# FORBIDDEN TECHNOLOGIES PLC

# Memorandum

(as altered by Special Resolutions dated 22 November 1999 and 25 January 2000)

### and

# **Articles of Association**

(as amended by Special Resolutions dated 26 June 2009, 6 June 2017 and 30 April 2018)



6 New Street Square London EC4A 3DJ

Reference: MCK/555099/11

# **CONTENTS**

Certificate of incorporation
Certificate of incorporation on change of name
Certificate of incorporation on re-registration as a public limited company
Memorandum of Association
Contents of the Articles of Association
Articles of Association

# Companies Act 1985 to 1989 A Public Company Limited by Shares

### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

(as altered by Special Resolutions dated 22 November 1999 and 25 January 2000)

of

# FORBIDDEN TECHNOLOGIES PLC

- 1. The Company's name is Forbidden Technologies plc. \*
- 2. The Company is to be a public company.
- 3. The Company's Registered Office is to be situate in England.
- 4. The Company's objects are:-
  - A. To carry on business as a general commercial company.
  - B. To carry on any other business which, in the opinion of the Company, may be capable of being conveniently or profitably carried on in conjunction with or subsidiary to any other business of the Company and is calculated to enhance the value of the Company's property.
  - C. To guarantee or give security for the payment or performance of any contracts, debts, or obligations of any person, company or firm, for any purpose whatsoever, and to act as agents for the collection, receipt or payment of money and generally to give any guarantee, security or indemnity.
  - D. To take on lease, purchase or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire and hold for any interest or estate any buildings, lands, easements, privileges, rights, concessions, patent rights, patents, secret processes, licences, machinery, plant, stock-in-trade, and any real or personal property of any kind convenient or necessary for the purpose of or in connection with the Company's business or any department or branch thereof.
  - E. To apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire and hold any patents, licences, concessions, brevets d'invention, copyrights and the like, conferring any right to

1

36791419\_1.doc

.

<sup>\*</sup> The Company's name was changed from Doublepower Limited to Forbidden Technologies Limited on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1998. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1999 the Company re-registered as a public company.

- use or publish any secret or other information and to use, develop, exercise, or grant licences in respect of the property, rights and information so acquired.
- F. To erect, build, construct, or reconstruct, lay down, alter, enlarge and maintain any factories, buildings, works, shops, stores, plant and machinery necessary or convenient for the Company's business and to contribute to or subsidise the construction, erection and maintenance of any of the aforesaid.
- G. To subscribe for, take, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold, sell, deal with or dispose of any share, stocks, debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations and securities, guaranteed by any company constituted or carrying on business in any part of the world and debentures, debenture stocks, bonds, obligations and securities guaranteed by any Government or Authority, Municipal, Parochial, Local or otherwise, within and without the United Kingdom and so to subscribe for the same either conditionally or otherwise and to guarantee the subscription thereof and to enforce and exercise all rights and powers conferred by the ownership thereof.
- H. To promote by the way of advertising the products and services of the Company in any manner and to reward customers or potential customers and to promote and take part in any scheme likely to benefit the Company. In particular (but without limitation):
  - (a) the Company shall be entitled to promote by way of sponsorship and/or other payments or other assistance, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any musical concerts or events or other forms of entertainment and/or educational events, if the Board is of the opinion that such promotion would or might benefit the Company (directly or indirectly); and
  - (b) the Company shall be entitled to order and sell or otherwise promote, on such terms as the Board thinks fit, products and other materials with a view to the promotion (directly or indirectly) of the name, image and/or reputation of the Company.
- I. To borrow or raise money and secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on the Company in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by mortgages of or charges upon the undertaking and all or any of the real or heritable and personal or moveable property (present or future) and the uncalled capital for the time being of the Company or by the creation and issue of debenture stocks, debentures or other obligations or securities of any description.
- J. To support, guarantee and/or secure either with or without consideration the payment of any debenture stocks, debentures, dividends, shares or moneys or the performance of engagements or contracts of any other company or person and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) of any company which is, for the time being, the Company's holding company defined by Section 736 of the Companies Act, 1985 or another subsidiary, as defined by the said section, of the Company's holding company or otherwise associated with the Company in business and to give indemnities and guarantees of all kinds and by way of security as aforesaid either with or without consideration to mortgage

and charge the undertaking and all or any of the real and personal property and assets present or future, to issue debentures and debenture stock and collateral or further to secure any securities of the Company by a Trust Deed or other assurance and to enter into partnership or any joint purse arrangement with any person, persons, firm or company.

- K. To make advances to customers and others with or without security, and upon such terms as the Company may approve, and to guarantee the dividends, interest and capital of the stocks, shares or securities of any company of or in which the Company is a member or is otherwise interested.
- L. To take part in the management, formation, control or supervision of the business or operation of any company or undertaking and for that purpose to appoint and remunerate any directors, experts or agents.
- M. To employ experts to examine and investigate into the character, prospects, value, condition and circumstances of any undertaking and business concerns and generally of any property, assets or rights.
- N. To draw, make, accept, endorse, negotiate, discount and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments; to receive money on deposit or loan upon such terms as the Company may approve, and generally to act as bankers for customers and others.
- O. To promote or establish or concur in promoting or establishing any other company whose objects shall include the taking over of or the acquisition of all or any of the assets or liabilities of this Company or the promotion of which shall be in any manner calculated to advance directly or indirectly the objects or interests of this Company and to hold, acquire, dispose of stocks, shares or securities issued by or any other obligations of any such company.
- P. To deal with and invest the moneys of the Company not immediately required for the purpose of the business of the Company in or upon such investments and in such manner as the Company may approve.
- Q. To accept payment for any rights or property sold or otherwise disposed of or dealt with by the Company, either in cash, by instalments or otherwise, or in partly or fully paid-up shares or stock of any corporation or company, with or without deferred or preferred or special rights or restrictions in respect of repayment of capital, dividend, voting or otherwise, or in mortgages or debentures or other securities of any corporation or company or partly in another, and generally on such terms as the Company may determine and to hold, dispose of or otherwise deal with any stock, shares or securities so acquired.
- R. To enter into any partnership or amalgamate with or enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, interests, or co-operative with any company, person or firm carrying on or proposing to carry on any business within the objects of this Company or which is capable of being carried on so as to benefit this Company, whether directly or indirectly and to acquire and hold, deal with, sell or dispose of any stock, shares or securities of or other interests in any such company, and to

guarantee the contracts or liabilities of, otherwise assist or subsidise, any such company.

- S. To pay for any right or property acquired by the Company either in cash or partly or fully paid-up shares with or without deferred or preferred or special rights or restrictions in respect of repayment of capital, dividend, voting or otherwise, or by any securities which the Company has power to issue, and generally on such terms and conditions as the Company may determine.
- T. To develop, improve, manage, sell, turn to account, let on rent, royalty, exchange, share of profits or otherwise, grant easements, licences and other rights in or over, and in any other manner dispose of or deal with the undertaking and all or any of the assets and property for the time being of the Company for such consideration as the Company may think fit.
- U. To acquire, purchase, take over and undertake part or all of the business, property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any firm, person or company carrying on any business the carrying on of which is calculated to benefit this Company or to advance its interests generally.
- V. To aid in the support and establishment of any educational, scientific, religious or charitable institutions or trade associations or societies, whether such associations, societies or institutions be solely connected with the business carried on by the Company or its predecessors in business or not, and to maintain and institute any club, society or other organisation.
- W. To grant pensions, gratuities, allowances and bonuses to employees or exemployees, officers or ex-officers of the Company or its predecessors in business or the dependants of such persons and to maintain and establish or concur in maintaining funds, trusts or schemes, (whether contributory or non-contributory) with a view to providing pensions or other funds for any such persons or their dependants as aforesaid.
- X. To distribute in specie any of the shares, debentures or securities of the Company or any proceeds of sale or disposal of any property of the Company between the members of the Company in accordance with the rights, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made except with the sanction (if any) for the time being required by law.
- Y. To do all or any of the above things in any part of the world either alone as principals, or as agents, trustees, sub-contractors or otherwise.
- Z. To do all such things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

It is hereby declared that the objects of the Company as specified in each of the foregoing sub-clauses of this Clause shall be separate and distinct objects of the Company and shall not in any way be limited by reference to any other sub-clauses or the order in which the same occur. The widest interpretation shall be given to the objects contained in each sub-clause of this Clause and shall not save where the context expressly so requires be in any way restricted or limited by inference from or reference to

any other objects or objects set forth in such sub-clause. None of such sub-clauses or the objects mentioned therein or the powers thereby conferred shall be deemed ancillary to or subsidiary to the powers or objects specified in any other sub-clause.

- 5. The liability of the members is limited.
- 6. The share capital of the Company is £1,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £,1 each. \*\*

The capital of the Company was increased from 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each by a Special Resolution passed on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1998. By Special Resolution passed on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1999, the Company's capital was sub-divided into 20,000,000 ordinary shares of 5p each. By Special Resolution passed on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1999, the Company's share capital was re-organised so as to consist of 25,000,000 ordinary shares of 4p each. Pursuant to an Ordinary Resolution passed on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2000, the Company's share capital was further sub-divided so as to consist of 125,000,000 ordinary shares of 4/5p each. Pursuant to a Special Resolution passed on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013, the Company's share capital was increased to £1,600,000 divided into 200,000,000 ordinary shares of 4/5p each.

By Special Resolution passed on 30th April 2018 the Company's current authorised share capital limit was removed.

We, the subscribers to this Memorandum of Association, wish to be formed into a Company pursuant to this Memorandum; and we agree to take the number of Shares shown opposite our respective names.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SUBSCRIBE	Number of Shares taken by each Subscriber
L.C.I. Secretaries Limited 60 Tabernacle Street London EC2A 4NB	ONE
Limited Company	
L.C.I. Directors Limited 60 Tabernacle Street London EC2A 4NB	ONE
Corporate Director	
Dated the 2nd day of February	1998

Witness to the above Signatures:-

Robert Conway 60 Tabernacle Street London EC2A 4NB

Formations Manager

# CONTENTS OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

	Page
INTERPRETATION  1 2 3 4 5	12
TABLE A EXCLUDED 6	14
RESOLUTIONS 7 8	14
REGISTERED OFFICE 9	14
SHARE CAPITAL  10  11  12  13  14  15  16	15
SHARE CERTIFICATES  17 18 19 20 21 22 23	15
LIEN 24 25 26 27	16
CALLS ON SHARES 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	17
FORFEITURE OF SHARES 36 37 38 39	18

40 41 42 43 44	
CREST 45	20
TRANSFER OF SHARES 46 47 48 49 50 51	20
TRANSMISSION OF SHARES 53 54 55	21
DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS 56 57	22
ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL 58 59 60 61 62	23
VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS 63 64 65	24
GENERAL MEETINGS  66  67  68  69  70  71  72  73  74	25
PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS 75 76 77 78 79 80 81	26

27

36791419\_1.doc 8

VOTING

82 83	
POLL 84 85 86 87 88 89	28
NUMBER OF VOTES 90 91 92 93 94	28
PROXY 95 96 97 98 99 100	29
CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES 101	31
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE INTEREST 102 103 104 105 106	31
UNTRACED MEMBERS 107 108 109 110	33
APPOINTMENT, RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS  111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125	34

