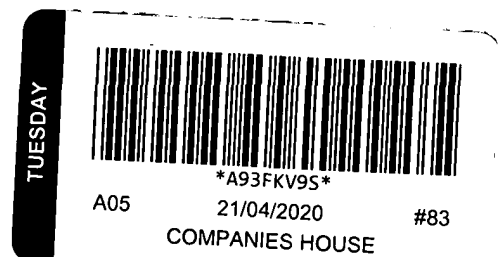


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The Companies Act 2006  
Private Company Limited by Shares

**Articles of Association**  
of  
**Empiribox Holdings Limited**

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## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The model articles for private companies limited by shares contained or incorporated in Schedule 1 to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229) as amended prior to the Date of Adoption (the "**Model Articles**") shall apply to the Company, save insofar as they are varied or excluded by, or are inconsistent with, the following Articles.
- 1.2 In these Articles and the Model Articles any reference to any statutory provision shall be deemed to include a reference to each and every statutory amendment, modification, re-enactment and extension thereof for the time being in force.
- 1.3 In these Articles:
- (a) article headings are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles;
  - (b) words denoting the singular include the plural and *vice versa* and a reference to one gender includes the other gender and neuter and *vice versa*; and
  - (c) Articles 8(2), 9(4), 10(3), 11(2), 13, 14, 17(2), 17(3), 19, 21, 26(5), 27, 28, 29, 30(5) to (7) (inclusive), 44(4), 51, 52 and 53 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

## 2 Definitions

In these Articles the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

**A Ordinary Shares:** the A ordinary shares of £0.001 each in the capital of the Company in issue from time to time

**A Non-Option Ordinary Shares:** the A Ordinary Shares but excluding any A Ordinary Share that was issued to satisfy the grant of any option pursuant to any share option plan or scheme established by the Company (including any A Ordinary Share issued to satisfy any Existing Options and/or the Share Option Plan).

**Act:** the Companies Act 2006 (as amended from time to time).

**Acting in Concert:** has the meaning given to it in The City Code on Takeovers and Mergers published by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (as amended from time to time).

**Actions:** shall have the meaning given in article 6.9.

**Asset Sale:** the disposal by the Company of all or substantially all of the Group's undertaking and assets (which disposal may include, without limitation, the grant by the Company of an exclusive licence of intellectual property not entered into in the ordinary course of business).

**Associate:** in relation to any person:

- (a) any person who is an associate of that person and the question of whether a person is an associate of another is to be determined in accordance with section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986 and (whether or not an associate as so determined);
- (b) any Member of the same Group; or
- (c) any Member of the same Fund Group.

**Auditors:** the auditors of the Company from time to time or, if the Company does not have any auditors, the reporting accountants to the Company.

**Available Profits:** profits available for distribution within the meaning of part 23 of the Act.

**B Ordinary Shares:** the B ordinary shares of £0.001 each in the capital of the Company in issue from time to time.

**Bad Leaver:** a Manager:

- (a) who is the subject of a Leaver Trigger as a consequence of committing fraud against a Group Company; or
- (b) whose service agreement with a Group Company is terminated for Cause.

**Board:** the board of Directors and any committee of the board constituted for the purpose of taking any action or decision contemplated by these Articles.

**Bonus Issue or Reorganisation** means any return of capital, bonus issue of shares or other securities of the Company by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves (other than a capitalisation issue in substitution for or as an alternative to a cash dividend which is made available to the holders of the E Ordinary Shares) or any consolidation or sub-division or redenomination or any repurchase or redemption of shares (other than E Ordinary Shares) or any variation in the subscription price or conversion rate applicable to any other outstanding shares of the Company in each case other than shares issued as a result of the events set out in Article 10.6;

**Business Day:** a working day, as such term is defined in section 1173(1) of the Act.

**C Ordinary Shares:** the C ordinary shares of £0.001 each in the capital of the Company in issue from time to time.

**Capital Event:** has the meaning given in article 5.

**Cause:** in respect of a Manager:

- (a) gross misconduct or a material or repudiatory breach of the terms of his service agreement;
- (b) fraud against a Group Company;
- (c) being convicted of a criminal offence (other than a road traffic offence not punishable by way of a custodial sentence); or
- (d) refusal or failure to carry out duties and responsibilities to a Group Company as may be lawfully prescribed by the Board from time to time after having reasonable notice of and reasonable opportunity to rectify such lack of compliance.

**Civil Partner:** in relation to a Shareholder, a civil partner (as defined in the Civil Partnership Act 2004) of the Shareholder.

**Company:** Empiribox Holdings Limited (company number 08261350).

**Controlling Interest:** an interest in Shares giving to the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 1124 of the CTA 2010.

**CTA 2010:** the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

**D Ordinary Shares:** the D ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the capital of the Company in issue from time to time.

**Downing Investor Director:** the Directors nominated by the Downing Investors pursuant to article 24.1.

**Date of Adoption:** the date on which these Articles were adopted.

**Director:** a director of the Company.

**Effective Termination Date:** the date on which the Employee's employment or consultancy, with the Company, terminates.

**electronic address:** has the same meaning as in section 333 of the Act.

**electronic form** and **electronic means:** have the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Act.

**Eligible Director:** a Director who would be entitled to vote on a matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a meeting of the Directors.

**Employee:** an individual who is employed by or who provides consultancy services to, the Company or any member of the Group.

**Encumbrance:** any mortgage, charge, security, interest, lien, pledge, assignment by way of security, equity, claim, right of pre-emption, option, covenant, restriction, reservation, lease, trust, order, decree, judgment, title defect (including without limitation any retention of title claim), conflicting claim of ownership or any other encumbrance of any nature whatsoever (whether or not perfected, other than liens arising by operation of law).

**E Ordinary Shares:** the E ordinary shares of £0.001 each in the capital of the Company in issue from time to time.

**Equity Securities:** has the meaning given in sections 560(1) to (3) inclusive of the Act.

**Exit:** a Share Sale, an Asset Sale or an IPO.

**Existing Options:** has the meaning set out in the Subscription Agreement.

**Expert:** the person appointed pursuant to article 15.1.

**Fair Value:** is as determined in accordance with article 15.3.

**Family Trusts:** as regards any particular individual Shareholder or deceased or former individual Shareholder, trusts (whether arising under a settlement, declaration of trust or other instrument by whomsoever or wheresoever made or under a testamentary disposition or on an intestacy) under which no immediate beneficial interest in any of the Shares in question is for the time being vested in any person other than the individual and/or Privileged Relations of that individual; and so that for this purpose a person shall be considered to be beneficially interested in a Share if such Share or the income thereof is liable to be transferred or paid or applied or appointed to or for the benefit of such person or any voting or other rights attaching thereto are exercisable by or as directed by such person pursuant to the terms of the relevant trusts or in consequence of an exercise of a power or discretion conferred thereby on any person or persons.

**Financial Year:** has the meaning set out in section 390 of the Act.

**Fund Manager:** a person whose principal business is to make, manage or advise upon investments in securities.

**Good Leaver:** a Manager who is the subject of a Leaver Trigger in circumstances where he is not a Bad Leaver.

**Group:** the Company and its Subsidiary Undertaking(s) (if any) from time to time; and "**Group Company**" shall be construed accordingly.

**hard copy form:** has the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Act.

**Investor Consent:** the prior written consent of Nesta and the Downing Investors.

**Investor Director:** the Directors nominated by the Investors pursuant to article 24.1 and 24.2

**Investors:** has the meaning given in the Shareholders' Agreement.

**IPO:** the admission of all or any of the Shares or securities representing those shares (including without limitation depositary interests, American depositary receipts, American depositary shares and/or other instruments) on NASDAQ or the Official List of the United Kingdom Listing Authority or the AIM Market operated by the London Stock Exchange plc or any recognised investment exchange (as such term is defined in section 285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000).

**IPO Value:** the value of the issued Shares on an IPO (which shall, where appropriate, include shares deriving therefrom on any capital reorganisation effected prior to the IPO) calculated as the market value of the Shares (excluding any shares to be subscribed and issued on such IPO) determined by the price per share at which such shares are to be offered for sale, placed or otherwise marketed pursuant to arrangements relating to the IPO as determined by the merchant bank (or, if none, the broker) appointed by the Company in connection with the IPO.

**Issue Price:** the price at which the relevant Share is issued including its nominal value and any premium paid.

**ITEPA:** the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.

**Leaver:** a Manager who is the subject of a Leaver Trigger.

**Leaver Trigger:** the occurrence of any of the following events, where a Manager:

- (a) ceases to be an Employee for any reason;
- (b) is declared bankrupt;
- (c) commits fraud against a Group Company; and/or
- (d) commits a material breach of these Articles, the Shareholders' Agreement or the Subscription Agreement where such breach is not remedied within 30 days of request by the Fund Manager (save in circumstances amounting to constructive dismissal by the Company).

**Leaver Trigger Date:** the date on which the relevant Leaver Trigger event occurs.

**Managers:** has the meaning given in the Shareholders' Agreement.

**Manager Shares:** in relation to a Manager, means those Shares held by:

- (a) such Manager; and
- (b) any Permitted Transferee of that Manager, other than those Shares held by a Permitted Transferee that were not acquired directly or indirectly from such Manager or by reason of that person's relationship with such Manager save that any question as regards whether or not such Shares were so acquired shall be determined by the Investors.

**Member of the same Fund Group:** if the Shareholder is a fund, partnership, company, syndicate or other entity whose business is managed by a Fund Manager (an "**Investment Fund**") or is a nominee of that Investment Fund:

- (a) any other participant or partner in or member of any such Investment Fund or the holders of any unit trust which is a participant or partner in or member of any Investment Fund (but only in connection with the dissolution of the Investment Fund or any distribution of assets of the Investment Fund pursuant to the operation of the Investment Fund in the ordinary course of business);
- (b) any other Investment Fund managed or advised by that Fund Manager;
- (c) any Parent Undertaking or Subsidiary Undertaking of that Fund Manager, or any Subsidiary Undertaking of any Parent Undertaking of that Fund Manager; or
- (d) any trustee, nominee or custodian of such Investment Fund and *vice versa*.

