

Tristel PLC

Articles of Association

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Company Number: 4728199

Public Company Limited by Shares

New Articles of Association

of

TRISTEL PLC

(the "Company")

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Preliminary

1. Exclusion of prescribed articles

No regulations or articles prescribed by regulations under the Statutes concerning companies shall form part of the articles of the Company and all such regulations and articles are hereby excluded.

2. Definitions And Interpretation

2.1 In these Articles (save where inconsistent with the subject or context), the following words and expressions shall bear the following meanings:

"Act" the Companies Act 2006;

"address" in relation to any document or information sent or supplied by electronic means, includes any number or address (including, in the case of any Uncertificated Proxy Instruction permitted pursuant to Article 75.3, an identification number of a participant in the relevant system concerned) used for the purposes of such communications;

"Articles" these articles of association, as from time to time amended;

"associated company" the parent undertaking of the Company, or a subsidiary undertaking of the Company or of any such parent undertaking, or an associated undertaking of the Company or any such parent undertaking;

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

"business day" 9am to 5 p.m. on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which clearing banks are open for the transaction of normal banking business in London;

"certificated" in relation to a share, a share which is not an uncertificated share;

"clear days" in relation to a period of notice, that period excluding the day on which 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;

"CREST" the relevant system operated by EuroClear UK & Ireland Limited in terms of the Regulations;

"Directors" the executive and non-executive directors of the Company who make up its board of directors for the time being, or (as the context requires) the directors present or deemed to be present at a duly convened meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present, and shall be construed in accordance with Article 2.3(c);

"electronic form" the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Act;

"electronic means" the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Act, and includes email but does not include facsimile transmission;

"electronic signature" anything in electronic form which the Directors require to be incorporated into or otherwise associated with any document or information sent or supplied in electronic form for the purpose of establishing the authenticity or integrity of the document or information;

"entitled by transmission" in relation to a share, entitled as a consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of another event giving rise to a transmission of entitlement by operation of law;

"holder" or "member" in relation to a share, the person whose name is entered in the Register in respect of that share;

"London Stock Exchange" London Stock Exchange plc or its successor from time to time;

"Market Rules" the AIM rules for companies published by the London Stock Exchange (including any modification, amendment, or replacement thereof) and/or, where the context so requires, the rules from time to time of any other recognised investment exchange on which the securities of the Company are listed, traded or dealt in;

"month" a calendar month;

"non-working day" a Saturday or Sunday, or any day on which clearing banks are not open for the transaction of normal banking business in London;

"paid" or "paid up" paid up or credited as paid up;

"recognised investment exchange" an investment exchange granted recognition under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000;

"Register" the register of members of the Company kept pursuant to the Statutes, and, where the context so requires, any register maintained by the Company of persons holding any renounceable right of allotment of a share;

"registrar's office" the place where the Register is kept for the time being;

"Regulations" the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001 No 3755);

"seal" the common seal of the Company;

"Secretary" any person, body corporate or partnership appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of the secretary of the Company, including an assistant or deputy secretary, and where two or more persons are appointed to act as joint Secretary, the term shall include any one of those persons;

"securities seal" any official seal kept by the Company pursuant to the Statutes for use for sealing securities issued by the Company or for sealing documents creating or evidencing securities so issued;

"share" means a share in the capital of the Company;

"Statutes" all statutes (and any regulations subordinate thereto) for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the Company;

"uncertificated" in relation to a share, a share, title to which is recorded in the Register as being held in uncertificated form and which, by virtue of the Regulations, may be transferred by means of a relevant system;

"Uncertificated Proxy Instruction" the meaning given in Article 75.3;

"United Kingdom" or "UK" the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

"writing" the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in hard copy, in electronic form or by being made available on a website; and

"year" a calendar year.

2.2 In these Articles (unless the context otherwise requires):

- (a) words denoting the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words denoting the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter and vice versa;
- (b) words denoting persons shall include individuals, companies, corporations, bodies corporate, associations, partnerships, firms, government authorities and societies (whether incorporated or not) and references to any of the same include the others;
- (c) the expression "debenture" shall include "debenture stock";
- (d) the words "include", "including" and "in particular" shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation";
- (e) references to a document being "signed" or to a "signature" include references to it being executed under hand or under seal or by any other method and, in the case of a document in electronic form, are to its bearing an electronic signature;

references to a document being "executed" include references to its being executed under hand or under seal or by any other method; and

- (g) references to a "relevant system" shall be deemed to relate to the relevant system in which the particular share or class of shares or renounceable right of allotment of a share concerned in the capital of the Company is a participating security for the time being, and all references in these Articles to the giving of an instruction by means of a relevant system shall be deemed to relate to a properly authenticated dematerialised instruction given in accordance with the Regulations and the giving of such instructions shall be subject to:

the facilities and requirements of the relevant system;

- (ii) the extent permitted by the Regulations; and
- (iii) the extent permitted by or practicable under the rules, procedures and practices from time to time of the operator of the relevant system.

2.3 In these Articles:

- (a) powers of delegation shall not be restrictively construed but the widest possible interpretation shall be given to them and, except where expressly provided by the terms

of delegation, the delegation of a power shall not exclude the concurrent exercise of that power by any other person who is for the time being authorised to exercise it under these Articles or under another delegation of the power;

- (b) no power of delegation shall be limited by the existence or, except where expressly provided by the terms of delegation, the exercise of that or any other power of delegation; and
- (c) references to "Directors" in the context of the exercise of any power contained in these Articles includes reference to any committee consisting of one or more Directors from time to time, any Director from time to time holding executive office and any local or divisional board, managers or agents of the Company to which or (as the case may be) to whom the power in question has been delegated.

- 2.4 A special resolution shall be effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is expressed to be required under any provision of these Articles. The expression "special notice" shall mean notice given in accordance with the Statutes in any case where special notice of a resolution is required.
- 2.5 Subject as set out in the preceding provisions of this Article 2 and if not inconsistent with the subject or the context in which the word or expression is used, any words or expressions defined in the Act, or the Regulations (as the case may be) shall have the same meanings in these Articles but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force at the date of adoption of these Articles. In particular, the expressions "operator", "participating issuer", "participating security" and "relevant system" have the same meanings as in the Regulations.
- 2.6 Unless otherwise stated, any reference in these Articles to the provisions of any statute or any regulations subordinate thereto shall extend to and include any amendment or re-enactment of or substitution for the same effected by any subsequent statute or regulations.
- 2.7 References to "electronic facility" includes (without limitation) website addresses and conference call systems and any device, system, procedure, method or facility providing any electronic means of attendance at or participation in (or both attendance at and participation in) a general meeting determined by the Directors pursuant to Article 51).
- 2.8 References to a person's "participation" in the business of any general meeting includes without limitation and as relevant the right (including, in the case of a corporation, through a duly appointed representative) to speak, vote, be represented by a proxy and have access in hard copy or electronic form to all documents which are required by the Statutes or these Articles to be made available at the meeting and participate and participating shall be construed accordingly.
- 2.9 Any reference to a "meeting" means a meeting convened and held in any manner permitted by these Articles, including without limitation a general meeting of the Company at which some or all persons entitled to be present attend and participate by means of electronic facility or facilities in accordance with these Articles, and such persons shall be deemed to be present at that meeting for all purposes of the Statutes and these Articles and attend and participate, attending and participating and attendance and participation shall be construed accordingly.
- 2.10 In these Articles, the headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.

Share Capital

3. Shares

Subject to the superior rights of any other class or classes of shares that are or may be issued by the Company, the rights and restrictions attaching to the shares as regards participation in the profits and assets of the Company shall be as follows.

3.1 Income

Any profits which the Company may determine to distribute in respect of any financial year shall be distributed among the holders of the shares pro rata according to the amounts paid up or credited as paid up on the shares held by them.

3.2 Capital

The capital and assets of the Company on a winding-up or other return of capital shall be applied in repaying to the holders of shares the amounts paid up or credited as paid up on such shares and subject thereto shall belong to and be distributed according to the number of such shares held by them respectively.

4. Redeemable shares and shares with special rights

4.1 Subject to the Statutes and without prejudice to any rights attached to any class of shares for the time being in issue, any share in the Company may be issued:

- (a) on terms that it is or is liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the holder; and
- (b) with such preferred, deferred or other rights or subject to such restrictions, whether as regards dividend, return of capital, voting, conversion or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine.

5. Warrants or options to subscribe for shares

Subject to the Statutes, these Articles and the Market Rules, the Company may issue warrants or options to subscribe for shares in the Company on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may determine.

Variation of rights

6. Manner of variation of rights

6.1 Whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, all or any of the rights for the time being attached to any class may, subject to the Statutes, be varied or abrogated:

- (a) in such manner (if any) as may be provided by those rights; or
- (b) in the absence of 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 that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of that class (but not otherwise),

and may be so varied or abrogated either whilst the Company is a going concern or during or in contemplation of a winding-up. To every such separate general meeting, all the provisions of the Statutes and these Articles relating to general meetings of the Company or to the proceedings thereat shall apply mutatis mutandis except that:

- (c) no member shall be entitled to receive notice of such meeting or to attend it unless he is a holder of shares of the class in question and no vote shall be given except in respect of a share of that class;
- (d) the necessary quorum at any such meeting (other than an adjourned meeting) shall be two individuals, being two members present in person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a member present through a corporate representative in accordance with Article 77) or by proxy, together holding not less than one third in nominal amount of the issued shares of the class in question (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any shares of that class held as treasury shares), unless all the shares of the class are registered in the name of a single member, in which case the quorum shall be that single member, and where a member is present by proxy, he shall be treated as holding only the shares in respect of which that proxy or those proxies are authorised to exercise voting rights;
- (e) at any adjourned meeting, the necessary quorum shall be one individual, being a member present in person or by proxy, holding shares of the class in question (whatever the number of shares held by him);
- (f) each holder of shares of the class in question present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote may demand a poll;
- (g) on a show of hands, every holder of shares of the class in question entitled to vote on the resolution who is present in person has one vote and every proxy present who has been duly appointed by a holder of shares of the class in question entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote; and
- (h) each holder of shares of the class in question present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall, on a poll, have one vote in respect of every share of the class held by him.

6.2 The preceding provisions of this Article 6 shall apply to the variation or abrogation of all or any of the rights attached to some only of the shares of any class as if each group of shares of the class differently treated formed a separate class, the rights of which are to be varied or abrogated.

7. Matters not constituting variation of rights

7.1 The rights attached to any class of shares shall, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of such shares or by the terms on which such shares are for the time being held, be deemed not to be varied or abrogated by:

- (a) the creation, allotment or issue of further shares ranking equally in some or all respects with (but not having, in any respect, any priority over) such shares as regards participation in the profits or assets of the Company;
- (b) the purchase or redemption by the Company of any of its own shares (whether for cancellation or otherwise) or the cancellation of any of its shares following a reduction of capital approved by the Court under the Statutes;
- (c) the transfer or sale by the Company of any shares which it may hold as treasury shares from time to time in accordance with the Statutes; or

- (d) the Directors resolving that a class of shares shall become or the operator of the relevant system permitting such class of shares to be a participating security.

Alteration of capital

8. Consolidation, sub-division and cancellation of shares

8.1 The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution:

- (a) consolidate, or consolidate and divide, all or any of its share capital into shares of a larger nominal amount than its existing shares; and
- (b) subject to the Statutes, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, (whether or not following a consolidation) into shares of a smaller nominal amount and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from such sub-division, any of them may, as compared with the others, have any such preferred, deferred or other rights or be subject to any such restrictions as the Company has power to attach to new shares.

8.2 Where any difficulty arises as a result of any consolidation or sub-division pursuant to Article 8.1, the Directors may settle the same as they consider expedient and, in particular, may make such provision as they think fit for any fractional entitlements which may or would arise, including arrangements under which (treating holdings of a member of uncertificated shares and certificated shares of the same class as if they were separate holdings, unless the Directors otherwise determine) they may:

- (a) sell fractions of a share to a person (including, subject to the Statutes, the Company) for the best price reasonably obtainable and distribute the net proceeds of sale after deduction of the expenses of sale in due proportion among the persons entitled (except that if the amount due to a person is less than £3.00 or such other sum as the Directors may from time to time decide, the sum, may be retained for the benefit of the Company); or
- (b) subject to the Statutes, allot or issue to a member, credited as fully paid by way of capitalisation, the minimum number of shares required to round his holding of shares up to a number which, following consolidation and division or sub-division, leaves a whole number of shares (such allotment or issue being deemed to have been effected immediately before consolidation or sub-division, as the case may be).

8.3 To give effect to a sale pursuant to Article 8.2(a), the Directors may exercise their powers under Article 35.

8.4 If shares are allotted or issued pursuant to Article 8.2(b), the amount required to pay up those shares may be capitalised as the Directors think fit out of amounts standing to the credit of the reserves (including a share premium account and capital redemption reserve) or to the credit of the profit and loss account, whether or not available for distribution, and applied in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares. A resolution of the Directors capitalising part of the reserves for the purpose set out in Article 8.2(b) shall have the same effect as if the capitalisation had been declared by ordinary resolution of the Company pursuant to Article 134.

9. Reduction of capital

Subject to the Statutes and to the rights attached to any class of shares for the time being in issue, the Company may from time to time by special resolution reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve, share premium account or other undistributable reserve in any manner.

10. Purchase of own shares

Subject to the Statutes, the rights attached to any class of shares for the time being in issue and the Market Rules, the Company may from time to time purchase or enter into a contract under which it will or may purchase any or all of its own shares (including any redeemable shares) at any price (whether at par or above or below par) and so that any shares to be so purchased may be selected in any manner whatsoever. Every contract for the purchase of or under which the Company may become entitled or obliged to purchase shares in the Company shall be authorised by such resolution of the Company as may be required by the Statutes and, where appropriate, the Market Rules.

