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## **PART 1**

### **INTERPRETATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

#### **1. DEFINED TERMS**

##### **1.1 In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise:**

<b>"An Ordinary Share"</b>	an ordinary share of £1 each in the capital of the company designated as an A Ordinary Share and having the right set out in these Articles.
<b>"Act"</b>	the Companies Act 2006.
<b>"B Ordinary Share"</b>	share of £1 each in the capital of the company designated as a B Ordinary Share and having the right set out in these Articles.
<b>"Business Day"</b>	any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the United Kingdom) on which clearing banks in the City of London are generally open for business.
<b>"C Ordinary Share"</b>	an ordinary share of £1 each in the capital of the company designated as a C Ordinary Share and having the right set out in these Articles.
<b>"capitalised sum:"</b>	has the meaning given in article 43.1(b).
<b>"chairman"</b>	has the meaning given in article 12.
<b>"chairman of the meeting"</b>	has the meaning given in article 46.
<b>"Companies Act"</b>	the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Act), in so far as they apply to the Company.
<b>"Conflict"</b>	has the meaning given in article 15.1.
<b>"D Ordinary Share"</b>	an ordinary share of £1 each in the capital of the company designated as a D Ordinary Share and having the right set out in these Articles.
<b>"director"</b>	a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called.
<b>"distribution recipient"</b>	has the meaning given in article 37.2.
<b>"document"</b>	includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form.
<b>"Electronic form"</b>	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act.
<b>"eligible director"</b>	a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular

	matter).
<b>"Financial Institution"</b>	has the meaning given in article 32.9.
<b>"fully paid"</b>	in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the Company in respect of that share have been paid to the Company.
<b>"hard copy form"</b>	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Act.
<b>"holder"</b>	in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares.
<b>"instrument"</b>	a document in hard copy form.
<b>"Interested Director"</b>	has the meaning given in article 15.1.
<b>"Majority Decision"</b>	a decision carried out by a majority of the directors and taken pursuant to these Articles.
<b>"Model Articles"</b>	the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2009/3229) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles.
<b>"ordinary resolution:"</b>	has the meaning given in section 282 of the Act.
<b>"ordinary shares"</b>	the ordinary shares of £1.00 (one pound sterling each) in the capital of the Company having the rights set out in these Articles.
<b>"paid"</b>	paid or credited as paid.
<b>"participate"</b>	in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10.
<b>"persons entitled"</b>	has the meaning given in article 43.1(b).
<b>"proxy notice"</b>	has the meaning given in article 52.1.
<b>"Qualifying Representative"</b>	in relation to a shareholder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a person authorised under section 232 of the Act to act as the representative of that shareholder, in relation to the relevant general meeting; or</li> <li>(b) a person appointed as proxy of that shareholder in relation to the relevant general meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>"shareholder"</b>	a person who is the holder of a share.
<b>"shares"</b>	a share or shares in the Company.

<b>"special resolution"</b>	has the meaning given in section 283 of the Act.
<b>"transmittee"</b>	a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law.
<b>"Unanimous Decision"</b>	has the meaning given in article 8.
<b>"Valuer"</b>	the accountants or auditors for the time being of the Company or, if they decline the instruction, an independent firm of accountants jointly appointed by the Company and the Seller or, in the absence of agreement between the Company and the Seller on the identity of the expert within ten business days, an independent firm of accountants appointed by the President, for the time being, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (in each case acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator).
<b>"writing"</b>	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 Act shall have the same meanings in these Articles.
- 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 Act 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, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time, taking account of:
  - (a) any subordinate legislation from time to time made under it; and
  - (b) any amendment or re-enactment and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts.

- 1.7 Any phrase introduced by the terms 'including', 'include', 'in particular' or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.
- 1.8 Neither the Model Articles nor any other articles of association (whether prescribed pursuant to the Act or set out in any other statute, statutory instrument or any other subordinate legislation concerning companies) shall apply to the Company.
2. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS
- 2.1 The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them.

## **PART 2**

### **DIRECTORS**

#### **DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **3. DIRECTORS' GENERAL AUTHORITY**

- 3.1 Subject to these 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.