**Member of the same Group:** as regards any company, a company which is from time to time a Parent Undertaking or a Subsidiary Undertaking of that company or another Subsidiary Undertaking of any such Parent Undertaking.

**Minimum Transfer Condition:** has the meaning given in article 14.2(d).

**NASDAQ:** the NASDAQ Stock Market of the NASDAQ OMX Group Inc.

**Nesta Investor Director:** the Directors nominated by Nesta pursuant to article 24.2.

**Nesta:** Nesta Partners Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of England with registration number 06618114.

**New Securities:** any Shares or other securities convertible into, or carrying the right to subscribe for, those Shares issued by the Company after the Date of Adoption (other than Shares or securities issued as a result of the events set out in article 10.6).

**Non-Executive Chairman:** the non-executive chairman nominated by the Investors pursuant to article 24.3.

**Offer:** has the meaning set out in article 18.2.

**Offer Period:** has the meaning set out in article 14.6(a).

**Parent Undertaking:** has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Act.

**Permitted Transfer:** a transfer of Shares in accordance with article 13.

**Permitted Transferee:**

- (a) in relation to a Shareholder who is an individual, any of his Privileged Relations, Trustees or Qualifying Companies;
- (b) in relation to a Shareholder which is an undertaking (as defined in section 1161(1) of the Act) means any Member of the same Group; and
- (c) in relation to a Shareholder which is an Investment Fund, to any Member of the Same Fund Group; and
- (d) in relation to an Investor:
  - (i) to any Member of the same Group;

- (ii) to any Member of the same Fund Group;
- (iii) any Financial Institution or Institutional Investor approved by the Investors;
- (iv) any nominee of that Investor; or
- (v) to any nominee of that Investor.

**Privileged Relation:** in relation to an individual person, a spouse, Civil Partner, child or grandchild (including step or adopted or illegitimate child and their issue).

**Proposed Exit:** has the meaning given in article 6.9.

**Proposed Purchaser:** a proposed *bona fide* third party purchaser who has been identified following a marketing process undertaken by an independent business sale agent with appropriate sector experience and approved by the Investor Director (whose consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).

**Proposed Transferor:** has the meaning given in article 18.1.

**Qualifying Company:** a company in which a Shareholder or Trustee(s) holds the entire issued share capital and over which that Shareholder or Trustee(s) exercises control (within the meaning of section 1124 of the CTA 2010).

**Qualifying Person:** has the meaning given in section 318(3) of the Act.

**Relevant Interest:** has the meaning set out in article 27.5.

**Restricted Member:** has the meaning given in article 17.1.

**Restricted Shares:** has the meaning set out in article 17.7.

**Sale Shares:** has the meaning set out in article 14.2(a).

**Seller:** has the meaning set out in article 14.2.

**Share Sale:** the sale of (or the grant of a right to acquire or to dispose of) any of the Shares (in one transaction or as a series of transactions) which will result in the purchaser of those Shares (or grantee of that right) and persons Acting in Concert with him together acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company, except where following completion of the sale the Shareholders and the proportion of Shares held by each of them are the same as the Shareholders and their shareholdings in the Company immediately prior to the sale.

**Shareholder:** any holder of Shares from time to time.

**Shareholders' Agreement:** the shareholders' agreement between, *inter alios*, the Investors, the Managers and the Company dated on or around the Date of Adoption.

**Share Option Plan:** has the meaning set out in the Shareholders' Agreement

**Shares:** the A Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares, the D Ordinary Shares and E Ordinary Shares, and any other class of shares in issue from time to time in the capital of the Company.

**Starting Price** means £0.055358220 (if applicable, adjusted as referred to in Article 11.3);

**Subscription Agreement:** the subscription agreement between the Investors, the Managers and the Company in relation to the Company dated on or around the Date of Adoption.



**Subsidiary Undertaking:** has the meaning set out in section 1162 of the Act.

**Transfer Notice:** shall have the meaning given in article 14.2.

**Transfer Price:** shall have the meaning given in article 14.2.

**Trustees:** in relation to a Shareholder, the trustee or the trustees of a Family Trust.

### **3 Share capital**

- 3.1 In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, references to Shares of a particular class shall include Shares allotted and/or issued after the Date of Adoption and ranking *pari passu* in all respects (or in all respects except only as to the date from which those Shares rank for dividend) with the Shares of the relevant class then in issue.
- 3.2 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, the A Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares, D Ordinary Shares and the E Ordinary Shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects but shall constitute separate classes of Shares.
- 3.3 The words "*and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares*" shall be deleted from article 22(2) of the Model Articles.
- 3.4 Subject to Investor Consent and the Act, the Company may purchase its own Shares to the extent permitted by section 692(1ZA) of the Act.
- 3.5 In article 25(2) of the Model Articles, the words "*payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide*" in paragraph (c) shall be deleted and replaced by the words "*payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in investigating evidence as the directors may determine*".

### **4 Dividends**

- 4.1 In respect of any Financial Year, the Company's Available Profits will be applied as set out in this article 4.
- 4.2 The Company shall not declare or pay any dividend unless and until the Company obtains Investor Consent to any such dividend.
- 4.3 The D Ordinary Shares shall not confer on each holder thereof the right to receive any dividend in respect of such D Ordinary Shares.
- 4.4 Subject to the Act and these Articles, the Board may, with Investor Consent, pay interim dividends if justified by the Available Profits in respect of the relevant period.
- 4.5 Every dividend shall accrue on a daily basis assuming a 365 day year. All dividends are expressed net and shall be paid in cash.
- 4.6 Article 31(1) of the Model Articles shall be amended by:
  - (a) the replacement of the words "*either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide*" at the end of paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of that article 31(1) with the words "*in writing*"; and
  - (b) the replacement of the words "*either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide*" from the end of paragraph (d) of that article 31(1) with the words "*in writing*".

## 5 Liquidation and return of capital

On a distribution of assets on a liquidation or a return of capital (other than a conversion, redemption or purchase of Shares) (a "**Capital Event**") the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall be distributed (to the extent that the Company is lawfully permitted to do so) among the holders of Shares in the order or priority set out in article 6.1.

## 6 Exit provisions

### 6.1 On:

- (a) a Share Sale, the consideration payable (including any deferred consideration) whether in cash or otherwise to those Shareholders selling Shares under a Share Sale less any fees, costs and expenses payable in respect of such Share Sale; or
- (b) an Asset Sale, the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of its liabilities,

shall be distributed in the following order of priority, but subject to article 17.5:

- (i) firstly, a sum equal to the aggregate amount paid up on the E Ordinary Shares (including any premium) shall be distributed as to:
  - (A) 99.99% to the holders of the E Ordinary Shares *pro rata*; and
  - (B) 0.01% to the holders of the A Non-Option Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares and the D Ordinary Shares (*pro rata* and *pari passu* as if the same constituted one class of Share); and
- (ii) secondly, a sum equal to £650,000 shall be distributed as to:
  - (A) 99.99% to the holders of the A Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares and the D Ordinary Shares (*pro rata* and *pari passu* as if the same constituted one class of Share); and
  - (B) 0.01% to the holders of the E Ordinary Shares *pro rata*.
- (iii) thirdly, the balance of any such surplus assets (if any) shall be distributed to the holders of the A Ordinary Shares, the B Ordinary Shares, the C Ordinary Shares, D Ordinary Shares and E Ordinary Shares (*pro rata* and *pari passu* as if the same constituted one class of Share).

6.2 On an IPO, immediately prior to and conditional upon the relevant listing, the Shareholders shall enter into such reorganisation of the share capital of the Company as they may agree or, in default, as the Investors shall reasonably agree, to ensure that the IPO Value is re-allocated between the Shareholders in the same proportion as article 6.1 would provide on a Sale at that IPO Value.

6.3 Any distribution made in accordance with the provisions of article 5 and this article 6 shall be made in proportion to the number of Shares of the relevant class held by the relevant Shareholders.

6.4 Any dispute as to the distribution of proceeds pursuant to article 5 and this article 6 may, on the application of any holder of Shares, be determined by the Expert. The Expert may take account of any other factors that the Expert reasonably believes should be taken into account in reaching its determination.

- 6.5 The Expert shall be requested to determine the distribution of proceeds as soon as practicable and in any event within 20 Business Days of his appointment and to notify the Shareholders in writing of his determination.
- 6.6 Subject to any confidentiality provisions, the Expert may have access to all accounting records and other relevant documents of the Company and its subsidiaries.
- 6.7 The Expert's determination shall be final and binding on the Shareholders (in the absence of fraud or manifest error).
- 6.8 On an Asset Sale, if it is not lawful for the Company to distribute its surplus assets in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the Shareholders shall take any action required by the Investors (including, but without prejudice to the generality of this article 6.8, actions that may be necessary to put the Company into voluntary liquidation) so that article 5 applies.
- 6.9 In the event of an Exit approved by:
- (a) the Board;
  - (b) Investor Consent; and
  - (c) the holders of 60 per cent by number or more of the Shares (including Nesta and the Downing Investors),

(a **"Proposed Exit"**), all Shareholders shall consent to, vote for, raise no objections to and waive any applicable rights in connection with the Proposed Exit (**"Actions"**). The Shareholders shall be required to take all Actions with respect to the Proposed Exit as are required by the Board to facilitate the Proposed Exit. If any Shareholder fails to comply with the provisions of this article, the Company shall be constituted the agent of each defaulting Shareholder for taking the Actions as are necessary to effect the Proposed Exit and the Directors may authorise an officer or member to execute and deliver on behalf of such defaulting Shareholder the necessary documents and the Company may receive any purchase money due to the defaulting Shareholder in trust for each of the defaulting Shareholders.

