

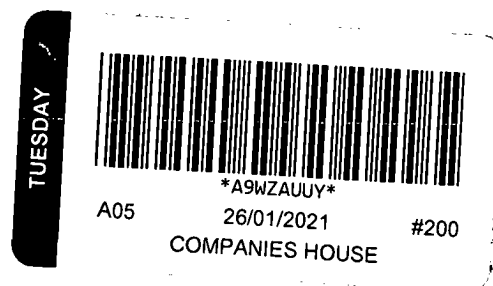
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OF
LANDBAY PARTNERS LIMITED**

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1. DIS-APPLICATION OF MODEL ARTICLES

- 1.1 None of the model articles contained in the schedules to the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/3229), or any amended subsequent legislation or statutory instrument containing model articles, shall apply to the Company.
- 1.2 The Regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985/805) shall not apply to the Company.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words have the following meanings:

"Accepting Shareholder" has the meaning given to it in Article 12.5;

"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 for the time being in force;

"Address" includes a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving Documents or information, including by Electronic Means;

"Appointor" has the meaning given to it in Article 17.1.1;

"Articles" means these Articles of Association as altered or varied from time to time (and **"Article"** means a provision of the Articles);

"Associate"	in relation to a Shareholder: a) who is an individual, any of his Relations, Family Trusts or the trustees of those Family Trusts; or b) that is a company, any Member of the Same Group.
"Authenticated"	means (subject to section 1146 of the Companies Act) authenticated in such manner as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine;
"B Shares"	means the B ordinary shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
"Board"	the board of Directors from time to time and any committee of such board constituted for the purpose of taking any action or decision contemplated by these Articles;
"Board Invitee"	means such person (being an Employment Trust and/or an existing or prospective Employee) as the Board may nominate;
"Business Day"	a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) when clearing banks in the City of London are open for the transaction of non-automated banking business;
"Buyer"	has the meaning given to it in Article 12.1;
"C Shares"	means the C ordinary shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
"Called Shareholders"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.1;
"Called Shares"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.2.1;
"Capitalised Sum"	has the meaning given to it in Article 21.1.1(b);
"Cessation Date"	means the date on which a Leaver ceases to be an Employee;
"Chairman"	has the meaning given to it in Article 18.6;
"Chairman of the Meeting"	has the meaning given to it in Article 22.3.3;
"Companies Act"	the Companies Act 2006 (as amended, consolidated and restated from time to time);
"Company"	Landbay Partners Limited, a limited company registered in England & Wales

under No. 08668507;

"Compulsory Transfer Notice"	a notice given by a Shareholder to the Company appointing the Company the agent of the Shareholder with full power to transfer specified Shares to such person and on such terms, or to determine that such Shares should not be transferred, as the Company deems reasonable and appropriate.
"Controlling Interest"	means an interest in Shares giving to the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 995 of ITA 2007;
"D Shares"	means the D ordinary shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
"Drag Along Notice"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.1;
"Drag Along Option"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.1;
"Director"	a director of the Company from time to time;
"Disposal"	means the sale or other disposal (whether by one transaction or a series of related transactions) of: a) all or substantially all of the business and assets of the Company; or b) the entire issued share capital of any immediate Subsidiary or Subsidiaries to the extent that it or they comprise all or substantially all of the business and assets of the Group;
"Distribution Recipient"	has the meaning given to it in Article 20.2.2;
"Document"	includes summons, notice, order or other legal process and registers;
"E Shares"	means the E ordinary shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
"Electronic Form" and "Electronic Means"	have the meanings given to them in section 1168 of the Companies Act;
"EMI Scheme"	means the Enterprise Management Incentive share option scheme adopted by the Company on 8 May 2015, as varied or amended by the Company from time to time;
"Employee"	means a person who at the date of the adoption of these Articles or subsequently is employed by, or is a consultant to, any

	member of the Group or holds the office of director in any member of the Group;
"Employee Trust"	means any trust established by the Board to encourage or facilitate the holding of Shares by bona fide employees of any Group Company or by any section of such employees of any Group Company, the trustees of which shall be such persons as the Board shall agree;
"Exit Value"	means the aggregate value of the assets of the Company, available after the payment of its liabilities, on a distribution of assets or a return of capital, on liquidation or capital reduction or otherwise (except upon the redemption of Shares of any class or the purchase by the Company of its own Shares);
"Family Trusts"	in relation to an individual Shareholder, a trust or settlement set up wholly for the benefit of that individual Shareholder and/or his Relations;
"First Distribution"	means the distribution of: a) £99,990,000 of the assets of the Company amongst the holders of the Ordinary Shares and B Shares pro-rata according to the number of Ordinary Shares and B Shares held by them (as if the same class of share); and b) £9,999 of the assets of the Company amongst the holders of the C Shares, D Shares and E Shares pro-rata according to the number of C Shares, D Shares and E Shares held by them (as if the same class of share); and
"Fourth Distribution"	means the distribution of the assets of the Company amongst the holders of the Ordinary Shares, B Shares, C Shares, D Shares and E Shares pro-rata according to the number of Ordinary Shares, B Shares, C Shares, D Shares and/or E Shares held by them (as if the same class of share);
"Further Issue"	has the meaning given to it in Article 5.4.1;
"Fully Paid"	means, in relation to a Share, that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in respect of that Share have been paid to the Company;
"Group"	the Company and each and any of its

	subsidiaries from time to time, and "Group Company" shall be construed accordingly;
"Group Company Interest"	has the meaning given in Article 19.8;
"Growth Shares"	means the C Shares, D Shares, and E Shares;
"Growth Shares Plan"	means such employee share option scheme, including the EMI Scheme, implemented by the Company from time to time;
"Hard Copy Form"	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act;
"Holder"	in relation to Shares means (save as otherwise defined or where the context otherwise requires) the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the Shares;
"Holding Company"	has the meaning given to it in the Companies Act;
"Instrument"	means a Document in Hard Copy Form;
"Interested Directors"	has the meaning given to it in Article 19.3.2;
"ITA 2007"	the Income Tax Act 2007;
"Leaver"	means an Employee who ceases to be so for whatever reason (including death) and does not continue to be an Employee by reason of his status in relation to any Group Company;
"Leaver's Shares"	means all the B Shares and/or the Growth Shares held legally and/or beneficially by the Leaver (save where such Leaver is also a Holder of Ordinary Shares where such B Shares and/or Growth Shares (as the case may be) were acquired by operation of these Articles);
"Listing"	means the becoming effective of a listing of any Group Company's securities on a Stock Exchange or the granting of permission for any of any Group Company's securities to be traded on a Stock Exchange and the listing shall be treated as occurring on the day on which trading in the securities began;
"Listing Shares"	means the issued equity share capital of any Group Company (excluding any equity share capital to be subscribed and issued on such Listing and including new shares to be paid up by way of capitalisation of reserves or

arising from any sub-division, consolidation or conversion of shares);

"Listing Value"

means, in the event of a Listing, the market value of the Listing Shares determined by reference to the price per share at which such shares are to be offered for sale, placed or otherwise marketed pursuant to the arrangements relating to the Listing, all as determined by the financial advisers to the Company or, if none, the broker appointed by the Board to advise in connection with the Listing;

"Market Price"

means the market value of the shares concerned on the following assumptions and bases:

- a) to have regard to the rights and restrictions attached to the shares in respect of income, capital and transfer;
- b) to assume that the sale is on an arms' length basis between a willing vendor and a willing purchaser;
- c) to disregard whether or not the shares represent a minority or majority interest;
- d) to take no account of whether the shares do or do not carry control of the Company; and
- e) if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, to assume that it will continue to do so in the same manner as immediately prior to the date of the Transfer Notice giving rise to the valuation;

"Member of the Same Group"

as regards any company, a Subsidiary of that company, a company which is from time to time its Holding Company, and any other Subsidiary of any such Holding Company;

"New Shareholder"

has the meaning given to it in Article 13.11;

"Offer"

has the meaning given to it in Article 12.2;

"Offer Notice"

has the meaning given to it in Article 12.3;

"Offer Period"

has the meaning given to it in Article 12.3;

"Offer Shares"

has the meaning given to it in Article 12.3.4;