37

36791419\_1.doc 9

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

126	
127 128	
129	
130	
131	
132	
132	
DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND PENSIONS 133	38
134	
135	
136	
137	
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD	39
138	
139	
140	
141	
142	
143	
144	
145	
BORROWING 146	40
PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES	43
147	
148	
148 149	
148 149 150	
148 149 150 151	
148 149 150 151 152	
148 149 150 151 152 153	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159  DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165 166	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159   DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159  DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159  DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167  SEALS	45
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159  DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167  SEALS	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159  DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167  SEALS 168 169	
148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159  DIRECTORS' INTERESTS 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167  SEALS	

48

36791419\_1.doc 10

THE SECRETARY

172	
173	

DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS	48
174	
175	
176	
177	
178	
179	
180	
181	
182	
183	
184	
185	
SCRIP DIVIDENDS	50
186	
187	
CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES	51
188	
189	
ACCOUNTS	53
190	
191	
192	
193	
NOTICES	53
194	
195	
196	
197	
198	
199	
200	
201	
202	
203	
204	
WINDING UP	57
205	
206	
INDEMNITY	57
207	
208	

## THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

# PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

#### FORBIDDEN TECHNOLOGIES PLC

(As adopted by Special Resolution passed on  $25^{th}$  January 2000. Amended by Special Resolutions dated  $26^{th}$  June 2009,  $6^{th}$  June 2017 and  $30^{th}$  April 2018)

#### **INTERPRETATION**

1. In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

the "Act" the Companies Act 1985 as amended from time to

time

these "Articles" these Articles of Association as from time to time

altered

"Auditors" the auditors for the time being of the Company

"Board" the board of Directors for the time being of the

Company or the Directors present or deemed to be present at a duly convened meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present or a duly

constituted committee thereof

"Chairman" the chairman (if any) of the Board or, where the

context requires, the chairman of a general

meeting of the Company

"clear days" (in relation to the period of a notice) that period,

excluding the day when the notice is given or

deemed to be given and the day for which it is

given or on which it is to take effect

"Company" Forbidden Technologies plc

"**Director**" a director for the time being of the Company

"execution" includes any mode of execution (and "executed"

shall be construed accordingly)

"holder" (in relation to any share) the member whose name

is entered in the Register as the holder or, where the context permits, the members whose names are entered in the Register as the joint holders, of

that share

"the London Stock Exchange" The London Stock Exchange Limited (or any

successor body)

"member" a member of the Company or, where the context

requires, a member of the Board or of any

committee

"Office" the registered office for the time being of the

Company

"paid up" paid up or credited as paid up

"recognised person" a recognised clearing house or a nominee of a

recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange which is designated as

mentioned in section 185(4) of the Act

"Register" the register of members of the Company to be

kept pursuant to section 352 of the Act

"Seal" the common seal of the Company or any official

or securities seal that the Company may be

permitted to have under the Act

"Secretary" the secretary for the time being of the Company

or any other person appointed to perform any of the duties of the secretary of the Company including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary

"share" a share of the Company

"Statutes" the Act and every other Act or statutory

instrument concerning limited companies and

affecting the Company

"United Kingdom" Great Britain and Northern Ireland

"in writing" or "written" printed, typewritten, lithographed and any other mode or modes of representing or reproducing

words in a legible and non-transitory form.

2. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) words in the singular include the plural, and vice versa;
- (b) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender; and
- (c) a reference to a person includes a body corporate and an unincorporated body of persons.
- 3. A reference to any statute or provision of a statute shall include any orders, regulations or other subordinate legislation made under it and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force.
- 4. Save as aforesaid, and unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Act.
- 5. The headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of these Articles.

### TABLE A EXCLUDED

6. The regulations contained in Table A in the Schedule to the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 shall not apply to the Company.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

- 7. Subject to the Statutes, where for any purpose an ordinary resolution of the Company is required, a special resolution or an extraordinary resolution shall also be effective, and where an extraordinary resolution is required a special resolution shall also be effective.
- 8. A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting properly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more of the members.

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

9. The Office shall be at such place in England and Wales as the Board shall from time to time appoint.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

- 10. Deleted\*\*\*
- 11. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any relevant authority of the Company in general meeting required by the Act, unissued shares at the date of adoption of these Articles and any shares hereafter created shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may allot (with or without conferring rights of renunciation), grant options over, offer or otherwise deal with or dispose of them or rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares to such persons (including the Directors themselves), at such times and generally on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide, provided that no share shall be issued at a discount.
- 12. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any special rights for the time being attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued which is, or at the option of the Company or of the holder of such share is liable, to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as these Articles may provide.
- 13. Subject to the provisions of the Act and to any special rights for the time being attached to any existing shares, any shares may be allotted or issued with or have attached to them such preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, return of capital, voting, transfer or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine.
- 14. The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission or brokerage may be satisfied by the payment of cash, the allotment of fully or partly paid shares, the grant of an option to call for an allotment of shares, or any combination of such methods.
- 15. Except as otherwise expressly provided by these Articles, as required by law or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Company shall not recognise any person as holding any share on any trust, and (except as aforesaid) the Company shall not be bound by or recognise (even if having notice of it) any equitable, contingent, future, partial or other claim to, or interest in, any share except an absolute right of the holder to the whole of the share.
- 16. The Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as the joint holders of a share (except in the case of executors or trustees of a deceased member).

#### **SHARE CERTIFICATES**

17. On becoming the holder of any share, every person (except a recognised person in respect of whom the Company is not by law required to complete and have ready for delivery a certificate, and except as provided in Article 45) shall be entitled, without payment, to have issued within two months after allotment or lodgment of a transfer (unless the terms of issue provide otherwise) one certificate for all the shares of each class registered in his name. Such certificate shall specify the number and class of the

-

By Special Resolution dated 30th April 2018, the Company's authorised share capital limit was removed and, accordingly, article 10 of the Company's articles of association deleted.

- shares in respect of which it is issued and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon and shall be issued as provided in Article 169.
- 18. The Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate in respect of shares held jointly by two or more persons. Delivery of a certificate to the person first named on the register shall be sufficient delivery to all joint holders.
- 19. Where a member (other than a recognised person) has transferred part only of the shares comprised in a certificate, he shall be entitled without payment to a certificate for the balance of such shares.
- 20. No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class or in respect of shares held by a recognised person.
- 21. Any two or more certificates representing shares of any one class held by any member may at his request be cancelled and a single new certificate for such shares issued in lieu without payment on surrender of the original certificates for cancellation.
- 22. If any member shall surrender for cancellation a share certificate representing shares held by him and request the Company to issue in lieu two or more share certificates representing such shares in such proportions as he may specify, the Board may, if it thinks fit, comply with such request.
- 23. Share certificates may be renewed or replaced on such terms as to provision of evidence and indemnity (with or without security) and to payment of any exceptional out of pocket expenses, including those incurred by the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity and security, as the Board may decide, and on surrender of the original certificate (where it is defaced, damaged or worn out), but without any further payment

#### **LIEN**

- 24. Subject to the provisions of section 150 of the Act, the Company shall have a first and paramount lien on each of its shares which is not fully paid, for all amounts payable to the Company (whether presently or not) in respect of that share and notwithstanding that it is the joint debt or liability of the holder or his estate and any other person, whether a member of the Company or not. The Board may waive any lien which has arisen and may resolve that any share shall for some limited period be exempt wholly or partially from the provisions of this Article.
- 25. The Company may, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, sell all or any of the shares subject to any lien. However, no sale shall be made until such time as the moneys in respect of which such lien exists or some part thereof are or is presently payable or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged, and until a demand and notice in writing stating the amount due or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding payment or fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of intention to sell in default shall have been served on the holder or the persons (if any) entitled by transmission to the shares, and default in payment, fulfilment or discharge shall have been made by him or them for 14 clear days after service of such notice.

- 26. To give effect to any such sale, the Board may authorise some person to execute any instrument of transfer of the shares sold in the name and on behalf of the holder or the persons entitled by transmission in favour of (or as directed by) the purchaser. The purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, and the title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in, or invalidity of, the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 27. The net proceeds of any sale of shares subject to any lien, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of so much of the amount due to the Company or of the liability or engagement (as the case may be) as is presently payable or is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged. The balance (if any) shall (on surrender to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold, and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable or any liability or engagement not liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged as existed on the shares before the sale) be paid to the holder or the person (if any) entitled by transmission to the shares so sold (without interest).

### **CALLS ON SHARES**

- 28. Subject to the terms of allotment of shares, the Board may from time to time make calls on the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on the shares, of any class, held by them respectively (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and not payable on a date fixed by or in accordance with the terms of issue. Each member shall (subject to receiving at least 14 clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made and whether or not by instalments) be liable to pay the amount of every call so made on him as required by the notice.
- 29. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising such call was passed or (as the case may require) any person to whom power has been delegated pursuant to these Articles serves notice of exercise of such power. A call may be required to be paid by instalments and may, before receipt by the Company of any sum due thereunder, be either revoked or postponed in whole or part as regards all or any such members as the Board may determine. A person on whom a call is made shall remain liable notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made.
- 30. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable for the repayment of all calls in respect thereof.
- 31. If the whole of the sum payable in respect of any call is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment, the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay all costs, charges and expenses that the Company may have incurred by reason of such non-payment, together with interest on the unpaid amount from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at the rate fixed by the terms of the allotment of the share or in the notice of the call or, if no rate is so fixed, at such rate, not exceeding 15 per cent per annum, as the Board shall determine. The Board may waive payment of such costs, charges, expenses or interest in whole or in part.
- 32. Unless the Board otherwise determines, no member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or to be present and vote at a general meeting or at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares either in person or (save as proxy for

another member) by proxy, or be reckoned in a quorum, or to exercise any other right or privilege as a member in respect of a share held by him unless and until he shall have paid all calls for the time being due and payable by him in respect of that share, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses (if any), to the Company.

- 33. Any sum payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium or as an instalment of a call, shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made. If it is not paid, the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if such amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.
- 34. The Board may, on the allotment or issue of shares, differentiate as between the allottees or holders of such shares in the amount of calls to be paid and times of payment.
- 35. The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid on the shares held by him. Such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish, so far as the same shall extend, the liability on the shares on which it is made. The Company may pay interest on the money paid in advance, or so much of it as exceeds the amount for the time being called up on the shares in respect of which such advance has been made, at such rate as the Board may decide. The Board may at any time repay the amount so advanced on giving to such member not less than one month's notice in writing of its intention in that behalf, unless before the expiration of such notice the amount so advanced shall have been called up on the shares in respect of which it was advanced.

#### FORFEITURE OF SHARES

- 36. If any member fails to pay the whole of any call or any instalment of any call on or before the day appointed for payment, the Board may at any time serve a notice in writing on such member or on any person entitled to the shares by transmission, requiring payment, on a date not less than 14 clear days from the date of the notice, of the amount unpaid and any interest which may have accrued thereon and any costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment. The notice shall name the place where the payment is to be made and state that, if the notice is not complied with, the shares in respect of which such call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
- 37. If the notice referred to in Article 36 is not complied with, any share in respect of which it was given may, at any time before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.
- 38. When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served on the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share or the person entitled to such share by transmission (as the case may be). An entry of such notice having been given and of the forfeiture with the date thereof shall forthwith be made in the Register in respect of such share. However, no forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission to give such notice or to make such entry as aforesaid.