##### **4. SHAREHOLDERS' RESERVE POWER**

- 4.1 The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action.
- 4.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

##### **5. DIRECTORS MAY DELEGATE**

- 5.1 Subject to these Articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under these 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.
- 5.2 If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated.
- 5.3 The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

##### **6. COMMITTEES**

- 6.1 Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of these Articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.
- 6.2 The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from these Articles if they are not consistent with them. The provisions of these Articles shall apply equally to meeting of any committee of the directors as to meetings of the directors.



## DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

### 7. DIRECTORS TO TAKE DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY

7.1 The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a Majority Decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 8.

7.2 If

- (a) the Company only has one director for the time being; and
- (b) no provision of these Articles requires it to have more than one director, the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of these Articles relating to directors' decision-making.

### 8. UNANIMOUS DECISIONS

8.1 A decision of the directors is a **unanimous decision** if:

- (a) all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter; and
- (b) had the matter in questions been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting, the eligible directors would have formed a quorum at that meeting.

8.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each eligible director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.

8.3 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.

8.4 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.

### 9. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING

9.1 Any director may call a meeting of the directors by giving not less than five Business Days' notice of the meeting (or such shorter period of notice as agreed in writing by the directors) to each director or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice.

9.2 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.

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

- 9.4 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.

## 10. PARTICIPATION IN DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 10.1 Subject to these 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 these 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.

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

- 10.3 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.

## 11. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 11.1 At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

- 11.2 The quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of directors is any three eligible directors.

- 11.3 If the total number of directors in office 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.

## 12. CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 12.1 The post of chairman of the directors will be held in alternate meetings by each of the directors and the director appointed will chair that meeting.

- 12.2 The person so appointed for the time being is known as the '**chairman**'.

- 12.3 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.

## 13. CASTING VOTE

- 13.1 If the numbers of votes for and against a proposal at a meeting of directors are equal, the chairman or other director chairing the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

## 14. TRANSACTIONS OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY

- 14.1 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) and sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the Act, and provided he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Acts, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:
- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;
  - (b) shall be an eligible director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
  - (c) shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of the directors, or participate in any unanimous decision, in respect of such existing or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
  - (d) may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
  - (e) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, anybody corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
  - (f) shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the Act)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Act.
- 14.2 For the purposes of this article, references to proposed decisions and decision-making processes include any directors' meeting or part of a directors' meeting.
- 14.3 Subject to article 14.4, if a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.
- 14.4 If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.
15. DIRECTORS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
- 15.1 The directors may, in accordance with the requirements set out in this article, authorise any matter or situation proposed to them by any director which would, if not authorised, involve a director (an **Interested Director**) breaching his duty under section 175 of the Act to avoid conflicts of interest (a **Conflict**).
- 15.2 Any authorisation under this article 15 will be effective only if:

- (a) the matter in question shall have been proposed by any director for consideration in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to the directors under the provisions of these Articles or in such other manner as the directors may determine;
- (b) any requirement as to the quorum for consideration of the relevant matter is met without counting the Interested Director; and
- (c) the matter was agreed to without the Interested Director voting or would have been agreed to if the Interested Director's vote had not been counted.

15.3 Any authorisation of a Conflict under this article 15 may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):

- (a) extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised;
- (b) provide that the Interested Director be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict;
- (c) provide that the Interested Director shall or shall not be an eligible director in respect of any future decision of the directors in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict;
- (d) impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the directors think fit;
- (e) provide that, where the Interested Director obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise 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 that information to the Company, or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and
- (f) permit the Interested Director to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any meeting of the directors and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the directors to the extent to which they relate to such matters.

15.4 Where the directors authorise a Conflict the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the directors in relation to the Conflict.

15.5 The directors may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time, but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director, prior to such revocation of variation, in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.

15.6 A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the directors or by the Company in general meeting (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.

## 16. RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT

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

16.2 Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in permanent form, so that they may be read with the naked eye.

**17. DIRECTORS' DISCRETION TO MAKE FURTHER RULES**

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

**APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS**

**18. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

18.1 Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall not be less than one.

**19. METHODS OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS**

19.1 No person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director unless either

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

19.2 In any case where, as a result of death or bankruptcy, the Company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder to have died or to have a bankruptcy order made against him (as the case may be) have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a natural person (including a transmittee who is a natural person), who is willing to act and is permitted to do so, to be a director.