"Offered Shares"	has the meaning given to it in Article 8.2;
"Ordinary Resolution"	has the meaning given in section 282 of the Companies Act;
"Ordinary Shares"	the ordinary shares of £0.0001 each in the capital of the Company;
"Paid"	means paid or credited as paid;
"Persons Entitled"	has the meaning given to it in Article 21.1.1(b);
"Pre-emption Purchasers"	has the meaning given to it in Article 8.5 and "Pre-emption Purchaser" means any one of them;
"Proposed Buyer"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.1;
"Proposed Transfer"	has the meaning given to it in Article 12.1;
"Proxy Notice"	has the meaning given to it in Article 23.4.1;
"Relation"	the spouse, civil partner, widow or widower of a Shareholder and the Shareholder's children and grandchildren (including step and adopted children), and step and adopted children of the Shareholder's children;
"Relevant Securities"	means all Shares, rights to subscribe for Shares or to receive them for no consideration and all securities convertible into Shares, but excluding: a) the grant of options to subscribe for Shares under a Share Option Scheme, and the subsequent allotment of those Shares; and b) any Shares to be allotted and issued to an Employee Trust.
"Sale"	means: a) the sale or other disposal (whether by one transaction or a series of related transactions) of the entire issued share capital of the Company; or b) where the purchaser(s) and its connected persons (within the meaning of Section 252 of the Company Act) or associated bodies corporate (within the meaning of Section 256 of the Companies Act), as appropriate, already hold Shares, the sale or other disposal of such

number of Shares such that the purchaser(s) and his connected persons or associated bodies corporate, as appropriate, hold the entire issued share capital of the Company);

"Sale Date"	has the meaning given to it in Article 12.3;
"Sale Price"	has the meaning given to it in Article 8.3;
"Seller"	a transferor of Shares;
"Second Distribution"	means the distribution of (or, if the assets to be distributed are different to those set out in a) and b) below, in the apportionment between a) and b) below): a) £199,980,000 of the assets of the Company amongst the holders of the Ordinary Shares, B Shares and C Shares pro-rata according to the number of Ordinary Shares, B Shares and/or C Shares held by them (as if the same class of share); and b) £20,000 amongst the holders of D Shares and E Shares pro-rata according to the number of D Shares and/or E Shares held by them (as if the same class of share);
"Sellers' Shares"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.1;
"Selling Shareholders"	has the meaning given to it in Article 13.1;
"Shareholder"	a Holder of Shares;
"Share Option Scheme"	means any share option scheme of the Company for the incentivisation and/or reward of current and/or prospective employees of any Group Company;
"Shares"	shares in the capital of the Company from time to time including Growth Shares;
"Special Resolution"	has the meaning given in section 283 of the Companies Act;
"Specified Price"	has the meaning given to it in Article 12.2;
"Stock Exchange"	means The London Stock Exchange plc (including the Main Market and the AIM, the market of that name operated by The London Stock Exchange plc), ICAP Securities and Derivatives Exchange Limited (including the ISDX Main Board and ISDX Growth Market operated by ICAP Securities and

Derivatives Exchange Limited) or any other recognised investment exchange (as defined by Section 285, Financial Services and Markets Act 2000)), any recognised overseas investment exchange (as defined by Section 292, Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) or any investment exchange included in the Financial Conduct Authority's list of designated investment exchanges and their respective share dealing markets;

"Subsidiary"

shall have the meaning given to it in the Companies Act and a company shall be treated, for the purposes only of the membership requirement contained in subsection 1159(1)(b) and (c) of the Companies Act, as a member of another company even if its shares in that other company are registered in the name of (a) another person (or its nominee), whether by way of security or in connection with the taking of security, or (b) its nominee;

"Third Distribution"

means the distribution of (or, if the assets to be distributed are different to those set out in a) and b) below, in the apportionment between a) and b) below):

- a) £299,970,000 of the assets of the Company amongst the holders of the Ordinary Shares, B Shares, C Shares and D Shares pro-rata according to the number of Ordinary Shares, B Shares, C Shares and/or D Shares held by them (as if the same class of share); and
- b) £30,000 amongst the holders E Shares pro-rata according to the number E Shares held by them;

"Transfer Notice"

has the meaning given to it in Article 8.1;

"Transmittee"

means a person entitled to a Share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a Shareholder or otherwise by operation of law;

"Total Transfer Condition"

has the meaning set out in Article 8.2;

"Valuer"

means an independent accountant nominated by agreement between the Board and the transferor(s) or, failing agreement within 10 working days, nominated by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

"Writing" or "Written"

means printing, typewriting, lithography, photography and any other mode or modes of representing or reproducing words, symbols or other information in a legible and non-transitory form, including (subject to the provisions of the Companies Act) in Electronic Form.

- 2.2 References to the bankruptcy or insolvency of a person or the appointment of a liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver, or entry into compositions or arrangements with creditors shall include any analogous events or proceedings in any relevant jurisdiction.
- 2.3 References to a person shall include a natural person, body corporate or unincorporated body as the context requires.
- 2.4 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing any gender include any other gender.

3. SHARE CAPITAL AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 3.1 The share capital of the Company consists of the Ordinary Shares, the B Shares, and such Growth Shares as are issued from time to time by the Company.
- 3.2 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, the Ordinary Shares, the B Shares, C Shares, D Shares, and E Shares shall rank *pari passu* in all respects but shall constitute separate classes of Shares.
- 3.3 The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the Shares held by them.

4. SHARES

4.1 All Shares to be fully paid up

- 4.1.1 No Share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be Paid to the Company in consideration for its issue.
- 4.1.2 This does not apply to Shares taken on the formation of the Company by the subscribers to the Company's memorandum.

4.2 Powers to issue different classes of Share

- 4.2.1 Subject to the Articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing Share, the Company may issue Shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by Ordinary Resolution.
- 4.2.2 The Company may issue Shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the Holder, and the Directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such Shares.

4.3 **Rights attaching to Shares**

4.3.1 ***Income***

Ordinary Shares, B Shares and Growth Shares

Any profits which the Company or Board may determine to distribute shall be distributed 99.999% amongst the holders of the Ordinary Shares *pro rata* according to the number of Ordinary Shares held and 0.001% amongst the holders of B Shares and Growth Shares *pro-rata* according to the number of B Shares and/or Growth Shares held by them (as if the same class of share)

4.3.2 ***Voting***

(a) *Ordinary Shares*

The holders of the Ordinary Shares shall have the right to receive notice of and attend and vote and speak at any general meeting of the Company and shall be entitled to vote on any written resolution of the Company. Save, in each case, as provided otherwise in the Companies Act, each such holder present in person or by proxy or by representative shall be entitled on a show of hands to one vote and on a poll or written resolution to one vote for each Ordinary Share held by him.

(b) *B Shares*

The holders of the B Shares shall not have the right to receive notice of any general meeting of the Company nor the right to attend, speak or vote at any such general meeting and shall not be entitled to vote on any written resolution of the Company.

(c) *Growth Shares*

The holders of the Growth Shares shall not have the right to receive notice of any general meeting of the Company nor the right to attend, speak or vote at any such general meeting and shall not be entitled to vote on any written resolution of the Company.

4.3.3 ***Capital***

(a) In respect of the first £100 million of any Exit Value, £1 shall be paid to the holders of C Shares, D Share and E Shares *pro-rata* according to the number of C Shares, D Shares and/or E Shares held by them (as if the same class of Share), then secondly a First Distribution shall be made;

(b) In respect of the amount of any Exit Value between £100 million and £200 million, a Second Distribution shall be made.

(c) In respect of the amount of any Exit Value between £200 million and £300 million, a Third Distribution shall be made.

- (d) In respect of the amount of any Exit Value exceeding £300 million, a Fourth Distribution shall be made.

4.3.4 Exit provisions

- (a) Upon a Sale, the Shareholders who sell their Shares in such Sale will be entitled to share in the proceeds of the Sale in the manner set out in Article 4.3.3.
- (b) Upon a Disposal, 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) in the manner set out in Article 4.3.3 provided always that 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 (including actions that may be necessary to put the company into voluntary liquidation) to achieve a distribution in the manner set out in Article 4.3.3.
- (c) Immediately prior to and conditionally upon a Listing, the Shareholders shall enter into such re-organisation of the share capital of the Company as they may agree or, in default, as the Board may reasonably specify, to ensure that the Listing Value is allocated between the Shareholders in the same proportions as would occur on a Sale at that Listing Value.

