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This document constitutes a registration document (the "Registration Document") dated 26 September 2013 issued by Foresight VCT plc (the "Company"), prepared in accordance with the prospectus rules made under Section 84 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") and has been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") in accordance with FSMA. Additional information relating to the Company is contained in a securities note (the "Securities Note") issued by the Company of even date herewith. A brief summary written in non-technical language and conveying the essential characteristics and risks associated with the Company and the Ordinary Shares of one penny each in the capital of the Company (the "Offer Shares") which are being offered for subscription (the "Offer") is contained in a summary issued by the Company of even date herewith (the "Summary"). The Summary, Securities Note and this Registration Document together comprise a prospectus (the "Prospectus") which has been filed with the FCA in accordance with the Prospectus Rules and you are advised to read the Prospectus in full.

The Company and the Directors (whose names are set out on page 5) accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge of the Company and the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Offer for Subscription
to raise up to
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Ordinary Shares by

# **FORESIGHT VCT PLC**

Registered in England and Wales under company number 03421340

In connection with the Offer, BDO LLP ("**BDO**") is acting for the Company and for no-one else and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to customers of BDO nor for providing advice in relation to the Offer. BDO is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the FCA.

In connection with the Offer, Foresight Group LLP and Foresight Group CI Limited (together "Foresight"), the promoter of the Offer and investment manager of the Company respectively, are acting for the Company and no-one else and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to customers of Foresight nor for providing advice in relation to the Offer. Foresight Group LLP is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the FCA and Foresight Group CI Limited is licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

Application has been made to the UKLA for the shares offered for subscription by the Company ("**Offer Shares**") pursuant to the Prospectus (the "**Offer**") to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange plc for such Offer Shares to be admitted to trading on its market for listed securities. It is expected that admission to the Official List will become effective and that trading in the Offer Shares will commence three Business Days following allotment. The Company's existing issued Ordinary Shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities.

The Offer is conditional upon the approval of the Shareholders of the Company at the general meeting of the Company to be held on 30 October 2013.

Copies of this Registration Document, the Securities Note and the Summary are available (and any supplementary prospectus published by the Company will be available) free of charge from the offices of the Company's investment manager, Foresight, ECA Court, 24-26 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1DU and the sponsor, BDO, 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham B3 3SD.

Your attention is drawn to the Risk Factors on pages 3 - 4. An investment in the Company is only suitable for investors who are capable of evaluating the risks and merits of such investment and who have sufficient resources to bear any loss that might result from such investment.

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### PART ONE

# **RISK FACTORS**

Although the tax benefits available to investors in Offer Shares are significant, there are a number of risks which investors should consider carefully in addition to the other information presented in the Prospectus as a whole. The risks related specifically to the Offer Shares, as opposed to the Company more generally, are set out in the Securities Note.

If any of the risks described below were to occur, it could have a material effect on the Company's business, financial condition or results of operations. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones the Company, the Board or investors in the Company will face. Additional risks not currently known to the Company or the Board, or that the Company or the Board currently believe are not material, may also adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The value of Shares could decline due to any of these risk factors, and investors could lose part or all of their investment. Investors who are in any doubt should consult their independent financial adviser. The attention of prospective investors is drawn to the following risks.