19.3 For the purposes of article 19.2, 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.

**20. TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT**

20.1 A person ceases to be a director as soon as:

- (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or is prohibited from being a director by law;
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person;
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts;
- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;

- (e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have; or notification is received by the Company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms.

## **21. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

- 21.1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the directors decide.
- 21.2 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.
- 21.3 Subject to these 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.
- 21.4 Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day.
- 21.5 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.

## **22. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

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

## **PART 3**

### **SHARES AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **SHARES**

##### **23. ALL SHARES TO BE FULLY PAID UP**

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the Company by the subscribers to the Company's memorandum.

##### **24. POWERS TO ISSUE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF SHARE**

- 24.1 Subject to the other provisions of these 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 special resolution or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the directors may decide.
- 24.2 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.
- 24.3 Save to the extent authorised by these Articles or authorised from time to time by an ordinary resolution, the directors shall not exercise any power to allot shares or to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, any shares in the Company.

##### **25. SHARE CLASSES AND RIGHTS**

- 25.1 The share capital of the Company shall be divided into:

- (a) A Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each;
- (b) B Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each;
- (c) C Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each; and
- (d) D Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each.

- 25.2 The A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares shall be separate classes of shares and, save as provided in Articles 26, 27 and 28, shall carry the same rights and privileges and shall rank *pari passu* in all respects.

##### **26. DIVIDEND RIGHTS**

- 26.1 For the A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares, any dividend declared for that particular class of shares in accordance with article 36
- 26.2 The directors may declare interim dividends and recommend dividends to the company at different rates on each of the different classes of shares in the Company and in particular, but without limitation of the general power, may declare a dividend on any one or more class of shares without declaring a dividend on all of the classes of shares.

**27. CAPITAL RIGHTS**

27.1 On return of capital or assets on reconstruction (other than a solvent reconstruction), liquidation, capital reduction or otherwise (save for a repurchase of own shares pursuant to Part 18 of the Act), the capital or assets of the Company remaining after the payment of its liabilities shall (to the extent that the Company is lawfully able to do so) be applied in the following order of priority:

- (a) first, in equal order of priority, paying to each holder of A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares, as appropriate, a sum equal to the nominal value paid up on each such class of shares (and, if there is a shortfall of assets remaining to satisfy such payments in full, the proceeds shall be distributed to the holders of the A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares pro rate);
- (b) second, in paying to each holder of A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares, as appropriate, a sum equal to any arrears or deficiency of any dividend declared, but unpaid, on such A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares (and, if there is a shortfall of assets remaining to satisfy such payments in full, the proceeds shall be distributed to the holders of the A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares pro rate to the aggregate amount outstanding under this article 27.1(b) on the A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares); and
- (c) finally, in distributing the balance of the Company's assets (if any) amongst the holders of the A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares pro rate.

**28. VOTING RIGHTS AND CONSENTS**

28.1 The A Ordinary Shares, B Ordinary Shares, C Ordinary Shares and D Ordinary Shares shall be full voting shares and shall entitle the holders to receive notice of and to attend and vote at all general meetings of the Company.

**29. COMPANY NOT BOUND BY LESS THAN ABSOLUTE INTERESTS**

29.1 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 these 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.

**30. SHARE CERTIFICATES**

30.1 The Company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds.

30.2 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.



- 30.3 No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class.
- 30.4 If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it.
- 30.5 Certificates must:

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

### **31. REPLACEMENT SHARE CERTIFICATES**

- 31.1 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.

- 31.2 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 or indemnity as the directors decide.

### **32. SHARE TRANSFERS**

- 32.1 Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer, assignment or other disposal of a beneficial or other interest in that share, or the creation of a trust of encumbrance over that share, and reference to a share includes a beneficial or other interest in a share.

- 32.2 No share shall be transferred, and the directors shall refuse to register a transfer of any shares, unless it is made in accordance with these Articles. The directors shall register any duly stamped transfer made in accordance with these Articles, unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

- 32.3 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.

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

- 32.5 The Company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered.

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

- 32.7 The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent.