4.4 Company not bound by less than absolute interests

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

4.5 Share certificates

- 4.5.1 The Company must issue each Shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the Shares which that Shareholder holds.
- 4.5.2 Every certificate must specify:
 - (a) in respect of how many Shares, of what class, it is issued;
 - (b) the nominal value of those Shares;
 - (c) that the Shares are fully Paid; and
 - (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them.
- 4.5.3 No certificate may be issued in respect of Shares of more than one class.
- 4.5.4 If more than one person holds a Share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 4.5.5 Certificates must:

- (a) have affixed to them the Company's common seal, or
- (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts.

4.6 Replacement share certificates

4.6.1 If a certificate issued in respect of a Shareholder's Shares is:

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

4.6.2 A Shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate:

- (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates;
- (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the Company if it is damaged or defaced; and
- (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the Directors decide.

5. FURTHER ISSUES OF SHARES

5.1 Section 550 of the Companies Act shall not apply to the Company. Subject to the remaining provisions of this Article 5, the Directors are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purpose of section 551 of the Companies Act, to exercise any power of the Company to offer, allot or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert securities into, or otherwise deal in, or dispose of, any Shares to any person, at any time and subject to any terms and conditions as the Directors think proper.

5.2 The authority referred to in Article 5.1:

- 5.2.1 shall be limited to a maximum nominal amount of £10,000.00;
- 5.2.2 shall only apply insofar as the Company has not renewed, waived or revoked it; and
- 5.2.3 may only be exercised for a period of five years commencing on the date of adoption of the Articles, save that the Directors may make an offer or agreement which would, or might, require Shares to be allotted after the expiry of such authority (and the Directors may allot Shares in pursuance of an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired).

5.3 The provisions of section 565 of the Companies Act shall not apply to the Company.

5.4 Unless otherwise agreed by way of a Special Resolution:

- 5.4.1 any Relevant Securities to be allotted by the Company ("**Further Issue**") shall first be offered to the holders of the Ordinary Shares by way of written offer in the same proportion as nearly as possible as the number of their existing holding of Ordinary Shares bears to the total number of Ordinary Shares in issue and such offers shall be open for acceptance for not less than 14 days from the latest date of despatch of the written offer to the members;
- 5.4.2 any Relevant Securities not accepted in that offer period shall then be offered to the holders of B Shares by way of written offer in the same proportion as nearly as possible as the number of their existing holding of B Shares bears to the total number of B Shares in issue and such offer shall be open for acceptance for not less than 14 days from the latest date of despatch of the written offer to the members.
- 5.5 If the total number of Relevant Securities applied for pursuant to an offer made under Article 5.4 is:
- 5.5.1 equal to or less than the number of Relevant Securities available, the Relevant Securities shall be allocated in satisfaction of the applications received; or
- 5.5.2 more than the number of Relevant Securities available, the Board shall allocate Relevant Securities in accordance with the following formula. This formula shall be applied repeatedly until there are no Relevant Securities remaining to be allocated. Each application of the formula is referred to below as an "iteration".

$$A = \frac{B}{C} \times D$$

A is the number of Relevant Securities to be allocated to the relevant member in the iteration.

B is the number of Ordinary Shares in respect of an offer pursuant to Article 5.4.1 or B Shares in respect of an offer made pursuant to Article 5.4.2, as appropriate, held by the relevant member.

C is the number of Ordinary Shares or B Shares, as appropriate, held by all the members to whom the iteration is being applied.

D is the number of Relevant Securities or, after the first iteration, the number of Relevant Securities remaining unallocated by previous iterations.

If in any iteration, a member would be allocated more than all of the Relevant Securities for which he applied (including allocations from previous iterations) then any excess will not be allocated to that member, who will cease to take part in any further iterations, and the excess Relevant Securities will be available for allocation in the next iteration.

- 5.6 The Board shall notify each member who applied for Relevant Securities of the number of Relevant Securities that have been allocated and the persons

to whom they have been allocated. The notification shall include the place and time (being not later than 14 days after the latest date by which applications had to be received) at which the allotment of the Relevant Securities shall be completed.

5.7 Any Relevant Securities not accepted or subscribed for by the members shall be at the disposal of the directors who may (within a period of 3 months from the end of the offer period under Article 5.4), grant options over or otherwise dispose of the same to such persons at a price per share and on terms no less favourable than that/those at which the same were offered to the holders of Ordinary Shares and/or B Shares (as the case may be), and otherwise on such terms as they think proper.

5.8 Pursuant to Section 567 of the Companies Act, sub-section (1) of Section 561 of the Companies Act and sub-sections (1) to (5) inclusive of Section 562 of the Companies Act 2006 shall be excluded from applying to the Company.

6. PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS ON SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES

6.1 The Company may pay any person a commission in consideration for that person:

6.1.1 subscribing, or agreeing to subscribe, for Shares, or

6.1.2 procuring, or agreeing to procure, subscriptions for Shares.

6.2 Any such commission may be Paid:

6.2.1 in cash or in fully Paid Shares or other securities, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and

6.2.2 in respect of a conditional or an absolute subscription.

7. EMPLOYEE SHARES

7.1 *Transfer by a Leaver*

Unless the Board in their absolute discretion determine otherwise, if any Employee becomes a Leaver:

7.1.1 a Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been served on the Cessation Date in respect of the Leaver's Shares;

7.1.2 any existing Transfer Notice relating to the relevant Leaver's Shares or any of them in force at the Cessation Date shall immediately be cancelled (unless the transferee(s) are bound to pay for such Shares and the transferor(s) are bound to transfer them in accordance with Article 8.6) and no further Transfer Notice shall be issued or be deemed to be issued in respect of the relevant Leaver's Shares except pursuant to this Article 7.1; and

7.1.3 all Leaver's Shares subject to a deemed Transfer Notice under Article 7.1.1 (and any Shares issued to the Leaver after the Cessation Date whether by virtue of the exercise of any right or

option granted or arising by virtue of the holding of the Leaver's Shares or otherwise) shall cease to confer the right to be entitled to receive notice of or to attend or vote at any general meeting or on any written resolution of the Company or at any meeting or on any written resolution of the holders of any class of Shares and such Shares shall not be counted in determining the total number of votes which may be cast at any such meeting or required for the purposes of a written resolution of any members or class of members or any consent under these Articles or otherwise. Such rights shall be restored immediately upon a Sale, a Listing or the Company registering a transfer of the relevant Leaver's Shares pursuant to these Articles.

7.2 PRICE OF LEAVER'S SHARES

The price for the Leaver's Shares shall be the price agreed by the Leaver and the Board save that if agreement is not reached within 14 days of the Cessation Date the Leaver or the Board may refer determination of the price to a Valuer in accordance with the following provisions:

- 7.2.1 if the Leaver ceases to be an Employee as a result of his death, long term illness, permanent disablement, redundancy (as defined in Section 139, Employment Rights Act 1996), retirement, wrongful dismissal or a Subsidiary ceasing to be a member of the Group, the price payable for the Leaver's Shares shall be the higher of Market Price and a price equivalent to the price paid by the Leaver (whether by purchase or subscription (including any premium paid on any such subscription)); and
- 7.2.2 if the Leaver ceases to be an Employee for any other reason, the price payable for the Leaver's Shares shall be the lower of a price equivalent to the price paid by the Leaver (whether by purchase or subscription (including any premium paid on any such subscription)) and Market Price.

7.3 As soon as practicable after agreement or determination of the price of the Leaver's Shares, they will be deemed to have been offered to the Company, which may:

- 7.3.1 direct that all or some of such Shares be transferred to one or more Board Invitees; and/or
- 7.3.2 accept the offer in respect of some or all of the Shares itself on condition that the purchase is permitted by the Companies Acts (as defined in Section 2 of the Companies Act (as defined in these Articles)).

7.4 On acceptance by a Board Invitee and/or the Company (as the case may be), the relevant transferor shall be bound to transfer the relevant Leaver's Shares to the Board Invitee(s) and/or the Company (as the case may be) and the Board Invitee(s) and/or the Company (subject to compliance with the Companies Acts (as defined in Article 7.3.2)) shall be bound to transfer the price for the relevant Leaver's Shares.