## **7 Votes in general meeting and written resolutions**

- 7.1 The Shares shall confer on each holder of Shares the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company and to receive and vote on any proposed written resolutions of the Company, save that the B Ordinary Shares and the D Ordinary Shares shall not carry any right to receive notice of, attend, speak or vote at any general meetings or on any written resolutions.
- 7.2 Subject to article 7.1, votes at general meetings may be exercised:
- (a) on a show of hands by every Shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by a representative or by a proxy (in which case, each Shareholder holding Shares with votes shall have one vote); or
  - (b) if demanded by any Shareholder, on a poll by every Shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by a representative or by a proxy (in which case, each Shareholder holding Shares with votes shall have one vote for each such Share held).

## **8 Social Purpose**

- 8.1 The Company exists:

- (a) to advance teaching and learning outcomes and the efficiency of public services for public benefit through the development and deployment of scientific curriculum services and technology platforms (the "**Social Purpose**"); and
- (b) to be commercially successful in its chosen markets and to meet its obligations to shareholders and other direct stakeholders including achieving appropriate financial returns whilst having regard to the Social Purpose (the "**Commercial Purpose**")

8.2 The Company may do all such lawful things as may further the Social Purpose and the Commercial Purpose.

8.3 No changes to Article 8.1 may be effected except by written special resolution (with the prior written consent of Nesta having been obtained).

## **9 Variation of rights**

9.1 Whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of Shares, the special rights attached to any such class may only be varied or abrogated (either whilst the Company is a going concern or during or in contemplation of a winding-up) with the consent in writing of the holders of more than 75 per cent in nominal value of the issued Shares of that class.

9.2 The creation of a new class of Shares which has preferential rights to one or more existing classes of Shares shall not constitute a variation of the rights of those existing classes of Shares.

## **10 Allotment of new Shares or other securities: pre-emption**

10.1 Sections 561(1) and 562(1) to (5) (inclusive) of the Act do not apply to an allotment of Equity Securities made by the Company.

10.2 Unless otherwise agreed by special resolution and Investor Consent, if the Company proposes to allot any New Securities those New Securities shall not be allotted to any person unless the Company has in the first instance offered them to all holders of A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and E Ordinary Shares (the "**Subscribers**") on the same terms and at the same price as those New Securities are being offered to other persons on a *pari passu* and *pro rata* basis to the number of such Shares (as if such Shares constituted one and the same class) held by those holders (as nearly as may be without involving fractions). The offer:

- (a) shall be in writing, be open for acceptance from the date of the offer to the date ten Business Days after the date of the offer (inclusive) (the "**Subscription Period**") and give details of the number and subscription price of the New Securities; and
- (b) may stipulate that any Subscriber who wishes to subscribe for a number of New Securities in excess of the proportion to which each is entitled shall in their acceptance state the number of excess New Securities for which they wish to subscribe.

10.3 If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of New Securities, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers who have applied for New Securities on a *pro rata* basis to the number of Shares held by such Subscribers which procedure shall be repeated until all New Securities have been allotted (as nearly as may be without involving fractions or increasing the number allotted to any Subscriber beyond that applied for by him).

10.4 If, at the end of the Subscription Period, the number of New Securities applied for is less than the number of New Securities, the New Securities shall be allotted to the Subscribers in accordance with their applications and any remaining New Securities shall be offered to any

other person as the Directors (having obtained Investor Consent) may determine at the same price and on the same terms as the offer to the Subscribers.

- 10.5 Subject to the requirements of articles 10.2 to 10.4 (inclusive) and to the provisions of section 551 of the Act, any New Securities shall be at the disposal of the Board who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to any persons at those times and generally on the terms and conditions they think proper, with Investor Consent.
- 10.6 The provisions of articles 10.2 to 10.5 (inclusive) shall not apply to:
- (a) the granting of options to subscribe for A Ordinary Shares and the issue of A Ordinary Shares pursuant to the exercise of options granted under any share option plan for the benefit of employees or management that have been approved by Investor Consent;
  - (b) New Securities issued in consideration of the acquisition by the Company of any company or business which has been approved by Investor Consent;
  - (c) New Securities issued as a result of a bonus issue of Shares which has been approved by Investor Consent; and
  - (d) Shares issued in accordance with the terms of article 11 or the Subscription Agreement.
- 10.7 Any New Securities offered under this article 10 to an Investor may be accepted in full or part by a Member of the same Group as that Investor in accordance with the terms of this article 10.
- 10.8 No Shares shall be allotted to any Employee, Director, prospective Employee or prospective director of the Company, who in the opinion of the Board is subject to taxation in the United Kingdom, unless such person has entered into a joint section 431 ITEPA election with the Company if so required by the Company.

## 11 Anti-Dilution Protection

- 11.1 If New Securities are issued by the Company at a price per New Security which is an amount less than the Starting Price (a "**Qualifying Issue**") (which in the event that the New Security is not issued for cash shall be a price certified by the Auditors (acting as experts and not as arbitrators) as being, in their opinion, the current cash value of the new consideration for the allotment of the New Securities) then the Company shall, unless Investor Consent shall have been obtained specifically waiving the rights of all of the holders of E Ordinary Shares, issue to each holder of E Ordinary Shares (the "**Exercising Investor**") a number of new E Ordinary Shares determined by applying the following formula (and rounding the product, N, down to the nearest whole share), subject to adjustment as certified in accordance with Article 11.3 (the "**Anti-Dilution Shares**"):

$$(i) \quad N = \left( \frac{W}{X} \right) - Z;$$

Where:

N = the number of Anti-Dilution Shares;

W = the total amount subscribed (whether in cash or by way of conversion of loan) by such Exercising Investor for his E Ordinary Shares prior to the Qualifying Issue;

X = the lowest price at which each New Security is to be issued (which in the event that the New Security is not issued for cash shall be the sum certified by the Auditors acting as experts and not arbitrators as being in their opinion the current cash value of the non cash consideration for the allotment of the New Security);

Z = the number of E Ordinary Shares held by such Exercising Investor prior to the Qualifying Issue.

**11.2 The Anti-Dilution Shares shall:**

- (a) be paid up by the automatic capitalisation of available reserves of the Company, unless and to the extent that the same shall be impossible or unlawful or a majority of the Exercising Investors shall agree otherwise, in which event the Exercising Investors shall be entitled to subscribe for the Anti-Dilution Shares in cash at par (being the par value approved in advance by Investor Director Consent) and the entitlement of such Exercising Investors to Anti-Dilution Shares shall be increased by adjustment to the formula set out in Article 11.1 so that the Exercising Investors shall be in no worse position than if they had not so subscribed at par. In the event of any dispute between the Company and any Exercising Investor as to the effect of Article 11.1 or this Article 11.2, the matter shall be referred (at the cost of the Company) to the Auditors for certification of the number of Anti-Dilution Shares to be issued. The Auditor's certification of the matter shall in the absence of manifest error be final and binding on the Company and the Exercising Investor; and
- (b) subject to the payment of any cash payable pursuant to Article 11.2(a) (if applicable), be issued, credited fully paid up in cash and shall rank pari passu in all respects with the existing E Ordinary Shareholders, within five Business Days of the expiry of the offer being made by the Company to the Exercising Investor and pursuant to Article 11.2(a).

**11.3** In the event of any Bonus Issue or Reorganisation, the Starting Price shall also be subject to adjustment on such basis as may be agreed by the Company with the Investor Majority within 10 Business Days after any Bonus Issue or Reorganisation. If the Company and the Investor Majority cannot agree such adjustment it shall be referred to the Auditors whose determination shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final and binding on the Company and each of the Shareholders. The costs of the Auditors shall be borne by the Company.

**11.4** For the purposes of this Article 11 any Shares held as Treasury Shares by the Company shall be disregarded when calculating the number of Anti-Dilution Shares to be issued.

**12 Transfers of Shares – general**

**12.1** In articles 12 to 19 inclusive, reference to the transfer of a Share includes the transfer or assignment of a beneficial or other interest in that Share or the creation of a trust or Encumbrance over that Share and reference to a Share includes a beneficial or other interest in a Share.

**12.2** No Share may be transferred unless the transfer is made in accordance with these Articles.

**12.3** If a Shareholder transfers or purports to transfer a Share otherwise than in accordance with these Articles he will be deemed immediately to have served a Transfer Notice in respect of all Shares held by him.

**12.4** Any transfer of a Share by way of sale which is required to be made under articles 14 to 19 (inclusive) will be deemed to include a warranty that the transferor sells with full title guarantee.

**12.5** The Directors may refuse to register a transfer if:

- (a) it is a transfer of a Share to a bankrupt, a minor or a person of unsound mind;
- (b) the transfer is to an Employee, Director or prospective Employee or prospective director of the Company, who in the opinion of the Board is subject to taxation in the United Kingdom, and such person has not entered into a joint section 431 ITEPA election with the Company;

- (c) if it is a transfer of a Share to a competitor, or an officer, employee or other person connected with (pursuant to section 1122 Corporation Tax Act 2010) a competitor of the Business;
- (d) the transfer is not lodged at the registered office or at such other place as the Directors may appoint;
- (e) the transfer is not accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates (or an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board) and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- (f) the transfer is in respect of more than one class of Shares;
- (g) the transfer is in favour of more than four transferees; or
- (h) these Articles otherwise provide that such transfer shall not be registered,

and if the Directors refuse to register a transfer, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

12.6 The Directors may, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of Shares (whether pursuant to a Permitted Transfer or otherwise), require the transferee to execute and deliver to the Company a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement or any other similar document in force between some or all of the Shareholders and the Company in any form as the Directors may reasonably require (but not so as to oblige the transferee to have any obligations or liabilities greater than those of the proposed transferor under any such agreement or other document) and if any condition is imposed in accordance with this article 12.6 the transfer may not be registered unless that deed has been executed and delivered to the Company's registered office by the transferee.