- 39. The Board may, at any time before any share so forfeited has been cancelled or sold, reallotted or otherwise disposed of, annul the forfeiture, on the terms that payment shall be made of all calls and interest due thereon and all expenses incurred in respect of the share and on such further terms (if any) as the Board shall see fit.
- 40. The Board may accept a surrender of any share liable to be forfeited. In such case references in these Articles to forfeiture shall include surrender.
- 41. Every share which shall be forfeited shall thereupon become the property of the Company. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, either to the person who was before forfeiture the holder thereof or entitled thereto or to any other person, on such terms and in such manner as the Board shall determine. The Board may, for the purposes of the disposal, authorise some person to transfer the share in question and may enter the name of the transferee in respect of the transferred share in the Register notwithstanding the absence of any share certificate being lodged in respect thereof and may issue a new certificate to the transferee. An instrument of transfer executed by that person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the share. The Company may receive the consideration (if any) given for the share on its disposal.
- 42. A shareholder whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the shares forfeited and shall surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for such shares. He shall nevertheless be liable to pay to the Company all calls made and not paid on such shares at the time of forfeiture, and interest thereon from the date of the forfeiture to the date of payment, in the same manner in all respects as if the shares had not been forfeited, and to satisfy all (if any) claims, demands and liabilities which the Company might have enforced in respect of the shares at the time of forfeiture, without any reduction or allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.
- 43. The forfeiture of a share shall involve the extinction at the time of forfeiture of all interest in, and all claims and demands against, the Company in respect of the share and all other rights and liabilities incidental to the share as between the holder whose share is forfeited and the Company, except only such of those rights and liabilities as are by these Articles expressly saved, or as are by the Act given or imposed in the case of past members.
- 44. A statutory declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited in pursuance of these Articles, and stating the date on which it was forfeited, shall, as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it. The declaration, together with the receipt of the Company for the consideration (if any) given for the share on the sale or disposal thereof and a certificate for the share under the Seal delivered to the person to whom the same is sold or disposed of, shall (subject if necessary to the execution of an instrument of transfer) constitute a good title to the share. Subject to the execution of any necessary transfer, such person shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall be discharged from all calls made prior to such sale or disposal and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money or other consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity relating to or connected with the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share. Such person shall not (except by

express agreement with the Company) become entitled to any dividend which might have accrued on the share before the completion of the sale or disposal thereof.

#### **CREST**

- 45. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, title to the shares and any other securities of the Company may be evidenced and transferred without a written instrument in accordance with the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995 (the "Regulations") and, accordingly:
  - (a) the Company shall not be obliged to issue a certificate evidencing title to shares or other securities and all references to a certificate in respect of shares or securities held in uncertificated form in these Articles shall be deemed inapplicable to such shares or securities and shall be interpreted as a reference to such form of evidence or title as the Regulations prescribe or permit;
  - (b) the registration of title to, and transfer of, any shares or securities in uncertificated form shall be effected in accordance with the Regulations and there shall be no requirement for a written instrument of transfer;
  - (c) a properly authenticated dematerialised instruction given in accordance with the Regulations shall be given effect to in accordance with the Regulations;
  - (d) any communication required or permitted by these Articles to be given by a person to the Company (or vice versa) may be given in accordance with, and in any manner prescribed or permitted by, the Regulations; and
  - (e) if any of these Articles are inconsistent with the Regulations, the Regulations will be given effect to and the Directors may implement any procedures to accord with the Regulations for the recording and transferring of title to shares and securities in uncertificated form.

The Directors may, without further consultation, elect that any shares (or any class thereof) and/or other securities of the Company shall be capable of being traded in uncertificated form on CREST in accordance with the Regulations.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 46. Subject to such of the restrictions of these Articles as may be applicable, each member may transfer all or any of his shares by instrument of transfer in writing in any usual form or in any form approved by the Board. Such instrument shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and (in the case of a transfer of a share which is not fully paid up) by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of such shares until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of it.
- 47. The Board may, in its absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to register any transfer (or renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment) of, or which includes, shares which are not fully paid to a person of whom it does not approve so long as the Directors do not exercise such discretion in a manner which could prevent dealings in the shares from taking place on an open and proper basis. The Board may

also decline to register any transfer of shares upon which the Company has a lien. The Board may also decline to register any instrument of transfer (or renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment) unless:

- (a) it is in respect of only one class of shares;
- (b) it is in favour of a single transferee or not more than four joint transferees;
- (c) it is duly stamped (if so required); and
- (d) it is delivered for registration to the Office or such other place as the Board may from time to time determine, accompanied (except in the case of a transfer by a recognised person where a certificate has not been issued or in the case of a renunciation) by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor or person renouncing and the due execution of the transfer or renunciation by him or, if the transfer or renunciation is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so.
- 48. Transfer of shares will not be registered in the circumstances referred to in Article 102.
- 49. If the Board refuses to register a transfer of a share it shall, within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send notice of the refusal to the transferee. Any instrument of transfer which the Board refuses to register shall (except in the case of suspected or actual fraud) be returned to the person depositing it. All instruments of transfer which are registered may be retained by the Company.
- 50. The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding 30 days in any year) as the Board may from time to time determine. Notice of closure of the Register shall be given in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 51. No fee shall be charged for registration of a transfer or on the registration of any probate, letters of administration, certificate of death or marriage, power of attorney, notice or other instrument relating to, or affecting the title to, any shares.
- 52. Nothing in these Articles shall preclude the Board:
  - (a) from recognising a renunciation of the allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person; or
  - (b) if empowered by these Articles to authorise any person to execute an instrument of transfer of a share, from authorising any person to transfer that share in accordance with any procedures implemented pursuant to Articles 24 to 27 (inclusive).

### TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

53. If a member dies, the survivors or survivor, where he was a joint holder, and his executors or administrators, where he was a sole or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his shares.

Nothing in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which has been solely or jointly held by him.

- Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of any member, or of any other event giving rise to a transmission of such entitlement by operation of law, may, on such evidence as to his title being produced as the Board may require, elect either to become registered as a member or to have some person nominated by him registered as a member. If he elects to become registered himself, he shall give notice to the Company to that effect. If he elects to have some other person registered, he shall execute an instrument of transfer of such share to that person. All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer (as the case may be) as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and his death, bankruptcy or other event as aforesaid had not occurred. Where the entitlement of a person to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law is proved to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board shall within two months after proof cause the entitlement of that person to be noted in the Register.
- 55. Where a person becomes entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of any member, or of any other event giving rise to a transmission of such entitlement by operation of law, the rights of the holder in relation to such share shall cease. However, the person so entitled may give a good discharge for any dividends and other moneys payable in respect of it and shall have the same rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not, before he is registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to receive notice of, or to attend or vote at, any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company. The Board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share. If the notice is not complied with within 60 days, the Board may thereafter withhold payment of all dividends and other moneys payable in respect of such share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

#### **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 56. The Company may destroy:
  - (a) any instrument of transfer, after six years from the date on which it is registered;
  - (b) any dividend mandate or any variation or cancellation thereof or any notification of change of name or address, after two years from the date on which it is recorded;
  - (c) any share certificate, after one year from the date on which it is cancelled; and
  - (d) any other document on the basis of which any entry in the Register is made, after six years from the date on which an entry was first made in the Register in respect of it.
- 57. It shall be conclusively presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to have been made on the basis of a document so destroyed was duly and properly made, that every instrument of transfer so destroyed was duly registered,

that every share certificate so destroyed was duly cancelled, that every other document so destroyed had been properly dealt with in accordance with its terms and was valid and effective in accordance with the particulars in the records of the Company, provided that:

- (a) this Article 57 shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties to it) to which the document might be relevant;
- (b) nothing in this Article 57 shall be construed as imposing on the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document (whether or not in accordance with the Article 57); and
- (c) references in this Article 57 to the destruction of any document include references to the disposal of it in any manner.

#### ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 58. The Company in general meeting may from time to time:
  - (a) by special resolution, increase its share capital by such sum to be divided into shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes;
  - (b) by ordinary resolution, consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;
  - (c) by ordinary resolution, cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of the resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled; and
  - (d) by ordinary resolution (but subject to the provisions of the Act), sub-divide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amount, and may but subject to the provisions of the Act, by such resolution determine that, as between the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may, as compared with the others, have any such preferred, deferred or other special rights or be subject to any such restrictions as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares.
- 59. Whenever as the result of any consolidation, division or sub-division of shares any difficulty arises, the Board may settle it as it thinks fit, and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) where the number of shares held by any holder is not an exact multiple of the number of shares to be consolidated into a single share and as a result of such consolidation such holder would become entitled to a fraction of a consolidated share:
  - (a) the Board may determine which of the shares of such holder are to be treated as giving rise to such fractional entitlement and may decide that any of those shares shall be consolidated with any of the shares of any other holder or holders which are similarly determined by it to be treated as giving rise to a fractional entitlement for such other holder or holders, into a single consolidated share and the Board may, on behalf of all such holders, sell such consolidated share to any person (including the Company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale after

- deduction of the expenses of sale in due proportion among those holders (except that any amount otherwise due to a holder, being less than £5 or such other sum as the Board may from time to time determine, may be retained for the benefit of the Company); or
- (b) provided that the necessary unissued shares are available, the Board may issue to such holder credited as fully paid by way of capitalisation the minimum number of shares required to round up his holding to an exact multiple of the number of shares to be consolidated into a single share (such issue being deemed to have been effected prior to consolidation); and the amount required to pay up such shares shall be appropriated at the Board's discretion from any of the sums standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve) or to the credit of profit and loss account and capitalised by applying the same in paying up the share. In relation to such a capitalisation the Board may exercise all the powers conferred on it by Article 188 without an ordinary resolution of the Company.
- 60. For the purposes of any sale of consolidated shares pursuant to Article 59, the Board may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with, the directions of the purchaser, and the transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by an irregularity in, or invalidity of, the proceedings in reference to the sale.
- 61. The Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital and capital redemption reserve or share premium account in any way, subject to the provisions of the Statutes.
- 62. The Company may purchase any of its own shares of any class (including any redeemable shares), subject to the provisions of the Statutes. Any shares to be so purchased may be selected in any manner whatsoever.

#### **VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS**

- 63. If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into shares of different classes, any of the rights for the time being attached to any share or class of shares in the Company (and notwithstanding that the Company may be or be about to be in liquidation) may be varied or abrogated in such manner (if any) as may be provided by such rights or, in the absence of any such provision, either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of shares of the class duly convened and held as hereinafter provided (but not otherwise).
- 64. All the provisions in these Articles as to general meetings shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to every meeting of the holders of any class of shares. The Board may convene a meeting of the holders of any class of shares whenever it thinks fit and whether or not the business to be transacted involves a variation or abrogation of class rights. The quorum at every such meeting shall be not less than two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the nominal amount paid up on the issued shares of the class. Every holder of shares of the class, present in person or by proxy, may demand a poll. Each such holder shall on a poll be entitled to one vote for every share of the class held by him. If at any adjourned meeting of such holders such quorum as aforesaid is not

- present, not less than one person holding shares of the class who is present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum.
- 65. Subject to the terms of issue of or rights attached to any shares, the rights or privileges attached to any class of shares shall be deemed not to be varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of any new shares ranking pari passu in all respects (save as to the date from which such new shares shall rank for dividend) with, or subsequent to, those already issued or by the reduction of the capital paid up on such shares in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Articles.