7.5 If the relevant transferor after becoming bound to transfer the relevant Offered Shares fails to do so or if the Board in its absolute discretion so determines, the Company may receive the price for the relevant Leaver's

Shares and the Board may appoint a person (acting as agent for the relevant transferor(s)) to execute instruments of transfer and/or any agreement in respect of the transfer of the relevant Leaver's Shares in favour of the Board Invitee and/or Company (as the case may be) and shall (subject only to stamping, if required) cause the register of shareholders of the Company to be updated accordingly and shall hold the price of the Leaver's Shares on trust for the relevant transferor. The receipt of the Company shall be a good discharge to the Board Invitee and/or the Company (as the case may be) and, after the register of shareholders of the Company has been updated under this provision, the validity of the transactions shall not be questioned by any person.

- 7.6 Any Leaver's Shares declined by the Company or by a Board Invitee, not accepted by the Company or by a Board Invitee within 20 working days of the offer to it being made will immediately be offered to the members in accordance with Article 8.

8. TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 8.1 Any member who desires to transfer (or enter into an agreement to transfer) any interest in his Shares must first offer them to the other members in accordance with this Article 8. The offer may be in respect of all or part only of the Shares held by the proposing transferor and shall be made by the proposing transferor by notice in writing to the Company (a **"Transfer Notice"**).
- 8.2 The Transfer Notice shall specify the number and class of Shares offered (the **"Offered Shares"**) and the name and address of the proposed transferee(s) (if any). Save where it is required or deemed to be given under Article 7, the Transfer Notice may contain a provision that, unless all the Offered Shares are sold under this Article, none shall be sold (**"Total Transfer Condition"**) and that provision shall have effect. The Transfer Notice shall constitute the directors as the agent of the proposing transferor for the sale of the Offered Shares at the Sale Price. Upon receipt, the Company shall send each Shareholder a copy of the Transfer Notice (or if appropriate, notify each Shareholder that a Transfer Notice is deemed to have been given).
- 8.3 The Sale Price means:
- 8.3.1 in the case of a deemed Transfer Notice in respect of the Leaver's Shares, the price determined in accordance with Article 7.2;
 - 8.3.2 in all other cases, the price specified in the Transfer Notice by the proposing transferor or, if none is specified, the Market Price as at the date of the Transfer Notice as agreed between the transferor and the Board save that if agreement is not reached within 10 working days of the day on which the Transfer Notice is given, either the transferor or the Board may refer determination of the Market Price to a Valuer.
- 8.4 As soon as practicable after the determination of the Sale Price, or if Article 7 applies, as soon as practicable after the Shares are available to be offered to the members, the directors shall give notice to all the members (other than the proposing transferor) of the number and description of the Offered Shares, the Sale Price and whether or not the Offered Shares are subject to

a Total Transfer Condition. The notice shall invite each of the members to state in writing to the Company within 20 working days of such notice being given whether he is willing to purchase any of the remaining Offered Shares, and if so the maximum number. The directors shall at the same time give a copy of the notice to the proposing transferor.

8.5 On the expiration of the 20 working day period the directors shall allocate the remaining Offered Shares to or amongst the members who have accepted the invitation ("**Pre-emption Purchasers**") and such allocation shall be made so far as practicable as follows:

8.5.1 if and to the extent that the Offered Shares are Ordinary Shares they shall be allocated in the following order amongst the following persons to the extent they are Pre-emption Purchasers:

- (a) firstly to the holders of Ordinary Shares;
- (b) secondly, to the extent the Offered Shares have not already been allocated to the holders of Ordinary Shares, to an Employee Trust (if any); and
- (c) thirdly to the extent the Offered Shares have not already been allocated to the holders of Ordinary Shares and/or an Employee Trust, to the holders of B Shares;

8.5.2 if and to the extent that the Offered Shares are B Shares they shall be allocated in the following order amongst the following persons to the extent they are Pre-emption Purchasers:

- (a) first to the holders of Ordinary Shares (other than the an Employee Trust);
- (b) secondly, to the extent the Offered Shares have not already been allocated to the holders of Ordinary Shares, to an Employee Trust; and
- (c) thirdly, to the extent the Offered Shares have not already been allocated to the holders of Ordinary Shares and/or the Employee Trust, to the holders of B Shares;

8.5.3 each allocation between the holders of any class of Shares shall in the case of competition be made pro rata to the number of Shares of that class held by them but shall not exceed the maximum which such holders have expressed a willingness to purchase; and

8.5.4 if the Transfer Notice contains a valid Total Transfer Condition, no allocation will be made unless all the Offered Shares are allocated.

8.6 On the allocation being made, the directors shall give details of the allocation in writing to the proposing transferor and each Pre-emption Purchaser and, on the 5th working day after such details are given, the Pre-emption Purchasers to whom the allocation has been made shall be bound to pay the Sale Price for, and to accept a transfer of, the Offered Shares allocated to them respectively and the proposing transferor shall be bound,

on payment of the Sale Price, to transfer the Offered Shares to the respective Pre-emption Purchasers to whom the allocation has been made.

- 8.7 If the proposing transferor after becoming bound to transfer any or all of the Offered Shares fails to do so, the Company may receive the Sale Price and the directors may appoint a person (acting as agent for the transferor(s)) to execute instruments of transfer of the Offered Shares in favour of the Pre-emption Purchasers to whom the allocation has been made and shall (subject only to stamping of the transfers, if required) cause the names of those Pre-emption Purchasers to be entered in the register of members of the Company as the holders of the Offered Shares and shall hold the Sale Price on trust for the proposing transferor. The receipt of the Company shall be a good discharge to those Pre-emption Purchasers and, after their names have been entered in the register of members of the Company under this provision, the validity of the transactions shall not be questioned by any person.
- 8.8 If, following the expiry of the 20 working day period referred to in Article 8.5, any of the Offered Shares have not been allocated under that Article, the proposing transferor may at any time within a period of 3 months after the expiry of the 20 working day period transfer the Offered Shares not allocated to any person and at any price (being not less than the Sale Price) provided that:
- 8.8.1 the transferee is a person (or nominee for a person) who the Board determine in their absolute discretion is not a competitor with, or associated with a competitor with, the Company;
 - 8.8.2 if the Transfer Notice contained a Total Transfer Condition, he shall not be entitled to transfer any of the Offered Shares unless in aggregate all the Offered Shares are so transferred;
 - 8.8.3 the directors may require to be satisfied that those Shares are being transferred under a bona fide sale for the consideration stated in the transfer without any deduction, rebate or allowance to the proposed purchaser and, if not so satisfied, may refuse to register the instrument of transfer; and
 - 8.8.4 the transferor has not failed or refused to provide promptly information available to him and reasonably requested by the directors for the purpose of enabling them to form the opinions mentioned above.
- 8.9 The Company is authorised to purchase its own Shares pursuant to Section 692(1)(b) of the Companies Act.
- 8.10 In these Articles, reference to the transfer of a Share includes the transfer, assignment or other disposal of a beneficial or other interest in that Share or the creation of a trust or encumbrance over that Share or the renunciation or assignment of any rights to receive or subscribe for that Share, and reference to a Share includes both a legal and a beneficial or other interest in a Share unless otherwise indicated, but it does not include, in situations where the Holder subscribed for or purchased the Share as nominee for one or more beneficial owners:
- 8.10.1 The transfer, assignment or other disposal of a beneficial or other interest in, or the creation of a trust or encumbrance over or the

renunciation or assignment of any rights to receive or subscribe for a beneficial or other interest in, a Share provided that the nominee that holds a legal interest in such Share remains the same; or

- 8.10.2 The transfer, assignment or other disposal of a legal interest in, or the creation of a trust or encumbrance over or the renunciation or assignment of any rights to receive or subscribe for a legal interest in, a Share from the nominee to any person who has a beneficial or other interest in that Share, provided that notice of such transfer is given to the Company.
- 8.11 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.
- 8.12 No fee may be charged for registering any Instrument of transfer or other Document relating to or affecting the title to any Share.
- 8.13 The Company may retain any Instrument of transfer which is registered.
- 8.14 The transferor remains the Holder of a Share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as Holder of it.
- 8.15 Any transfer of a Share by way of sale that is required to be made under these Articles shall be deemed to include a warranty that the transferor sells the Share with full title guarantee.
- 8.16 The Directors may refuse to register a transfer of a Share:
 - 8.16.1 unless it is lodged at the office or at such other place as the Directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to which it relates (or a suitable indemnity for any lost share certificate) and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
 - 8.16.2 to a bankrupt, a minor or a person of unsound mind; or
 - 8.16.3 to an employee, Director or prospective employee or Director where that person has not entered into a joint election with the Company under section 431 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003.
- 8.17 The Directors may, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of any Share, require the transferee to execute and deliver to the Company a deed agreeing to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement (or similar Document) in force between any of the Shareholders and the Company in such 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). If any condition is imposed in accordance with this Article 8.17, the transfer may not be registered unless that deed has been executed and delivered to the Company's registered office by the transferee.
- 8.18 To enable the Directors to determine whether or not there has been any transfer of a Share in breach of these Articles, the Directors may 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 provide the Company with any information and evidence that the Directors request regarding any matter which they deem relevant to that purpose. If the information or evidence is not provided to enable the Directors to determine to their reasonable satisfaction that no breach has occurred, or 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:

8.18.1 the relevant Shares shall cease to confer any rights to vote or to receive dividends or other distributions otherwise attaching to those Shares or to any further Shares in the capital of the Company issued in respect of those Shares, or in pursuance of an offer made to the relevant Holder; and

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

8.19 The rights referred to in Article 8.18.1 may be reinstated by the Directors at such time as they think fit or, if earlier, shall be reinstated on the completion of any transfer referred to in Article 8.18.2.