12.7 To enable the Directors to determine whether or not there has been any disposal of Shares (or any interest in Shares) in breach of these Articles the Directors may, with Investor Consent, require any holder or the legal personal representatives of any deceased holder or any person named as transferee in any transfer lodged for registration or any other person who the Directors may reasonably believe to have information relevant to that purpose, to furnish to the Company that information and evidence the Directors may request regarding any matter which they deem relevant to that purpose, including (but not limited to) the names, addresses and interests of all persons respectively having interests in the Shares from time to time registered in the holder's name. If the information or evidence is not provided to enable the Directors to determine to their reasonable satisfaction that no breach has occurred, or where as a result of the information and evidence the Directors are reasonably satisfied that a breach has occurred, the Directors shall immediately notify the holder of such Shares in writing of that fact and the following shall occur:

- (a) the relevant Shares shall cease to confer upon the holder of them (including any proxy appointed by the holder) any rights to vote (whether on a show of hands or on a poll and whether exercisable at a general meeting or on a written resolution of the Company or at any separate meeting or written resolution of the class in question) provided that, at the election of the Investors, such rights shall not cease if as a result of such cessation the Company shall become a Subsidiary Undertaking of an Investor; or
- (b) the withholding of payment of all dividends or other distributions otherwise attaching to the relevant Shares or to any further Shares issued in respect of those Shares; and

- (c) the holder may be required at any time following receipt of the notice to transfer some or all of its Shares to any person(s) at the price that the Directors may require by notice in writing to that holder.

The rights referred to in articles 12.7(a) and 12.7(b) above may be reinstated by the Board acting with Investor Consent and shall in any event be reinstated upon the completion of any transfer referred to in 12.7(c) above.

- 12.8 In any case where the Board requires a Transfer Notice to be given in respect of any Shares, if a Transfer Notice is not duly given within a period of ten Business Days of demand being made, a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given at the expiration of that period.

- 12.9 If a Transfer Notice is required to be given by the Board or is deemed to have been given under these Articles, the Transfer Notice, unless otherwise specified in these Articles, will be treated as having specified that:

- (a) the Transfer Price for the Sale Shares will be, subject to article 17.1, as agreed between the Board (acting with Investor Consent and on the basis that any director who is a Seller or with whom the Seller is connected (within the meaning of section 252 of the Act) shall not vote) and the Seller, or, failing agreement within five Business Days after the date on which the Board becomes aware that a Transfer Notice has been deemed to have been given, will be the Fair Value of the Sale Shares;

- (b) it does not include a Minimum Transfer Condition; and

- (c) the Seller wishes to transfer all of the Shares held by it.

- 12.10 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.

### **13 Permitted Transfers**

- 13.1 Any Shareholder may transfer all or any of his Shares to a Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise, save that a Manager shall not be permitted to transfer more than 25% of the Shares held by him to a Permitted Transferee without having first obtained Investor Consent.

- 13.2 Shares previously transferred as permitted by article 13.1 may be transferred by the transferee to any other Permitted Transferee of the relevant Shareholder without restriction as to price or otherwise.

- 13.3 Where under the provision of a deceased Shareholder's will or laws as to intestacy, the persons legally or beneficially entitled to any Shares, whether immediately or contingently, are Permitted Transferees of the deceased Shareholder, the legal representative of the deceased Shareholder may transfer any Share to those Permitted Transferees, in each case without restriction as to price or otherwise.

- 13.4 Trustees may (i) transfer Shares to a Qualifying Company or (ii) transfer Shares to the relevant Shareholder or to another Permitted Transferee of such Shareholder or (iii) transfer Shares to the new or remaining trustees upon a change of Trustees without restrictions as to price or otherwise.

- 13.5 No transfer of Shares may be made to Trustees unless the Board is satisfied:

- (a) with the terms of the trust instrument and in particular with the powers of the trustees;

- (b) with the identity of the proposed trustees;



- (c) the proposed transfer will not result in 50 per cent or more of the aggregate of the Company's equity share capital being held by trustees of that and any other trusts; and
  - (d) that no costs incurred in connection with the setting up or administration of the Family Trust in question are to be paid by the Company.
- 13.6 If a Permitted Transferee who is a Qualifying Company of a Shareholder ceases to be a Qualifying Company of such Shareholder, it must within five Business Days of so ceasing, transfer the Shares held by it to such Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of such Shareholder) any may do so without restriction as to price or otherwise, failing which it will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of such Shares.
- 13.7 If a Permitted Transferee who is a spouse or Civil Partner of a Shareholder ceases to be a spouse or Civil Partner of that Shareholder whether by reason of divorce or otherwise he must, within 15 Business Days of so ceasing either:
  - (a) execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by him to the relevant Shareholder (or, to any Permitted Transferee of such Shareholder) for such consideration as may be agreed between them; or
  - (b) give a Transfer Notice to the Company in accordance with article 14.2,
 failing which he shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.
- 13.8 If a Permitted Transferee who was a Member of the same Fund Group as the relevant Shareholder ceases to be a Member of the same Fund Group, the Permitted Transferee must not later than five Business Days after the date on which the Permitted Transferee so ceases, transfer the Shares held by it to the relevant Shareholder or a Member of the same Fund Group as the relevant Shareholder (which in either case is not in liquidation) without restriction as to price or otherwise failing which it will be deemed to give a Transfer Notice in respect of such Shares.
- 13.9 Trustees may (i) transfer Shares to a Qualifying Company or (ii) transfer Shares to the relevant Shareholder or to another Permitted Transferee of the relevant Shareholder or (iii) transfer Shares to the new or remaining trustees upon a change of Trustees without restrictions as to price or otherwise.
- 13.10 On the death (subject to article 13.3), bankruptcy, liquidation, administration or administrative receivership of a Permitted Transferee (other than a joint holder) his personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy, or its liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver must within five Business Days after the date of the grant of probate, the making of the bankruptcy order or the appointment of the liquidator, administrator or the administrative receiver execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the Shares held by the Permitted Transferee without restriction as to price or otherwise. The transfer shall be to the relevant Shareholder if still living (and not bankrupt or in liquidation) or, if so directed by Shareholder, to any Permitted Transferee of such Shareholder. If the transfer is not executed and delivered within five Business Days of such period or if the relevant Shareholder has died or is bankrupt or is in liquidation, administration or administrative receivership, the personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver will be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice.
- 13.11 A transfer of any Shares approved by the Board acting with Investor Consent may be made without restriction as to price or otherwise and with any such conditions as may be imposed and each such transfer shall be registered by the Directors.
- 13.12 With Investor Consent, any Shares may at any time be transferred where there is a sale of the entire issued share capital of the a newly formed holding company, pursuant to which the membership, pro rata shareholdings and classes of shares comprised in such holding

company matches that of the Company immediately prior to the transfer of the issued share capital of the Company to such holding company.

#### **14 Transfers of Shares subject to pre-emption rights**

14.1 Save where the provisions of articles 13 and 19 apply, any transfer of Shares shall be subject to the pre-emption rights contained in this article 14.

14.2 A Shareholder who wishes to transfer Shares (a "**Seller**") shall, except as otherwise provided in these Articles, before transferring or agreeing to transfer any Shares give notice in writing (a "**Transfer Notice**") to the Company specifying:

- (a) the number of Shares which he wishes to transfer (the "**Sale Shares**");
- (b) if he wishes to sell the Sale Shares to a third party, the name of the proposed transferee;
- (c) the price at which he wishes to transfer the Sale Shares; and
- (d) whether the Transfer Notice is conditional on all or a specific number of the Sale Shares being sold (a "**Minimum Transfer Condition**").

If no cash price is specified by the Seller, the price at which the Sale Shares are to be transferred (the "**Transfer Price**") must be approved by the Board (with Investor Consent). In addition, if the price is not specified in cash, an equivalent cash value price must be agreed between the Seller and the Board (with Investor Consent). In both cases, the price will be deemed to be the Fair Value of the Sale Shares if no price is agreed within five Business Days of the Company receiving the Transfer Notice.

14.3 Except with Investor Consent, no Transfer Notice once given or deemed to have been given under these Articles may be withdrawn.

14.4 A Transfer Notice constitutes the Company the agent of the Seller for the sale of the Sale Shares at the Transfer Price.

14.5 As soon as practicable following the later of:

- (a) receipt of a Transfer Notice; and
- (b) in the case where the Transfer Price has not been agreed, the determination of the Transfer Price under article 15,

the Board shall offer the Sale Shares for sale to the holders of A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and E Ordinary Shares (as if such Shares constituted one and the same class) but excluding any Leaver(s). Each offer must be in writing and give details of the number and Transfer Price of the Sale Shares offered.

14.6 Transfers: Offer

- (a) The Board shall offer the Sale Shares to all Shareholders (in the priority set out in article 14.5) specified in the offer other than the Seller (the "**Continuing Shareholders**") inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date falling 15 Business Days after the offer (inclusive) (the "**Offer Period**") for the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to buy.
- (b) If the Sale Shares are subject to a Minimum Transfer Condition then any allocation made under this article 14.6 will be conditional on the fulfilment of the Minimum Transfer Condition.

- (c) If, at the end of the Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to each Continuing Shareholder who has applied for Sale Shares in the proportion (fractional entitlements being rounded to the nearest whole number) which his existing holding of the relevant class(es) of Shares bears to the total number of the relevant class(es) of Shares held by those Continuing Shareholders who have applied for Sale Shares which procedure shall be repeated until all Sale Shares have been allocated but no allocation shall be made to a Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which he has stated he is willing to buy.
- (d) If, at the end of the Offer Period, the number of Sale Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to the Continuing Shareholders in accordance with their applications and the balance will be dealt with in accordance with article 14.7(e).