Shares

11. Authority to allot

Subject to the Statutes, these Articles and any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant thereto, the Directors may allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over, or otherwise deal with or dispose of in any other way new shares or rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares to such persons, at such times and on such terms as they think proper, but no share may be issued at a discount. All new shares shall be subject to the Statutes and these Articles with reference to allotment, payment of calls, forfeiture, lien, transfer, transmission and all other matters.

12. Commissions/brokerage

The Company may, in connection with the issue of any shares, pay commission as permitted by the Statutes. The Company may also on any issue of shares pay such brokerage as may be lawful. 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.

13. Renunciation of allotment

The Directors may at any time after the allotment of any share but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder of such share, recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and may give to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit to impose.

14. Trusts may be recognised

The Company shall be entitled but shall not (except as required by the Statutes or these Articles) be bound (even when having express notice of the trust), to recognise in such manner and to such extent as it may think fit any trust(s) in respect of any of the shares of the Company. Notwithstanding any such recognition, the Company shall not be bound to see to the execution, administration or observance of any trust, whether expressed, implied or constructive, in respect of any shares of the Company and shall be entitled to recognise and give effect to the acts and deeds of the holders of such shares as if they were the absolute owners thereof. For the purposes of this Article 14, "trust" includes any right or interest (whether equitable, contingent, future, partial or otherwise) in respect of any share, or any fractional part of a share, of the Company other than an absolute right of the registered holder to the entirety of the same.

Evidence of title to shares

15. **Members' rights to share certificates**

Subject to Article 17, every person (other than a financial institution in respect of whom the Company is not by law required to complete and have ready for delivery a share certificate) whose name is entered as a member in the Register in respect of any certificated share shall be entitled, without payment, to receive a certificate therefor within one month of the date of allotment (or one month after the date of expiration of any right of renunciation, if earlier) or within one month of the date of lodgement of a transfer or (subject to the foregoing) within such other period as the terms of the issue shall provide.

16. Issue of share certificates

Every share certificate shall specify the number, class, nominal value and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount paid up thereon. No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class. Share certificates shall be executed in accordance with the Statutes in such manner as the Directors may approve, having regard to the terms of allotment or issue of the certificated shares and the Market Rules. The Directors may determine, either generally or in particular cases, that any signature on share certificates need not be autographic but may be affixed mechanically, electronically, by laser printing or by such other means or that share certificates need not be signed by any person.

17. Joint holders

In the case of a certificated share held jointly by two or more persons, the Company shall not be obliged to issue more than one certificate for such certificated share and delivery of a certificate to one of the joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all.

18. Balance share certificates

Where some only of the certificated shares comprised in a share certificate are transferred, the old share certificate shall be cancelled and a new share certificate for the balance of such shares shall be issued in lieu without charge.

19. Replacement of share certificates

19.1 If any member:

- (a) surrenders for cancellation two or more certificates representing certificated shares of any one class held by him and requests the Company to issue a single new certificate representing such shares; or
- (b) surrenders for cancellation a share certificate representing certificated shares held by him and requests the Company to issue in lieu two or more share certificates representing such shares in such proportions as he may specify, the Directors may, if they think fit and on payment by the member of such reasonable fee as the Directors may decide, comply with such request.

19.2 If a share certificate has been worn out, damaged or defaced or is alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, a new certificate representing the same shares shall be issued to the holder on request subject to:

- (a) delivery up of the old certificate or (if alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed) compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity as the Directors may decide; and
 - (b) the payment of such reasonable fee as the Directors may decide.
- 19.3 In the case of shares held jointly by two or more persons, any such request may be made by any one of the joint holders.
- 20. Delivery of share certificate to broker or agent

Delivery of a certificate for certificated shares to a broker or agent acting in regard to the purchase or transfer of shares to which it relates shall be sufficient delivery to the purchaser or transferee, as the case may be.
- 21. Uncertificated shares
 - 21.1 Pursuant and subject to the Market Rules and the Regulations, the Directors may permit title to shares and securities of any class to be evidenced otherwise than by a share certificate and title to shares and securities of such a class to be transferred by means of a relevant system and may make arrangements for each share of a class of shares (if all shares of that class are in all respects identical) to become a participating security. Title to shares of a particular class may only be evidenced otherwise than by a share certificate where that class of shares is at the relevant time a participating security. The Directors may also, subject to compliance with the Regulations and the rules of any relevant system, determine at any time that title to any class of shares may from a date specified by the Directors no longer be evidenced otherwise than by a share certificate or that title to such a class shall cease to be transferred by means of any particular relevant system. For the avoidance of doubt, shares which are uncertificated shares shall not be treated as forming a class which is separate from certificated shares with the same rights.
 - 21.2 For so long as a class of shares remains a participating security, no provision of these Articles shall apply or have effect in relation to uncertificated shares of that class to the extent that they are inconsistent in any respect with:
 - (a) the holding of shares of that class in uncertificated form;
 - (b) the transfer of title to shares of that class by means of a relevant system; and
 - (c) the Regulations.
 - 21.3 Any share of a class which is at the relevant time a participating security may be changed from an uncertificated share to a certificated share and from a certificated share to an uncertificated share in accordance with and subject as provided in the Regulations and the rules of any relevant system.
 - 21.4 Unless the Directors otherwise determine or the Regulations or the rules of the relevant system concerned otherwise require, any shares issued or created out of or in respect of any uncertificated shares shall be uncertificated shares and any shares issued or created out of or in respect of any certificated shares shall be certificated shares.
 - 21.5 Where the Company is entitled in terms of the Statutes, the Regulations, the rules, procedures or practices of any relevant system and/or the Market Rules to dispose of, forfeit, accept the surrender of, enforce a lien over, re-allot or sell, transfer or otherwise procure the sale of any shares which are held in uncertificated form, the Directors shall have the power (subject to the Statutes, the Regulations, the rules, procedures and practices of the relevant system and the Market Rules) to take such steps as the Directors consider appropriate, by instruction by means of a relevant system

or otherwise, to effect such disposal, forfeiture, surrender, enforcement, re-allotment, sale or transfer and such powers shall (subject as aforesaid) include the right to:

- (a) request or require the deletion of any computer-based entries in the relevant system relating to the holding of such shares in uncertificated form;
- (b) alter such computer-based entries so as to divest the holder of such shares of the power to transfer such shares to a person other than the transferee, purchaser or his nominee identified by the Company for this purpose;
- (c) require any holder of any uncertificated shares, which are the subject of any exercise by the Company of any such entitlement, by notice in writing to the holder concerned to convert his holding of such uncertificated shares into certificated form within such period as may be specified in the notice prior to completion of any disposal, sale or transfer of such shares or direct the holder to take such steps as may be necessary to sell or transfer such shares; and/or
- (d) appoint any person to take such other steps in the name of the holder of such shares as may be required to effect the conversion and/or transfer of such shares and such steps shall be as effective as if they had been taken by the registered holder of the uncertificated shares concerned.

21.6 The Company shall not issue to any person a certificate in respect of an uncertificated share.

Calls on shares

22. Power to make calls

22.1 The Directors may from time to time make calls on the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal value or in respect of any premium) and not by the terms of issue thereof made payable at fixed times. A call shall be made by notice to the member concerned which states when and how the call is to be paid. A call may be made payable by instalments.

22.2 A call may, before receipt by the Company of any sum due thereunder, be revoked or postponed in whole or in part if and as the Directors may determine by a further notice in writing to the member concerned.

23. Liability for calls

Each member shall pay to the Company as required by the notice the amount called on his shares, save that no member is obliged to pay any call before the expiry of 14 clear days from receipt or deemed receipt of the notice making the call. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of such share. A person on whom a call is made shall remain liable to pay the amount called notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect of which the call was made.

24. Interest on overdue amounts

If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from and including the day appointed for payment thereof (or such later date as may be specified by the Directors) to the time of actual payment at such rate fixed by the terms of allotment or issue of the share concerned or in the notice of the call or, if no rate is fixed, at the rate (not exceeding, without the sanction of the Company given by ordinary resolution, a rate of one per cent per annum above the

base lending rate charged by the Company's bankers (or any one of them) for the time being) as the Directors determine, but the Directors shall be at liberty in any case or cases to waive payment of all or part of such interest.

25. Deemed calls

Any amount which by or pursuant to the terms of allotment or issue of a share becomes payable on allotment or issue, at any fixed date or on the occurrence of a particular event, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date on which, by or pursuant to the terms of allotment or issue, the same becomes payable and in case of non-payment all the relevant provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

26. Power to differentiate between holders

Subject to the terms of allotment or issue, the Directors may, at any time and from time to time, differentiate between the allottees or the holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.

27. Payment of calls in advance

27.1 The Directors may, if they think fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same, all or any part of the moneys (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or in respect of any premium) uncalled and unpaid on the shares held by him and such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish to that extent the liability on the shares in respect of which it is made and on the money so received or on so much thereof as from time to time exceeds the amount then called on such shares. The Company may pay interest at such rate (not exceeding, without the sanction of the Company given by ordinary resolution, a rate of one per cent per annum above the base lending rate charged by the Company's bankers (or any one of them) for the time being) as the member paying such sum and the Directors may agree on the moneys so received (until and to the extent that the same would but for such advance become payable). Sums so paid in advance shall not entitle participation in any dividend.

27.2 The Directors may at any time repay moneys paid up in advance of calls on giving to the member not less than 14 clear days' notice in writing.

Forfeiture, surrender and lien

28. Notice on failure to pay a call

28.1 If a member fails to pay in full any call or instalment of a call on or before the due date for payment thereof, the Directors may at any time thereafter give to him or any person entitled to the shares by transmission not less than 14 clear days' notice in writing requiring payment of the amount unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued thereon and any costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment.

28.2 The notice shall specify a further day (not being less than 14 clear days from the date of service of the notice) on or before which and the place where the payment required by the notice is to be made and shall state that if the amount specified in the notice is not paid in full as required by the notice, the shares on which the call has been made will be liable to be forfeited.

29. Forfeiture for non-compliance

29.1 If the requirements of any notice given under Article 28 are not complied with, any share in respect of which such notice has been given may, at any time after such non-compliance and before payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared and other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before forfeiture. The Directors may accept a surrender of any share liable to be forfeited under the provisions of these Articles and, in such case, references herein to forfeiture shall include surrender.

29.2 When any share has been forfeited, the Company shall serve notice of the forfeiture on the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share or the person who was before forfeiture entitled to the share by transmission, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice as aforesaid. An entry of the fact and date of forfeiture or surrender shall be made in the Register.

30. Disposal of forfeited shares

Subject to the Statutes, a share which has been forfeited and all rights attaching to it shall become the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of either to the person who was before such forfeiture the holder of or entitled thereto or to any other person upon such terms and in such manner as the Directors shall think fit in accordance with Article 35. At any time before a sale, re-allotment or disposition, the forfeiture or surrender may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit. Any share which has been so forfeited or surrendered and has not been sold, re-allotted or disposed of shall be cancelled within three years of such forfeiture or surrender in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.

31. Liability following forfeiture

A person whose share has been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of such share and shall, if the share is in certificated form, surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for such share. Such member shall, notwithstanding the forfeiture, remain liable (unless payment is waived in whole or in part by the Directors) to pay to the Company all moneys which, at the date of forfeiture, were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the share together with interest on such sum at such rate as may be fixed by the terms of allotment or issue of the share or in the notice of the call or, if no rate is fixed, at such rate (not exceeding, without the sanction of the Company given by ordinary resolution, one per cent per annum above the base lending rate charged by the Company's bankers (or any one of them) for the time being) as the Directors may determine from and including the date of forfeiture until payment. The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or surrender or waive payment in whole or in part.

32. Lien on partly paid shares

The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) registered in the name of a member (whether solely or jointly with another person) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of such share and to the extent and in the circumstances permitted by the Statutes. The Company's lien (if any) on a share shall extend to any amount, including (without prejudice to the foregoing generality) dividends payable in respect of it. The Directors may at any time or in a particular case waive any lien which has arisen or declare any share to be exempt wholly or partially from the provisions of this Article 32.

33. Enforcement of lien by sale

33.1 The Company may exercise its powers under Article 35 and sell in such manner as the Directors think fit any share on which the Company has a lien. No sale shall be made unless:

- (a) some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable or the liability or engagement in respect of which such lien exists is liable to be presently fulfilled or discharged;
- (b) a notice in writing shall have been given to the holder for the time being of the share or to the person entitled thereto by transmission demanding payment of the sum then payable or specifying the liability or engagement and demanding payment, fulfilment or discharge thereof and giving notice of the intention to sell in default of payment or fulfilment or discharge of such payment; and
- (c) not less than 14 clear days have expired after the delivery of such notice.

34. Application of proceeds of sale

The net proceeds of any sale pursuant to Article 33, after payment of the costs of such sale, shall be received by the Company and applied in or towards payment or satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien exists, so far as the same is then payable. Any balance remaining shall (in respect of certificated shares, upon surrender to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold or the provision of an indemnity as to any lost or stolen or destroyed certificate required by the Directors), subject to a like lien for amounts not presently payable as existed on the shares before the sale, be paid to the person entitled to the shares immediately before the sale.

Compulsory sale powers

35. Powers of sale

The Directors may exercise the powers conferred on them by this Article 35 only when they are empowered to do so pursuant to any of Articles 8.3, 30, 33 and 46. The Directors may, if necessary, authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of a certificated share on behalf of the holder of (or the person entitled by transmission to) the share to any person. The Directors may, if necessary, exercise any of the powers conferred on the Company by Article 21.5 to effect the transfer of an uncertificated share on behalf of the holder of (or the person entitled by transmission to) the share to any person. In either case, the transfer shall be as effective as if it had been made by the holder of (or the person entitled by transmission to) the share and the Company may receive the consideration (if any) for the disposal and may register the transferee as the holder of the share.