9. COMPULSORY TRANSFERS

9.1 Subject to Article 9.4, if any Shares remain registered in the name of a deceased Shareholder for longer than one year after the date of his death (save where such Shareholder becomes a Leaver, where the provisions of Article 7 shall apply), the Directors may require the legal personal representatives of that deceased Shareholder either:

9.1.1 to effect a transfer of those Shares; or

9.1.2 to show, to the satisfaction of the Directors, that a transfer will be effected before (or promptly on) the completion of the administration of the estate of the deceased Shareholder.

If either paragraph 9.1.1 or 9.1.2 of this Article 9.1 is not fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Directors, a Compulsory Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of such Shares on such date as the Directors determine.

9.2 Subject to Article 9.4, if a Shareholder is adjudged bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, then that Shareholder shall immediately be deemed to have given a Compulsory Transfer Notice in relation to all Shares held by him.

9.3 Subject to Article 9.4, if a Shareholder that is a company suffers or resolves for the appointment of a liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver over it (or a material part of its business) or enters into a composition or arrangement with its creditors generally, then that Shareholder shall

immediately be deemed to have given a Compulsory Transfer Notice in respect of all Shares held by it.

- 9.4 Where a Shareholder holds a legal interest in a Share on behalf of another person and the Company is on notice of such arrangement, the provisions of Articles 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 shall not apply to such Shareholder, and instead if such a Shareholder suffers or resolves for the appointment of a liquidator, administrator or administrative receiver over it (or a material part of its business) or enters into a composition or arrangement with its creditors generally, then:

9.4.1 If the Shareholder notifies the Company of its intention to transfer the legal interest in the relevant Shares within one month from the date of such appointment or composition or arrangement, then the Company shall, together with such Shareholder, take such steps as may be reasonably be required to effect such a transfer of the legal interest of the relevant Shares; and

9.4.2 If the Shareholder fails to notify the Company in accordance with Article 9.4.1, then a Compulsory Transfer Notice shall be deemed to have been given in respect of such Shares on such date as the Directors determine.

10. DEEMED NOTICES

Save where these Articles expressly provide otherwise, if in any case under the provisions of these Articles:

- 10.1 the directors require a Transfer Notice and/or Compulsory Transfer Notice to be given in respect of any Shares; or
- 10.2 a person has become bound to give a Transfer Notice and/or Compulsory Transfer Notice in respect of any Shares,

and such a Transfer Notice and/or Compulsory Transfer Notice (as the case may be) is not duly given within a period of two weeks of demand being made or within the period allowed thereafter respectively a Transfer Notice and/or Compulsory Transfer Notice (as the case may be) shall be deemed to have been given at the expiration of the said period.

11. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

11.1 Transmission

11.1.1 If title to a Share passes to a Transmitttee, the Company may only recognise the Transmitttee as having any title to that Share.

11.1.2 A Transmitttee who produces such evidence of entitlement to Shares as the Directors may properly require:

(a) may, subject to the Articles, choose either to become the Holder of those Shares or to have them transferred to another person: and

(b) subject to the Articles, and pending any transfer of the Shares to another person, has the same rights as the Holder had.

- 11.1.3 But Transmittes do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed Written resolution, in respect of Shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the Holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the Holders of those Shares.

11.2 Exercise of Transmittes' rights

- 11.2.1 Transmittes who wish to become the Holders of Shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in Writing of that wish.
- 11.2.2 If the Transmittes wishes to have a Share transferred to another person, the Transmittes must execute an Instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- 11.2.3 Any transfer made or executed under this Article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the Transmittes has derived rights in respect of the Share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

11.3 Transmittes bound by prior notices

If a notice is given to a Shareholder in respect of Shares and a Transmittes is entitled to those Shares, the Transmittes is bound by the notice if it was given to the Shareholder before the Transmittes's name has been entered in the register of members.

12. TAG ALONG

- 12.1 Except in the case of transfers pursuant to Article 7, Article 9 or Article 13, the provisions of Article 12.2 shall apply if, in one or a series of related transactions, one or more Sellers propose to transfer any Shares (a "**Proposed Transfer**") which would, if carried out, result in any person (other than a person who holds a Controlling Interest in the Company at that time or an Associate of such a person) (a "**Buyer**"), and any person Acting in Concert with the Buyer, acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company.
- 12.2 Before completing the Proposed Transfer, a Seller shall procure that the Buyer makes an offer (an "**Offer**") to each of the other Shareholders to buy all of the Shares held by them for a consideration in cash per Share that is at least equal to the highest price per Share offered or Paid by the Buyer, or any person Acting in Concert with the Buyer, in the Proposed Transfer or in any related previous transaction in the six months preceding the date of the Proposed Transfer (the "**Specified Price**").
- 12.3 The Offer shall be made by Written notice (an "**Offer Notice**"), at least 20 Business Days (the "**Offer Period**") before the proposed sale date (the "**Sale Date**"). To the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the Offer Notice shall set out:
 - 12.3.1 the identity of the Buyer;

- 12.3.2 the purchase price and other terms and conditions of payment;
 - 12.3.3 the proposed date of the transfer; and
 - 12.3.4 the number of Shares proposed to be purchased by the Buyer from each such Shareholder (the "**Offer Shares**").
- 12.4 If the Buyer fails to make the Offer to all holders of Shares in the Company then, except where Article 13.7 applies, the Seller shall not be entitled to complete the Proposed Transfer and the Company shall not register any transfer intended to effect the Proposed Transfer.
- 12.5 If the Offer is accepted by any Shareholder (an "**Accepting Shareholder**") within the Offer Period, the completion of the Proposed Transfer shall be conditional on completion of the purchase of all the Offer Shares held by all Accepting Shareholders.

13. **DRAG ALONG**

- 13.1 If the Holders of 50% or more of the Shares in issue for the time being (the "**Selling Shareholders**") wish to transfer all of their interest in Shares (the "**Sellers' Shares**") to a bona fide arm's length purchaser (the "**Proposed Buyer**"), the Selling Shareholders have the option to require all the other Holders of Shares (the "**Called Shareholders**") to sell and transfer all their Shares to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer directs) in accordance with the provisions of this Article (the "**Drag Along Option**").
- 13.2 The Selling Shareholders may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving Written notice to that effect (a "**Drag Along Notice**") at any time before the transfer of the Sellers' Shares to the Called Shareholders. The Drag Along Notice shall specify that:
- 13.2.1 the Called Shareholders are required to transfer all their Shares (the "**Called Shares**") pursuant to this Article 13;
 - 13.2.2 the person to whom the Called Shares are to be transferred;
 - 13.2.3 the consideration payable for the Called Shares calculated in accordance with Article 13.3; and
 - 13.2.4 the proposed date of the transfer.
- 13.3 Once issued, a Drag Along Notice shall be irrevocable. However, a Drag Along Notice shall lapse if, for any reason, the Selling Shareholders have not sold the Sellers' Shares to the Proposed Buyer within 20 Business Days of serving the Drag Along Notice. The Selling Shareholders may serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.
- 13.4 The Called Shareholders shall sell each Called Share for a consideration in cash per Share that is at least equal to the highest price per Share offered or Paid by the Proposed Buyer, or any person Acting in Concert with the Proposed Buyer, to the Selling Shareholders for the Sellers' Shares or in any related previous transaction in the six months preceding the date of the Drag Along Notice.