32.8 To enable the directors to determine whether or not there has been a transfer of shares in the Company in breach of these Articles, the directors may from time to time require any shareholder to provide the Company with such information and evidence as they may reasonably require relevant to that purpose. If a shareholder fails to provide information or evidence in respect of any shares registered in its name to the reasonable satisfaction of such directors within twenty Business Days of their request, such directors may serve a notice on the shareholder stating that the shareholder shall not in relation to those shares be entitled to be present or to vote in person or by proxy at any general meeting of the Company or any meeting of the holders of shares of that call, or to vote on a written resolution of the shareholders or to receive dividends on the shares until such evidence or information has been provided to the directors' satisfaction. Such directors may reinstate these rights at any time.

32.9 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles or otherwise, no transferor of any shares in the Company is required to comply with any restriction on the transfer of such shares and any such restriction shall not apply to, and the director(s) shall not refuse or decline to register, nor suspend registration of, any transfer of such shares where such transfer is:

- (a) to any bank, lender, financial institution or other person (or any agent, trustee, affiliate of, or nominee or other entity appointed by or acting on behalf of, such a bank, lender, financial institution or other person) (a **Financial Institution**) by way of security (whether such Financial Institution is acting as agent, trustee, on its own account or otherwise);
- (b) duly executed by a Financial Institution pursuant to a power of sale or other power under or in connection with any security document which creates any security interest over such shares; and/or
- (c) duly executed by a receiver or manager appointed by or on behalf of a Financial Institution under or in connection with any security document which creates any security interest over such shares,

and:

- (i) no transferor of any shares in the Company to a Financial Institution;
- (ii) no Financial Institution; and/or
- (iii) no receiver or manager appointed by or on behalf of a Financial Institution,

shall be required to offer the shares which are or are to be the subject of any transfer described in this Article 32.9 to the members for the time being of the Company or any of them, and no such member shall have any right under these Articles or otherwise to require such shares to be transferred to that member whether for consideration or not.

A certificate by any officer or employee of a Financial Institution that the shares were subject to any security and the transfer was so executed will be conclusive evidence of such facts.

For the purposes of this Article 32, "person" includes any person, individual, firm, company, corporation, government, state or agency of a state or any undertaking (within the meaning of section 1161(1) of the Companies Act 2006) or other association (whether or not having separate legal personality) or any two or more of the foregoing.

- 32.10 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles or otherwise any present or future lien on shares in favour of the Company shall not apply in respect of any shares (whether fully or partly paid) which are to be or have been transferred (by way of security or otherwise) to, or otherwise secured in favour of, a Financial Institution (as defined in Article 32.9) or which are or are to be transferred in accordance with the provisions of Article 32.9 above.

### **33. TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

- 33.1 If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the Company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share.
- 33.2 A transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require:
- (a) may, subject to the other provisions of these Articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person; and
  - (b) subject to the other provisions of these Articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder had.
- 33.3 Transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the holder's death or bankruptcy or otherwise, unless they become the holders of those shares.

### **34. EXERCISE OF TRANSMITTEES' RIGHTS**

- 34.1 Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the Company in writing of that wish.
- 34.2 If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, subject to the other provisions of these Articles, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it.
- 34.3 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 transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred.

### **35. TRANSMITTEES BOUND BY PRIOR NOTICES**

- 35.1 If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee is entitled to those shares, the transmittee is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name, or the name of any person(s) named as the transferee(s) in an instrument of transfer executed under article 34.2, has been entered in the register of members.

## **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

### **36. PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING DIVIDENDS**

- 36.1 The Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends.
- 36.2 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.

- 36.3 No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights.
- 36.4 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.
- 36.5 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.
- 36.6 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.
- 36.7 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.

### **37. PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS**

- 37.1 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 in writing;
- (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 in writing;
- (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified in writing; or
- (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient in writing.

- 37.2 In these Articles, the **distribution recipient** means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable:

- (a) the holder of the share; or
- (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members; or
- (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee.

### **38. NO INTEREST ON DISTRIBUTIONS**

- 38.1 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.

### **39. UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **39.1 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.