36. Evidence of due forfeiture and sale

A statutory declaration in writing by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited or surrendered or sold pursuant to these Articles and stating the date on which it was forfeited or surrendered or sold shall, against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated. Such declaration shall (subject, if necessary, to the execution of an instrument of transfer) constitute good title to the share and the person to whom the share is sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any) nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the forfeiture, surrender, sale, re-allotment or disposal of the share.

Transfer of shares

37. Form of transfer

- 37.1 Subject to these Articles, any member may transfer all or any of his certificated shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in any other form acceptable to the Directors. The instrument of transfer of a share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.
- 37.2 Subject to these Articles, an uncertificated share may be transferred in accordance with the Regulations and the rules of any relevant system.
- 37.3 A transferor shall remain the holder of the share concerned (whether a certificated share or an uncertificated share) until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register as the holder of that share.

38. Right to decline registration of transfers of certificated shares

- 38.1 Subject to Article 72 and the Market Rules, the Directors may in their absolute discretion and without giving any reasons refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share which is not fully paid or on which the Company has a lien, provided that this power will not be exercised so as to disturb the market in the shares.
- 38.2 Subject to Article 72 and the Market Rules, the Directors may also refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share or a renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment (except where to do so would disturb the market in the shares) unless all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- (a) it is in respect of only one class of share;
 - (b) it is in favour of a single transferee or renouncee or not more than four joint transferees or renouncees;
 - (c) it is duly stamped (if required); and
 - (d) it is delivered for registration to the registrar's office or such other place as the Directors may determine, accompanied by the certificate(s) for the shares to which it relates (except in the case of a transfer by a financial institution where a certificate has not been issued or in the case of a renunciation) and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor or person renouncing and the due execution by him of the transfer or renunciation or, if the transfer or renunciation is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so.
- 38.3 If the Directors refuse to register the transfer of a certificated share, the Directors shall as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company send notice of the refusal to the purported transferee together with the reasons for the refusal and the Directors shall provide the purported transferee with such further information about the reasons for the refusal as the purported transferee may reasonably request.

39. Right to decline registration of transfers of uncertificated shares

- 39.1 Subject to the Statutes and the Market Rules, the Company shall register a transfer of title to any uncertificated share or any renounceable right of allotment of a share which is a participating security held in uncertificated form in accordance with the Regulations, but so that the Directors may refuse to register such a transfer in favour of more than four persons jointly or in any other

circumstance permitted by the Regulations (except where to do so would disturb the market in the shares).

- 39.2 If the Directors refuse to register the transfer of an uncertificated share, or of any such uncertificated renounceable right of allotment of a share, the Directors shall as soon as practicable, and in any event within two months after the date on which the transfer instruction relating to such transfer was received by the Company, send notice of the refusal to the purported transferee together with the reasons for the refusal and the Directors shall provide the purported transferee with such further information about the refusal as the purported transferee may reasonably request.

40. No fee on registration

No fee will be charged by the Company in respect of the registration of any transfer of a share or the renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment or instruction or other document relating to or affecting the title to a share or otherwise for making any other entry in the Register.

41. Branch Register

Subject to, and to the extent permitted by, the Statutes and the Market Rules, the Company (or the Directors on behalf of the Company) may arrange for a branch register to be kept in any territory of members resident in such territory. The Directors may make and vary such regulations as they think fit regarding the keeping of any branch register.

42. Retention of transfers

All instruments of transfer which are registered shall, subject to Article 143, be retained by the Company, but any instrument of transfer which the Directors refuse to register shall (except where fraud or any other crime involving dishonesty is suspected in relation to such transfer) be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

Transmission of shares

43. Transmission on death

If a member dies, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint holder, and the executor(s) or personal representative(s) or administrator(s) of the deceased where he was a sole or only surviving holder, shall be the only person(s) recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares. However, nothing in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased holder (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share held by him.

44. Election by person entitled by transmission

- 44.1 Subject to Article 43, any person becoming entitled to a share by transmission may (subject as hereinafter provided) on supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may from time to time reasonably require to show his title to the share elect either to: (i) be registered as holder of the share in either a personal or representative capacity, or (ii) transfer such share to some other person nominated by him. If he elects to become registered himself, he shall give notice to the Company to that effect, If he elects to transfer such share to another person, he shall:

- (a) if such share is a certificated share, execute an instrument of transfer of the share in favour of that person; or
- (b) if such share is an uncertificated share, either procure that instructions are given by means of the relevant system to effect the transfer of the share to that person or change the share to a certificated share and transfer it in accordance with Article 44.1 (a).

- 44.2 All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer and the registration of shares shall apply to any such notification or transfer or instruction (as the case may be) which shall be treated as if it were a transfer executed or instruction given (as the case may be) by the member registered as the holder of any such share.
- 44.3 The Directors may at any time require a person to make the election referred to in Article 44.1 to be registered himself or to transfer the share and if the requirements are not complied with within 90 days of being issued, the Directors may withhold payment of all dividends and other moneys payable in respect of the share until the requirements have been met.
45. Rights of persons entitled by transmission

Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, a person becoming entitled to a share by transmission (on supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show his title to the share) shall have the rights, including rights as to dividends and other moneys payable in respect of the share, to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not before being registered as the holder of the share be entitled in respect of it to receive notice of, attend or vote at any meeting of the Company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company.

Untraced shareholders

46. Sale of shares of untraced shareholders
- 46.1 The Company may exercise its powers under Article 35 and sell, at the best price reasonably obtainable at the time of sale, the shares of a member or the shares to which a person is entitled by transmission if:
- (a) during the period of 12 years immediately prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in Article 46.1 (b) (or, if published on different dates, the first such date) at least three dividends (whether interim or final) in respect of those shares have become payable and no dividend in respect of those shares during that period has been claimed;
 - (b) the Company has, on or after the expiry of the period referred to in Article 46.1 (a), inserted an advertisement of its intention to sell the relevant shares in both a United Kingdom national newspaper and in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the last known address of such member or the person entitled by transmission to the shares, or the address at which service of notices may be effected in the manner authorised by the provisions of these Articles, is located and by giving notice of its intention to sell the relevant shares to any relevant regulatory authority, the London Stock Exchange and/or any other stock exchange or recognised investment exchange on which the shares are listed and/or traded; and
 - (c) during the further period of three months following the date of the publication of such advertisements (or, if published on different dates, the last such date), the Company, so far as the Directors are aware, has not received any communication from such member or person entitled by transmission (in his capacity as such).
- 46.2 The Company shall also be entitled to sell, in the manner provided for in this Article 46, any share (an "additional share") issued during the period or periods of 12 years and three months in respect of any share to which Article 46.1 applies or in respect of any share issued during such periods, provided that the requirements of:

- (a) Article 46.1(a), but modified to exclude the words "during the period of 12 years immediately prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to in Article 46.1(b) (or, if published on different dates, the first such date)";
- (b) Article 46.1(b), but modified to exclude the words "on or after the expiry of the period referred to in Article 46.1(a)"; and
- (c) Article 46.1(c);

are satisfied in respect of such additional share.

- 46.3 The net proceeds of sale shall belong to the Company, but the Company shall be obliged to account to the former member or other person previously entitled by transmission to the relevant shares for an amount equal to such net proceeds and shall enter the name of such former member or other person in its books as a creditor for such amount. Such amount shall be a permanent debt of the Company. No trust shall be created in respect of such debt nor shall any interest be payable in respect of the same. The Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on the net proceeds, which may be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments as the Directors may from time to time think fit.

General meetings

47. Annual general meetings

An annual general meeting shall be held in accordance with the Statutes at such time and place as the Directors may determine.

48. Other general meetings

The Directors may whenever they think fit convene a general meeting to be held at such time and place as they may determine. The Directors shall, on requisition in accordance with the Statutes, proceed with proper expedition to convene a general meeting accordingly and if the Directors fail to do so the meeting may be convened by the requisitionists. If at any time there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient Directors to call a general meeting, any one Director may convene a general meeting.

49. Class meetings

The provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall apply, with necessary modifications, to any general meeting of the holders of a separate class of shares.

Notice of general meetings

50. Period of notice, persons entitled to receive notice and form of notice

- 50.1 An annual general meeting shall be called by not less than 21 clear days' notice in writing and any other general meeting by not less than 14 clear days' notice in writing.

- 50.2 The notice shall be given to the Auditors, to the Directors and to all members who are entitled under these Articles to receive such notices from the Company.

- 50.3 The Directors may determine that persons entitled to receive notice of meetings are those persons entered on the Register at the close of business on a day determined by the Directors, but if the Company is a participating issuer, the day determined by the Directors may not be more than 21 clear days before the date upon which the relevant notice is being sent.

50.4 Notwithstanding that it has been called by a shorter notice period than that specified in Article 50.1, a general meeting shall be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:

- (a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
- (b) in the case of any other general meeting, by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at that meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

50.5 Notice of a general meeting shall be given in hard copy form, in electronic form or by means of a website in accordance with section 309 of the Act, or partly by one such means and partly by another.

51. Contents of notice

51.1 Every notice calling a general meeting shall specify the place, date and time of the meeting including any means, or all different means, of attendance and participation (including without limitation, any electronic facilities the Directors have determined be used to enable attendance and participation in the meeting in accordance with Article 54, which shall be identified as such). The notice shall also state reasonably prominently that a member is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend, speak and vote at the meeting and that he may appoint more than one proxy provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him.

51.2 In the case of an annual general meeting, the notice shall also specify the meeting as such.

51.3 In the case of any general meeting at which business other than ordinary business (as defined in Article 52) is to be transacted, the notice shall specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

51.4 In the case of any general meeting at which any resolution is to be proposed as a special resolution, the notice shall include the text of the resolution and specify the intention to propose it as a special resolution.

51.5 The notice shall include details of any arrangements made in accordance with Article 54, making clear that participation in those arrangements will amount to attendance at the meeting to which the notice relates.

51.6 The notice may specify a time (which, if the Company is a participating issuer, shall not be more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting) by which a person must be entered on the Register in order to be entitled to attend or vote at the meeting. No person shall have the right to attend or vote at the meeting if he is entered on the Register after the specified time.

52. Ordinary business

52.1 Ordinary business shall mean and include only the following business transacted at a general meeting:

- (a) declaring a dividend;
- (b) receiving, considering and/or adopting the accounts, the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the accounts;

- (c) appointing or re-appointing the Auditors and determining or authorising the Directors to determine their remuneration;
- (d) appointing or re-appointing Directors; and
- (e) any other business which pursuant to the Statutes, shall be required to be transacted at an annual general meeting.

53. Accidental omission or non-receipt of notice

The accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting or of any resolution intended to be moved at a general meeting or the accidental omission to send any document relating to any general meeting to or the non-receipt of any such notice or document by any person entitled to receive the notice or document shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

54. General meetings by way of an electronic facility

54.1 The Directors may resolve to enable persons entitled to attend a general meeting to do so by attendance and participation by way of any electronic facility or facilities (either concurrently with the proceedings at the principal meeting place, or by way of a meeting that is held solely by way of any electronic facility or facilities), and the members present in person or by proxy, including in each case where by way of any electronic facility or facilities, shall be counted in the quorum for and be entitled to speak and vote at the general meeting in question on a show of hands or by way of poll (if demanded in accordance with Article 64.2), and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid, provided that the chairman of the general meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the general meeting to ensure that all of the members attending are able to:

- (a) participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;
- (b) hear and see all persons who speak (whether by the use of microphones, loudspeakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise) in the principal meeting place and/or by way of any electronic facility; and
- (c) be heard and seen by all other persons so present in the same way.

54.2 The meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating in the conference is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.

54.3 If a general meeting is held by means of any electronic facility or facilities, the Directors (and, at a general meeting, the chairman of Directors) may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction that is:

- (a) necessary to ensure the identification of those taking part and the security of the electronic communication; and
- (b) proportionate to the achievement of those objectives.

55. Change in place and/or time of meeting

55.1 If, after the giving of notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held or after the adjournment of a general meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the Directors decide that it is impracticable or unreasonable to hold the meeting at the declared place (or any of the places, or by way of an electronic facility, in the case of a meeting to which Article 54 applies) and/or time, they may change the place (or

any of the places, or the electronic facility, in the case of a meeting to which Article 54 applies) and/or postpone the time at which the meeting is to be held. If such a decision is made, the Directors may change the place (or any of the places, or the electronic facility, in the case of a meeting to which Article 54 applies) and/or postpone the time again if they decide that it is reasonable to do so in either case:

- (a) no new notice of the meeting need be given but the Directors shall, if practicable, advertise the date, time and place of the new meeting in at least one United Kingdom national newspaper and shall make arrangements for notices of the change of place and/or postponement to appear at the original place and/or at the original time; and
- (b) notwithstanding Article 76, an appointment of proxy in relation to the new meeting may be deposited at any time not less than 48 hours before any new time appointed for holding the meeting.

Proceedings at general meetings

56. Chairman

- 56.1 The chairman of the Directors (if any), or in his absence a deputy chairman of the Directors (if any), shall preside as chairman at a general meeting. If neither the chairman nor the deputy chairman is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act or if there is no chairman, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting or if there is only one Director present and willing to act he shall be chairman of the meeting. If no Director is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or if all of the Directors present decline to take the chair, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting. If there are two or more deputy chairmen willing to act as chairman of the meeting, the provisions of Article 104.2 shall apply.
- 56.2 The decision of the chairman on points of order, matters of procedure or arising incidentally out of the business of a general meeting is conclusive, as is the chairman's decision, acting in good faith, on whether a point or matter is of this nature.
- 56.3 Nothing in the provisions of these Articles is intended to restrict or exclude any of the powers or rights of a chairman of a meeting which are given by law.

57. Quorum

No business, other than the appointment of a chairman of the meeting, shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Two individuals, being two members present in person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, a member present through a corporate representative in accordance with Article 77) or by proxy, shall be a quorum for all purposes.