- 13.5 No Drag Along Notice shall require a Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically set out in this Article 13.
- 13.6 Completion of the sale of the Called Shares shall take place on the same date as the date proposed for completion of the sale of the Sellers' Shares unless all of the Called Shareholders and the Selling Shareholders agree otherwise.
- 13.7 Provided that the Proposed Buyer is ready, willing and able to complete the sale of the Called Shares on the completion date determined in accordance with Article 13.6, the requirement for a mandatory offer under Article 12 shall not apply to any transfer of Shares to a Proposed Buyer (or as they may direct) pursuant to a sale for which a Drag Along Notice has been duly served.
- 13.8 On the completion date determined in accordance with Article 13.6, the Called Shareholders shall deliver stock transfer forms for the Called Shares, together with the relevant share certificate (or a suitable indemnity for any lost share certificate) to the Company and, against delivery of such documents, the Company shall pay the Called Shareholders, on behalf of the Proposed Buyer, the amounts they are due pursuant to Article 13.3 to the extent that the Proposed Buyer has put the Company in the requisite funds. The Company's receipt for the price shall be a good discharge to the Proposed Buyer. The Company shall hold the amounts due to the Called Shareholders pursuant to Article 13.3 in trust for the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.
- 13.9 To the extent that the Proposed Buyer has not, on the completion date determined in accordance with Article 13.6, put the Company in funds to pay the consideration due pursuant to Article 13.3, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer form and share certificate (or suitable indemnity) for the relevant Called Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further obligations under this Article 13 in respect of their Shares.
- 13.10 If any Called Shareholder does not, on completion of the sale of the Called Shares, execute transfer(s) in respect of all of the Called Shares held by him, the defaulting Called Shareholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably appointed any person nominated for the purpose by the Selling Shareholders to be their agent to execute all necessary transfer(s) on his behalf and, against receipt by the Company (on trust for such Holder) of the consideration payable for the Called Shares, deliver such transfer(s) to the Proposed Buyer (or as they may direct) as the Holder thereof. After the Proposed Buyer (or their nominee) has been registered as the Holder, the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any such person. Failure to produce a share certificate shall not impede the registration of Shares under this Article 13.
- 13.11 Following the issue of a Drag Along Notice, on any person becoming a Shareholder of the Company pursuant to the exercise of a pre-existing option to acquire Shares or on 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. The New Shareholder shall then be bound to sell and transfer all Shares acquired by him to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer may direct) and the provisions of this Article 13 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.

14. DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

14.1 Directors' general authority

Subject to the Articles, the Directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company.

14.2 Shareholders' reserve power

14.2.1 The Shareholders may, by Special Resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.

14.2.2 No such Special Resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

14.3 Directors may delegate

14.3.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:

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

14.3.2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.

14.3.3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

14.4 Committees

14.4.1 Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors.

14.4.2 The Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

15. RECORDS AND RULES – DIRECTORS’ DECISIONS

15.1 Records of decisions to be kept

The Directors must ensure that the Company keeps a record, in Writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the Directors.

15.2 Directors’ discretion to make further rules

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

16. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

16.1 Number of Directors

Unless and until the Company by Ordinary Resolution determines otherwise, there shall be no minimum and no maximum number of Directors.

16.2 Methods of appointing Directors

16.2.1 Any person who is willing to act as a Director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a Director:

- (a) by Ordinary Resolution, or
- (b) by a decision of the Directors.

16.2.2 In any case where, as a result of death, the Company has no Shareholders and no Directors, the personal representatives of the last Shareholder to have died have the right, by notice in Writing, to appoint a person to be a Director.

16.2.3 For the purposes of paragraph 16.2.2, where two or more Shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger Shareholder is deemed to have survived an older Shareholder.

16.3 Termination of Directors’ appointment

A person ceases to be a Director as soon as:

- 16.3.1 that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
- 16.3.2 a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- 16.3.3 a composition is made with that person’s creditors generally in satisfaction of that person’s debts;
- 16.3.4 a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has

become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a Director and may remain so for more than three months;

- 16.3.5 by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have;
- 16.3.6 notification is received by the Company from the Director that the Director is resigning from office as Director, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms;
- 16.3.7 he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the Directors from meetings of Directors held during that period (and his alternate Director (if any) has not during such period attended in his place) and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;
- 16.3.8 he is convicted of a criminal offence (other than a motoring offence not involving a term of imprisonment) and the Directors resolve that his office should be vacated; or
- 16.3.9 he is removed from office by notice in Writing served upon him by a majority of his fellow Directors, but only if he was appointed as a Director pursuant to Article 16.2.1(b).

16.4 Directors' remuneration

- 16.4.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the Directors decide.
- 16.4.2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine
 - (a) for their services to the Company as Directors, and
 - (b) for any other service which they undertake for the Company.
- 16.4.3 Subject to the Articles, a Director's remuneration may
 - (a) take any form, and
 - (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that Director.
- 16.4.4 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 16.4.5 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as Directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.

16.5 Directors' expenses

- 16.5.1 The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at:
- (a) meetings of Directors or committees of Directors;
 - (b) general meetings; or
 - (c) separate meetings of the Holders of any class of Shares or of debentures of the Company,
 - (d) or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

17. **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

17.1 **Appointment and removal of alternates**

17.1.1 Any Director (the "**Appointor**") may appoint as an alternate any other Director, or any other person approved by resolution of the Directors, to:

- (a) exercise that Director's powers, and
- (b) carry out that Director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the Directors in the absence of the alternate's Appointor.

17.1.2 Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in Writing to the Company signed by the Appointor, or in any other manner approved by the Directors.

17.1.3 The notice must:

- (a) identify the proposed alternate, and
- (b) in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the Director giving the notice.

17.2 **Rights and responsibilities of alternate Directors**

17.2.1 An alternate Director may act as alternate Director to more than one Director and has the same rights, in relation to any decision of the Directors, as the alternate's Appointor.

17.2.2 Alternate Directors:

- (a) are deemed for all purposes to be Directors;
- (b) are liable for their own acts and omissions;
- (c) are subject to the same restrictions as their Appointors; and
- (d) are not deemed to be agents of or for their Appointors

and in particular (without limitation), each alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of Directors and of all meetings of committees of Directors of which his Appointor is a member.

- 17.2.3 A person who is an alternate Director but not a Director:
- (a) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating (but only if that person's Appointor is not participating);
 - (b) may participate in a unanimous decision of the Directors (but only if his Appointor is eligible to vote in relation to that decision but does not participate); and
 - (c) shall not be counted as more than one Director for the purposes of Articles 17.2.3(a) and 17.2.3(b).
- 17.2.4 A Director who is also an alternate Director is entitled, in the absence of his Appointor, to a separate vote on behalf of his Appointor, in addition to his own vote on any decision of the Directors (provided that his Appointor is eligible to vote in relation to that decision), but shall not count as more than one Director for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.
- 17.2.5 An alternate Director may be paid expenses and may be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as his Appointor but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for serving as an alternate Director except such part of the alternate's Appointor's remuneration as the Appointor may direct by notice in Writing made to the Company.

17.3 Termination of alternate Directorship

An alternate Director's appointment as an alternate terminates:

- 17.3.1 when the alternate's Appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company in writing specifying when it is to terminate;
- 17.3.2 on the occurrence in relation to the alternate of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's Appointor, would result in the termination of the Appointor's appointment as a Director;
- 17.3.3 on the death of the alternate's Appointor; or
- 17.3.4 when the alternate's Appointor's appointment as a Director terminates.

18. DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

18.1 Directors to take decisions collectively

18.1.1 The general rule about decision-making by Directors is that any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 18.2.

18.1.2 If:

- (a) the Company only has one Director, and
- (b) no provision of the Articles requires it to have more than one Director,

the general rule does not apply, and the Director may take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of these Articles relating to Directors' decision-making, including those set out in Article 18.5.

18.2 Unanimous decisions

18.2.1 A decision of the Directors is taken in accordance with this Article when all eligible Directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.

18.2.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in Writing, copies of which have been signed by each eligible Director or to which each eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in Writing.

18.2.3 References in this Article to "eligible Directors" are to Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter had it been proposed as a resolution at a Directors' meeting.