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 66. Subject to the provisions of the Act, annual general meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board may determine.
- 67. All general meetings, other than annual general meetings, shall be called extraordinary general meetings.
- 68. The Board may convene an extraordinary general meeting whenever it thinks fit. On the requisition of members in accordance with the Statutes, the Board shall convene an extraordinary general meeting (and, in default, the requisitionists may convene the meeting in accordance with the Statutes). If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient members of the Board to convene a general meeting, any Director may call a general meeting.
- 69. A general meeting shall be convened by not less than 21 clear days' notice in writing save that a general meeting other than an annual general meeting may be convened by not less than 14 clear days' notice in writing to the extent that the provisions of sections 307 or section 307A Companies Act 2006 are satisfied or as may otherwise be permitted by the Companies Acts (as defined in Article 204A) from time to time.
- 70. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and notwithstanding that it is convened by shorter notice than that specified in Article 69, a general meeting shall be deemed to have been duly convened if it is so agreed:
  - (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote at the meeting; and
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

## 71. The notice shall specify:

- (a) whether the meeting is an annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting;
- (b) the place, the day and the time of the meeting;
- (c) in the case of special business, the general nature of that business;

- (d) if the meeting is convened to consider a special or extraordinary resolution, the intention to propose the resolution as such; and
- (e) with reasonable prominence, that a member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him and that a proxy need not also be a member.
- 72. The notice shall be given to the members (other than any who, under the provisions of these Articles or of any restrictions imposed on any shares, are not entitled to receive notice from the Company), to the Directors and to the Auditors.
- 73. The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting or to send a form of proxy with a notice where required by these Articles (or in other cases where it is intended that a form of proxy be sent out with the notice) or the non-receipt of a notice or form of proxy by any person entitled to receive the same shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.
- 74. All business that is transacted at a general meeting shall be deemed special, except the following transactions at an annual general meeting:
  - (a) the declaration of dividends;
  - (b) the receipt and consideration of the annual accounts and the reports of the Directors and the Auditors and any other document required to be annexed to the annual accounts;
  - (c) the election or re-election of Directors;
  - (d) the re-appointment of the Auditors retiring (unless they were last appointed otherwise than by the Company in general meeting) and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors or the determination of the manner in which such remuneration is to be fixed;
  - (e) the grant, renewal, limitation, extension or variation of any authority of or to the Board under section 80 of the Act to allot securities.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 75. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Two persons entitled to attend and to vote on the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation which is a member, shall be a quorum.
- 76. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day (or later in the same day) and at such time and place as the Chairman (or, in default, the Board) may determine. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, one person entitled to vote on the business to be transacted, being a member or

- a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation which is a member, shall be a quorum.
- 77. The Chairman (if any) of the Board shall preside at every general meeting of the Company. If there be no such Chairman or if at any meeting he shall not be present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or shall be unwilling to act as Chairman, the Deputy Chairman (if any) of the Board shall if present and willing to act preside at such meeting, or if neither of them shall be so present and willing to act, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to act or, if there be only one Director present, he shall be Chairman if willing to act. If there be no Director present and willing to act, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- 78. A Director (and any other person invited by the Chairman to do so) shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member, be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company.
- 79. The Chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (or if he determines it to be necessary to ensure an orderly meeting), and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place as the meeting (or he) shall determine.
- 80. Where a meeting is adjourned indefinitely, the Board shall fix the time and place for the adjourned meeting. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more or indefinitely, seven clear days' notice at the least, specifying the place, the day and time of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted, shall be given in the same manner as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, no member shall be entitled to any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.
- 81. No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

#### **VOTING**

- 82. At any general meeting a resolution put to a vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:
  - (a) by the Chairman of the meeting; or
  - (b) by at least three members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting; or
  - (c) by a member or members present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or

- (d) by a member or members present in person or by proxy holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting, being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right.
- 83. At general meetings, resolutions shall be put to the vote by the Chairman and there shall be no requirement for the resolution to be proposed or seconded by any person.

#### **POLL**

- 84. Unless a poll is duly demanded and the demand is not withdrawn, a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has, on a show of hands been carried, or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence thereof, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of (or against) such resolution.
- 85. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter or to the counting of, or failure to count, any vote, except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered. Any objection shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting to consider how it may have affected the decision of the meeting. The decision of the Chairman on such matters shall be final and conclusive.
- 86. Any poll duly demanded on the election of a Chairman of a meeting or on any question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll duly demanded on any other matter shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) and at such time and place, not being more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded, as the Chairman shall direct. The Chairman may appoint scrutineers who need not be members. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 87. The demand for a poll (other than on the election of a Chairman or any question of adjournment) shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result on a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 88. The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn, but only with the consent of the Chairman. A demand so withdrawn shall validate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
- 89. On a poll votes may be given in person or by proxy. A member entitled to more than one vote need not, if he votes, use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

#### NUMBER OF VOTES

90. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, to any special terms as to voting on which any shares may have been issued or may for the time being be held and to any suspension or abrogation of voting rights pursuant to these Articles, at any general meeting every

- member (being an individual) who is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a representative shall on a show of hands have one vote and every member present in person or by proxy shall on a poll have one vote for each share of which he is the holder.
- 91. Where there are joint holders of a share, then in voting on any question the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holder(s). For this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the Register.
- 92. Where in England or elsewhere a receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming jurisdiction in that behalf to exercise powers with respect to the property or affairs of any member on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder, the Board may in its absolute discretion, on or subject to production of such evidence of the appointment as the Board may require, permit such receiver or other person to vote in person or, on a poll, by proxy on behalf of such member at any general meeting. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Board of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the Office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with these Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, 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 default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.
- 93. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll was demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote that he may have.
- 94. No member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to vote at a general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in person or by proxy (save as proxy for another member), or to exercise any other right or privilege as a member in respect of a share held by him unless and until all calls or other sums presently due and payable by him in respect of that share whether alone or jointly with any other person together with interest and expenses (if any) have been paid to the Company.

### **PROXY**

- 95. Any person (whether a member of the Company or not) may be appointed to act as a proxy. Deposit of an instrument of proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed or at any adjournment thereof.
- 96. An instrument appointing a proxy shall:
  - (a) be in writing in any common form or in such other form as the Board may approve, under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, under its common seal or under the hand of some officer or attorney or other person duly authorised in that behalf;
  - (b) be deemed (subject to any contrary direction contained in the same) to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on any resolution or

amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given, as the proxy thinks fit, but shall not confer any further right to speak at the meeting, except with the permission of the Chairman;

- (c) unless the contrary is stated therein, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates; and
- (d) where it is stated to apply to more than one meeting, be valid for all such meetings as well as for any adjournment of any such meetings.
- 97. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Board, shall:
  - (a) be deposited at the Office or at such other place is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any notice of any adjourned meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting not less than 48 hours before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote; or
  - (b) in the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be deposited as aforesaid after the poll has been demanded and not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
  - (c) where the poll is not taken forthwith but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the Chairman of the meeting or to any Director;

and an instrument of proxy not deposited or delivered in a manner so permitted shall be invalid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiry of 12 months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within 12 months from such date.

- 98. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion. When two or more valid but differing instruments of proxy are delivered in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting and in respect of the same matter, the one which is last validly delivered (regardless of its date or of the date of its execution) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the other or others as regards that share. If the Company is unable to determine which instrument was last validly delivered, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.
- 99. The Board may at the expense of the Company send, by post or otherwise, instruments of proxy (reply-paid or otherwise) to members for use at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in blank or nominating in the alternative any one or more of the Directors or any other persons.
- 100. A vote given or poll demanded in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the death or mental disorder of the principal or the revocation of the instrument of proxy, or of the authority under which the instrument of proxy was executed, or the transfer of the share in respect of which the instrument of

proxy is given, unless notice in writing of such death, mental disorder, revocation or transfer shall have been received by the Company at the Office, or at such other place as has been appointed for the deposit of instruments of proxy, at least 48 hours before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or the taking of the poll at which the instrument of proxy is used.

#### CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVES

101. A corporation (whether or not a company within the meaning of the Act) which is a member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares. Any person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation (in respect of that part of the corporation's holdings to which the authority relates) as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member. The corporation shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present at it; and all references to attendance and voting in person shall be construed accordingly. A Director, the Secretary or some person authorised for the purpose by the Secretary may require the representative to produce a certified copy of the resolution so authorising him or such other evidence of his authority reasonably satisfactory to them before permitting him to exercise his powers.

#### FAILURE TO DISCLOSE INTEREST

- 102. If a member, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by that member, has been issued with a notice pursuant to section 212 of the Act and has failed in relation to any shares ("the default shares", which expression includes any shares issued after the date of such notice in right of those shares) to give the Company the information thereby required within the prescribed period from the service of the notice, the following sanctions shall apply unless the Board otherwise determines:
  - (a) the member shall not be entitled in respect of the default shares to be present or to vote (either in person or by representative or proxy) at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares or on any poll or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to any such meeting or poll; and
  - (b) where the default shares represent at least 0.25 per cent in nominal value of the issued shares of their class:
    - (i) any dividend or other money payable in respect of the shares shall be withheld by the Company, which shall not have any obligation to pay interest on it, and the member shall not be entitled to elect, pursuant to Article 186, to receive shares instead of that dividend; and
    - (ii) no transfer, other than an approved transfer, of any shares held by the member shall be registered unless:
      - (A) the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information required; and

- (B) the member proves to the satisfaction of the Board that no person in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the shares which are the subject of the transfer.
- 103. Where the sanctions under Article 102 apply in relation to any shares, they shall cease to have effect (and any dividends withheld under Article 102(b) shall become payable):
  - (a) if the shares are transferred by means of an approved transfer but only in respect of the shares transferred; or
  - (b) at the end of the period of seven days (or such shorter period as the Board may determine) following receipt by the Company of the information required by the notice issued under section 212 of the Act and the Board being fully satisfied that such information is full and complete.
- 104. Where, on the basis of information obtained from a member in respect of any share held by him, the Company issues a notice pursuant to section 212 of the Act to any other person, it shall at the same time send a copy of the notice to the member, but the accidental omission to do so, or the non-receipt by the member of the copy, shall not invalidate or otherwise affect the application of Article 102.
- 105. For the purposes of Articles 102 to this Article 105:
  - (a) a person, other than the member holding a share, shall be treated as appearing to be interested in that share if the member has informed the Company that the person is, or may be, so interested, or if the Company (after taking account of any information obtained from the member or, pursuant to a notice under section 212 of the Act, from anyone else) knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person is, or may be, so interested;
  - (b) "interested" shall be construed as it is for the purpose of section 212 of the Act;
  - (c) reference to a person having failed to give the Company the information required by a notice, or being in default as regards supplying such information, includes reference:
    - (i) to his having failed or refused to give all or any part of it; and
    - (ii) to his having given information which he knows to be false in a material particular or having recklessly given information which is false in a material particular;
  - (d) "prescribed period" means 14 days;
  - (e) "approved transfer" means, in relation to any shares held by a member:
    - (i) a transfer by way of or pursuant to acceptance of a takeover offer for the Company (within the meaning of section 428 of the Act); or

- (ii) a transfer in consequence of a sale made through a recognised investment exchange (as defined in section 207 of the Financial Services Act 1986) or any other stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded; or
- (iii) a transfer which is shown to the satisfaction of the Board to be made in consequence of a sale of the whole of the beneficial interest in the shares to a person who is unconnected with the member and with any other person appearing to be interested in the shares.
- 106. Nothing contained in Article 102 shall be taken to limit the powers of the Company under section 216 of the Act.