58. Lack of quorum

If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting (or such longer interval as the chairman of the meeting may think fit to allow), a quorum is not present, or if during the meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall stand adjourned to such other day (being not less than 14 clear days nor more than 28 clear days later) and at such time and place, with such means of attendance and participation (including by means of such electronic facility or facilities), as may have been specified for the purpose in the notice convening the meeting or, if not so specified, as the chairman of the meeting (or, in default, the Directors) may determine. If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for holding the adjourned meeting, the adjourned

meeting shall be dissolved. The provisions of Article 59.4 shall apply to any such adjourned meeting.

59. Adjournment

59.1 The chairman of any general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting to another time (or indefinitely, to no fixed time) and another place (or to no fixed place). All business conducted at a general meeting up to the time of adjournment shall be valid.

59.2 Without prejudice to any other power which he may have under these Articles or at common law, the chairman may, without the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place or for an indefinite period if he decides that it has become necessary to do so in order to:

- (a) secure the proper and orderly conduct of the meeting; or
- (b) give all persons entitled to do so a reasonable opportunity of speaking and voting at the meeting; or
- (c) ensure the facilities at the principal meeting place or any electronic facility are made adequate for the purposes referred to in Article 54.1; or
- (d) ensure the safety of persons attending the meeting; or
- (e) ensure that the business of the meeting is properly disposed of.

59.3 No business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Where a meeting is adjourned indefinitely, the time and place for the adjourned meeting shall be fixed by the Directors. When a meeting is adjourned for 28 clear days or more or indefinitely, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in like manner as the notice of the original meeting. Save as set out in this Article 59, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

59.4 The chairman of the meeting or the Directors may adjourn a meeting to more than one place and hold such adjourned meeting in accordance with Article 54 (even if the meeting from which the adjournment took place was held in only one place) without having to give notice of the adjourned meeting except as otherwise provided in this Article 59. A meeting may be adjourned in the circumstances set out in Article 58 and this Article 59 notwithstanding that by reason of such adjournment some members may be unable to be present at the adjourned meeting. Any such member may nevertheless execute a form of proxy for the adjourned meeting which, if delivered by him to the chairman of the meeting or Secretary, shall be valid even though it is given at less notice than would otherwise be required by the provisions of these Articles.

60. **Directors' right to attend and speak**

Each Director (and any other person invited by the chairman to do so) is entitled to receive notice of and attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company (and at all separate meetings of the holders of a class of shares or debentures), irrespective of whether or not he is a member.

61. Amendments to resolutions

If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the main resolution shall not

be invalidated by any error in such ruling. With the consent of the chairman, an amendment may be withdrawn by its proposer before it is voted on in the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution, no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon. No amendment (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) to a resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution may be considered or voted upon unless the chairman in his absolute discretion so decides or at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting (or adjourned meeting) at which the ordinary resolution is to be considered, notice of the amendment and intention to move it has been received by the Company.

62. Accommodation of members at meeting

62.1 If it appears to the chairman that the principal meeting place or any electronic facility or facilities by which any meeting is hosted is inadequate to accommodate all members entitled and wishing to attend, the meeting is duly constituted and its proceedings valid if the chairman is satisfied that adequate facilities are available to ensure that a member who is unable to be accommodated is able to:

62.1.1 participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened; and

62.1.2 hear and see all persons present who speak (whether by the use of microphones, loudspeakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise), whether in the meeting place or elsewhere; and

62.1.3 be heard and seen by all other persons so present in the same way.

63. Security and other arrangements at meeting

The Directors may from time to time make any arrangement and impose any restriction they consider appropriate to ensure the security of a meeting, including requiring evidence as to identity to be produced by a person attending the meeting, searching of a person attending the meeting and restriction of the items of property which may be taken into the meeting place. The Directors may refuse entry to and/or remove from a meeting any person who refuses to comply with these arrangements or restrictions.

Voting at general meetings

64. Methods of voting

64.1 A resolution put to the vote at a general meeting held wholly or partly by means of electronic facility or facilities shall, unless the chairman of the meeting determines that it shall (subject to the remainder of this Article) be decided on a show of hands, be decided on a poll. Subject thereto, a resolution put to the vote at any general meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll in accordance with Article 64.2) is demanded.

64.2 Subject to the Statutes, a poll may be demanded by:

(a) the chairman of the meeting;

(b) not less than five members present in person or by proxy having the right to vote on the resolution;

(c) a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all of the members having the right to vote on the

resolution (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares) and so that a demand by a proxy counts as a demand by a member representing the voting rights that the proxy is able to exercise; or

- (d) a member or members present in person or by proxy holding shares in the Company conferring a right to vote on the resolution 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 (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any voting rights attached to any shares in the Company held as treasury shares) and so that a demand by a proxy counts as a demand by a member representing the voting rights that the proxy is able to exercise are attached.

64.3 A demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman of the meeting. A demand so withdrawn shall, in the absence of any other demand for a poll validly made in accordance with this Article 64 and not already withdrawn, validate the result of any show of hands declared before the demand for a poll was made. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.

65. Procedures on a poll

65.1 If a poll is duly demanded (and the demand is not withdrawn), it shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot, electronic voting or voting papers or tickets) as the chairman of the meeting may direct. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

65.2 The chairman of the meeting may (and if so directed by the meeting shall) appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and may adjourn the meeting to some place and time fixed by him for the purpose of declaring the result of the poll.

66. Timing of a poll

A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken immediately. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either immediately or at such subsequent time (being not more than 30 days from the date of the meeting) and place as the chairman of the meeting may direct. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded in any other case, not less than seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken. The demand for a poll (other than on the choice of the chairman or on a question of adjournment) shall not prevent the continuance at the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded.

67. Voting on a poll

A person entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he has in the same way.

Voting rights

68. Votes attaching to shares

Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting on which shares have been allotted or issued or in accordance with these Articles, at a general meeting, on a show of hands every member entitled to vote on the resolution who is present in person has one vote and every proxy present who has been duly appointed by a member entitled to vote, on the resolution has one vote,

and on a poll every member who is present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote for every share held by him.

69. Votes of joint holders

In the case of joint holders of a share, the vote of the senior member who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register in respect of the share.

70. Chairman's casting vote

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 is demanded shall be entitled to have a casting vote, in addition to any other vote that he may have.

71. Member under incapacity

If in the United Kingdom or elsewhere a guardian, receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming the right or entitlement to exercise powers with respect to the property or affairs of a member on the grounds (howsoever formulated) of mental health, the Directors may in their absolute discretion, on or subject to production of such evidence of the appointment as the Directors may require, permit such guardian, receiver or other person on behalf of such member to vote in person or by proxy at any general meeting or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company.

72. Restriction on voting

72.1 Unless the Directors otherwise determine, no member shall be entitled in respect of any share held by him to attend or vote or speak at a general meeting (including a separate meeting of the holders of shares of a particular class) either personally or by proxy or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to such meetings of the Company if any call or other sum presently payable by him to the Company in respect of such share remains unpaid. This restriction shall cease to apply when all amounts due (including interest) are paid, together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of the non-payment.

72.2 Subject to the requirements of the Market Rules, if a member or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by such member has been duly served with a notice under section 793 of the Act (such notice to be served in accordance with Article 137 and is in default for the prescribed period (as defined in Article 72.11.2) in supplying to the Company the information required by such notice, then (unless the Directors otherwise determine) in respect of the relevant shares (as defined in Article 72.3.1), the member shall not (for so long as the default continues) nor shall any transferee to whom any of such shares are transferred (other than pursuant to an approved transfer (as defined in Article 72.11.3) or pursuant to Article 72.4(d)) be entitled to attend or vote or speak, either personally or by proxy, at a general meeting (including a separate meeting of the holders of shares of a particular class) or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to such meetings. Where, on the basis of information obtained from a member in respect of a share held by him, the Company issues a notice under section 793 of the Act to another 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 does not invalidate or otherwise affect the application of this Article 72.

72.3 In this Article 72:

72.3.1 "relevant shares" means -

- (a) all the shares in the shareholding account in the Register which comprises or includes the default shares (as defined in Article 72.3.2); and
- (b) any other shares from time to time held by the member concerned;

72.3.2 "default shares" means those shares in relation to which the default referred to in Article 72.2 has occurred and any further shares allotted or issued in right of those shares after the date of the notice under section 793 of the Act; and

72.3.3 reference to a person being in default in supplying to the Company the information required by a notice under section 793 of the Act includes:

- (a) reference to his having failed or refused to give all or any part of it; and
- (b) reference 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.

72.4 In addition, where the default shares represent not less than 0.25 per cent of the issued shares of the class in question, the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, by giving notice (a "direction notice") to the member concerned direct that:

- (a) the whole or any part of any dividend which would otherwise be payable in respect of the default shares shall be retained by the Company (without any liability to pay interest on such moneys if and when they are fully paid to the member); and/or
- (b) all or any shares which would otherwise be issued by the Company in lieu of a cash dividend on the default shares shall be withheld from the member or otherwise retained by the Company (without any liability to pay compensation in respect of such shares if and when they are finally issued or released to the member); and/or
- (c) subject to the Regulations of the relevant system, any computer-based entries in the relevant system relating to the holding of any default shares in uncertificated form be altered so as to divest the holder of such shares of the power to transfer such shares unless the transfer is an approved transfer; and/or
- (d) no transfer of any certificated relevant shares shall be registered unless the transfer is an approved transfer (as defined in Article 72.11.3); or
 - (i) the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information required; and
 - (ii) the transfer is of part only of the member's holding and, when presented for registration, is accompanied by a certificate from the member in a form and substance satisfactory to the Directors, to the effect that, after due and careful enquiry, the member is satisfied that none of the shares comprised in the transfer are default shares.

72.5 The terms of a direction notice shall apply as soon as it has been given.

72.6 The Company reserves the right to, in accordance with the Regulations, issue a written notification to the operator requiring conversion into certificated form of any share held by the member in uncertificated form. For the purpose of enforcing the sanction in Article 72.4(d), the Directors may exercise their powers set out in Article 21.5.

72.7 The Company shall send to each other person appearing to be interested in the shares covered by a direction notice a copy of the notice, but the failure or omission by the Company so to do, or the non-receipt by each person of the notice, shall not invalidate such notice.

72.8 Except as provided in this Article 72, any direction notice shall have effect in accordance with its terms for so long as the default in respect of which the direction notice was issued continues and shall cease to have effect seven days following:

- (a) due compliance, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Directors, with the notice referred to in Article 72.2; or
- (b) if earlier, the transfer of any relevant shares by an approved transfer or in accordance with Article 72.4(d) (but only in relation to the relevant shares so transferred).

The Directors shall notify promptly in writing the member concerned if the direction notice ceases to have effect pursuant to Article 72.8.

72.9 Where default shares in which a person appears to be interested are held by a Depositary, the provisions of this Article 72 shall be treated as applying only to those shares held by the Depositary in which such person appears to be interested and not (insofar as such person's apparent interest is concerned) to any other shares held by the Depositary.

72.10 Where the member on which a notice under section 793 of the Act is served (in accordance with Article 137) is a Depositary acting in its capacity as such, the obligations of the Depositary as a member of the Company shall be limited to disclosing to the company such information relating to any person appearing to be interested in the shares held by it as has been recorded by it pursuant to the arrangements entered into by the Company or approved by the Directors pursuant to which it was appointed as a Depositary.

72.11 For the purposes of this Article 72:

72.11.1 a person, other than the member holding the share, shall be treated as appearing to be interested in any shares if the member holding such shares has been served with a notice under section 793 of the Act and either:

- (a) the member has named such person as being so interested; or
- (b) (after taking into account the response of the member to such notice and any other relevant information) the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person in question is or may be interested in the shares;

72.11.2 the "prescribed period" is 14 days from the date of service of the notice under section 793 of the Act;

72.11.3 a transfer of shares is an "approved transfer" if:

- (a) it is a transfer of shares to an offeror by way of, or pursuant to, acceptance of a takeover offer for the Company (within the meaning of section 974 of the Act); or
- (b) the Directors are satisfied that the transfer is made pursuant to a bona fide sale of the whole of the beneficial ownership of the shares to a party unconnected with the member or with any person appearing to be interested in such shares (including any such sale made through the London Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange or recognised investment exchange (as defined in section 285 of FSMA) outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded). For the purposes of this Article

72.11.3(b), any associate (as that term is defined in section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986) shall be included among the persons who are connected with the member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares;

72.11.4 "interested" shall be construed as it is for the purpose of section 793 of the Act; and

72.11.5 "Depository" means a custodian or other person (or a nominee for such custodian or other person) appointed under contractual arrangements with the Company or other arrangements approved by the Directors whereby such custodian or other person or nominee holds or is interested in shares in the capital of the Company or rights or interests in shares in the capital of the Company and issues securities or other documents of title or otherwise evidencing the entitlement of the holder thereof to or to receive such shares, rights or interests, provided and to the extent that such arrangements have been approved by the Directors for the purpose of these Articles, and shall include, where approved by the Directors, the trustees (acting in their capacity as such) of any employees' share scheme established by the Company or any other scheme or arrangement principally for the benefit of employees or those in the service of the Company and/or its subsidiaries or their respective businesses and the managers (acting in their capacity as such) of any investment or savings plan which in each case the Directors have approved.

72.12 The provisions of this Article 72 are in addition to and shall not limit or restrict any powers available under the Statutes.

73. Validity and result of vote

73.1 No objection shall be raised as to the admissibility of any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any objection shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

73.2 If any votes shall be counted which ought not to have been counted or which might have been rejected or are not counted which ought to have been counted, the error shall not vitiate the result of the voting unless it is pointed out at the same meeting or at any adjournment thereof and not in that case unless it shall in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting be of sufficient magnitude to vitiate the result of the voting.

73.3 Unless a poll is duly demanded, a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried or earned unanimously or by a particular majority or lost (or an entry to that effect in the minute book) shall be conclusive evidence of that fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against such resolution.