#### 14.7 Completion of transfer of Sale Shares

- (a) If the Transfer Notice includes a Minimum Transfer Condition and the total number of Shares applied for does not meet the Minimum Transfer Condition the Board shall notify the Seller and all those to whom Sale Shares have been conditionally allocated under article 14.6 stating the condition has not been met and that the relevant Transfer Notice has lapsed with immediate effect.
- (b) If:
  - (i) the Transfer Notice does not include a Minimum Transfer Condition; or
  - (ii) the Transfer Notice does include a Minimum Transfer Condition and allocations have been made in respect of all or the minimum required number of the Sale Shares,

the Board shall, when no further offers are required to be made under article 14.6, give written notice of allocation (an "**Allocation Notice**") to the Seller and each Shareholder to whom Sale Shares have been allocated (an "**Applicant**") specifying the number of Sale Shares allocated to each Applicant and the place and time (being not less than ten Business Days nor more than 20 Business Days after the date of the Allocation Notice) for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares.
- (c) Upon service of an Allocation Notice, the Seller must, against payment of the Transfer Price, transfer the Sale Shares in accordance with the requirements specified in it.
- (d) If the Seller fails to comply with the provisions of article 14.7(c):
  - (i) the chairman of the Company or, failing him, one of the directors, or some other person nominated by a resolution of the Board, may on behalf of the Seller:
    - (A) complete, execute and deliver in his name all documents necessary to give effect to the transfer of the relevant Sale Shares to the Applicants;
    - (B) receive the Transfer Price and give a good discharge for it; and
    - (C) (subject to the transfer being duly stamped) enter the Applicants in the register of Shareholders as the holders of the Shares purchased by them; and
  - (ii) the Company shall pay the Transfer Price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) or otherwise hold the

Transfer Price on trust for the Seller until he has delivered to the Company his certificate or certificates for the relevant Shares (or an indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board).

- (e) If an Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares then, subject to article 14.7(f), the Seller may, within eight weeks after service of the Allocation Notice, transfer the unallocated Sale Shares to any person at a price not less than the Transfer Price.
- (f) The right of the Seller to transfer Shares under article 14.7(e) does not apply if:
  - (i) the Transfer Notice was required to be served by the Board or deemed served in accordance with these Articles; or
  - (ii) the Board is of the opinion on reasonable grounds that:
    - (A) the transferee is a person (or a nominee for a person) who the Board (with Investor Consent) determine in their absolute discretion is a competitor with (or an Associate of a competitor with) the business of the Company or with a Subsidiary Undertaking of the Company;
    - (B) the sale of the Sale Shares is not *bona fide* or the price is subject to a deduction, rebate or allowance to the transferee; or
    - (C) the Seller has failed or refused to provide promptly information available to it or him and reasonably requested by the Board for the purpose of enabling it to form the opinion mentioned under (ii) above.

14.8 Any Sale Shares offered under this article 14 to an Investor may be accepted in full or part by a Member of the same Group or any Member of the same Fund Group as that Investor in accordance with the terms of this article 14.

## 15 Valuation of Shares

15.1 If no Transfer Price can be agreed between the Seller and the Board in accordance with provisions of articles 12.9 or 14.2 or otherwise then, on the date of failing agreement, the Board shall either:

- (a) appoint an expert valuer in accordance with article 15.2 (the "**Expert**") to certify the Fair Value of the Sale Shares; or
- (b) if the Fair Value has been certified by an Expert within the preceding 12 weeks, specify that the Fair Value of the Sale Shares will be calculated by dividing any Fair Value so certified by the number of Sale Shares to which it related and multiplying such Fair Value by the number of Sale Shares which are the subject of the Transfer Notice.

15.2 The Expert will be either:

- (a) the Auditors; or
- (b) if otherwise agreed by the Board and the Seller or where the Auditors refuse to act, an independent firm of Chartered Accountants to be agreed between the Board and the Seller or, failing such agreement not later than the date falling ten Business Days after the date of service of the Transfer Notice, to be nominated by the then President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales on the application of either party and approved by the Company.

- 15.3 The "**Fair Value**" of the Sale Shares shall be determined by the Expert on the following assumptions and bases:
- (a) valuing the Sale Shares as on an arm's length sale between a willing seller and a willing buyer;
  - (b) if the Company is then carrying on its business as a going concern, on the assumption that it will continue to do so;
  - (c) that the Sale Shares are capable of being transferred without restriction;
  - (d) valuing the Sale Shares as a rateable proportion of the total value of all the issued Shares without any premium or discount being attributable to the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent but taking account of the rights attaching to the Sale Shares (and in particular, the order of distribution under these Articles following a Capital Event or an Exit); and
  - (e) reflect any other factors which the Expert reasonably believes should be taken into account.
- 15.4 If any difficulty arises in applying any of the assumptions or bases referred to in article 15.3 then the Expert shall resolve that difficulty in whatever manner it shall in its absolute discretion think fit.
- 15.5 The Expert shall be requested to determine the Fair Value within 20 Business Days of their appointment and to notify the Board of their determination.
- 15.6 The Expert shall act as an expert and not as an arbitrator and its determination shall be final and binding on the parties (in the absence of fraud or manifest error).
- 15.7 The Board will give the Expert access to all accounting records or other relevant documents of the Company subject to it agreeing to such confidentiality provisions as the Board may reasonably impose.
- 15.8 The Expert shall deliver its certificate to the Company. As soon as the Company receives the certificate it shall deliver a copy of it to the Seller. Unless the Sale Shares are to be sold under a Transfer Notice, which is deemed to have been served, the Seller may by notice in writing to the Company within five Business Days of the service on him of the copy certificate, cancel the Company's authority to sell the Sale Shares.
- 15.9 The cost of obtaining the certificate shall be paid by the Company unless:
- (a) the Seller cancels the Company's authority to sell; or
  - (b) the sale price certified by the Expert is less than the price (if any) offered by the directors to the Seller for the Sale Share before Expert was instructed,
- in which case the Seller shall bear the cost.

## **16 Compulsory transfers – general**

- 16.1 A person entitled to a Share in consequence of the bankruptcy of a Shareholder shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of that Share at a time determined by the Directors.

- 16.2 If a Share remains registered in the name of a deceased Shareholder for longer than one year after the date of his death the Directors may require the legal personal representatives of that deceased Shareholder either:
- (a) to effect a Permitted Transfer of such Shares (including for this purpose an election to be registered in respect of the Permitted Transfer); or
  - (b) to show to the satisfaction of the Directors that a Permitted Transfer will be effected before or promptly upon the completion of the administration of the estate of the deceased Shareholder.

If either requirement in this article 16.2 shall not be fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Directors a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of each such Share save to the extent that the Directors may otherwise determine.

- 16.3 If a Shareholder which is a company, either suffers or resolves for the appointment of a liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver over it or any material part of its assets (other than as part of a *bona fide* restructuring or reorganisation), the relevant Shareholder (and all its Permitted Transferees) shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of all the Shares held by the relevant Shareholder and its Permitted Transferees save to the extent that, and at a time, the Directors may determine.

- 16.4 If there is a change in control (as control is defined in section 1124 of the CTA 2010) of any Shareholder (save for the Investors) which is a company, it shall be bound at any time, if and when required in writing by the Directors to do so, to give (or procure the giving in the case of a nominee) a Transfer Notice in respect of all the Shares registered in its and their names and their respective nominees' names save that, in the case of the Permitted Transferee, it shall first be permitted to transfer those Shares back to the relevant Shareholder or to any other Permitted Transferee before being required to serve a Transfer Notice. This article 16.4 shall not apply to the Investors.

## **17 Departing Managers**

- 17.1 Upon a Leaver Trigger occurring in relation to any Manager the relevant Manager shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice on the Leaver Trigger Date (or such later date as is notified to the Company in writing by the Investors) in respect of all of the relevant Manager Shares and such Transfer Notice shall not be deemed to contain a Minimum Transfer Condition.
- 17.2 Where a Transfer Notice is deemed to be given by a Manager pursuant to article 17.1 the Transfer Price shall be as follows:
- (a) where the relevant Manager is a Bad Leaver, the lower of Fair Value and the nominal value of such Shares; or
  - (b) where the relevant Manager is a Good Leaver, the higher of the Issue Price and the Fair Value of such Shares.
- 17.3 For the purposes of article 17.2, Fair Value shall be as agreed between the Board (with Investor Consent) and the relevant Manager or, failing agreement within five Business Days of seeking to agree such price, shall be as determined in accordance with article 15.
- 17.4 For the purposes of this article 17 and the interpretation of article 14, the Manager Shares shall be offered in the following order of priority:
- (a) firstly, as notified to the Board in writing by the Investors, to any incoming member of the Group's management team; or
  - (b) secondly, if the Investors have not given written notice to the Board in accordance with article 17.4(a) within six months of the Leaver Trigger Date or if the Investors

give written notice that they waive their rights under article 17.4(a), to all Shareholders in the priority set out in article 14.5.

- 17.5 In the event a Manager is a Good Leaver and, after the Manager Shares have been offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of article 14, if there are any Manager Shares which have not been purchased and are retained by such Manager, the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) on an Exit, the relevant Manager's (and his Permitted Transferees') proceeds shall be capped at the Fair Value of his Manager Shares at the Leaver Trigger Date; and
  - (b) any proceeds from an Exit but for article 17.5(a) which the relevant Manager (or his Permitted Transferees) would otherwise have been entitled to receive in accordance with article 6.1 shall be distributed to the Shareholders (excluding the relevant Manager and his Permitted Transferees) in accordance with article 6.1..
- 17.6 All voting rights attached to the Manager Shares held by the Manager who became a Leaver or by any Permitted Transferee of such Manager (the "**Restricted Member**"), if any, shall be suspended upon the Leaver Trigger Date.
- 17.7 Any Shares whose voting rights are suspended pursuant to article 17.1 ("**Restricted Shares**") shall confer on the holders of Restricted Shares the right to receive a notice of and attend all general meetings of the Company but shall have no right to vote either in person or by proxy or to vote on any proposed written resolution. Voting rights suspended pursuant to article 17.1 shall be automatically restored immediately prior to an IPO. If a Restricted Member transfers any Restricted Shares in accordance with these Articles all voting rights attached to the Restricted Shares so transferred shall, upon completion of the transfer (as evidenced by the transferee's name being entered in the Company's register of members), automatically be restored.

