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Introduction

1. Interpretation

1.1 In these Articles, the following words have the following meanings:

Articles: the Company's articles of association for the time being in force;

Business Day: a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England when banks in London are open for business;

CA 2006: the Companies Act 2006;

Controlling Interest: an interest in shares giving to the holder or holders control of the Company within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010;

Group: in relation to a company, that company, any subsidiary or holding company from time to time of that company, and any subsidiary from time to time of a holding company of that company. Each company in a Group is a **member of the Group**;

holding company: has the meaning given in article 1.5;

Model Articles: the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (*SI 2008/3229*) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles and reference to a numbered Model Article is a reference to that article of the Model Articles:

subsidiary: has the meaning given in article 1.5;

Writing or written: the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise;

1.2 Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and

expressions which have particular meanings in the CA 2006 shall have those meanings in these Articles but excluding any statutory modification of them not in force on the date when these Articles become binding on the Company.

- 1.3 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.4 A reference in these Articles to an article is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 1.5 A reference to a **holding company** or a **subsidiary** means a holding company or a subsidiary (as the case may be) as defined in section 1159 of the CA 2006 and for the purposes only of the membership requirement contained in sections 1159(1)(b) and (c), a company shall be treated 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), by way of security or in connection with the taking of security; or
 - (b) its nominee.
- 1.6 Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.
- 1.7 A reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision.
- 1.8 Any words following the terms **including**, **include**, **in particular**, **for example** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

2. Adoption of the Model Articles

2.1 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles or are inconsistent with these Articles, and, subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies, shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation.

3. Tag along

3.1 The provisions of article 3.2 to article 3.5 shall apply if a shareholder (**Seller**) proposes to transfer Shares to a bona fide purchaser on arm's length terms (**Proposed Transfer**)

- and such transfer would, if carried out, result in such person (**Buyer**) acquiring a Controlling Interest in the Company.
- 3.2 Before making a Proposed Transfer, the Seller shall procure that the Buyer makes an offer (Offer) to the holders of all the other Shares in issue for the time being to purchase all of the Shares held by all the Shareholders for a consideration in cash per Share that is at least equal to the price per Share offered by the Buyer in the Proposed Transfer (Specified Price).
- 3.3 The Offer shall be made by written notice (Offer Notice), at least 20 Business Days before the proposed transfer date (Transfer Date). To the extent not described in any accompanying documents, the Offer Notice shall set out:
 - (a) the identity of the Buyer;
 - (b) the Specified Price and other terms and conditions of payment;
 - (c) the Transfer Date; and
 - (d) the number of Shares proposed to be purchased by the Buyer (Offer Shares).
- 3.4 If the Buyer fails to make the Offer in accordance with article 3.2 and article 3.3, the Seller shall not be entitled to complete the Proposed Transfer and the Company shall not register any transfer of Shares effected in accordance with the Proposed Transfer.
- 3.5 If the Offer is accepted by the holders of the Shares in writing within 15 Business Days of receipt of the Offer Notice, the completion of the Proposed Transfer shall be conditional on completion of the purchase of all the Offer Shares held by such shareholder.

4. Drag along

- 4.1 If a Shareholder or Shareholders wish to transfer all (but not some only) of their Shares representing at least 75% of the Shares in issue for the time being to a bona fide purchaser on arm's length terms (**Proposed Buyer**), the Seller may require the holders of the remaining Shares (**Called Shareholders**) to sell and transfer all of their shares (**Called Shares**) to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer directs) in accordance with the provisions of this article (**Drag Along Option**).
- 4.2 The Seller may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving written notice to that effect to the Called Shareholders (**Drag Along Notice**) at any time before the transfer of the Shares to the Proposed Buyer. The Drag Along Notice shall specify:
 - (a) that the Called Shareholder is required to transfer all of its Called Shares pursuant to this article 4;
 - (b) the person to whom the Called Shares are to be transferred;

- (c) the purchase price payable for the Called Shares which shall, for each Called Share, be an amount at least equal to the price per Share offered by the Proposed Buyer for the Seller's Shares; and
- (d) the proposed date of the transfer.
- 4.3 Once issued, a Drag Along Notice shall be irrevocable. However, a Drag Along Notice shall lapse if, for any reason, the Seller has not sold its Shares to the Proposed Buyer within 20 Business Days of serving the Drag Along Notice. The Seller may serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.
- 4.4 No Drag Along Notice shall require the Called Shareholder to agree to any terms except those specifically set out in this article 4.
- 4.5 Completion of the sale of the Called Shares shall take place on the Completion Date. Completion Date means the date proposed for completion of the sale of the Seller's Shares unless:
 - (a) the Seller and the Called Shareholder agree otherwise in which case the Completion Date shall be the date agreed in writing by them; or
 - (b) that date is less than 20 Business Days after the date on which the Drag Along Notice is served, in which case the Completion Date shall be the 20 Business Day after service of the Drag Along Notice.
- 4.6 On or before the Completion Date, the Called Shareholders shall execute and deliver stock transfer forms for the Called Shares, together with the relevant share certificate(s) (or a suitable indemnity for any lost share certificate(s)) to the Company. On the Completion Date, the Company shall pay the Called Shareholder, on behalf of the Proposed Buyer, the amounts due pursuant to article 4.2 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 Shareholder in trust for the Called Shareholder without any obligation to pay interest.
- 4.7 To the extent that the Proposed Buyer has not, on the Completion Date, put the Company in funds to pay the purchase price due in respect of the Called Shares, the Called Shareholder shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer form and share certificate(s) (or suitable indemnity) for the relevant Called Shares and the Called Shareholder shall have no further rights or obligations under this article 4 in respect of its Shares.
- 4.8 If the Called Shareholder does not, on or before the Completion Date, execute and deliver (in accordance with article 4.6) transfer(s) in respect of all of the Called Shares held by it, the Called Shareholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably appointed any

person nominated for the purpose by the Seller to be its agent to execute all necessary transfer(s) on its behalf, against receipt by the Company (on trust for such holder) of the purchase price payable for the Called Shares, and to deliver such transfer(s) to the Proposed Buyer (or as he may direct) as the holder thereof. After the Proposed Buyer (or its nominee) has been registered as the holder of the Called Shares, 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 4.8.