Proxies and corporate representatives

74. Identity of proxy

A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him. Unless the Directors otherwise determine, when two or more valid but differing appointments of proxy are delivered for the same share for use at the same meeting, the one which was signed last shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others as regards that share. If in such circumstances (where the Directors have not so otherwise determined) the Company is unable to determine which form of proxy was signed last, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.

75. Form of proxy

75.1 The Directors may at the expense of the Company send or make available invitations to appoint a proxy to members by post or by electronic means or otherwise (with or without provision for their return prepaid) 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 person. If for the purpose of any meeting invitations to appoint as proxy a person or one of a number of persons specified in the invitations are issued at the Company's expense, they shall be issued to all of the members entitled to be sent a notice of the meeting and to vote at it (and not some only). The accidental omission to send or make available such an appointment of proxy or give such an invitation to or the non-receipt thereof by any member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

75.2 An appointment of a proxy shall:

75.2.1 be in writing and be in any common form or in any other form which the Directors may approve; and

(a) if not in electronic form, be:

(i) executed by the appointor or his attorney; or

(ii) in the case of a member which is a body corporate, either sealed with its common seal or signed on its behalf by a director or an attorney or other person duly authorised by the body corporate;

(b) if in electronic form, be submitted by or on behalf of the appointor, subject to such terms and conditions and authenticated in such manner as the Directors may in their absolute discretion determine.

75.3 Without limiting the foregoing, in relation to uncertificated shares, the Directors may from time to time permit appointments of a proxy to be made in the form of an Uncertificated Proxy Instruction (that is, an instruction or other notification, which is sent by means of the relevant system concerned and received by such participant in that system acting on behalf of the Company as the Directors may prescribe, in such form and subject to such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Directors (subject always to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system concerned)), and may in a similar manner permit supplements to or amendments or revocations of any such Uncertificated Proxy Instruction to be made by like means. The Directors may, in addition, prescribe the method of determining the time at which any such instruction (or other notification) is to be treated as received by the Company or such participant. The Directors may treat any such Uncertificated Proxy Instruction which purports to be or is expressed to be sent on behalf of a holder of a share as sufficient evidence of the authority of the person sending that instruction to send it on behalf of that holder.

75.4 Where an appointment of proxy is executed or submitted on behalf of the appointor by an attorney or on behalf of a member being a body corporate by a person on its behalf, the letter or power of attorney or other authority or a notarially certified copy thereof (or a copy certified in some other way approved by the Directors) must (failing previous registration with the Company) be deposited with the appointment of proxy pursuant to Article 76, failing which the appointment may be treated as invalid.

76. Deposit of proxy

76.1 Subject to Articles 76.2 and 76.3, an appointment of proxy must be delivered to a proxy notification address not less than 48 hours (or such shorter time as the Directors may determine) excluding any part of the day that if a non-working day, before the general meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy proposes to vote.

76.2 In the case of a poll taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, an appointment of proxy may be delivered to a proxy notification address not less than 24 hours (or such shorter time as the Directors may determine) excluding any part of the day that if a non-working day, before the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

76.3 In the case of a poll not taking place immediately but taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, an appointment of proxy may be delivered at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman of the meeting, the Secretary or any Director.

76.4 For the purposes of this Article 76, a proxy notification address is:

- (a) an address specified for that purpose in or by way of note to the notice convening the meeting, or in any form of appointment of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting, or in any invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting; or
- (b) in the case of an appointment in electronic form, an address specified by the Company for that purpose either generally or specifically; or
- (c) in the case of an appointment not in electronic form, the Office.

76.5 An appointment of proxy which is not received in accordance with this Article 76 shall be invalid. An appointment of proxy will be valid for any adjournment of a meeting to which it relates unless it is stated on the relevant appointment that the proxy cannot be used at any such adjournment. If an appointment of proxy relates to more than one meeting (including any adjournment of any meeting) and has been received as required by this Article 76 for or in respect of one of those meetings, it will be valid for all subsequent meetings to which it relates and need not be re-delivered. Such an appointment of proxy shall not be valid for more than 12 months after its date of execution except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll at a meeting or adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within 12 months from such date. Delivery of an appointment of proxy does not prevent a member attending and voting in person at the meeting or at an adjournment of the meeting or on a poll.

77. Body corporates acting by representatives

Any body corporate which is a member of the Company may by resolution of its directors, members or other governing body, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of members of the Company. Any person so authorised shall, in respect of the shares to which the authorisation relates, be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such body corporate as the body corporate could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company and such body corporate 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 thereat and all references to attendance and voting in person shall be construed accordingly. A Director or the Secretary of the Company (or a person so authorised by a Director or the Secretary) may demand the representative of the body corporate which he represents to provide a certified copy of or a certificate under the hand of a director or the secretary of the body corporate or such other authorised signatory of the relevant body corporate as the Directors deem appropriate evidencing the passing of the authorising resolution and the representative shall not be entitled to exercise the

powers conferred upon him by the provisions of these Articles unless and until any such demand has been satisfied.

78. Revocation of proxy or corporate representative

A vote cast or poll demanded by a proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a body corporate shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or by the transfer of the shares in respect of which the vote is given or poll demanded or by the revocation of the appointment of the proxy or of the authority under which the appointment was made (or, in the case of a body corporate, the revocation of the appointment of its authorised representative) unless written notice of such death, insanity, transfer or revocation (as the case may be) has been received by the Company at least one hour before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the case of a poll which is not taken at or on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for the taking of the poll at which the vote is cast.

Directors

79. Number of Directors

Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution of the Company, the Directors (other than alternate Directors) shall not be less than four nor more than eight in number.

80. No share qualification

A Director shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company.

81. Directors' remuneration

The ordinary remuneration of the Directors (other than any Director who holds any executive office, including for this purpose the office of chairman or deputy chairman where such office is held in an executive capacity, or employment with the Company or any associated company, entitling him to remuneration under any agreement and who is not thereby entitled to any fees as a Director) shall be such aggregate amount as the Directors may from time to time determine. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day and shall be divisible among the Directors in such proportion and manner as the Directors may determine.

82. Directors' additional remuneration

Any Director who holds any executive office (including for this purpose the office of chairman or deputy chairman where such office is held in an executive capacity) or employment with the Company or any associated company or who serves on any committee of the Directors or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such remuneration or benefits by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise in addition to or in substitution for his ordinary remuneration as a Director as the Directors or any committee of the Company authorised by the Directors may determine.

83. Directors' expenses

Each Director may be paid or repaid his travelling, hotel and other expenses properly and reasonably incurred in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any committees of the Directors or general meetings of the Company or otherwise properly and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the business of the Company.

84. Retirement and other benefits

84.1 The Directors shall have power:

- (a) to pay pension, retirement, superannuation, death and/or disability benefits, annuities and other emoluments to (or to any person in respect of) any person who is or was a Director or officer or employee of the Company or any associated company and in each case, for his benefit or for the benefit of any member of his family, including a spouse or former spouse, or a person who is or was dependent on him; and
- (b) for the purpose of providing any benefits referred to in Article 84.1(a), to establish and/or to contribute to any scheme or fund or to pay premiums (whether such contributions are made by the Company alone or by any other person or persons).

85. **Directors' Interests**

85.1 Pursuant to section 175 of the Act, the Directors may authorise any matter which would or might otherwise constitute or give rise to a breach of the duty of a Director to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company. Any such authorisation shall be subject to such conditions or limitations as the Directors may determine, whether at the time such authorisation is given or subsequently, and may be terminated by the Directors at any time. Neither the Director in question nor any other interested Director shall vote on (or, if he does vote, his vote shall not be counted), or be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to, any resolution of the Directors concerning any such authorisation. Pursuant to section 175(3) of the Act, no such authorisation is required in relation to a conflict of interest arising in relation to a transaction or arrangement with the Company and accordingly this Article 85.1 does not apply in those circumstances.

85.2 A Director, notwithstanding his office, may be or become a director or other officer of, or hold any place of profit in, or act in a professional capacity for, or otherwise be interested in, any associated company. A Director who is a director or other officer of, or otherwise interested in, any associated company is authorised to act subject to any guidance from time to time issued by the Directors for dealing with conflict situations arising in relation to associated companies or any of them. The Directors may exercise any voting rights exercisable by the Company in any associated company in such manner and in such respects as they think fit, including voting in favour of any resolution appointing them or any of their number directors or officers of any associated company or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors or officers of any associated company.

85.3 Where a Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company and the matter constituting or giving rise to such conflict or potential conflict has been authorised by the Directors pursuant to Article 85.1 or by the Company, or is otherwise permitted by this Article 85, subject to the terms on which any authorisation has been given:

- (a) the Director in question need not disclose to or use for the benefit of the Company any information relating to the relevant matter which he obtains or has obtained otherwise than as a Director or employee of the Company and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to a person other than the Company;
- (b) the Director in question shall not (unless it is otherwise agreed) be liable to account to the Company for any profit, remuneration or other benefits realised or receivable by him in consequence of the relevant matter and no contract, transaction or arrangement relating thereto shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of his conflict of interests;
- (c) the Director in question need not consider board papers, nor participate in discussion of the Directors, relating to the relevant matter;
- (d) any Director may act in any way authorised by any guidance for dealing with conflicts of interest issued by the Directors from time to time.

85.4 For the purpose of this Article 85, a conflict of interests includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties.

85.5 Where a Director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company, the duties which the Directors owe to the Company shall not be infringed by anything done (or omitted) by the Directors, or any of them, in accordance with this Article 85.

86. Executive Directors

86.1 The Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to hold any executive office (including, where considered appropriate, the office of chief executive, managing director, chairman or deputy chairman) on such terms and for such period as they may (subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the Market Rules) determine and, without prejudice to the terms of any contract entered into in any particular case, may at any time revoke any such appointment. Subject to the Statutes, the Directors may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any Director for his employment by the Company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director. The Directors may, without limiting or prejudicing in any way the terms of any contract entered into in any particular case, at any time revoke or vary the terms of any such appointment. A Director appointed to an executive office shall not cease to be a Director merely because his appointment to such executive office terminates.

86.2 The appointment of any Director to any executive office shall automatically terminate if he ceases to be a Director, but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.

87. Delegation of powers

Without prejudice to the power to delegate under Article 107, the Directors may entrust to and confer upon any Director any of the powers exercisable by them as Directors upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.

88. Designation of non-directors

The Directors may from time to time appoint any person to an office of employment having a designation or title including the word "director" or attach to any existing office of employment with the Company such a designation or title and may at any time terminate any such appointment or the use of any such designation or title. The inclusion of the word "director" in the designation or title of such office of employment with the Company shall not imply that the holder thereof is a Director of the Company nor shall such holder thereby be empowered in any respect to act as a Director or be deemed to be a Director for any of the purposes of the Statutes or these Articles.

Alternate Directors

89. Appointment

89.1 Any Director (other than an alternate Director) shall have the power at any time to appoint as his alternate, to act in his place during his absence (whether for a limited or an unlimited term), either another Director or any other person approved for that purpose by a resolution of the Directors and, at any time, to terminate such appointment. Any such alternate is referred to in these Articles as an alternate Director.

- 89.2 Subject to Article 89.1, any appointment or removal of an alternate Director shall be by notice in writing to the Company or tendered at a meeting of the Directors, signed by the appointing Director and shall take effect on receipt of such notice.
- 89.3 The appointment of an alternate Director shall automatically determine on the happening of any of the following events:
- (a) if his appointor shall terminate the appointment by notice in writing to the Company or tendered at a meeting of the Directors;
 - (b) on the happening of any event which, if he were a Director, would cause him to vacate the office of Director;
 - (c) if by notice in writing to the Company or tendered at a meeting of the Directors, he shall resign such appointment; and
 - (d) if his appointor shall cease for any reason to be a Director otherwise than by retiring and being re-appointed at the same meeting.
- 89.4 An alternate Director shall (subject to his giving to the Company a postal address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served on him and/or an address to which notices may be sent using electronic means) be entitled to receive notice of meetings of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors of which his appointor is a member and to attend and, in place of his appointor, to vote and be counted for the purpose of a quorum at any such meeting at which his appointor is not personally present and generally to perform all functions as a Director of his appointor in his absence and such alternate Director shall, except as provided in this Article and as regards power to appoint an alternate, be subject to the provisions of these Articles with regard to Directors.
- 89.5 An alternate Director may be paid or repaid by the Company such expenses as might properly have been paid or repaid to him if he had been a Director but shall not in respect of his office of alternate Director be entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company 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. An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements with the Company and indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a Director.
- 89.6 An alternate Director shall, during his appointment, be an officer of the Company and shall not be deemed to be an agent of his appointor and shall alone be responsible for his acts and defaults.
- 89.7 A Director or any other person may act as an alternate Director to represent more than one Director and an alternate Director shall be entitled at meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors to one vote for every Director whom he represents in addition to his own vote (if any) as a Director but he will only be counted once for any quorum requirements.

Appointment and retirement of Directors

90. Vacation of office
- 90.1 Without prejudice to the provisions for retirement (by rotation or otherwise) contained in these Articles, a Director shall cease to be a Director on the happening of any of the following events, namely:
- (a) he becomes prohibited by law from acting as a director or shall cease to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes;

- (b) not being a Director holding executive office for a fixed period, he resigns by notice in writing to the Company or tendered at a meeting of the Directors or if by notice in writing to the Company or tendered at a meeting of the Directors he offers to resign and the Directors resolve to accept such offer;
- (c) having been appointed for a fixed term, the term expires;
- (d) he has a bankruptcy order made against him or settles or makes any arrangement or composition 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;
- (e) he becomes incapable by reason of illness or injury of managing and administering his property and affairs and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;
- (f) he and his alternate (if any) are absent from meetings of the Directors for the greater of six consecutive months and six consecutive meetings without the consent of the Directors and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated;
- (g) having retired pursuant to Article 91, he is not re-elected as a Director; or
- (h) he is removed from office as a Director by notice in writing sent to him at his last known address signed by not less than three quarters of all the Directors but so that if he holds an appointment to an executive office which thereby automatically determines such removal shall be deemed to be an act of the Company and shall have effect without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company or otherwise.