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

#### **39.3 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.

### **40. NON-CASH DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **40.1 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).**

#### **40.2 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.

### **41. WAIVER OF DISTRIBUTIONS**

#### **41.1 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.

### **42. PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES**

42.1 Subject to the Act but without prejudice to any other provision of these Articles, the Company may purchase its own shares in accordance with Chapter 4 of Part 18 of the Act, including (without limitation) with cash up to any amount in a financial year not exceeding the lower of:

- (a) £15,000; and
- (b) the value of 5% of the Company's share capital.

#### **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

#### **43. AUTHORITY TO CAPITALISE AND APPROPRIATION OF CAPITALISED SUMS**

43.1 Subject to these 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 (**persons entitled**) and in the same proportions.

43.2 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.

43.3 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.

43.4 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.

43.5 Subject to these Articles the directors may:

- (a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with articles 43.3 and 43.4 partly in one way and partly in another;
- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments); and
- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the Company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article.

## **PART 4**

### **DECISION-MAKING BY SHAREHOLDERS**

#### **ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

##### **44. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 44.1 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.
- 44.2 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.
- 44.3 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.
- 44.4 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.
- 44.5 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.

##### **45. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 45.1 The quorum at any general meeting of the Company, or adjourned general meeting, shall be two persons present in person or by proxy.
- 45.2 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.

##### **46. CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 46.1 If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so.
- 46.2 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.
- 46.3 The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as 'the **chairman of the meeting**'.

**47. ATTENDANCE AND SPEAKING BY DIRECTORS AND NON-SHAREHOLDERS**

47.1 Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders.

47.2 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.

**48. ADJOURNMENT**

48.1 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.

48.2 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.

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

48.4 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.

48.5 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than fourteen 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.

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

**VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

**49. VOTING: GENERAL**

49.1 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 these Articles.



49.2 On a vote on a resolution on a show of hands at a general meeting every shareholder (whether present in person or one of more Qualifying Representatives) has one vote.

49.3 On a vote on:

- (a) a resolution on a poll taken at a general meeting; or
- (b) a written resolution, every shareholder has one vote in respect of each share held by him.

## 50. ERRORS AND DISPUTES

50.1 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.

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

## 51. POLL VOTES

51.1 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.

51.2 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the Act) present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

51.3 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.

A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

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

## 52. CONTENT OF PROXY NOTICES

52.1 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 these Articles not less than forty-eight 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.

52.2 The Company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.

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

52.4 Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:

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

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

### 53. DELIVERY OF PROXY NOTICES

53.1 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.

53.2 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.

53.3 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.

53.4 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.

### 54. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

54.1 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 forty-eight 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.

54.2 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.
- 54.3 If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

## **PART 5**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **55. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED**

55.1 Subject to these Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under these Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Act provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of the Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company.

55.2 Any notice, document or other information shall be deemed served on or delivered to the intended recipient:

- (a) if properly addressed and sent by prepaid United Kingdom first class post to an address in the United Kingdom, forty-eight hours after it was posted (or five Business Days after posting either to an address outside the United Kingdom or from outside the United Kingdom to an address within the United Kingdom if (in each case) sent by reputable international overnight courier addressed to the intended recipient, provided that delivery in at least five Business Days was guaranteed at the time of sending and the sending party receives a confirmation of delivery from the courier service provider);
- (b) if properly addressed and delivered by hand, when it was given or left at the appropriate address; and
- (c) if properly addressed and sent or supplied by electronic means, twenty-four hours after the document or information was sent or supplied,

For the purposes of this article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a Business Day.

55.3 In proving that any notice, document or other information was properly addressed, it shall be sufficient to show that the notice, document or other information was delivered to an address permitted for the purpose by the Act.

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

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

#### **56. NO RIGHT TO INSPECT ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECORDS**

56.1 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.

#### **57. PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES ON CESSATION OF BUSINESS**

57.1 The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director

or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or that subsidiary.

## **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

### **58. INDEMNITY**

58.1 Subject to article 58.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:

- (a) each relevant officer shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's (or any associated company's) affairs; and
- (b) the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in article 58.1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.

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

58.3 In this article:

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and
- (b) a relevant officer means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or an associated company.

### **59. INSURANCE**

59.1 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.

59.2 In this article:

- (a) a relevant officer means any director or other officer or former director or other officer of the Company or an associated company;
- (b) a relevant loss means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company or associated company; and
- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.