (b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.
- (3) The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it.
- (4) In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.
- (5) Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

### **Quorum for general meetings**

- 38.**—(1) No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.
- (2) The quorum for shareholders' meetings shall not be less than two, unless there is a sole shareholder and unless otherwise fixed it shall be two.

### **Chairing general meetings**

- 39.**—(1) If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- (2) If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start—
- (a) the directors present, or
  - (b) (if no directors are present), the meeting,
- must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.
- (3) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "the chairman of the meeting".

### **Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders**



**40.**—(1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders.

(2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not—  
(a) shareholders of the company, or  
(b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings,  
to attend and speak at a general meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**41.**—(1) If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it.

(2) The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if—

- (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
- (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.

(3) The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.

(4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must—  
(a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and  
(b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.

(5) If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)—

- (a) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and
- (b) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.

(6) No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place.

## **VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **Voting: general**

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

## **Errors and disputes**

**43.**—(1) No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.

(2) Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final.

## **Poll votes**

**44.**—(1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded—

- (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
- (b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

(2) A poll may be demanded by—

- (a) the chairman of the meeting;
- (b) the directors;
- (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or
- (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.

(3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if—

- (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
- (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.

(4) Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs.

## **Content of proxy notices**

**45.**—(1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a “proxy notice”) which—

- (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy;
- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder’s proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
- (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

(2) The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

(3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.

(4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as—

- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
- (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

### **Delivery of proxy notices**

- 46.**—(1) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the company by or on behalf of that person.
- (2) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- (4) If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

### **Amendments to resolutions**

- 47.**—(1) An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if—
- (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
  - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- (2) A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if—
- (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
  - (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- (3) If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

## **PART 5**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **Means of communication to be used**

- 48.**—(1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the

Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company.

(2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.

(3) A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours.

### **Company seals**

**49.** The company shall not have a common seal.

### **No right to inspect accounts and other records**

**50.** Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder.

### **Provision for employees on cessation of business**

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

## **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

### **Indemnity**

**52.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a relevant director of the company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the company's assets against—

- (a) any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company or an associated company,
- (b) any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006),
- (c) any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the company or an associated company.

(2) This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.

(3) In this article—

(a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and

(b) a “relevant director” means any director or former director of the company or an associated company.

## **Insurance**

**53.**—(1) The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss.

(2) In this article—

(a) a “relevant director” means any director or former director of the company or an associated company,

(b) a “relevant loss” means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that director’s duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees’ share scheme of the company or associated company, and

(c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

## **Lien**

**54.**—(1) With respect to any shareholder indebted to the company in any way, the company shall retain a first and paramount lien with respect to all shares registered in the name of the indebted shareholder, irrespective as to whether the relevant shares have been fully paid or not.

(2) Unless determined otherwise by the directors, the company’s lien over shares falling within the ambit of 54(1) above shall have priority over any third party claim or interest with respect to the relevant shares and includes any dividends payable by the company in relation to the said shares and the proceeds of sale in the event that the company’s lien is ultimately enforced.

(3) In the event that the company has decided to enforce the lien with respect to the shares falling within the ambit of 54(1) above, the director or directors shall send a written lien enforcement notice to the registered holder or holders or the legally entitled beneficiaries of the relevant shares and such notice shall specify the monetary amount outstanding, include a final demand for full payment within fourteen (14) days and state the company’s intention to sell the shares in the event of non-payment.

(4) In the event that the company has sold the shares falling within the ambit of 54(1) above, the directors may such take action necessary so as to

implement and give effect to the transfer of the said shares in accordance with the provisions of these Articles.

(5) In the event that the proceeds of the sale of the said shares falling within the ambit of 54(1) exceeds the debt owed to the company, the surplus monetary amount, less all reasonable costs of enforcement incurred by the company, shall be returned to the registered holder or holders or the legally entitled beneficiaries of the relevant shares, provided that the relevant share certificate or certificates have been returned to the company for cancellation.

(6) A statutory declaration by a director or company secretary confirming the office held by the signatory in relation to the company and that the said shares subject to the lien have been sold to a third party shall constitute sufficient evidence as to the same.

### **Place of Jurisdiction and Choice of Law**

**55.** Subject to the articles, to the Companies Acts and to other local legislative provisions that may be applicable in any particular relevant circumstances, all legal disputes between and or involving one or more shareholder, director, company secretary and the company, the disputed subject matter of which is an issue or issues involving one or more transactions between some or all of the aforementioned parties and the company involving matters relating to these articles and or governed by the Companies Acts, shall require that formal legal proceedings in each case be commenced in the legal jurisdiction where the company has its factual economic centre of main interests as evidenced from the filing and content of the taxation returns of the company during the previous three (3) years, or since the date of incorporation of the company in the case of a period being less than (3) years, prior to the date of the filing of the relevant legal proceedings and such proceedings shall be governed according to the laws of England & Wales.