90.2 A resolution of the Directors to the effect that a Director has ceased to be a Director under this Article 90 shall be conclusive as to the facts and reasons for his ceasing to hold office as stated in the resolution.

91. Retirement of Directors

At each annual general meeting of the Company, all of the Directors shall retire and shall, if the Nomination Committee so resolves, be eligible for re-election.

92. Re-election of retiring Directors

92.1 The Company, at the general meeting at which a Director retires under these Articles, may by ordinary resolution fill the office being vacated by electing thereto the retiring Director or some other person eligible for appointment. The names of the Directors submitted for election or re-election shall be accompanied by biographical details sufficient (in the opinion of the Directors) to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on the election or re-election of such Directors or other persons.

92.2 The retirement of a Director shall not have effect until the conclusion of the meeting at which he is retiring, except where a resolution is passed to appoint some other person in the place of the retiring Director (other than with effect from a time later than the conclusion of the meeting) or a resolution for his reappointment is put to the meeting and lost (in either which case the retirement shall take effect from the passing of the relevant resolution). Accordingly, a retiring Director who is re-appointed will continue in office without a break.

93. Appointment of two or more Directors

The election or re-election of two or more persons proposed as Directors shall be effected by separate resolutions.

94. Nomination of Directors for election

No person shall be eligible for election or re-election as a Director at any general meeting unless:

- (a) he is recommended by the Directors; or
- (b) notice has been given of a resolution to appoint that person as a Director in place of a Director intended to be removed by ordinary resolution pursuant to Article 95; or
- (c) if the resolution to propose the person for appointment or re-appointment as a Director has been requisitioned by members in accordance with the Statutes, the requisition is accompanied by notice in writing containing all details in relation to the nominee which would be required (in the reasonable opinion of the nominee) to be disclosed pursuant to Article 92.1 and to be included in the Company's register of Directors were the nominee a Director, signed by some member (other than the nominee) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election together with notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be appointed or re-appointed.

95. Removal of Director

The Company may (in accordance with and subject to the Statutes) by ordinary resolution of which special notice has been given remove any Director from office as a Director (notwithstanding these Articles or any agreement between the Company and such Director but without prejudice to any claim he may have for damages for breach of any such agreement or otherwise). The Company may, subject to these Articles, also appoint another person willing to act in place of a Director so removed from office and any person so appointed shall be treated, for the purpose 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 Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. In default of such appointment, the vacancy arising upon the removal of a Director from office may be filled as a casual vacancy.

96. Additional Directors and casual vacancies

The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is willing to act to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director and may also determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire. Without prejudice thereto, the Directors shall have power at any time so to do but so that the total number of Directors shall not thereby exceed any maximum number fixed by or in accordance with the provisions of these Articles. Any person so appointed by the Directors shall hold office only until the conclusion of business at the next annual general meeting and shall be eligible for reappointment by ordinary resolution at that meeting. If not re-appointed at such annual general meeting, he shall vacate office at the conclusion thereof.

Meetings and proceedings of Directors

97. **Convening Directors'** meetings

Subject to these Articles, the Directors may meet together and regulate their proceedings as they think fit. At any time any Director may and the Secretary at the request of a Director shall call a meeting of the Directors. Notice of a meeting of the Directors shall be deemed to be duly and

property given to a Director by being given to him personally or by word of mouth (including in either case via telephone) or sent in writing to him at his last known postal address or to an address specified by the Director to the Company for the purpose of communications in electronic form. A Director may waive his entitlement to notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively.

98. Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed from time to time by the Directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be three. A duly convened meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all authorities, powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors. Any Director ceasing to be a Director at a meeting of the Directors may continue to act as a Director and be present at the meeting and be counted in the quorum unless and until a Director objects.

99. Authority to vote

A Director who is unable to attend any meeting of the Directors and who has not appointed an alternate Director may authorise any other Director to vote on his behalf at that meeting, and in that event the Director so authorised shall have a vote for each Director by whom he is so authorised in addition to his own vote, provided that he shall only be counted once in the quorum at the meeting. Any such authority must be in writing and be produced at the meeting at which it is to be used and be left with the Secretary for retention.

100. Video conference and conference telephone meetings

Any Director (or his alternate Director) may validly participate in a meeting of the Directors or a committee of the Directors by means of video conference, conference telephone or any other form of electronic communication by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak to each other and such meeting shall be deemed to have occurred at the place, if any, where most of the Directors participating are present and otherwise where the chairman of the meeting is present. Participation in a meeting in such manner shall constitute presence in person at such meeting for the purposes of these Articles. The word "meeting" when referring to a meeting of the Directors or a committee of the Directors in these Articles shall be construed accordingly.

101. Casting vote of chairman

Questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

102. Restrictions on voting

102.1 Except as provided in these Articles, a Director shall not vote (or, if he does vote, his vote shall not be counted) on any resolution of the Directors in respect of any contract, arrangement, transaction or any other kind of proposal in which he has an interest unless:

- (a) his interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interests; or
- (b) the resolution relates to one of the permitted matters listed in Article 102.3 and he has no other interest beyond that indicated in that Article.

102.2 A Director shall not be counted as part of a quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.

102.3 The following are permitted matters for the purposes of Article 102.1(b):

- (a) any contract, arrangement, transaction or other proposal concerning an offer of shares, debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for subscription or purchase, in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of which he is to participate;
 - (b) any contract, arrangement, transaction or other proposal to which the Company is or is to be a party concerning any other body corporate in which he or any persons connected with him do not to his knowledge, directly or indirectly, hold an interest in shares (as that term is defined in sections 820 to 825 of the Act) representing one per cent or more (excluding treasury shares) of either any class of the equity share capital or the voting rights in such body corporate;
 - (c) any contract, arrangement, transaction or other proposal concerning in any way a pension, retirement, superannuation, death and/or disability benefits scheme or fund or employees' share scheme under which he may benefit and which either:
 - (i) has been approved or is conditional upon approval by the board of HM Revenue & Customs for taxation purposes; or
 - (ii) relates both to employees and Directors of the Company (or any associated company) and does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates; and
 - (d) any contract or other proposal concerning any insurance which the Company is empowered to purchase and/or maintain for or for the benefit of any Directors or for persons including Directors.
- 102.4 Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of or termination of appointment) of two or more Directors to offices or other positions with the Company or any associated company, the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately. In any such case, each of the Directors concerned (if not barred from voting under Article 102.3(b)) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.
- 102.5 If a question arises at any time as to whether a Director's interest can reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interests or as to his entitlement 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 referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to such Director shall be conclusive and binding on all concerned, except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of such Director has not been fairly disclosed.
- 102.6 If a question arises at any time as to whether the interest of the chairman of the meeting can reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interests 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 conclusive and binding on all concerned, except in a case where the nature or the extent of the interest of such chairman has not been fairly disclosed. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman shall not be entitled to vote or be counted in the quorum.
- 102.7 Subject to the Statutes and the Market Rules, the Company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax the provisions of this Article 102 (either generally or to a specific extent) or ratify any transaction not duly authorised by reason of a contravention of this Article.
- 102.8 For the purposes of this Article 102:

- (a) the interest of a person who is connected with a Director (within the meaning of section 252 of the Act) is treated as the interest of the Director;
- (b) in relation to an alternate Director, the interest of his appointor is treated as the interest of the alternate Director in addition to an interest which the alternate Director otherwise has;
- (c) interests arising solely by virtue of interests in shares, debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through the Company are disregarded; and
- (d) a conflict of interests includes a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties.

102.9 This Article 102 applies to an alternate Director as if he were a Director or otherwise appointed.

103. Number of Directors below minimum

103.1 The continuing Directors or a sole continuing Director may act notwithstanding any vacancies but, if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with Article 79, the continuing Directors or Director may act only for the purpose of filling up such vacancies or of calling general meetings. If there are no Directors able or willing to act, any two members may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors. Any additional Director so appointed by the Directors or Director shall, subject to these Articles, hold office until the conclusion of business at the following annual general meeting of the Company, unless he is re-appointed during that meeting.

103.2 If at the end of any annual general meeting there would otherwise be no Directors, each Director who retired and offered himself for re-appointment at that meeting shall remain in office, notwithstanding that the resolution to re-appoint him was lost, until at least one Director is appointed or re-appointed by ordinary resolution. Unless and until he is re-appointed, any such Director may act only:

- (a) for the purpose of calling a general meeting to appoint Directors; and
- (b) as may be necessary to comply with any legal or regulatory requirement applicable to the Company or Directors.

104. Chairman

104.1 The Directors may appoint from their number a chairman and a deputy chairman (or two or more deputy chairmen) and may at any time remove any of them from such office. Any chairman or deputy chairman so elected without any fixed period of office shall, if he be re-elected a Director following retirement at any annual general meeting, continue as chairman or deputy chairman (as the case may be) unless the Directors otherwise determine. If, at any meeting of the Directors, both the chairman and the deputy chairman are present, the chairman shall be the chairman of the meeting, unless he declines so to act, in which case the deputy chairman shall be the chairman of the meeting. If no chairman or deputy chairman has been appointed or if, at any meeting of the Directors, no chairman or deputy chairman is present and willing to act within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Directors (including any alternate Director whose appointor is absent) present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

104.2 If at any meeting, in the absence of the chairman or in circumstances where the chairman is unwilling to act, there is more than one deputy chairman present and willing to act and the Directors present cannot resolve which one should preside at that meeting of the Directors or of the Company (as the case may be), the deputy chairman who was appointed first to that post shall preside. If two of them were appointed deputy chairmen at the same time, the Directors present shall resolve which of

them shall preside and, in the event of an equality of votes, lots shall be cast to decide which of them shall preside

105. Written resolutions

A resolution in writing signed by such number of the Directors (or, in the case of a committee, by all of the members of such committee) as are for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Directors or a meeting of that committee and comprise together in number not less than a quorum for a meeting of the Directors or that committee shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Directors (or such committee) duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more Directors or members of the committee concerned. A resolution in writing signed by an alternate Director in the absence of his appointor need not be signed by his appointor and a resolution in writing signed by the appointor need not be signed by the alternate Director in that capacity.

106. Validity of proceedings

All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or of any committee of the Directors or by any person acting as a Director or alternate Director or as a member of any such committee shall, as regards all persons dealing in good faith with the Company, be as valid as if every such Director or person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or member of the committee and had been entitled to vote, even if there was some defect in the appointment or continuance of any such Director or other person or persons acting as aforesaid or that any of them were or was disqualified from holding office or had left office or was not entitled to vote.

Committees of the Directors

107. Appointment and constitution of committees

Subject to these Articles, the Directors may, as they think fit, delegate any of their powers, authorities and/or discretions (including any power, authority and/or discretion relating to the remuneration of Directors) to any committee consisting of one or more Directors and, if thought fit, one or more other persons who have been co-opted on to such committee in accordance with this Article on such terms as they think fit. Any committee appointed under this Article shall, when exercising any powers, authorities and/or discretions delegated to it, abide by any regulations imposed by the Directors which may then subsist. Any such regulations may also provide for or permit the sub-delegation of powers, authorities and/or discretions by the committee. If any power, authority and/or discretion of the Directors referred to in these Articles has been delegated to a committee (or by a committee to a sub-delegate) under this Article 107, any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the Directors of that power, authority and/or discretion shall be interpreted accordingly as if it were a reference to the exercise of the same by that committee (or sub-delegate). For the avoidance of doubt, the delegation by the Directors (or by the committee) shall be construed as having been permitted. The Directors may, if they think fit, provide in such regulations that the Directors may by themselves, either directly or not, exercise such powers, authorities and/or discretions as the delegate under this Article 107 concurrently with such delegation remaining in force. The Directors may at any time revoke the delegation of its powers, authorities and/or discretions and discharge any committee or otherwise alter the terms of the delegation.

108. Proceedings of committee meetings

The meetings and proceedings of any committee appointed pursuant to Article 107 shall be governed mutatis mutandis by the provisions of these Articles regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Directors, so far as they are capable of applying and are not superseded by

any regulations made by the Directors under Article 107. It is not necessary for a Director who is not a member of a committee to be given notice of any meeting of the committee.

Powers of Directors

109. General powers

The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who, in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred on them by these Articles or otherwise, may exercise all the powers of the Company, subject to the Statutes and these Articles and any directions given by the Company in general meeting, provided that no such direction given by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if such direction had not been given and that the general powers given by this Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Directors by any other Article.

110. Local management

The Directors may establish any local or divisional boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of any such boards or agencies or any managers or agents and may determine their remuneration. The Directors may also delegate to any local or divisional board, agency, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and/or discretions vested in them, with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any local or divisional board, or any of them to fill any vacancies on such board and to act despite any vacancy. Any such appointment or delegation may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit. The Directors may remove any persons so appointed and may annul or vary any such delegation but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such annulment or variation shall be affected by the same. Subject to the terms of establishment of or delegation to a local or divisional board, all the provisions of these Articles relating to proceedings of the Directors shall, with such changes as are necessary and applicable, apply to any such board.

111. Appointment of attorney

The Directors may by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any body corporate, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys or agent(s) of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit. Any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney or agent as the Directors may think fit and may also authorise any such attorney or agent to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and/or discretions vested in him or it. The Directors may at any time revoke or alter the terms of any such appointment or delegation. The Directors may, if they think fit, provide that the Directors may either exercise or not exercise such powers, authorities and/or discretions as it delegates under this Article 111 concurrently with such delegation remaining in force.

112. Signature on cheques

All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed (as the case may be) in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine.