## 18 Tag along

- 18.1 Subject to compliance with article 14 if, at any time the holders of a majority of the A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares and E Shares together (the "**Proposed Transferor**") wish to transfer all of their Shares to a *bona fide* arm's length purchaser and if, as a result of the transfer, the transferee and its Associates or those Acting in Concert with it would collectively hold a Controlling Interest in the Company, the tag along right in this article 18 arises.
- 18.2 Where the tag along right arises the Proposed Transferor may not transfer any of his Shares or any interest in them unless, at least 20 Business Days before the date of the agreement to transfer, the transferee shall have made a written offer (an "**Offer**") to all other Shareholders (together, the "**Offeree**") to purchase all of the Offeree's Shares at the same price per Share (and otherwise on the same terms) as the proposed sale of Shares by the Proposed Transferor, save that the price per D Ordinary Share shall be the Issue Price of the relevant Share. The Offer shall be open for acceptance by the Offeree for not less than 10 Business Days and, if accepted (an "**Accepting Offeree**"), the sale of all the Accepting Offeree's Shares shall be completed simultaneously with the completion of the sale of the Proposed Transferor's Shares.
- 18.3 The tag along right in this article 18 shall not apply if, at the relevant time, a Drag Along Notice has been served in accordance with article 19.2.
- 18.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the total of all and any form of consideration received or receivable by the Proposed Transferor and any Accepting Offeree shall be allocated between the Shareholders in the manner set out in article 6.1.

## 19 Drag along

- 19.1 If, the holders of 51% per cent or more of the issued Shares (excluding any Treasury Shares) (having obtained Investor Consent) (the "**Selling Shareholders**") at any time wish to transfer

all their interest in Shares (the "**Sellers' Shares**") to a Proposed Purchaser, the Selling Shareholders shall have the option (the "**Drag Along Option**") to compel each other holder of Shares (the "**Called Shareholders**") to sell and transfer all their Shares to the Proposed Purchaser or as the Proposed Purchaser shall direct (the "**Drag Purchaser**") in accordance with the provisions of this article 19.

19.2 The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving a written notice to that effect (a "**Drag Along Notice**") to the Company which the Company shall forthwith copy to the Called Shareholders at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Drag Purchaser. A Drag Along Notice shall specify that:

- (a) the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Shares (the "**Called Shares**") under this article 19;
- (b) the person to whom they are to be transferred;
- (c) the consideration for which the Called Shares are to be transferred (calculated in accordance with this article 19); and
- (d) the proposed date of transfer,

and, in the case of articles 19.2(b) to 19.2(d) above, whether actually specified or to be determined in accordance with a mechanism described in the Drag Along Notice. No Drag Along Notice may require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically provided for in this article 19.

19.3 Drag Along Notices shall be irrevocable but will lapse if for any reason there is not a sale of the Sellers' Shares by the Selling Shareholders to the Drag Purchaser within 60 Business Days after the date of service of the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders shall be entitled to serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.

19.4 The consideration (in cash or otherwise) for which the Called Shareholders shall be obliged to sell each of the Called Shares (the "**Drag Consideration**") shall be apportioned between the holders of the Called Shares in accordance with the provisions of article 6.1.

19.5 The Called Shares shall be acquired on the same terms and conditions (including time of payment and form of consideration) for which the Selling Shareholders shall have agreed to sell provided that the Investors (i) will receive cash as consideration for the transfer of their Shares unless an Investor has waived this requirement in respect of itself only in writing; and (ii) will not be required to provide the Drag Purchaser with any representations, warranties or indemnities (save as to title and capacity) or give any restrictive covenants or undertakings.

19.6 In respect of a transaction that is the subject of a Drag Along Notice and with respect to any Drag Document, a Called Shareholder shall only be obliged to undertake to transfer his Shares with full title guarantee (and provide an indemnity for any lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board, if so necessary) in receipt of the Drag Consideration when due and shall not be obliged to give warranties or indemnities except a warranty as to capacity to enter into a Drag Document and the full title guarantee of the Shares held by such Called Shareholder.

19.7 Within three Business Days of the Company copying the Drag Along Notice to the Called Shareholders (or such later date as may be specified in the Drag Along Notice) (the "**Drag Completion Date**"), each Called Shareholder shall deliver:

- (a) duly executed stock transfer form(s) for its Called Shares in favour of the Drag Purchaser;
- (b) the relevant share certificate(s) (or a duly executed indemnity for lost certificate in a form acceptable to the Board) to the Company; and



- (c) a duly executed Sale Agreement, if applicable, in the form specified in the Drag Along Notice or as otherwise specified by the Company,

together the "**Drag Documents**".

- 19.8 On the Drag Completion Date, the Company shall pay each Called Shareholder, on behalf of the Drag Purchaser, the Drag Consideration that is due to the extent the Drag Purchaser has paid such consideration to the Company. The Company's receipt of the Drag Consideration shall be a good discharge to the Drag Purchaser. The Company shall hold the Drag Consideration in trust for each of the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.
- 19.9 To the extent that the Drag Purchaser has not, on the Drag Completion Date, paid the Drag Consideration that is due to the Company, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the immediate return of the Drag Documents for the relevant Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under this article 19 in respect of their Shares (without prejudice to any subsequent Drag Along Notice which may be served on him).
- 19.10 If a Called Shareholder fails to deliver the Drag Documents for its Shares to the Company by the Drag Completion Date, the Company and each Director shall be constituted the agent of such defaulting Called Shareholder to take such actions and enter into any Drag Document or such other agreements, deeds or documents as are necessary to effect the transfer of the Called Shareholder's Shares pursuant to this article 19 and the Directors shall, if requested by the Drag Purchaser, authorise any Director to transfer the Called Shareholder's Shares on the Called Shareholder's behalf to the Drag Purchaser to the extent the Drag Purchaser has, by the Drag Completion Date, paid the Drag Consideration to the Company for the Called Shareholder's Shares offered to him. The Board shall then authorise registration of the transfer once appropriate stamp duty has been paid. The defaulting Called Shareholder shall surrender his share certificate for his Shares (or a suitable executed indemnity) to the Company. On surrender, he shall be entitled to the Drag Consideration due to him.
- 19.11 Any transfer of Shares to a Drag Purchaser pursuant to a sale in respect of which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served shall not be subject to the provisions of article 14.
- 19.12 On any person, following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, becoming a Shareholder pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option or warrant to acquire Shares or pursuant to the conversion of any convertible security of the Company (a "**New Shareholder**"), a Drag Along Notice shall be deemed to have been served on the New Shareholder on the same terms as the previous Drag Along Notice who shall then be bound to sell and transfer all Shares so acquired to the Drag Purchaser and the provisions of article 19 shall apply with the necessary changes to the New Shareholder except that completion of the sale of the Shares shall take place immediately on the Drag Along Notice being deemed served on the New Shareholder.

## **20 General meetings**

- 20.1 If the Directors are required by the Shareholders under section 303 of the Act to call a general meeting, the Directors shall convene the meeting for a date not later than 28 days after the date on which the Directors became subject to the requirement under section 303 of the Act.
- 20.2 The provisions of section 318 of the Act shall apply to the Company, save that if a quorum is not present at any meeting adjourned for the reason referred to in article 41 of the Model Articles, then, provided that the Qualifying Person present holds or represents the holder of at least 50 per cent in nominal value of the Shares (which must include the Investors (or their nominees or duly authorised representatives)), any resolution agreed to by such Qualifying Person shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed unanimously at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held.
- 20.3 If any two or more Shareholders (or Qualifying Persons representing two or more Shareholders) attend the meeting in different locations, the meeting shall be treated as being held at the location specified in the notice of the meeting, save that if no one is present at that

location so specified, the meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest number of Qualifying Persons is assembled or, if no such group can be identified, at the location of the chairman.

- 20.4 If a demand for a poll is withdrawn under article 44(3) of the Model Articles, the demand shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made and the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 20.5 Polls must be taken in such manner as the chairman directs. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment must be held immediately. A poll demanded on any other question must be held either immediately or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than 14 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.
- 20.6 No notice need be given of a poll not held immediately 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 clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
- 20.7 If the poll is to be held more than 48 hours after it was demanded the Shareholders shall be entitled to deliver Proxy Notices in respect of the poll at any time up to 24 hours before the time appointed for taking that poll. In calculating that period, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

## **21 Proxies**

- 21.1 Paragraph (c) of article 45(1) of the Model Articles shall be deleted and replaced by the words: *"is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy and accompanied by any authority under which it is signed (or a certified copy of such authority or a copy of such authority in some other way approved by the directors)"*.
- 21.2 The instrument appointing a proxy and any authority under which it is signed or a certified copy of such authority or a copy in some other way approved by the Directors may:
- (a) be sent or supplied in hard copy form, or (subject to any conditions and limitations which the Board may specify) in electronic form, to the registered office of the Company or to such other address (including electronic address) as may be specified for this purpose in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy or any invitation to appoint a proxy sent or supplied by the Company in relation to the meeting at any time before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote;
  - (b) be delivered at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote to the chairman or to the Company secretary or to any Director; or
  - (c) in the case of a poll, be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman or to the Company secretary or to any Director, or at the time and place at which the poll is held to the chairman or to the Company secretary or to any Director or scrutineer,

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

## **22 Directors' borrowing powers**

The Directors may, with Investor Consent, exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities as security for any debt, liability of obligation of the Company or of any third party.