#### **UNTRACED MEMBERS**

- 107. The Company shall be entitled to sell (in such manner and for such price as the Directors think fit) any share of a member, or any share to which a person is entitled by transmission, if and provided that:
  - (a) during the period of 12 years prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in sub-paragraph (b) below (or, if published on different dates, the earlier or earliest thereof) no cheque, order or warrant in respect of such share sent by the Company through the post in a pre-paid envelope addressed to the member or to the person entitled by transmission to the share, at his address on the Register or other last known address given by the member or person to which cheques, orders or warrants in respect of such share are to be sent has been cashed and the Company has received no communications in respect of such share from such member or person, Provided that during such period of 12 years the Company has paid at least three cash dividends (whether interim or final) and no such dividend has been claimed by the person entitled to it;
  - (b) on or after expiry of the said period of 12 years the Company has given notice of its intention to sell such share by advertisements in two newspapers of which one shall be a national newspaper published in the United Kingdom and the other shall be a newspaper circulating in the area of the address on the Register or other last known address of the member or the person entitled by transmission to the share or the address for the service of notices notified under Article 197;
  - (c) the said advertisements, if not published on the same day, shall have been published within 30 days of each other;
  - (d) during the further period of three months following the date of publication of the said advertisements (or, if published on different dates, the later or latest thereof) and prior to the exercise of the power of sale the Company has not received any communication in respect of such share from the member or person entitled by transmission; and
  - (e) the Company has given notice to the London Stock Exchange of its intention to make such sale, if shares of the class concerned are listed or dealt in on that exchange.

- 108. To give effect to any sale of shares pursuant to Article 107 the Board may authorise some person to transfer the shares in question and may enter the name of the transferee in respect of the transferred shares in the Register notwithstanding the absence of any share certificate being lodged in respect thereof and may issue a new certificate to the transferee. An instrument of transfer executed by that person shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the holder of, or the person entitled by transmission to, the shares. The purchaser shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase moneys, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the sale.
- 109. If during the period of 12 years referred to in Article 107, or during any period ending on the date when all the requirements of paragraphs (a) to (d) of Article 107 have been satisfied, any additional shares have been issued in respect of those held at the beginning of, or previously so issued during, any such period and all the requirements of paragraphs (b) to (e) of Article 107 have been satisfied in regard to such additional shares, the Company shall also be entitled to sell the additional shares.
- 110. The Company shall account to the member or other person entitled to such share for the net proceeds of such sale by carrying all moneys in respect thereof to a separate account. The Company shall be deemed to be a debtor to, and not a trustee for, such member or other person in respect of such moneys. Moneys carried to such separate account may either be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments as the Board may from time to time think fit. No interest shall be payable to such member or other person in respect of such moneys and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on them.

## APPOINTMENT, RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 111. Unless and until otherwise determined by the Company by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors (other than any alternate Directors) shall be not more than seven or less than two.
- 112. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but the total number of Directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles.
- 113. Without prejudice to the power of the Company to appoint any person to be a Director pursuant to these Articles, the Board shall have power at any time to appoint any person who is willing to act as a Director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but the total number of Directors shall not exceed any maximum number fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any Director so appointed shall retire at the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment and shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
- 114. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may from time to time appoint one or more of its body to hold any employment or executive office (including that of Chief Executive or Managing Director) for such term (subject to the provisions of the Act) and subject to such other conditions as the Board thinks fit in accordance with Article 140.

The Board may revoke or terminate any such appointment without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of contract between the Director and the Company.

- 115. No person, other than a Director retiring (by rotation or otherwise), shall be appointed or re-appointed a Director at any general meeting unless:
  - (a) he is recommended by the Board; or
  - (b) not less than seven nor more than 42 clear days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice duly executed by a member (other than the person to be proposed) qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or re-appointment, stating the particulars which would, if he were so appointed or re-appointed, be required to be included in the Company's register of directors, together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed or re-appointed, is lodged at the Office.
- 116. A Director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company.
- 117. A resolution for the appointment of two or more persons as Directors by a single resolution shall be void unless an ordinary resolution that it shall be so proposed has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it.
- 118. At each annual general meeting of the Company one-third of the Directors who are subject to retirement by rotation or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to, but not exceeding one-third, shall retire from office. If there are fewer than three Directors who are subject to retirement by rotation, one Director shall retire from office.
- 119. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Articles, the Directors to retire by rotation at each annual general meeting shall exclude any Director who is for the time being the Managing Director or Chief Executive of the Company and shall include, so far as necessary to obtain the number required, first, any Director who wishes to retire and not offer himself for re-election and secondly, those Directors who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment. As between two or more Directors who have been in office an equal length of time, the Director to retire shall, in default of agreement between them, be determined by lot. The Directors to retire on each occasion (both as to number and identity) shall be determined by the composition of the Board at the start of business on the date of the notice convening the annual general meeting notwithstanding any change in the number or identity of the Directors after that time but before the close of the meeting.
- 120. A Director who retires at an annual general meeting (whether by rotation or otherwise) may, if willing to act, be re-appointed. If he is not re-appointed or deemed to have been re-appointed, he shall retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place or, if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.
- 121. At any general meeting at which a Director retires by rotation the Company may fill the vacancy and, if it does not do so, the retiring Director shall, if willing, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacancy or a resolution for

the re-appointment of the Director is put to the meeting and lost or such Director has attained any retiring age applicable to him as Director pursuant to the Act.

- 122. Section 293 of the Act shall apply to the Company.
- 123. In addition to any power of removal conferred by the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office, but without prejudice to any claim for damages which he may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company, and may (subject to these Articles) by ordinary resolution appoint another person who is willing to act to be a Director in his place. Any person so appointed shall be treated, for the purposes of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire, as if he had become a Director on the day on which the person in whose place he is appointed was last appointed or re-appointed a Director.
- 124. Without prejudice to the provisions for retirement (by rotation or otherwise) contained in these Articles, the office of a Director shall be vacated if:
  - (a) he resigns by notice in writing to the Company left at the Office or tendered at a Board meeting;
  - (b) he ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act, is removed from office pursuant to these Articles or the Act or becomes prohibited by law from being a Director;
  - (c) he becomes bankrupt, has an interim receiving order made against him, makes any arrangement or compounds with his creditors generally or applies to the court for an interim order under section 253 of the Insolvency Act 1986 in connection with a voluntary arrangement under that Act;
  - (d) an order is made by any court of competent jurisdiction on the ground (howsoever formulated) of mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a guardian or receiver or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs or he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984;
  - (e) both he and his alternate Director appointed pursuant to the provisions of these Articles (if any) are absent, without the permission of the Board, from Board meetings for six consecutive months and the Board resolves that his office be vacated.
- 125. A resolution of the Board declaring a Director to have vacated office under the terms of Article 124 shall be conclusive as to the fact and grounds of vacation stated in the resolution.

## ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 126. Each Director (other than an alternate Director) may, by notice in writing to the Company left at the Office, or in any other manner approved by the Board, appoint any other Director or any person approved for that purpose by the Board and willing to act, to be his alternate.
- 127. No appointment of an alternate Director who is not already a Director shall be effective until his consent to act as a Director in the form prescribed by the Act has been received at the Office.
- 128. An alternate Director need not hold a share qualification and shall not be counted in reckoning any maximum or minimum number of Directors allowed by these Articles.
- 129. Every alternate Director shall (subject to his giving to the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served on him) be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the Board and all committees of the Board of which his appointor is a member and, in the absence from such meetings of his appointor, to attend and vote at such meetings and to exercise all the powers, rights, duties and authorities of his appointor. A Director acting as alternate Director shall have a separate vote at Board meetings for each Director for whom he acts as alternate Director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- 130. Every person acting as an alternate Director shall be an officer of the Company, shall alone be responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults and shall not be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him.
- 131. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements with the Company and to be repaid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director. However, he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fees for his services as alternate, except only such part (if any) of the fee payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company direct. Subject to this Article, the Company shall pay to an alternate Director such expenses as might properly have been paid to him if he had been a Director.
- 132. An alternate Director shall cease to be an alternate Director:
  - (a) if his appointor revokes his appointment; or
  - (b) if his appointor ceases for any reason to be a Director, provided that if any Director retires but is re-appointed or deemed to be re-appointed at the same meeting, any valid appointment of an alternate Director which was in force immediately before his retirement shall remain in force; or
  - (c) if any event happens in relation to him which, if he were a Director otherwise appointed, would cause him to vacate office.

## **DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND PENSIONS**

- 133. The Directors (other than alternate Directors) shall be entitled to receive by way of fees for their services as Directors such sum as the Board may from time to time determine. Such sum shall be divided among the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as the Board may determine or, in default of such determination, equally (except that in such event any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the fees are paid shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he holds office). Any fees payable pursuant to this Article shall be distinct from any salary, remuneration or other amounts (including the benefit of any share options) payable or due to a Director pursuant to any other provisions of these Articles and shall accrue from day to day.
- 134. Each Director shall be entitled to be repaid all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by him in or about the performance of his duties as Director, including any expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or any committee of the Board and any general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company.
- 135. If by arrangement with the Board any Director shall perform or render any special duties or services outside his ordinary duties as a Director and not in his capacity as a holder of employment or executive office, he may be paid such additional remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Board may from time to time determine.
- 136. The salary or remuneration of any Director appointed to hold any employment or executive office in accordance with the provisions of these Articles may be either a fixed sum of money, or may altogether or in part be governed by business done or profits made or otherwise determined by the Board, and may be in addition to or in lieu of any fee payable to him for his services as Director pursuant to these Articles.
- 137. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to provide pensions or other retirement or superannuation benefits and to provide death or disability benefits or other allowances or gratuities (whether by insurance or otherwise) for, or to institute and maintain any institution, association, society, club, trust, other establishment or profitsharing, share incentive, share purchase or employees' share scheme calculated to advance the interests of the Company or to benefit, any person who is or has at any time been a Director or employee of the Company or any Company which is a holding company or a subsidiary undertaking of or allied to or associated with the Company or any such holding company or subsidiary undertaking or any predecessor in business of the Company or of any such holding company or subsidiary undertaking, and for any member of his family (including a spouse or former spouse) and any person who is or was dependent on him. For such purpose the Board may establish, maintain, subscribe and contribute to any scheme, institution, association, club, trust or fund and pay premiums and, subject to the provisions of the Act, lend money or make payments to, guarantee or give an indemnity in respect of, or give any financial or other assistance in connection with any of the aforesaid matters. The Board may procure any of such matters to be done by the Company either alone or in conjunction with any other person. Any Director or former Director shall be entitled to receive and retain for his own benefit any pension or other benefit provided under this Article and shall not be obliged to account for it to the Company.

# POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

- 138. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Memorandum of Association of the Company and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution of the Company, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, which may exercise all the powers of the Company, whether relating to the management of the business or not. No alteration of the Memorandum of Association or of these Articles and no such direction given by the Company shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such alteration had not been made or such direction had not been given. Provisions contained elsewhere in these Articles as to any specific power of the Board shall not be deemed to limit the general powers given by this Article.
- 139. If the number of Directors is less than the minimum for the time being prescribed by these Articles, the remaining Director or Directors shall act only for the purposes of appointing an additional Director or Directors to make up such minimum or of convening a general meeting of the Company for the purpose of making such appointment. If there are no Director or Directors able or willing to act, any two members may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, any additional Director so appointed shall hold office only until the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment unless he is re-elected during such meeting.
- 140. The Board may from time to time:
  - (a) delegate or entrust to and confer on any Director holding executive office (including a Chief Executive or Managing Director) such of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) for such time, on such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit; and
  - (b) revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.
- 141. The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) for such time on such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit to any committee consisting of one or more Directors and (if thought fit) one or more other persons, provided that:
  - (a) a majority of the members of a committee shall be Directors; and
  - (b) no resolution of a committee shall be effective unless a majority of those present when it is passed are Directors or alternate Directors.
- 142. The Board may confer the powers, authorities and discretions referred to in Article 141 either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary any of such powers, authorities and discretions and discharge any such committee in whole or in part. Insofar as any power, authority or discretion is so delegated, any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the Board of such power, authority or discretion shall be construed as if it were a reference to the exercise of such power, authority or discretion by such committee.

- 143. The Board may establish any local or divisional boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company in any specified locality, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local or divisional board, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration. The Board may delegate to any local or divisional board, manager or agent so appointed any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) and may authorise the members for the time being of any such local or divisional board, or any of them, to fill any vacancies and to act notwithstanding vacancies; and any such appointment or delegation may be made for such time, on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit. The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers. Subject to any terms and conditions expressly imposed by the Board, the proceedings of any local or divisional board or agency with two or more members shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board, so far as they are capable of applying.
- 144. The Board may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person or persons to be the agent of the Company and may delegate to any such person or persons any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate), in each case for such purposes and for such time, on such terms (including as to remuneration) and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit. The Board may confer such powers either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of and in substitution for, all or any of the powers of the Board in that respect and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary any of such powers.
- 145. The Board may appoint any person (not being a Director) to any office or employment having a designation or title including the word "director" or attach to any existing office or employment with the Company such designation or title and may terminate any such appointment or the use of such designation or title. The inclusion of the word "director" in the designation or title of any such office or employment shall not imply that such person is, or is deemed to be, or is empowered in any respect to act as, a Director for any of the purposes of the Act or these Articles.

## **BORROWING**

- 146. (A) Subject as provided in this Article 146, the Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company and, subject to the provisions of the Act, to create and issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
  - (B) The Board shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights and powers of control exercisable by the Company in respect of its subsidiary undertakings so as to procure (as regards its subsidiary undertakings in so far as it can procure by such exercise) that the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding in respect of moneys borrowed by the Group (exclusive of moneys borrowed by one Group company from another and after deducting cash deposited) shall not at any time, without the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company, exceed the sum of £100,000.

(C) For the purposes of this Article 146, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"cash deposited" means an amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts beneficially owned by Group companies which are deposited for the time being with any bank or other person (not being a Group company) and which are payable to any Group company on demand or within three months of such demand, subject, in the case of amounts deposited by a partly-owned subsidiary undertaking, to the exclusion of a proportion thereof equal to the proportion of its issued equity share capital which is not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Company;

"Group" means the Company and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time (and "Group company" means any company in the Group);

"moneys borrowed" include not only moneys borrowed but also the following except in so far as otherwise taken into account:

- (i) the nominal amount of any issued share capital and the principal amount of any debenture or borrowings of any person, the beneficial interest in which or right to repayment to which is not for the time being owned by a Group company but the payment or repayment of which is the subject of a guarantee or indemnity by a Group company or is secured on the assets of a Group company;
- (ii) the principal amount raised by any Group company by acceptances or under any acceptance credit opened on its behalf by any bank or acceptance house (not being a Group company) other than acceptances and acceptance credits relating to the purchase of goods or services in the ordinary course of trading and outstanding for six months or less;
- (iii) the principal amount of any debenture (whether secured or unsecured) of any Group company owned otherwise than by a Group company;
- (iv) the principal amount of any preference share capital of any subsidiary undertaking owned otherwise than by a Group company;
- (v) any fixed or minimum premium payable on final repayment of any borrowing or deemed borrowing (but any premium payable on final repayment of an amount not to be taken into account as moneys borrowed shall not be taken into account); and
- (vi) any fixed amount in respect of a hire-purchase agreement or of a finance lease payable in either case by a Group company which would be shown at the material time as an obligation in a balance sheet prepared in accordance with the accounting principles used in the preparation of the relevant balance sheet (and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph (vi) "finance lease" means a contract between a lessor and a Group company as lessee or sub-lessee where substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset leased or sub-leased are to be

borne by that company and "hire purchase agreement" means a contract of hire-purchase between a hire-purchase lender and a Group company as hirer);

#### but do not include:

- (vii) moneys borrowed by any Group company for the purpose of repaying, within six months of being first borrowed, the whole or any part of any moneys borrowed and then outstanding (including any premium payable on final repayment) of that or any other Group company pending their application for such purpose within that period;
- (viii) moneys borrowed by any Group company for the purpose of financing any contract in respect of which any part of the price receivable under the contract by that or any other Group company is guaranteed or insured up to an amount equal to that part of the price receivable under the contract which is so guaranteed or insured;
- (ix) notwithstanding sub-paragraphs (i) to (vi) above, the proportion of moneys borrowed by a Group company (and not owing to another Group company) which is equal to the proportion of its issued equity share capital not attributable, directly or indirectly, to the Company;
  - and in sub-paragraphs (vii) to (ix) above references to amounts of moneys borrowed include references to amounts which, but for the exclusion under those sub-paragraphs, would fall to be included;
- "subsidiary undertaking" means a subsidiary undertaking (within the meaning of the Act) of the Company (except a subsidiary undertaking which is excluded from consolidation by virtue of the provisions of section 229 of the Act).
- (D) When the aggregate amount of moneys borrowed required to be taken into account for the purposes of this Article 146 on any particular day is being ascertained, any of such moneys denominated or repayable in a currency other than sterling shall be converted for the purpose of calculating the sterling equivalent at the middle market rate prevailing in London at the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the day on which the calculation falls to be made.
- (E) A report or certificate of the Auditors as to the amount of moneys borrowed falling to be taken into account for the purposes of this Article 146 or to the effect that the limit imposed by this Article 146 has not been or will not be exceeded at any particular time or times or as a result of any particular transaction or transactions shall be conclusive evidence of the amount or of that fact.
- (F) No debt incurred or security given in respect of moneys borrowed in excess of the limit imposed by this Article 146 shall be invalid or ineffectual, except in the case of express notice to the lender or recipient of the security at the time when the debt was incurred or security given that the limit had been or would thereby be exceeded, but no lender or other person dealing with the Company shall be concerned to see or enquire whether such limit is observed.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

- 147. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its proceedings as it thinks fit.
- 148. One Director may, and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall, summon a Board meeting at any time on reasonable notice. Notice of a Board meeting shall be deemed to be properly given to a Director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for that purpose. A Director may waive the requirement that notice be given to him of any Board meeting, either prospectively or retrospectively. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a Board meeting to a Director who is absent from the United Kingdom unless he has requested the Board in writing that notices of Board meetings shall during his absence be given to him at any address in the United Kingdom notified to the Company for this purpose, but he shall not, in such event, be entitled to a longer period of notice than if he had been present in the United Kingdom at that address.
- 149. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business may be determined by the Board and until otherwise determined shall be two persons, each being a Director or an alternate Director. A duly convened meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers, and discretions for the time being vested in, or exercisable by, the Board.
- 150. The Board may appoint one or more of its body Chairman or Joint Chairman and one or more of its body Deputy Chairman of its meetings and may determine the period for which he is or they are to hold office and may at any time remove him or them from office. If no such Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected, or if at any meeting neither a Chairman not a Deputy Chairman is present within five minutes of the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting. In the event of two or more Joint Chairmen or, in the absence of a Chairman, two or more Deputy Chairmen being present, the Joint Chairman or Deputy Chairman to act as Chairman of the meeting shall be decided by those Directors present. Any Chairman or Deputy Chairman may also hold executive office under the Company.
- 151. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of that meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- 152. Any Director or his alternate may validly participate in a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board through the medium of conference telephone or any other form of communications equipment, provided that all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and speak to each other throughout such meeting, or by a series of telephone calls from the Chairman of the meeting or by exchange or facsimile transmissions addressed to the Chairman of the meeting.
- 153. A person so participating by being present or being in telephone communication with, or by exchanging facsimile transmissions with, those in the meeting or with the Chairman of the meeting shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall accordingly be counted in a quorum and be entitled to vote. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take

- place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no group which is larger than any other group, where the Chairman of the meeting then is.
- 154. A resolution passed at any meeting held in the above manner, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board (or committee, as the case may be) duly convened and held.
- 155. A resolution in writing executed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a Board meeting and not being less than a quorum, or by all the members of a committee of the Board for the time being entitled to receive notice of such committee meeting and not being less than a quorum of that committee, shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Board (or committee, as the case may be). Such a resolution:
  - (a) may consist of several documents in the same form each executed by one or more of the Directors or members of the relevant committee, including executions evidenced by means of facsimile transmission;
  - (b) need not be signed by an alternate Director if it is signed by the Director who appointed him;
  - (c) if signed by an alternate Director, need not also be signed by his appointor;
  - (d) to be effective, need not be signed by a Director who is prohibited by these Articles from voting thereon, or by his alternate.
- 156. All committees of the Board shall, in the exercise of the powers delegated to them and in the transaction of business, conform with any mode of proceedings and regulations which the Board may prescribe and subject thereto shall be governed by such of these Articles as regulate the proceedings of the Board as are capable of applying.
- 157. The Board shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose of recording:
  - (a) all appointments of officers and committees made by the Board and of any such officer's salary or remuneration; and
  - (b) the names of Directors present at every meeting of the Board, of a committee of the Board, of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares or debentures of the Company, and all orders, resolutions and proceedings of such meetings.
- 158. Any such minutes, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting or the Secretary, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the matters stated in such minutes without any further proof.
- 159. All acts done by a meeting of the Board, or of a committee of the Board, or by any person acting as a Director, alternate Director or member of a committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any person or persons acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were or was disqualified from holding office or not entitled to vote, or had in any way vacated their or his office, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed,

and was duly qualified and had continued to be a Director, alternate Director or member of a committee and entitled to vote.