113. Provision for employees

- 113.1 The Directors may give or award pensions, annuities, gratuities, superannuation, allowances and bonuses or any share or interest in the profits of the Company's business or any part thereof to any persons who are or have at any time been in the employment or service of the Company or any associated company, or who are or have at any time been Directors or officers of the Company or any associated company, and who hold or held salaried employment in the Company or any associated company and to the dependants of such persons, and may (whether or not in conjunction with one or more associated companies) establish, support and maintain funds or schemes (whether contributory or non-contributory) for providing pensions, sickness or compassionate allowances, life assurance or other benefits for such persons or dependants as aforesaid or any of them or any class of them, and may establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of any schools and any educational, scientific, literary, religious or charitable institutions or trade societies, whether or not such societies be solely in connection with the trade earned on by the Company or any associated company, and any club or other establishment calculated directly or indirectly to advance the interests of the Company or its members or any associated company or of such persons as aforesaid, and may subscribe or guarantee money for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object.
- 113.2 The Directors may pay, enter into agreements to pay or make grants (revocable or irrevocable and either subject or not subject to any terms or conditions) of pensions or other benefits to employees and ex-employees and their dependants (as such persons are described in Article 113.1) or to any of such persons, including pensions or benefits additional to those (if any) to which such employees or ex-employees or their dependants are or may become entitled under any such scheme or fund as mentioned in Article 113.1. Any such pension or benefit may, as the Directors consider desirable, be granted to an employee either before and in anticipation of, or on or at any time after, his actual retirement.
- 113.3 The Directors may exercise the powers conferred on the Company by the Statutes to make provision for the benefit of a person employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection, with the cessation, or the transfer to any person of the whole or part, of the undertaking of the Company or the subsidiary.

114. Borrowing powers

Subject to the Statutes, the Directors may exercise all of the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money and to mortgage, charge or grant any security over all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the Company, to create and issue debentures, other loan stock and other securities and to give security, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

Secretary

115. Appointment

Subject to the Statutes, the Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such remuneration and on such conditions as they may think fit. Any Secretary so appointed may at any time be removed from office by a simple majority of the Directors but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company. The Directors may, if they think fit, appoint two or more persons as joint secretaries. The Directors may also appoint from time to time on such terms and for such period as they may think fit, one or more deputy and/or assistant secretary. Any provision of the Statutes or 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 the place of, the Secretary.

Registers

116. Members

116.1 Subject to the Statutes and the Regulations, the Company shall enter on the Register the number of certificated and uncertificated shares each member holds.

116.2 Subject to the Statutes and the Regulations, the Directors may exercise the powers conferred on the Company with regard to keeping an overseas branch, local or other Register in any place and may make and vary regulations as they think fit concerning the keeping of the Register; provided however that those members who hold uncertificated shares may not be entered as holders of those shares on an overseas Register.

117. Charges

The Company shall keep a register of charges in accordance with the Statutes and the fee to be paid by a person other than a creditor or member for each inspection of the register of charges is the maximum sum prescribed by the Statutes or, failing which, decided by the Directors.

Seals

118. Seals

118.1 The Directors are responsible for arranging for every seal and securities seal (if any) to be kept in safe custody.

118.2 Any seal and/or securities seal shall be used only by the authority of the Directors or of a committee authorised by the Directors in that behalf.

118.3 The Directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal and securities seal (if any) may be affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed autographically by one Director and the Secretary or by two Directors or by one Director in the presence of a witness who attests his signature, save that the provisions of Article 16 shall apply as regards any certificates for shares or debentures or other securities of the Company.

118.4 The securities seal (if any) shall be used only for sealing securities issued by the Company and documents creating or evidencing securities so issued.

118.5 The Directors may resolve that the Company shall not have a seal.

Authentication of documents

119. Authentication

119.1 Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Directors for the purpose shall have the power to authenticate any document comprising or affecting the constitution of the Company, any resolution passed by the Company or the Directors or any committee thereof and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts. Where any book, record, document or account is kept elsewhere than at the Office, the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Directors for this purpose. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution or an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Company or of the Directors or any committee which is so certified shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company on the faith thereof that such resolution

has been duly passed or (as the case may be) that any minute so extracted is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

- 119.2 Any books, documents or records which are held by the Company in digital, imaged or other electronic form can be authenticated under this Article 119 as if they were books, documents or records held in hard copy form.

Reserves

120. Establishment of reserves

The Directors may from time to time set aside out of the profits of the Company (including any premiums received on the issue of debentures or other securities of the Company) before recommending any dividend, whether preferential or otherwise, and carry to reserve such sums as they think proper which, at the discretion of the Directors, shall be applied for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may properly be applied and pending such application may either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Directors may think fit. The Directors may divide any such reserve into such special funds as they think 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. The Directors may also, without placing the same to reserve, carry forward any profits in carrying sums to reserve and in applying the same, the Directors shall comply with the provisions of the Statutes.

121. Profits from acquired business

Subject to the Statutes, where any asset, business or property is bought by the Company as from a past date the profits and losses thereof as from such date may, at the discretion of the Directors, in whole or in part be carried to the revenue account and treated for all purposes as profit or losses of the Company. Subject as aforesaid, if any shares or securities are purchased cum dividend or interest, such dividend or interest may, at the discretion of the Directors, be treated as revenue and it shall not be obligatory to capitalise the same (or any part thereof).

Dividends

122. Final dividends

Subject to the Statutes and these Articles, the Company may, by ordinary resolution, declare dividends but (without prejudice to the powers of the Company to pay interest on share capital as hereinbefore provided) no such dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.

123. Interim and preferential dividends

Subject to the Statutes and Article 122, if and so far as in the opinion of the Directors the profits of the Company justify such payments, the Directors may:

- (a) declare and/or pay the fixed dividends on any class of shares carrying a fixed dividend expressed to be payable on fixed dates on the dates prescribed for the payment thereof;
- (b) provide, in such manner and on such terms as they may think fit, for the payment of any dividends (whether fixed or calculated by reference to or in accordance with the specified procedure or mechanism) on any class of shares carrying rights to such dividend on the dates prescribed for payment of the same (whether such dates are fixed or to be determined in accordance with the specified procedure or mechanism); and

- (c) from time to time pay interim dividends on the shares of any class of such amounts, on such dates and in respect of such periods as they may think fit, provided that, if shares of a class carry a right to a preferential dividend and such dividend is in arrears, no interim dividend shall be paid on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights unless and until such preferential dividend is no longer in arrears.

If the Directors act in good faith, they shall not incur any liability to the holders of any shares for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of any such fixed or interim dividend.

124. No dividend except out of profits

No dividend or interim dividend shall be paid otherwise than out of profits available for distribution under the Statutes. The declaration of the Directors as to the amount of the profits of the Company available for payment of dividends shall be conclusive.

125. Ranking of shares for dividend

Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to any shares or the terms of issue thereof, all dividends shall (as regards any shares not fully paid throughout the period in respect of which the dividend is paid) be apportioned and paid in proportion to the amounts paid on the shares during any part or parts of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. For the purposes of this Article 125, no amount paid on a share in advance of calls shall be treated as paid on the share.

126. No interest on dividends

No dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to such share.

127. Retention of dividends

127.1 The Directors may retain any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share on which the Company has a lien and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the moneys payable to the Company in respect of that share.

127.2 The Directors may retain any dividend payable on a share in respect of which any person is, under these Articles, dealing with the transmission of shares, entitled to become a member or which any person is, under these Articles, entitled to transfer, until such person shall become a member in respect of such shares or shall transfer the same.

128. Waiver of dividends

The waiver in whole or in part of any dividend on any share by any document shall be effective only if such document is signed by the shareholder (or the person entitled to the share by transmission) and delivered to the Company and if or to the extent that the same is accepted as such or acted on by the Company.

129. Currency and payment of dividends

129.1 Any dividend or any other moneys payable on or in respect of shares may be paid by one of the following methods to be determined from time to time by the Directors as they see fit:

- (a) in cash; or

- (b) by cheque (made payable to or to the order of the person entitled to the payment and which may, at the Company's option, be crossed "account payee" where appropriate), warrant or other financial instrument; or
- (c) by a bank or other funds transfer system to an account designated in writing by the person entitled to the payment; or
- (d) by means of the relevant system in respect of an uncertificated share if the Directors decide and the person entitled to payment has in writing authorised the payment to be made by means of that system; or
- (e) by such other method as the person entitled to the payment may agree in writing.

129.2 The Company may send a cheque, warrant or other financial instrument for amounts payable in respect of a share by post to the registered address of the member or person entitled to the same (or, if two or more persons are registered as joint holders of the share or are entitled to the same by transmission, to any one of such persons) or to such person and/or such address as such member or person(s) may in writing direct. Payment of the cheque, warrant or other financial instrument by the banker on whom it is drawn shall be a good discharge to the Company. Every such cheque, warrant or other financial instrument shall be sent at the risk of the person(s) entitled to the money represented by the same. Payment by bank or other funds transfer, by means of a relevant system or by another method at the direction of the person(s) entitled to payment shall be a good discharge to the Company and the Company shall have no responsibility for any amounts lost or delayed in the course of making that payment. If any such cheque, warrant or other financial instrument has been or shall be alleged to have been, lost, stolen or destroyed, the Directors may, at the request of the person(s) entitled to it, issue a replacement cheque, warrant or other financial instrument or other form of payment, subject to compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of such out of pocket expenses incurred by the Company in connection with the request as the Directors may think fit. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles relating to payments in respect of shares, where:

- (a) the Directors determine to make payments in respect of uncertificated shares through the relevant system, they may also determine to enable any holder of uncertificated shares to elect not to receive dividends through the relevant system and, in such event, establish procedures to enable such holder to make, vary or revoke any such election; and
- (b) the Company receives an authority in respect of such payments in respect of shares in a form satisfactory to it from a holder of any shares (whether such authority is given in writing or by means of the relevant system or otherwise), the Company may make, or procure the making of, such payments in accordance with such authority and any payment made in accordance with such authority shall constitute a good discharge therefor.

129.3 Subject to these Articles and to the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of any shares, any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share may be paid in such currency as the Directors may determine.

129.4 If any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share are to be paid in a currency other than sterling, the Directors may make such provisions as they think fit to enable such payment to be made, including making arrangements to enable payment to be made in the relevant currency for value on the date due for payment or on such later date as the Directors may decide.

129.5 Where a dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share are to be paid in a currency other than sterling, the rate of exchange to be used to calculate the relevant amount of foreign currency shall be such market rate selected by the Directors as they shall consider appropriate, ruling at any time between the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the

day on which the Directors publicly announce their intention to pay or recommend (as the case may be) the relevant dividend and the close of business on the day on which that dividend is paid.

130. Joint holders and persons entitled by transmission

If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share or are entitled jointly to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise through the operation of law, any one of them may give a good receipt for any dividend or other moneys payable or property distributable on or in respect of the share. The Company may rely in relation to the share on the written direction or designation in relation to Articles 127, 128 and 129 of any one joint holder of the share or any one person entitled by transmission to the share.

131. Unclaimed and uncashed dividends

131.1 Any unclaimed dividend, interest or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed. The payment by the Directors of any unclaimed dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share into a separate account for the Company's own account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof. Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for a period of 12 years from the due date for payment of such dividend shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company.

131.2 If, in respect of any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share, on any one occasion:

- (a) a cheque, warrant or other financial instrument is returned undelivered or left uncashed; or
- (b) a transfer made by a bank or other funds transfer system is not accepted,

and reasonable enquiries have still to establish another address or account of the person entitled to the payment, the Company shall not be obliged to send or transfer a dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of that share to that person until he notifies the Company of an address or account to be used for that purpose. If the cheque, warrant or other financial instrument is returned undelivered or left uncashed or the transfer is not accepted on two consecutive occasions, the Company may exercise its power without making any such enquiries. Subject to these Articles, the Company shall recommence sending cheques, warrants or other financial instruments in respect of the dividends or other moneys payable in respect of those shares if the holder or person entitled by transmission claims the arrears of any dividend or other moneys payable and does not instruct the Company to pay future dividends or other moneys payable in some other way.

132. Distribution in specie

The Company may, on the recommendation of the Directors, by ordinary resolution direct payment of a dividend in whole or in part by the distribution of specific assets (and, in particular, of paid up shares or debentures of any other body corporate) or partly in one way and partly in another or others and the Directors shall give effect to such resolution. Where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may:

- 132.1 make such provisions as they think fit for dealing with fractional entitlements which may or would arise (including provisions under which fractional entitlements are ignored or the benefit of the same belongs to the Company rather than the relevant members or the Issue of fractional certificates);
- 132.2 fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof;

- 132.3 determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the basis of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties entitled to participate in the dividend; and
- 132.4 vest any such specific assets in trustees.