## **23 Number of Directors**

Unless and until the Company shall otherwise determine by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors shall not be subject to any maximum and shall not be less than two.

## **24 Appointment of Directors**

- 24.1 The Downing Investors shall, acting jointly, be entitled to nominate one person to act as the Downing Investor Director by notice in writing addressed to the Company from time to time and the other holders of Shares shall not vote so as to remove a Downing Investor Director from office. The Downing Investors shall, acting jointly, be entitled to remove any Downing Investor Director so appointed at any time by notice in writing to the Company served at its registered office and, acting jointly, appoint another person to act in his place.
- 24.2 Nesta shall be entitled to nominate one person to act as the Nesta Investor Director by notice in writing addressed to the Company from time to time and the other holders of Shares shall not vote so as to remove a Nesta Investor Director from office. Nesta shall be entitled to remove any Nesta Investor Director so appointed at any time by notice in writing to the Company served at its registered office and, acting jointly, appoint another person to act in his place.
- 24.3 The Investors shall, acting together, be entitled to nominate one person to act as a Non-Executive Chairman of the Company by notice in writing addressed to the Company from time to time and the other holders of Shares shall not vote so as to remove the Non-Executive Chairman from office. The Investors shall, acting together, be entitled to remove the Non-Executive Chairman so appointed at any time by notice in writing to the Company served at its registered office and, acting together, appoint another person to act in his place.
- 24.4 An appointment or removal of a Director under articles 24.1, 24.2 and/or 24.3 will take effect at, and from, the time when the notice is received at the registered office of the Company or produced to a meeting of the Directors of the Company.
- 24.5 Any Investor Director shall be entitled at his request to be appointed to any committee of the Board established from time to time and to the board of directors of any Subsidiary Undertaking.
- 24.6 The Downing Investors shall, acting jointly, be entitled to appoint one person to act as an observer (the "**Downing Observer**") to the Board, to the board of directors of any Subsidiary Undertaking and any committee of the Board or board of directors of any Subsidiary Undertaking established from time to time. The Downing Observer shall be entitled to attend and speak at all such meetings and receive copies of all board papers as if he were a Director but shall not be entitled to vote on any resolutions proposed at a board meeting.
- 24.7 Nesta shall be entitled to appoint one person to act as an observer (the "**Nesta Observer**") to the Board, to the board of directors of any Subsidiary Undertaking and any committee of the Board or board of directors of any Subsidiary Undertaking established from time to time. The Nesta Observer shall be entitled to attend and speak at all such meetings and receive copies of all board papers as if he were a Director but shall not be entitled to vote on any resolutions proposed at a board meeting.

## **25 Disqualification of Directors**

In addition to that provided in article 18 of the Model Articles, the office of a Director shall also be vacated if:

- (a) he is convicted of a criminal offence (other than a minor motoring offence) and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated; or

- (b) in the case of Directors other than an Investor Director, if a majority of his co-Directors (including Investor Consent) serve notice on him in writing, removing him from office.

## **26 Proceedings of Directors**

- 26.1 The quorum for Directors' meetings shall be a minimum of three Directors and must include each Investor Director (if so appointed) (save that where a Relevant Interest of a Director is being authorised by the other Directors in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act, such Director shall not be included in the quorum required for the purpose of such authorisation but shall otherwise be included for the purpose of forming the quorum at the meeting). If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such 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 at such time and place as determined by the Directors present at such meeting and the Investor Director (if so appointed). If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within half an hour from the time appointed, then the meeting shall proceed.
- 26.2 If all the Directors participating in a meeting of the Directors are not physically in the same place, the meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of participants in number is assembled. In the absence of a majority the location of the chairman shall be deemed to be the place of the meeting. Directors may attend meetings of the Directors in person, by telephone or video conference or any other method in which they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 26.3 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 at any time before or 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.
- 26.4 Provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors, in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the nature and extent of his interest (and subject to any restrictions on voting or counting in a quorum imposed by the Directors in authorising a Relevant Interest), a Director may vote at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has an interest, whether a direct or an indirect interest, or in relation to which he has a duty and shall also be counted in reckoning whether a quorum is present at such a meeting.
- 26.5 Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes, and each Director shall have one vote. In the case of any equality of votes, the chairman shall not have a second or casting vote.
- 26.6 A decision of the Directors may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each Eligible Director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each Eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing (including confirmation given by electronic means). Reference in article 7(1) of the Model Articles to article 8 of the Model Articles shall be deemed to include a reference to this article also.

## **27 Directors' interests**

- 27.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the nature and extent of his interest, a Director may (save as to the extent not permitted by law from time to time), notwithstanding his office, have an interest of the following kind:
  - (a) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is party to or in any way directly or indirectly interested in, or has any duty in respect of, any existing or proposed contract, arrangement or transaction with the Company or any other undertaking in which the Company is in any way interested;

- (b) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a director, employee or other officer of, or a party to any contract, arrangement or transaction with, or in any way interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;
- (c) where a Director (or a person connected with him) is a Shareholder or a shareholder in, employee, director, member or other officer of, or consultant to, a Parent Undertaking of, or a Subsidiary Undertaking of a Parent Undertaking of, the Company;
- (d) where a Director (or a person connected with him) holds and is remunerated in respect of any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor) in respect of the Company or body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
- (e) where a Director is given a guarantee, or is to be given a guarantee, in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
- (f) where a Director (or a person connected with him or of which he is a member or employee) acts (or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested of which he is a director, employee or other officer may act) in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested (other than as auditor) whether or not he or it is remunerated for this;
- (g) an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
- (h) any other interest authorised by ordinary resolution.

27.2 In addition to the provisions of article 27.1, subject to the provisions of the Act and provided (if these Articles so require) that he has declared to the Directors in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, the nature and extent of his interest, where a Director is an Investor Director he may (save as to the extent not permitted by law from time to time), notwithstanding his office, have an interest arising from any duty he may owe to, or interest he may have as an employee, director, trustee, member, partner, officer or representative of, or a consultant to, or direct or indirect investor (including without limitation by virtue of a carried interest, remuneration or incentive arrangements or the holding of securities) in:

- (a) the Investors;
- (b) a Fund Manager which advises or manages an Investor;
- (c) any of the funds advised or managed by a Fund Manager who advises or manages an Investor from time to time; or
- (d) another body corporate or firm in which a Fund Manager who advises or manages an Investor or any fund advised or managed by such Fund Manager has directly or indirectly invested, including without limitation any portfolio companies.

27.3 For the purposes of this article 27, an interest of which a Director is not aware and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to be aware shall not be treated as an interest of his.

*Accountability of any benefit and validity of a contract*

27.4 In any situation permitted by this article 27 (save as otherwise agreed by him) a Director shall not by reason of his office be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from that situation and no such contract, arrangement or transaction shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.

27.5 Subject to article 27.6, any authority given in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act in respect of a Director (an "**Interested Director**") who has proposed that the Directors authorise his interest (a "**Relevant Interest**") pursuant to that section may, for the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) be given on such terms and subject to such conditions or limitations as may be imposed by the authorising Directors as they see fit from time to time, including, without limitation:
  - (i) restricting the Interested Director from voting on any resolution put to a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors in relation to the Relevant Interest;
  - (ii) restricting the Interested Director from being counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors where such Relevant Interest is to be discussed; or
  - (iii) restricting the application of the provisions in articles 27.7 and 27.8, so far as is permitted by law, in respect of such Interested Director;
- (b) be withdrawn, or varied at any time by the Directors entitled to authorise the Relevant Interest as they see fit from time to time; and

subject to article 27.6, an Interested Director must act in accordance with any such terms, conditions or limitations imposed by the authorising Directors pursuant to section 175(5)(a) of the Act and this article 27.

27.6 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this article 27, it shall not (save with Investor Consent) be made a condition of any authorisation of a matter in relation to that Investor Director in accordance with section 175(5)(a) of the Act, that he shall be restricted from voting or counting in the quorum at any meeting of, or of any committee of the Directors or that he shall be required to disclose, use or apply confidential information as contemplated in article 27.8.

27.7 Subject to article 27.8 (and without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse or release the Director from disclosing information, in circumstances where disclosure may otherwise be required under this article 27), if a Director, otherwise than by virtue of his position as director, receives information in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to a person other than the Company, he shall not be required:

- (a) to disclose such information to the Company or to any Director, or to any officer or employee of the Company; or
- (b) otherwise to use or apply such confidential information for the purpose of or in connection with the performance of his duties as a Director.

27.8 Where such duty of confidentiality arises out of a situation in which a Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company, article 27.7 shall apply only if the conflict arises out of a matter which falls within articles 27.1 or 27.2 or has been authorised under section 175(5)(a) of the Act.

27.9 Where a Director has an interest which can reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest, the Director shall take such additional steps as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of managing such conflict of interest, including compliance with any procedures laid down from time to time by the Directors for the purpose of managing conflicts of interest generally and/or any specific procedures approved by the Directors for the purpose of or in connection with the situation or matter in question, including without limitation:

- (a) absenting himself from any discussions, whether in meetings of the Directors or otherwise, at which the relevant situation or matter falls to be considered; and

- (b) excluding himself from documents or information made available to the Directors generally in relation to such situation or matter and/or arranging for such documents or information to be reviewed by a professional advisor to ascertain the extent to which it might be appropriate for him to have access to such documents or information.
- 27.10 Subject to section 182 of the Act, a Director shall declare the nature and extent of any interest permitted by articles 27.1 or 27.2 at a meeting of the Directors, or by general notice in accordance with section 184 (notice in writing) or section 185 (general notice) of the Act or in such other manner as the Directors may determine, except that no declaration of interest shall be required by a Director in relation to an interest:
  - (a) falling under article 27.1(g);
  - (b) if, or to the extent that, the other Directors are already aware of such interest (and for this purpose the other Directors are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware); or
  - (c) if, or to the extent that, it concerns the terms of his service contract (as defined by section 227 of the Act) that have been or are to be considered by a meeting of the Directors, or by a committee of Directors appointed for the purpose under these Articles.
- 27.11 Subject to section 239 of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution ratify any contract, transaction or arrangement, or other proposal, not properly authorised by reason of a contravention of any provisions of this article 27.
- 27.12 For the purposes of this article 27:
  - (a) a conflict of interest includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties;
  - (b) the provisions of section 252 of the Act shall determine whether a person is connected with a Director; and
  - (c) a general notice 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.