18.2.4 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this Article if the eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting.

18.3 Calling a Directors' meeting

18.3.1 Any Director may call a Directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the Directors or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) to give such notice.

18.3.2 Notice of any Directors' meeting must indicate:

- (a) its proposed date and time;
- (b) where it is to take place; and
- (c) if it is anticipated that Directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.

18.3.3 Notice of a Directors' meeting must be given to each Director, but need not be in Writing.

- 18.3.4 Notice of a Directors' meeting need not be given to Directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the Company not more than seven days after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it.

18.4 Participation in Directors' meetings

- 18.4.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:
- (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles, and
 - (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting.
- 18.4.2 In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.
- 18.4.3 If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is.

18.5 Quorum for Directors' meetings

- 18.5.1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 18.5.2 The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two.
- 18.5.3 If the total number of Directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Directors must not take any decision other than a decision:
- (a) to appoint further Directors, or
 - (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the Shareholders to appoint further Directors.

18.6 Chairing of Directors' meetings

- 18.6.1 The Directors may appoint a Director to chair their meetings.
- 18.6.2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the "**Chairman**".
- 18.6.3 The Directors may terminate the Chairman's appointment at any time.

- 18.6.4 If the Chairman is not participating in a Directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating Directors must appoint one of themselves to chair it.

18.7 Casting vote

- 18.7.1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal are equal, the Chairman or other Director chairing the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- 18.7.2 Article 18.7.1 does not apply if, in accordance with the Articles, the Chairman or other Director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF DIRECTORS

- 19.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and provided that he has previously disclosed the nature and extent of such duty or interest to the Directors in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, a Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:
- 19.1.1 may vote at a Board meeting (or any committee of the Directors), and form part of a quorum present at that meeting, or participate in any decision making of the Directors in relation to such transaction or arrangement with the Company;
- 19.1.2 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any such transaction or arrangement; and
- 19.1.3 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives from any such transaction or arrangement and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest nor shall the receipt of any remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.
- 19.2 For the purposes of section 175 of the Companies Act, the Directors shall have the power to authorise any matter which would or might otherwise constitute or give rise to a breach of the duty of a Director under that section to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company.
- 19.3 Authorisation of a matter under Article 19.2 shall be effective only if:
- 19.3.1 the matter in question shall have been proposed in writing for consideration at a meeting of the Directors or in accordance with the Board's normal procedures or in such other manner as the Directors may approve;
- 19.3.2 any requirement as to the quorum at the meeting of the Directors at which the matter is considered is met without counting the Director in question and any other interested Director (together the "**Interested Directors**") save that if there are only two

Directors holding office, the quorum for that part of the meeting dealing with the matter is to be authorised under Article 19.2, shall be any Director who is not interested in the matter and Article 18.5.2 shall be amended accordingly;

- 19.3.3 the matter was agreed to without the Interested Directors voting or would have been agreed to if the votes of the Interested Directors had not been counted; and
 - 19.3.4 in taking the decision, the Directors act in a way they consider, in good faith, will be most likely to promote the Company's success.
- 19.4 Any authorisation of a matter pursuant to Article 19.2 shall extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter so authorised.
- 19.5 Any authorisation of a matter under Article 19.2 shall be subject to such conditions or limitations as the Directors (excluding the Interested Directors) may determine, whether at the time such authorisation is given or subsequently, and may be varied or terminated by the Directors (excluding the Interested Directors) at any time. Such conditions or limitations may include (without limitation):
- 19.5.1 (without prejudice to a Director's general obligations of confidentiality) the application to the interested Director of a strict duty of confidentiality to the Company for any confidential information of the Company in relation to the matter;
 - 19.5.2 the exclusion of the interested Director from all information relating to, and discussion by the Company of, the matter; and
 - 19.5.3 that, where the interested Director obtains (other than through his position as a Director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, he will not be obliged to disclose it to the Company or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs in circumstances where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence.
- 19.6 A Director shall comply with any obligations imposed on him by the Directors pursuant to any such authorisation.
- 19.7 A Director shall not, save as otherwise agreed by him, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives from any matter authorised by the Directors under Article 19.2 and any contract, transaction or arrangement relating thereto shall not be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such benefit.
- 19.8 Subject to compliance by him with his duties as a Director under Part 10 of the Companies Act (other than the duty in section 175(1) of the Companies Act which is the subject of this Article 19.8), a Director (including the chairman of the Board (if any) and any other non-executive Director) may, at any time:
- 19.8.1 be an officer of, employed by, or hold Shares or other securities (whether directly or indirectly) in, the Company; or

- 19.8.2 be a Director or other officer of, employed by or hold Shares or other securities (whether directly or indirectly) in, or otherwise be interested, whether directly or indirectly, in any other Group Company,

(in either case a "**Group Company Interest**") and notwithstanding his office or the existence of an actual or potential conflict between any Group Company Interest and the interests of the Company which would fall within the ambit of that section 175(1), the relevant Director:

- (a) shall be entitled to attend any meeting or part of a meeting of the Directors or a committee of the Directors at which any matter which may be relevant to the Group Company Interest may be discussed, and to vote on any resolution of the Directors or a committee thereof relating to such matter, and any board papers relating to such matter shall be provided to the relevant Director at the same time as the other Directors (save that a Director may not vote on any resolution in respect of matters relating to his employment with the Company or other Group Company);
- (b) shall not, save as otherwise agreed by him, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him) derives in consequence of any Group Company Interest and any contract, transaction or arrangement relating to a Group Company Interest shall not be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such benefit; and
- (c) will not be obliged to disclose to the Company or use for the benefit of the Company any confidential information received by him by virtue of his Group Company Interest and otherwise than by virtue of his position as a Director, if to do so would breach any duty of confidentiality to any other Group Company or third party.

19.9 Any Director who has a Group Company Interest shall, as soon as reasonably practicable following the relevant interest arising, disclose to the Board the existence of such interest and the nature and extent of such interest so far as the relevant Director is able at the time the disclosure is made provided that no such disclosure is required to be made of any matter in respect of which the relevant Director owes any duty of confidentiality to any third party. A disclosure made to the Board under this Article 19.9 may be made either at a meeting of the Board or by notice in Writing to the Company marked for the attention of the Directors.

19.10 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 19.8, the Directors (excluding the Interested Directors) may at any time impose such conditions or limitations on the authorisations given under Article 19.8 and may vary or terminate any such authorisations in respect of a particular Group Company Interest.

20. **DIVIDENDS**

20.1 **Procedure for declaring dividends**

- 20.1.1 The Company may by Ordinary Resolution declare dividends, and the Directors may decide to pay interim dividends.

- 20.1.2 A dividend must not be declared unless the Directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
- 20.1.3 No dividend may be declared or Paid unless it is in accordance with Shareholders' respective rights.
- 20.1.4 Unless the Shareholders' resolution to declare or Directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which Shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be Paid by reference to each Shareholder's holding of Shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.
- 20.1.5 If the Company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be Paid on Shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrears.
- 20.1.6 The Directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment.
- 20.1.7 If the Directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the Holders of Shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on Shares with deferred or non-preferred rights.

20.2 **Payment of dividends and other distributions**

- 20.2.1 Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a Share, it must be Paid by one or more of the following means:
 - (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in Writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
 - (b) sending a cheque made payable to the Distribution Recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the Distribution Recipient's registered address (if the Distribution Recipient is a holder of the Share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the Distribution Recipient either in writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide;
 - (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the Distribution Recipient has specified either in Writing or as the Directors may otherwise decide; or
 - (d) any other means of payment as the Directors agree with the Distribution recipient either in Writing or by such other means as the Directors decide.
- 20.2.2 In the Articles, "the **Distribution Recipient**" means, in respect of a Share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:
 - (a) the Holder of the Share; or

- (b) if the Share has two or more joint Holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
- (c) if the Holder is no longer entitled to the Share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the Transmittree.

20.3 No interest on distributions

20.3.1 The Company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a Share unless otherwise provided by:

- (a) the terms on which the Share was issued, or
- (b) the provisions of another agreement between the Holder of that Share and the Company.

20.4 Unclaimed distributions

20.4.1 All dividends or other sums which are:

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

20.4.2 The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the Company a trustee in respect of it.

20.4.3 If:

- (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
- (b) the Distribution Recipient has not claimed it, the Distribution Recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the Company.