Scrip dividends

133. Scrip dividends

- 133.1 The Directors may, if authorised by an ordinary resolution of the Company, offer any holders of shares of a particular class the right to elect to receive further shares (whether or not of that class), credited as fully paid (each an "additional share") instead of cash in respect of all (or some part) of any dividend or dividends proposed to be paid or declared at any time during a specified period (such period not expiring later than the beginning of the fifth annual general meeting following the date on which the resolution is passed) on such terms and subject to such conditions as may be specified in such ordinary resolution or otherwise decided on by the Directors (subject always to the provisions of this Article 133).
- 133.2 The Directors may in their absolute discretion amend, suspend or withdraw (whether temporarily or otherwise) any offer previously made to shareholders to elect to receive additional shares at any time prior to the allotment and/or transfer (as the case may be) of the additional shares and may do such acts and things considered necessary or expedient with regard to or in order to effect any such amendment, suspension or withdrawal.
- 133.3 When a right to elect is to be offered to holders of shares of a particular class pursuant to this Article, the Directors shall notify such holders of that right and shall make available or provide to such holders forms of election (in such form as the Directors may approve) in order to exercise such right. Such forms may also provide for the right to elect to receive additional shares instead of cash in respect of future dividends not yet declared or resolved on (and accordingly in respect of which the basis of allotment has not yet been decided on) as well as in respect of the relevant dividend. The Directors shall also specify the procedures to be followed in order to exercise any such right or rights of election and, where applicable, to vary or revoke any such right or rights.
- 133.4 The basis of allotment and/or transfer (as the case may be) shall be determined by the Directors so that each holder of shares of a particular class who elects to receive additional shares shall be entitled to receive such number of additional shares, calculated at the relevant price for each such share as is nearly as possible equal to (but not in excess of) the cash amount of the relevant dividend which such holder would otherwise have received. For the purposes of this Article 133, the "relevant price" of an additional share shall be such price as is determined by the Directors, provided that the price so determined shall not be less than the average of the middle market prices for a share of that class on the London Stock Exchange during the period of five dealing days commencing on the day when such shares are first quoted "ex" the relevant dividend or to the nominal value of such a share (whichever is the higher) or commencing on such other date as the Directors may deem appropriate to take account of a subsequent issue of shares by the Company. A certificate or report by the Auditors as to the value of an additional share in respect of any dividend shall be conclusive evidence of that value. No member may receive a fraction of a share.
- 133.5 The cash amount of a dividend (or part of the dividend) on shares in respect of which an election to receive additional shares has been made shall not be payable and in lieu additional shares shall be allotted and/or transferred (as the case may be) to the relevant holders on the basis of allotment and/or transfer determined under Article 133.4. For the purpose of any such allotment, the Directors may (without limiting or restricting in any way their powers under this Article 133) capitalise out of such of the sums for the time being standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve) or profit and loss account as the Directors may determine a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the additional shares

to be allotted and shall apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of shares for allotment and distribution credited as fully paid to the relevant holders of shares.

- 133.6 Article 134 shall apply (with appropriate modifications) to any capitalisation made pursuant to this Article 133.
- 133.7 Any additional shares allotted in terms of this Article 133 shall rank equally in all respects with the fully paid shares of that class then in issue (other than any shares continuing to be held as treasury shares by the Company) save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend (or share election in lieu).
- 133.8 The Directors shall not proceed with any election unless the Company has sufficient shares held as treasury shares which it is authorised to transfer in lieu of payment of the relevant dividend(s) in cash and, in such case, sufficient reserves or funds that may be capitalised to give effect to the election after the basis of allotment and/or transfer (as the case may be) has been determined.
- 133.9 The Directors may on any occasion determine that rights of election shall be subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to any legal or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory. In any such case, the preceding provisions of this Article 133 shall be construed accordingly.
- 133.10 A resolution to be proposed at an annual general meeting that a dividend be declared at that meeting shall be deemed to take effect at the end of the meeting if at the meeting a resolution under Article 133.1 is also to be proposed.

Capitalisation of profits and reserves

134. Capitalisation of profits and reserves

Subject to the Statutes, the Directors may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company:

134.1 resolve to capitalise any undistributed 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 (including a share premium account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account);

134.2 appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum in or on their behalf towards:

- (a) paying up the amounts (if any) for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively; or
- (b) paying up in full 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 members, or as they may direct, in those proportions or partly in one way and partly in the other, but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in paying up shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid;

134.3 subject to the Market Rules, make any arrangements it thinks fit to resolve any difficulty arising in the distribution of the capitalised reserve and in particular (without limitation) where shares or debentures become distributable in fractions, the Directors may:

- (a) in a capitalisation in lieu of dividend, deal with the fraction as they think fit, including issuing fractional certificates, disregarding fractions or selling shares or debentures representing fractions to a person for the best price reasonably obtainable and distributing the net proceeds of the sale in due proportion among the members (except that if the amount due to a member does not exceed £3 or such other sum as the Directors may decide, the sum may be retained for the benefit of the Company);
- (b) in a capitalisation other than one in lieu of dividend, if a member's entitlement includes a fraction of the security, sell that fraction for the benefit of the Company save that if its value exceeds £3 it must instead be sold for the benefit of the member;
- (c) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the Company providing for either:
 - (i) the allotment to the members respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they may be entitled on such capitalisation; or
 - (ii) subject to the restrictions described in Article 134.3(b), the payment by the Company on behalf of the members (by the application of their respective proportions of the sum to be resolved to be capitalised) of the amounts or part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares,

and any agreement made under this authority shall be effective and binding on all such members, and

- (d) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the resolution.

Accounts

135. Summary financial statements

Subject to the Statutes and the Market Rules and if the Directors so decide, the Company need not send copies of its full annual accounts and reports to those persons entitled to receive them, but may instead send such persons a summary financial statement derived from the Company's annual accounts and reports in such form and containing such information as may be required by the Statutes and the Market Rules and provided further that copies of the full annual accounts and reports shall be sent to any such person who in accordance with the Statutes wishes to receive them.

Notices, documents and information

136. Nature of notice

Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of Directors) shall be in writing and shall be sent in accordance with the Statutes.

137. Service of notices, documents and information

137.1 Subject to these Articles, the Statutes and the Market Rules, the Company may give any notice or send or supply any other document (including a share certificate) or information to any member:

- (a) by delivering it to him personally; or
 - (b) by leaving it at, or sending it by post in a prepaid envelope to such member at, his registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom; or
 - (c) by sending it by electronic means to an address for the time being notified to the Company by the member (generally or specifically) for that purpose.
- 137.2 Subject to these Articles, the Statutes and the Market Rules, the Company may give any notice or send or supply any other document or information to any member by making it available on a website in accordance with the Statutes, where:
- (a) that member has agreed (generally or specifically) that the document or information may be sent or supplied to him in that manner or that member is deemed to have so agreed in accordance with the Statutes and in either case has not revoked that agreement;
 - (b) that member is notified in accordance with Article 137.1 or Article 137.3 of:
 - (i) the fact that the document or information has been made available on the website;
 - (ii) the address of the website; and
 - (iii) the place on the website where the document or information may be accessed and how it may be accessed.
- 137.3 If at any time, by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom, the Company is unable to give the notification required by Article 137.2(b) by post, such notification may be given (without prejudice to any other means of giving such notification) by a notice advertised in at least one leading national daily newspaper. Such notification shall be deemed to have been received by all members entitled to receive the same at noon on the day when the advertisement appears or, if more than one advertisement is placed, at noon on the day when the last advertisement appears.
- 137.4 The provisions of this Article 137 apply, subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the Market Rules, in relation to any notice, document or information referred to in these Articles whether or not the provisions of the Article(s) in question use the words "give", "send" or "supply" or use other words (such as "deliver" or "provide") to refer to the sending or supplying of a document, notice or information.
- 137.5 A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives the Company a postal address in the United Kingdom as his address for the service of notices and other documents and information, or an address to which notices and other documents and information may be sent using electronic means, shall be entitled to have notices and other documents and information sent or supplied to him at that address (or, where Article 137.2(a) applies to that member, to have notification in accordance with Article 137.2(b) sent to him at that address). In the case of a member registered on a branch register, any such notice, document or information may be sent either in the United Kingdom or in the territory in which such branch register is maintained. Otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive a notice or other document or information from the Company.
- 137.6 Where a notice or other document or information is:

- (a) delivered to a member personally or left at his registered address or address for service in the United Kingdom, it shall be deemed to have been received on the day it was so delivered or left;
- (b) sent by post, it shall be deemed to have been received at the expiration of 24 hours (where first class post is used) or 48 hours (where second class post is used) after the time when the envelope containing the same is posted and, in proving such receipt, it shall be sufficient to prove that such envelope was properly addressed, prepaid and posted;
- (c) sent or supplied by electronic means, it shall be deemed to be received on the day that it was sent and in proving such receipt it shall be sufficient to prove that it was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators;
- (d) made available on a website, it is deemed to have been received when it was first made available on the website, or (if later) on the date on which the notification pursuant to Article 137.2(b) is received or deemed to be received,

and in calculating when a notice or other document or information is deemed to be received, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

- 137.7 A member present in person or by proxy at the meeting of the Company, or a meeting of the holders of a particular class of shares, is deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where required, of the purposes for which it was called.
- 137.8 If the Company has attempted to send a notice or other document or information using electronic means to an address for the time being notified to the Company by a member for that purpose but the Company is aware that there has been a failure of delivery of such document or information, the Company shall send a copy of the document or information by post to such member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices in the United Kingdom.
- 137.9 If on two consecutive occasions notices or other documents have been sent by post to any member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices in the United Kingdom but have been returned undelivered, such member shall not thereafter be entitled to receive notices or other documents or information from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new registered address or a new postal address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices and other documents and information as the case may be, or an address to which notices and other documents and information may be sent to him using electronic means.
- 138. Joint holders
 - 138.1 Any notice, document or information given to that one of the joint holders of a share whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the share shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders in their capacity as such. For such purpose, a joint holder whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who has not given the Company a postal address within the United Kingdom as his address for the service of notices and other documents and information, or an address to which notices and other documents and information may be sent to him using electronic means, shall be disregarded. The joint holder to whom, in accordance with this Article, notice may be given, such that the notice is sufficient notice to all of the joint holders in their capacity as such, shall be called the "First Named Holder".
 - 138.2 In the case of joint holders of a share, the consent or deemed consent (generally or specifically) of the First Named Holder that any notice or other document or information may be sent by the Company to those joint holders in electronic form or by being made available on a website and/or the notification to the Company by such First Named Holder of an address for the purposes of

receipt of any communications by electronic means, shall be effective consent and/or notification (as the case may be) of all joint holders of such share. The First Named Holder may also effectively revoke any such consent and/or notification of address.

139. Deceased and bankrupt members and transferees

139.1 A person entitled to a share by transmission on supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show his title to the share and on supplying also a postal address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices and other documents and information or an address to which notices and other documents and information may be sent to him using electronic means, shall be entitled to have sent or supplied to him at such address any notice or other document or information to which the member, but for his death or bankruptcy, would have been entitled. Such sending or supply shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be sufficient sending or supply of such notice or other document or information on all persons interested (whether jointly with or claiming through or under him) in the share. Until such evidence and address have been supplied, any notice or other document or information may be sent or supplied in any manner in which it might have been sent or supplied if the death or bankruptcy or other event giving rise to the transmission had not occurred.

139.2 Every person who becomes entitled to a share by transmission, transfer or otherwise shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share (other than a notice served by the Company under section 793 of the Act) which, before his name is entered in the Register in respect of such share, has been duly served on or delivered to a person from whom he derives his title.

140. Statutory requirements as to notices

Nothing in any of the Articles 136 to 139 shall affect any requirements of the Statutes that any particular offer, notice or other document be served in any particular manner.

Record dates

141. Record date for service of notices

Subject to Articles 50.3 and 51.6, 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 21 clear days before the date of service or delivery and no change in the Register after that time shall invalidate that service or delivery.

142. Record date for dividends, issues of shares, etc.

Subject to the Statutes and the Market Rules, these Articles and the rights attaching to or the terms of issue of any shares, the Company in general meeting or the Directors by resolution may specify any date (the "record date") as the date at the close of business on which persons registered as the holders of shares or other securities shall be entitled to receipt of any dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue or other right and such record date may be on, or at any time before or after, that on which the resolution is passed. Such dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue or other right shall then be payable or due to them in accordance with their respective registered holdings, but shall not, of itself, prejudice the rights between transferors and transferees of any such shares or other securities in respect of such dividend, distribution, interest, allotment, issue or other right. No change in the register of such holders after the record date shall invalidate the same.

Destruction of documents

143. Destruction of documents

143.1 The Company may destroy or delete:

- (a) all transfer forms or operator instructions (as defined in the Regulations) transferring shares and documents sent to support transfer and any other documents which were the basis for making an entry on the Register at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of registration or entry in the Register (as the case may be);
- (b) all dividend mandates, variations or cancellations, payment instructions and notifications of a change of address or name at any time after the expiry of two years from the date of recording such notification or cancellation (as the case may be);
- (c) all cancelled share certificates at any time after the expiry of one year from the date they were cancelled;
- (d) all paid dividend warrants and cheques at any time after the expiry of one year from the date of actual payment; and
- (e) all proxy appointments at any time after the expiry of one year from the date of the general meeting to which the proxy appointment relates or, if later, the date on which any poll was taken in relation to which the appointment was used.

Any such document may be disposed of in any manner.

143.2 If the Company destroys or deletes a document pursuant to Article 143.1, it is conclusively treated as having been a valid and effective document and duly and properly registered (in the case of a form of transfer) or cancelled (in the case of a share certificate) or recorded (in the case of any other document). Every entry in the Register or in any other books or records of the Company made or recorded from any such document shall conclusively be regarded as having been duly and properly made.

143.3 Article 143.2 only applies to a document destroyed or deleted in good faith and where the Company has not received notice of any claim (regardless of the parties to the document) to which the document may be relevant.

143.4 This Article 143 shall not impose upon the Company any liability:

- (a) if it destroys or deletes a document earlier than referred to in Article 143.1; or
- (b) in any other circumstances which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article.

Indemnity and insurance

144. Indemnity

144.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and Article 144.2 below, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which he may otherwise be entitled, every Director or Secretary of the Company or of any associated company shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities which he may sustain or incur in the execution or purported execution or discharge of his duties or in the exercise or purported exercise of his powers or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office.

144.2 Article 148.1 shall not operate to provide an indemnity against any liability attaching to a Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company except as permitted by the Statutes.

145. Insurance

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 144, the Directors shall have power to purchase and/or maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time Directors, alternate Directors or other officers of the Company or any associated company or who are or were at any time trustees of any retirement benefits scheme or employee share scheme in which employees of the Company or any associated company are or were interested, including insurance against any liability incurred by such persons which may lawfully be insured against by the Company in respect of any act or omission in the execution of their powers and/or otherwise in relation to the Company or in connection with their duties, powers or offices in relation to any associated company or any such retirement benefits scheme or employee share scheme.