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

- 160. Subject to the provisions of the Act and provided that Article 161 is complied with, a Director, notwithstanding his office:
  - (a) may enter into or otherwise be interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested, either in regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise;
  - (b) may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (except that of Auditor or of auditor of a subsidiary of the Company) in conjunction with the office of Director and may act by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for the Company, and in any such case on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as the Board may arrange, either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration provided for by any other Article;
  - (c) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Company or in which the Company is otherwise interested or as regards which the Company has any powers of appointment; and
  - (d) shall not be liable to account to the Company for any profit, remuneration or other benefit realised by any such office, employment, contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal;

and no such contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.

- 161. A Director who, to his knowledge, is in any way (directly or indirectly) interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal is first considered, if he knows his interest then exists or, in any other case, at the first meeting of the Board after he knows that he is or has become so interested.
- 162. For the purposes of Article 161:
  - (a) a general notice given to the Board by a Director that he is to be regarded as having an interest (of the nature and extent specified in the notice) in any contract, transaction, arrangement or proposal in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a sufficient disclosure under this Article in relation to such contract, transaction, arrangement or proposal; and
  - (b) an interest of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

- 163. Save as provided in this Article, a Director shall not vote on, or be counted in the quorum in relation to, any resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board concerning any contract, arrangement, transaction or any other proposal whatsoever to which the Company is or is to be a party and in which he has an interest which (together with any interest of any person connected with him within the meaning of section 346 of the Act) is to his knowledge a material interest otherwise than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through the Company, unless the resolution concerns any of the following matters:
  - (a) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings;
  - (b) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
  - (c) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or subunderwriting of which he is to participate;
  - (d) any proposal concerning any other body corporate in which he (together with persons connected with him within the meaning of section 346 of the Act) does not to his knowledge have an interest (as the term is used in Part VI of the Act) in one per cent or more of the issued equity share capital of any class of such body corporate or of the voting rights available to members of such body corporate;
  - (e) any proposal relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates; or
  - (f) any proposal concerning insurance which the Company proposes to maintain or purchase for the benefit of Directors or for the benefit of persons who include Directors.
- 164. A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Board or committee of the Board concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of his appointment or its termination) as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment or its termination) of two or more Directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested, such proposals may be divided and a separate resolution considered in relation to each Director. In such case each of the Directors concerned (if not otherwise debarred from voting under these Articles) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

- 165. If any question arises at any meeting as to the materiality of a Director's interest (other than the Chairman's interest) or as to the entitlement of any Director (other than the Chairman) to vote or be counted in quorum, and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, such question shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting. The Chairman's ruling in relation to the Director concerned shall be final and conclusive.
- 166. If any question arises at any meeting as to the materiality of the Chairman's interest or as to the entitlement of the Chairman to vote or be counted in a quorum, and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting or being counted in the quorum, such question shall be decided by resolution of the Directors or committee members present at the meeting (excluding the Chairman), whose majority vote shall be final and conclusive.
- 167. For the purposes of Articles 160 to 166 (which shall apply equally to alternate Directors) an interest of a person who is for the purposes of the Act connected (which word shall have the meaning given to it by section 346 of the Act) with a Director shall be treated as an interest of the Director.

## **SEALS**

- 168. The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal and of any other seal of the Company.
- 169. The Seal shall be used only by the authority of a resolution of the Board or of a committee of the Board so authorised. The Board may determine whether any instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed and, if it is to be signed, who shall sign it and by what means. The Board may also determine, either generally or in a particular case, that a signature may be dispensed with or affixed by mechanical or other means. Unless otherwise so determined:
  - (a) share certificates and, subject to the provisions of any instrument constituting the same, certificates issued under the Seal in respect of any debentures or other securities need not be signed and any signature may be affixed to or printed on any such certificate by any means approved by the Board; and
  - (b) every other instrument to which the Seal is affixed shall be signed by one Director and by the Secretary or by two Directors.
- 170. Every certificate or share warrant shall be issued either under the Seal (which may be affixed to it or printed on it by mechanical or other means) or in such other manner as the Board, having regard to the terms of issue, the Act and the regulations of the London Stock Exchange, may authorise; all references in these Articles to the Seal shall be construed accordingly.
- 171. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may have an official seal for use in any place abroad.

#### THE SECRETARY

- 172. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board shall appoint a Secretary or Joint Secretaries and shall have power to appoint one or more persons to be an Assistant or Deputy Secretary at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit and any such person so appointed may be removed by the Board.
- 173. Any provision of the Act or of these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.

## **DIVIDENDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS**

- 174. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends to be paid to members according to their respective rights and interests in the profits of the Company. However, no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Board.
- 175. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may declare and pay such interim dividends (including any dividend payable at a fixed rate) as appears to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company available for distribution. If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes, the Board may pay such interim dividends on shares which rank after shares conferring preferential rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares conferring preferential rights, unless at the time of payment any preferential dividend is in arrear. Provided that the Board acts in good faith, it shall not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferential rights for any loss that they may suffer by the lawful payment of any interim dividend on any shares ranking after those with preferential rights.
- 176. Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up (otherwise than in advance of calls and disregarding any premium) on the shares on which the dividend is paid. Subject as aforesaid, all dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid, but if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, it shall rank for dividend accordingly.
- 177. The Board may deduct from any dividend or other money payable to any person on or in respect of a share all such sums as may be due from him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to the shares of the Company.
- 178. The Board may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, direct that payment of any dividend declared may be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets, and in particular of paid up shares or debentures of any other company, or in any one or more of such ways. Where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Board may settle it as it thinks fit. In particular, the Board may:
  - (a) issue fractional certificates (or ignore fractions);

- (b) fix the value for distribution of such assets or any part thereof and determine that cash payments may be made to any members on the footing of the value so fixed, in order to adjust the rights of members; and
- (c) vest any such assets in trustees on trust for the persons entitled to the dividend.
- 179. Unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share, no dividend or other moneys payable by the Company or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company.
- 180. The Company may pay any dividend, interest or other sum payable in respect of a share in cash or by direct debit, bank transfer, cheque, dividend warrant, or money order or by any other method (including by electronic media) as the Board may consider appropriate and may send the same by post or other delivery service (or by such other means offered by the Company as the member or persons entitled to it may agree in writing) to the registered address of the member or person entitled to it (or, if two or more persons are holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the member or otherwise by operation of law, to the registered address of such of those persons as is first named in the Register) or to such person and such address as such member or person or persons may direct in writing.
- 181. Every cheque, warrant, order or other form of payment is sent at the risk of the person entitled to the money represented by it, shall (where relevant) be crossed in accordance with the Cheques Act 1992 and shall be made payable to the person or persons entitled, or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may direct in writing. Payment of the cheque, warrant, order or other form of payment shall be a good discharge to the Company. If any such cheque, warrant, order or other form of payment has or shall be alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Board may, at the request of the person entitled thereto, issue a replacement cheque or warrant or order or make payment in some other form, subject to compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out of pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the Board may think fit.
- 182. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share may give an effective receipt for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of such share.
- 183. The Board may, at its discretion, make provisions to enable any member as the Board shall from time to time determine to receive duly declared dividends in a currency or currencies other than sterling. For the purposes of the calculation of the amount receivable in respect of any dividend, the rate of exchange to be used to determine the foreign currency equivalent of any sum payable as a dividend shall be such rate or rates, and the payment thereof shall be on such terms and conditions, as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine.
- 184. If cheques, warrants or orders for dividends or other sums payable in respect of a share sent by the Company to the person entitled thereto are returned to the Company or left uncashed on two consecutive occasions or, following one occasion, reasonable enquiries have failed to establish any new address to be used for the purpose, the Company shall not be obliged to send any dividends or other moneys payable in respect of that share due to that person until he notifies the Company of an address to be used for the purpose.

185. All dividends, interest or other sum payable and unclaimed for 12 months after having become payable may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof. All dividends unclaimed for a period of 12 years after having been declared or become due for payment shall (if the Board so resolves) be forfeited and shall cease to remain owing by the Company.

## SCRIP DIVIDENDS

- 186. The Board may, with the prior authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, offer to any holders of ordinary shares the right to elect to receive ordinary shares, credited as fully paid, instead of the whole (or some part, to be determined by the Board) of any dividend specified by the ordinary resolution. The following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) the said resolution may specify a particular dividend, or may specify all or any such dividends declared within a specified period or periods;
  - (b) the entitlement of each holder of ordinary shares to new ordinary shares shall be such that the relevant value of the entitlement shall be as nearly as possible equal to (but not greater than) the cash amount (disregarding any tax credit) of the dividend that such holder would have received by way of dividend. For this purpose "relevant value" shall be calculated by reference to the average of the middle market quotations for the ordinary shares on the London Stock Exchange, as derived from the Daily Official List, for the day on which the ordinary shares are first quoted "ex" the relevant dividend and the four subsequent dealing days, or in such other manner as the Board may determine on such basis as it considers to be fair and reasonable. A certificate or report by the Auditors as to the amount of the relevant value in respect of any dividend shall be conclusive evidence of that amount;
  - (c) no fractions of a share shall be allotted. The Board may make such provisions as it thinks fit for any fractional entitlements including provisions whereby, in whole or in part, the benefit thereof accrues to the Company and/or under which fractional entitlements are accrued and/or retained and in each case accumulated on behalf of any member and such accruals or retentions are applied to the allotment by way of bonus to or cash subscription on behalf of such member of fully paid ordinary shares and/or provisions whereby cash payments may be made to members in respect of their fractional entitlements;
  - (d) the Board shall, after determining the basis of allotment, notify the holders of ordinary shares in writing of the right of election offered to them, and specify the procedure to be followed and place at which, and the latest time by which, elections must be lodged in order to be effective;
  - (e) the Board may exclude from any offer any holders of ordinary shares or any ordinary shares on which dividends are payable in foreign currency where the Board considers that the making of the offer to them or in respect of such shares would or might involve the contravention of the laws of any territory or that for

- any other reason the offer should not be made to them or in respect of such shares;
- the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election (f) has been offered) shall not be payable on ordinary shares in respect of which an election has been duly made ("the elected ordinary shares") and instead additional ordinary shares shall be allotted to the holders of the elected ordinary shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid. For such purpose the Board may capitalise, out of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve) or of any of the profits which could otherwise have been applied in paying dividends in cash as the Board may determine, a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the additional ordinary shares to be allotted on that basis and apply it in paying up in full the appropriate number of unissued ordinary shares for allotment and distribution to the holders of the elected ordinary shares on that basis. A Board resolution capitalising any part of such reserve or fund or profits shall have the same effect as if such capitalisation had been declared by ordinary resolution of the Company in accordance with Article 188 and in relation to any such capitalisation the Board may exercise all the powers conferred on them by Article 188 without need of such ordinary resolution:
- (g) the additional ordinary shares so allotted shall rank pari passu in all respects with each other and with the fully paid ordinary shares in issue on the record date for the dividend in respect of which the right of election has been offered, except that they will not rank for any dividend or other distribution or other entitlement which has been declared, paid or made by reference to such record date; and
- (h) the Board may terminate, suspend or amend any offer of the right to elect to receive ordinary shares in lieu of any cash dividend at any time and generally may implement any scrip dividend scheme on such terms and conditions as the Board may from time to time determine and take such other action as the Board may deem necessary or desirable from time to time in respect of any such scheme.
- 187. The Board may, before recommending any dividend (whether preferential or otherwise), carry to reserve out of the profits of the Company such sums as it thinks fit. All sums standing to reserve may be applied from time to time, at the discretion of the Board, for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may properly be applied, and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Board thinks fit. The Board may divide the reserve into such special funds as it thinks fit, and may consolidate into one fund any special funds or any parts of any special funds into which the reserve may have been divided as it thinks fit. The Board may also, without placing the same to reserve, carry forward any profits which it may think prudent not to distribute.