20.5 Non-cash distributions

20.5.1 Subject to the terms of issue of the Share in question, the Company may, by Ordinary Resolution on the recommendation of the Directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a Share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, Shares or other securities in any company).

20.5.2 For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the Directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution:

- (a) fixing the value of any assets;
- (b) paying cash to any Distribution Recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients; and

- (c) vesting any assets in trustees.

20.6 **Waiver of distributions**

20.6.1 Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a Share by giving the Company notice in Writing to that effect, but if:

- (a) the Share has more than one Holder; or
- (b) more than one person is entitled to the Share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint Holders, or otherwise,

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

21. **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

21.1 **Authority to capitalise and appropriation of Capitalised Sums**

21.1.1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may, if they are so authorised by an Ordinary Resolution:

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

21.1.2 Capitalised Sums must be applied:

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

21.1.3 Any Capitalised Sum may be applied in paying up new Shares of a nominal amount equal to the Capitalised Sum which are then allotted credited as fully Paid to the Persons Entitled or as they may direct.

21.1.4 A Capitalised Sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the Company which are then allotted credited as fully Paid to the Persons Entitled or as they may direct.

21.1.5 Subject to the Articles the Directors may:

- (a) apply Capitalised Sums in accordance with Articles 21.1.3 and 21.1.4 partly in one way and partly in another;
- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with Shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this Article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and
- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the Persons Entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of Shares and debentures to them under this Article.

22. ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS

22.1 Attendance and speaking at general meetings

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

22.2 Quorum for general meetings

No business other than the appointment of the Chairman of the Meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum.

22.3 Chairing general meetings

- 22.3.1 If the Directors have appointed a Chairman, the Chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.

22.3.2 If the Directors have not appointed a Chairman, or if the Chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start:

(a) the Directors present, or

(b) (if no Directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a Director or Shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the Chairman of the Meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

22.3.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this Article is referred to as the "**Chairman of the Meeting**".

22.4 **Attendance and speaking by Directors and non-Shareholders**

22.4.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are Shareholders.

22.4.2 The Chairman of the Meeting may permit other persons who are not:

(a) Shareholders of the Company, or

(b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of Shareholders in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting.

22.5 **Adjournment**

22.5.1 If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the Chairman of the Meeting must adjourn it.

22.5.2 The Chairman of the Meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if:

(a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or

(b) it appears to the Chairman of the Meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner.

22.5.3 The Chairman of the Meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting.

22.5.4 When adjourning a general meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting must:

(a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors, and

- (b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.

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

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

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

23. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

23.1 Voting: general

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

23.2 Errors and disputes

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

23.2.2 Any such objection must be referred to the Chairman of the Meeting, whose decision is final.

23.3 Poll votes

23.3.1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:

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

23.3.2 A poll may be demanded by:

- (a) the Chairman of the Meeting;
- (b) the Directors;
- (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution; or

- (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution.

23.3.3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:

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

23.3.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the Chairman of the Meeting directs.

23.4 **Content of proxy notices**

23.4.1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in Writing (a "**Proxy Notice**"), which:

- (a) states the name and Address of the Shareholder appointing the proxy;
- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that Shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
- (c) is signed by or on behalf of the Shareholder appointing the proxy, or is Authenticated in such manner as the Directors may determine; and
- (d) is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate,

and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid, unless the Directors, in their discretion, accept the notice at any time before the meeting.

23.4.2 In calculating any period of hours for the purpose of this Article, no account shall be taken of any day or part of a day that is not a Business Day.

23.4.3 The Company may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

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

23.4.5 Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:

- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and

- (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

23.5 Delivery of Proxy Notices

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

23.6 Amendments to resolutions

- 23.6.1 An Ordinary Resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by Ordinary Resolution if:
 - (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in Writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
 - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the Chairman of the Meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 23.6.2 A Special Resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by Ordinary Resolution, if:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 23.6.3 If the Chairman of the Meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

24. NAME

The Company may change its name by a decision of the Board.

25. COMMUNICATIONS

25.1 Any Document or information required or permitted to be given by or to the Company, any Shareholders and Directors under these Articles or the Companies Act, other than a notice convening a meeting of the Directors, shall, unless otherwise specified in these Articles, be in Writing and, subject to the Companies Act and any specific requirements of these Articles, may be given:

25.1.1 personally or by sending it by post or other delivery service in a prepaid envelope addressed to the recipient at its registered address, or any other Address notified to the sender for the time being for the service of Documents or information, or by leaving it at any such Address or by any other means authorised in Writing by the recipient concerned;

25.1.2 by sending it in Electronic Form to an Address for the time being notified to the sender by the recipient for that purpose; or

25.1.3 in the case of any Document or information to be given by the Company, by making it available on a website.

25.2 If properly addressed, a Document or information sent or supplied by the Company in accordance with Article 25.1 shall be deemed to be received:

25.2.1 in the case of a Document or information delivered personally or left at the recipient's Address, when delivered or left;

25.2.2 in the case of a Document or information sent by post or other delivery service, 48 hours after sending;

25.2.3 in the case of a Document or information sent by Electronic Means, immediately after sending; and

25.2.4 in the case of a Document or information made available on a website:

(a) when the Document or information was first made available on the website; or

(b) if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the Document or information was made available on the website.

25.3 In the case of Documents or information sent or supplied by the Company, proof that an envelope containing a Document or information was properly addressed, prepaid and posted (or consigned to the relevant delivery service or, in the case of a Document or information delivered personally or left at the recipient's Address, was properly addressed and delivered personally or left at the recipient's Address) shall be conclusive evidence that the document or information was given. In the case of Documents or information sent or supplied by the Company, proof that a Document or information contained in an electronic communication was sent in

accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the Document or information was given.

- 25.4 A Document or information sent in Electronic Form shall not be treated as received by the Company if it is rejected by computer virus protection arrangements.
- 25.5 Where a Document or information is sent or supplied to the Company it must be Authenticated. Where a Document or information is sent or supplied to the Company by a person on behalf of another, the Company may require reasonable evidence of the authority of the former to act on behalf of the latter.
- 25.6 In the case of joint Holders of a Share, all Documents or information required to be given by the Company may be given either to each of the joint holders or to the joint Holder whose name stands first in the register of Shareholders in respect of the joint holding and Documents or information so given shall be sufficiently given to all the joint holders.
- 25.7 A Shareholder whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the Company an Address within the United Kingdom at which Documents or information may be given to him or an Address to which Documents or information may be given to him in Electronic Form shall be entitled to have Documents or information given to him at such Address but otherwise, subject to the Companies Act, no such Shareholder shall be entitled to receive any Document or information from the Company.
- 25.8 A Shareholder present, either in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) by a duly authorised representative, at any meeting of the Company or of the Holders of any class of Shares shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

26. COMPANY SEALS

- 26.1 Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the Directors.
- 26.2 The Directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used.
- 26.3 Unless otherwise decided by the Directors, if the Company has a common seal and it is affixed to a Document, the Document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature.
- 26.4 For the purposes of this Article, an authorised person is:
 - 26.4.1 any Director of the Company;
 - 26.4.2 the Company secretary (if any); or
 - 26.4.3 any person authorised by the Directors for the purpose of signing Documents to which the common seal is applied.

27. NO RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORDS

Except as provided by law or authorised by the Directors or an Ordinary Resolution of the Company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the Company's accounting or other records or Documents merely by virtue of being a Shareholder.

28. PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS

The Directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a Director or former Director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that Subsidiary.

29. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

29.1 Subject to Article 29.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which they may otherwise be entitled, each relevant director shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against:

29.1.1 any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an associated company;

29.1.2 any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act; and

29.1.3 any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Company or an associated company.

29.2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Act or by any other provision of law.

29.3 Subject to the provisions of, and so far as may be permitted by, the Companies Act, the Company shall be entitled to fund by way of loan (or make arrangements for him to avoid incurring) the expenditure of every relevant director incurred or to be incurred in defending any criminal or civil proceedings or any investigation or other action proposed to be taken by a regulatory authority or in connection with any application for relief.

29.4 The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss.

29.5 In this Article:

29.5.1 companies are associated if one is a Subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate;

29.5.2 a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the Company or an associated company; and

29.5.3 a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that

director's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated company.