## **28 Notices**

- 28.1 Subject to the requirements set out in the Act, any notice given or document sent or supplied to or by any person under these Articles, or otherwise sent by the Company under the Act, may be given, sent or supplied:
  - (a) in hard copy form;
  - (b) in electronic form; or
  - (c) (by the Company) by means of a website (other than notices calling a meeting of Directors),

or partly by one of these means and partly by another of these means.

Notices shall be given and documents supplied in accordance with the procedures set out in the Act, except to the extent that a contrary provision is set out in this article 28.

*Notices in hard copy form*

28.2 Any notice or other document in hard copy form given or supplied under these Articles may be delivered or sent by first class post (airmail if overseas):

- (a) to the Company or any other company at its registered office;
- (b) to the address notified to or by the Company for that purpose;
- (c) in the case of an intended recipient who is a member or his legal personal representative or trustee in bankruptcy, to such member's address as shown in the Company's register of members;
- (d) in the case of an intended recipient who is a Director, to his address as shown in the register of Directors;
- (e) to any other address to which any provision of the Act authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied; or
- (f) where the Company is the sender, if the Company is unable to obtain an address falling within one of the addresses referred to in articles 28.2(a) to 28.2(e) above, to the intended recipient's last address known to the Company.

28.3 Any notice or other document in hard copy form given or supplied under these Articles shall be deemed to have been served and be effective:

- (a) if delivered, at the time of delivery; or
- (b) if posted, on receipt or 48 hours after the time it was posted, whichever occurs first.

*Notices in electronic form*

28.4 Subject to the provisions of the Act, any notice or other document in electronic form given or supplied under these Articles may:

- (a) if sent by email (provided that an address for email has been notified to or by the Company for that purpose), be sent by the relevant form of communication to that address;
- (b) if delivered or sent by first class post (airmail if overseas) in an electronic form (such as sending a disk by post), be so delivered or sent as if in hard copy form under article 28.2; or
- (c) be sent by such other electronic means (as defined in section 1168 of the Act) and to such address as the Company may specify:
  - (i) on its website from time to time; or
  - (ii) by notice (in hard copy or electronic form) to all members of the Company from time to time.

28.5 Any notice or other document in electronic form given or supplied under these Articles shall be deemed to have been served and be effective:

- (a) if sent by email (where an address for email has been notified to or by the Company for that purpose), on receipt or 48 hours after the time it was sent, whichever occurs first;
- (b) if posted in an electronic form, on receipt or 48 hours after the time it was posted, whichever occurs first;



- (c) if delivered in an electronic form, at the time of delivery; and
- (d) if sent by any other electronic means as referred to in article 28.4(c), at the time such delivery is deemed to occur under the Act.

28.6 Where the Company is able to show that any notice or other document given or sent under these Articles by electronic means was properly addressed with the electronic address supplied by the intended recipient, the giving or sending of that notice or other document shall be effective notwithstanding any receipt by the Company at any time of notice either that such method of communication has failed or of the intended recipient's non-receipt.

28.7 Subject to the provisions of the Act, any notice or other document or information to be given, sent or supplied by the Company to Shareholders under these Articles may be given, sent or supplied by the Company by making it available on the Company's website.

28.8 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 of the Company in respect of the joint holding (the "**Primary Holder**"). Notice so given shall constitute notice to all the joint holders.

28.9 Anything agreed or specified by the Primary Holder in relation to the service, sending or supply of notices, documents or other information shall be treated as the agreement or specification of all the joint holders in their capacity as such (whether for the purposes of the Act or otherwise).

## **29 Indemnities and insurance**

29.1 Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by, the Act:

(a) every Director or other officer of the Company (excluding the Company's auditors) shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company (and the Company shall also be able to indemnify directors of any associated company (as defined in section 256 of the Act)) out of the Company's assets against all liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office, provided that no Director or director of any associated company is indemnified by the Company against:

- (i) any liability incurred by the director to the Company or any associated company;
- (ii) any liability incurred by the director to pay a fine imposed in criminal proceedings or a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of non-compliance with any requirements of a regulatory nature; or
- (iii) any liability incurred by the director:
  - (A) in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is convicted;
  - (B) in defending civil proceedings brought by the Company or any associated company in which final judgment (within the meaning set out in section 234 of the Act) is given against him; or
  - (C) in connection with any application under sections 661(3), 661(4) or 1157 of the Act (as the case may be) for which the court refuses to grant him relief,

save that, in respect of a provision indemnifying a director of a company (whether or not the Company) that is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as that term is used in section 235 of the Act) against liability incurred in connection with that

company's activities as trustee of the scheme, the Company shall also be able to indemnify any such director without the restrictions in articles 29.1(a)(i), 29.1(a)(iii)(B) and 29.1(a)(iii)(C) applying; and

- (b) the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for any such Director or other officer against any liability which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to him in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company, or any associated company including (if he is a director of a company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme) in connection with that company's activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme.

29.2 Upon request by the Investors, the Company shall (at the cost of the Company) effect and maintain for each Director policies of insurance insuring each Director against risks in relation to his office as each director may reasonably specify including without limitation, any liability which by virtue of any rule of law may attach to him in respect of any negligence, default of duty or breach of trust of which he may be guilty in relation to the Company.

### 30 Co-Sale Rights

30.1 No transfer (other than a Permitted Transfer) of any of Shares by any person may be made or validly registered if it is in respect of more than 10 % of the Shares (excluding Treasury Shares) in issue (each a "**Selling Person**") unless (i) the Selling Person shall have observed the following procedures of this Article or (ii) unless Investor Consent is obtained to the contrary and has determined that this Article 30 shall not apply to such transfer.

30.2 After the Selling Person has gone through the pre-emption process set out in Article 14, the Selling Person shall give to each holder of Shares who has not taken up their pre-emptive rights under Article 4 (an "**Equity Holder**") not less than 15 Business Days' notice in advance of the proposed sale (a "**Co-Sale Notice**"). The Co-Sale Notice shall specify:

- (a) the identity of the proposed purchaser (the "**Buyer**");
- (b) the price per share which the Buyer is proposing to pay;
- (c) the manner in which the consideration is to be paid;
- (d) the number of Shares which the Selling Person proposes to sell; and
- (e) the address where the counter-notice should be sent.

For the purposes of this Article 30, it is acknowledged that Shares of different classes will be transferable at different prices, such price per class of Share being a sum equal to that to which they would be entitled if the consideration payable by the Buyer to the Selling Person were used to determine the valuation of the entire issued share capital of the Company and such valuation was then allocated as between the Shares in accordance with Articles 5 and 6.

30.3 Each Equity Holder shall be entitled within five Business Days after receipt of the Co-Sale Notice, to notify the Selling Person that they wish to sell a certain number of Shares held by them at the proposed sale price, by sending a counter-notice which shall specify the number of Shares which such Equity Holder wishes to sell. The maximum number of shares which an Equity Holder can sell under this procedure shall be:

$$\left(\frac{X}{Y}\right) \times Z$$

where:

X is the number of Shares held by the Equity Holder;

Y is the total number of Shares (excluding Treasury Shares) held by the Equity Holders;

Z is the number of Shares the Selling Person proposes to sell.

Any Equity Holder who does not send a counter-notice within such five Business Day period shall be deemed to have specified that they wish to sell no shares.

30.4 Following the expiry of five Business Days from the date the Equity Holders receive the Co-Sale Notice, the Selling Person shall be entitled to sell to the Buyer on the terms notified to the Equity Holders a number of shares not exceeding the number specified in the Co-Sale Notice less any shares which Equity Holders have indicated they wish to sell, provided that at the same time the Buyer (or another person) purchases from the Equity Holders the number of shares they have respectively indicated they wish to sell on terms no less favourable than those obtained by the Selling Person from the Buyer.

30.5 No sale by the Selling Person shall be made pursuant to any Co-Sale Notice more than three months after service of that Co-Sale Notice.

30.6 Sales made in accordance with this Article 30 shall not be subject to Article 14.

### 31 Secretary

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Directors may appoint a secretary 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.

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

32.1 The Board may, if authorised to do so by an ordinary resolution (with Investor Consent):

- (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the Company (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; and
- (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "**Capitalised Sum**") to such Shareholders and in such proportions as the Board may in their absolute discretion deem appropriate (the "**Shareholders Entitled**"),

and Article 36 of the Model Articles shall not apply to the Company.

32.2 Capitalised Sums may be applied on behalf of such Shareholders and in such proportions as the Board may (with Investor Consent) deem appropriate.

32.3 Any Capitalised Sum may be applied in paying up new Shares up to the nominal amount equal to the Capitalised Sum, which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the Shareholders Entitled or as they may direct.

32.4 A Capitalised Sum which was appropriated from Available Profits may be applied in paying up new debentures of the Company which are allotted credited as fully paid to the Shareholders Entitled or as they may direct.

32.5 Subject to these Articles the Board may (with Investor Consent):

- (a) apply Capitalised Sums in accordance with articles 32.3 and 32.4 partly in one way and partly another;
- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with Shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article 32; and

- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all of the Shareholders Entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of Shares or debentures under this article 32.