# **CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES**

- 188. The Board may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company:
  - (a) subject as provided in this Article, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the Company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not

they are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of any reserve or fund of the Company which is available for distribution or standing to the credit of share premium account or capital redemption reserve or other undistributable reserve;

- (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the holders of ordinary shares in proportion to the nominal amounts of the shares (whether or not fully paid) held by them respectively which would entitle them to participate in a distribution of that sum if the shares were fully paid and the sum were then distributable and were distributed by way of dividend and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the Company of a nominal amount equal to that sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to those holders of ordinary shares or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other, provided that:
  - (i) the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, any other undistributable reserve and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to holders of ordinary shares credited as fully paid; and
  - (ii) in a case where any sum is applied in paying amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares of the Company or in paying up in full debentures of the Company, the amount of the net assets of the Company at that time is not less than the aggregate of the called up share capital of the Company and its undistributable reserves as shown in the latest audited accounts of the Company or such other accounts as may be relevant and would not be reduced below that aggregate by the payment thereof;
- (c) resolve that any shares so allotted to any member in respect of a holding by him of any partly paid shares shall, so long as such shares remain partly paid, rank for dividends only to the extent that such partly paid shares rank for dividends;
- (d) make such provision by the issue of certificates in respect of fractions (or by ignoring fractions or by accruing the benefit thereof to the Company rather than to the holders of ordinary shares concerned) or by payment in cash or otherwise as it thinks fit in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions;
- (e) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the holders of ordinary shares concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for either:
  - (i) the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid up, of any shares or debentures to which they may be entitled on such capitalisation; or
  - (ii) the payment up by the Company on behalf of such holders by the application thereto of their respective proportions of the reserves or profits resolved to be capitalised, of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares

(any agreement made under such authority being effective and binding on all such holders); and

- (f) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to such resolution.
- 189. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles but without prejudice to the rights attached to any shares and subject always to the Act the Company or the Board may by resolution specify any date (the "record date") as the date at the close of business (or such other time as the Board may determine) on which persons registered as the holders of shares or other securities shall be entitled to receipt of any dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue, notice, information, document or circular and such record date may be on or at any time before the date on which the same is paid, made, given or served or (in the case of any dividend, distribution, interest, allotment or issue) at any time after the same is recommended, resolved, declared or announced but without prejudice to the rights *inter se* in respect of the same of transferors and transferees of any such shares or other securities. No change in the register of such holders after the record date shall invalidate the same.

## **ACCOUNTS**

- 190. The Board shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the Statutes.
- 191. No member (other than a Director) shall have any right to inspect any accounting record or other document of the Company unless he is authorised to do so by statute, by order of the court, by the Board or by ordinary resolution of the Company.
- 192. Except as provided in Article 193, a printed copy of the Directors' and Auditors' reports accompanied by printed copies of the annual accounts shall, not less than 21 clear days before the annual general meeting before which they are to be laid, be delivered or sent by post to every member and holder of debentures of the Company and to the Auditors and to every other person who is entitled to receive notice of general meetings. However, this Article shall not require a copy of those documents to be sent to any person who, under the provisions of these Articles, is not entitled to receive notices from the Company or of whose address the Company is unaware or to any holder of debentures of whose address the Company is unaware or to more than one of the joint holders of any shares or debentures. If all or any of the shares in or debentures of the Company are listed or dealt in on any stock exchange, there shall at the same time be forwarded to the secretary of that stock exchange such number of copies of each of those documents as the regulations of that stock exchange may require.
- 193. The Company may, in accordance with section 251 of the Act and any regulations made under it, send a summary financial statement to any member instead of or in addition to the documents referred to in Article 192. Where it does so, the statement shall be delivered or sent by post to the member not less than 21 clear days before the annual general meeting before which those documents are to be laid.

## **NOTICES**

194. Any notice or other document may be served on or delivered to any member by the Company either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed

to such member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or by delivering it to or leaving it at such registered address, addressed as aforesaid or, in the case of any notice or other document other than a share certificate or other document of title, by giving it using Electronic Communications to an Address for the time being notified to the Company by the member.

- 195. In the case of joint holders of a share, service or delivery of any notice or other document on or to one of the joint holders shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.
- 196. Any member described in the Register by an address not within the United Kingdom who shall, from time to time, give to the Company a postal address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served upon him shall be entitled to have notices served upon him otherwise than by Electronic Communications at such address but, save as aforesaid, no member other than a member described in the Register by an address within the United Kingdom shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Company.
- 197. Any information, notice or other document is validly sent or supplied by the Company to a person by being made available on a website if:
  - (a) the person has agreed (generally or specifically) that the information, notice or document may be sent or supplied to him in that manner, or he is taken to have so agreed under Schedule 5 to the 2006 Act and, in either case, he has not revoked that agreement;
  - (b) the Company has notified the intended recipient of: (i) the presence of the information, notice or other document on the website; (ii) the address of the website; (iii) the place on the website where it may be accessed; (iv) how to access the information, notice or other document; and (v) any other information prescribed by the Companies Acts including, when the information comprises a notice of meeting, that fact, the place, date and time of the meeting and whether the meeting is an annual general meeting; and
  - (c) the information, notice or other document is available on the website throughout the period specified by any applicable provision of the 2006 Act or, if no such period is specified, the period of 28 days starting on the date on which the notification referred to in this Article 197 is sent to the relevant person.
- 198. If on three consecutive occasions notices or other documents have been sent through the post to any member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices but have been returned undelivered, such member shall not thereafter be entitled to receive notices or other documents from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new registered address or address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices.
- 199. The Company may give notice to the person entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or otherwise by operation of law, by sending or delivering it in any manner authorised by these Articles for the giving of notice to a member, addressed to that person by name, or by the title of the representative of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt or representative by operation of law or by any like

description, at the address (if any) within the United Kingdom supplied for the purpose by the person claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been so supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy or operation of law had not occurred.

- 200. Any member present, in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares of the Company shall be deemed to have received due notice of such meeting, and, where requisite, of the purposes for which such meeting was called.
- 201. Any such notice or other document, if sent by first class post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered 48 hours after it was put in the post and in proving such service or delivery it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or document was properly addressed, prepaid and put in the post. Proof that a notice or other document 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 notice or other document was given or sent. Any notice or other document delivered or left at a registered address otherwise than by post shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the day it was so delivered or left. Any notice or other document contained in an Electronic Communication shall be deemed to have been delivered at the expiration of 48 hours after it was sent.
- 201A. Where any information, notice or document is sent or supplied by means of a website it is deemed to have been received by the recipient when the material was first made available on the website or, if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website.
- 201B. Any notice or other document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any member in pursuance of these Articles shall, notwithstanding that such member is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event has occurred, and whether or not the Company has notice of the death or bankruptcy or other event, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such member as sole or joint holder unless his name shall, at the time of the service or delivery of the notice or document, have been removed from the Register as the holder of the share. Such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
- 201C. Any summons, notice, order or other document required to be sent to or served upon the Company, or upon any officer of the Company, may be sent or served by leaving the same or sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the Company, or to such officer, at the Office, or may be given using Electronic Communications to an Address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice.
- 201D. Any notice or other document may be served or delivered by the Company by reference to the Register as it stands at any time not more than 15 days before the date of despatch by the Company. No change in the Register after that time shall invalidate that service or delivery. Where any notice or other document is served on, or delivered to, any person in respect of a share in accordance with these Articles, no person deriving any title or

- interest in that share shall be entitled to any further service or delivery of that notice or document and shall be bound by such notice or document.
- 201E. Nothing in any of the preceding Articles shall affect any requirement of the Companies Acts that any particular offer, notice or other document be served in any particular manner.
- 202. Every person who, by operation of law, transfers or by any other means becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share (other than a notice given by the Company under section 212 of the Act) which, before his name is entered in the Register, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title.
- 203. Any notice to be given by the Company to the members or any of them, and not otherwise provided for by these Articles, shall be sufficiently given if given by advertisement in at least one national newspaper published in the United Kingdom. Any notice given by advertisement shall be deemed to have been served at noon on the day on which the advertisement first appears.
- 204. If at any time by reason of the suspension, interruption or curtailment of postal services or threat thereof within the United Kingdom the Company is or would be unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, a general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised in at least one national newspaper published in the United Kingdom. Such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto at noon on the day on which the first of such advertisements appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post if, at least seven days prior to the meeting, the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom again becomes practicable.
- 204A. For the purposes of Articles 194 to 204A (inclusive):
  - "<u>Address</u>", when used in relation to Electronic Communications, includes any number or address used for the purposes of such communications;
  - "Communication" includes a communication comprising images and a communication effecting a payment;
  - the "<u>Companies Acts</u>" means every statute including any orders, regulations and other subordinate legislation made under it from time to time in force concerning companies insofar as the same applies to the Company (whether or not called a Companies Act or within the statutory citation of Companies Acts);
  - "<u>Electronic Communication</u>" means a Communication by facsimile or electronic mail, and any other form of electronic communication, as defined by the Electronic Communications Act 2000;

the "2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006.

## WINDING UP

- 205. If the Company is wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by law, divide among the members *in specie* the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. Any such division may be otherwise than in accordance with the existing rights of the members, but if any division is resolved otherwise than in accordance with such rights, the members shall have the same right of dissent and consequential rights as if such resolution were a special resolution passed pursuant to section 110 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees on such trusts for the benefit of the members as he with the like sanction shall determine, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets on which there is liability.
- 206. A special resolution sanctioning a transfer or sale to another company duly passed pursuant to section 110 of the Insolvency Act 1986 may in the like manner authorise the distribution of any shares or other consideration receivable by the liquidator among the members otherwise than in accordance with their existing rights, and any such determination shall be binding on all the members, subject to the right of dissent and consequential rights conferred by the said section.

## **INDEMNITY**

- 207. Subject to the provisions of the Act, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may be otherwise entitled, every Director, alternate Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified and, if the Board so determines, an Auditor may be indemnified, out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses, damages and liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties or exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation thereto, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any liability incurred in defending any proceedings (whether civil or criminal) which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as an officer or employee of the Company, or as Auditor, and in which judgement is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under the Act in which relief is granted to him by any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 208. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may purchase and maintain insurance at the expense of the Company for the benefit of any person who is or was at any time a Director or other officer or employee or auditor of the Company or of any other company which is a subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking of the Company or in which the Company has an interest whether direct or indirect or who is or was at any time a trustee of any pension fund or employee benefits trust in which any employee of the Company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking is or has been interested indemnifying such person against any liability which may attach to him or loss or expenditure which he may incur in relation to anything done or alleged to have been done or omitted to be done as a Director, officer, employee, auditor or trustee.