- The past performance of the Company or other funds managed by Foresight Group CI Limited, the investment manager to the Company, and Foresight Group LLP itself is no indication of the future performance of the Company. The return received by investors will be dependent on the performance of the underlying investments. The value of such investments, and interest income and dividends therefrom, may rise or fall.
- Investee companies may incur unplanned costs and delays as a result of statutory and regulatory requirements, including those imposed by environmental, safety, labour and other regulatory and political authorities, or where construction operations do not proceed as planned, or where insurance is not adequate or as to which inadequate reserves had been established, risks arising out of the presence of certain construction materials, force majeure acts, terrorist events, or other operating risks.
- An investor who subscribes for Offer Shares and disposes of those shares within five years will be subject to clawback by HMRC of any income tax relief obtained on subscription.
- Interest income received by the Company can only be sheltered from corporation tax to the extent that the total interest income received by the Company does not exceed total revenue expenditure available for offset in the calculation of its tax liabilities. If total interest income exceeds total revenue expenditure the Company will be liable to pay corporation tax.
- While it is the intention of the Directors that the Company will be managed so as to continue to qualify as a Venture Capital Trust, there can be no guarantee that this status will be maintained. A failure to meet the qualifying requirements could result in the loss of tax reliefs previously obtained, resulting in adverse tax consequences for investors, including a requirement to repay the income tax relief obtained, and could also cause the Company to lose its exemption from corporation tax on capital gains.
- The information, including tax rules, contained in this document is based on existing legislation. The tax rules or their interpretation in relation to an investment in the Company and/or the rates of tax, or other statutory provisions to which the Company is subject, may change during the life of the Company and such changes could be retrospective.
- Although the Company may receive conventional venture capital rights in connection with its investments, as a minority investor it may not be in a position fully to protect its interests.
- Investment in smaller and unquoted companies is likely to involve a higher degree of risk than
  investment in larger companies and those traded on the main market of the London Stock
  Exchange. Smaller companies generally may have limited product lines, markets or financial
  resources and may be more dependent on their management or key individuals than larger
  companies. Markets for smaller companies may not be regulated and are often less liquid, and
  this may cause difficulties in valuing and disposing of equity investments in such companies.
- Realisation of investments in unquoted companies can be difficult and may take considerable time. There may also be constraints imposed on the realisation of investments in order to maintain the VCT status of the Company which may restrict the Company's ability to obtain

maximum value from its investments or to achieve the intended timing of Distributions. To be qualifying holdings, VCT funds raised after 5 April 2011 must invest in smaller companies with gross assets of not more than £15 million prior to the investment and £16 million post investment. In addition, to be qualifying holdings, VCTs must invest in companies which have no more than 250 full time (equivalent) employees and do not obtain more than £5 million of investment from VCTs, companies under the corporate venturing scheme and individuals claiming relief under the Enterprise Investment Scheme/and/or Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme in any rolling 12 month period.

- Where more than one of the funds managed or advised by Foresight (a "Foresight Fund") wishes to participate in an investment opportunity, allocations will generally be made in proportion to the net cash raised for each such fund, other than where investments are proposed to be made in a company where one or more Foresight Funds has a pre-existing investment where the incumbent investor will have priority. Implementation of this policy will be subject to the availability of monies to make the investment and other portfolio considerations such as portfolio diversity and the requirement to achieve or maintain a minimum of 70% of the Company's portfolio in Qualifying Companies. This may mean that the Company may receive a greater or lesser allocation than would otherwise be the case under the normal co-investment policy.
- Where the Company invests in companies in which other Foresight Funds have invested or subsequently invest, conflicts of interest may arise. The Directors will exercise their independent judgement to manage any such conflicts for the benefit of the Company.

# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **Directors (Non-executive)**

John Gregory (Chairman) Peter Dicks Gordon Humphries

# **Registered Office and Head Office**

ECA Court 24-26 South Park Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1DU

# **Company Registration Number**

03421340

#### Website

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# **Company Secretary and Administrator**

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# Registrars

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# **Broker**

Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited One New Change London EC4M 9AF

# **Sponsor**

BDO LLP 125 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 3SD

# **Receiving Agent**

The City Partnership (UK) Limited Thistle House 21-23 Thistle Street Edinburgh EH2 1DF

# Bankers

Barclays Bank plc 54 Lombard Street London EC3P 3AH

# **Auditors**

KPMG LLP Saltire Court 20 Castle Terrace Edinburgh EH1 2EG

### **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this document unless the context otherwise requires:

**Admission** the date on which Offer Shares allotted pursuant to the Offer are

listed on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities

**AIM** the Alternative Investment Market

**Articles** the current articles of association of the Company

BDO LLP, which is authorised and regulated by the FCA as a UKLA

registered sponsor

**Board or Directors** the board of directors of the Company

**Business Days** any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which clearing banks

are open for normal banking business in sterling

**CA 1985** the Companies Act 1985 (as amended)

**CA 2006 or the Act** the Companies Act 2006 (as amended)

Circular the circular to Shareholders of the Company dated 26 September

2013 convening the General Meeting

**Company** Foresight VCT plc

**Distributions** amounts paid by way of dividends, tender offers, share buy-

backs, proceeds on a sale or liquidation of the Company and any other proceeds or value received, or deemed to be received, by Shareholders in the Company in respect of Shares, excluding any

income tax relief on subscription

**Execution-Only (Investor)** a transaction which is executed by an FCA authorised firm upon

the specific instructions of a client where the firm does not give advice relating to the merits of the transaction or make a personal recommendation (and "Execution Only Investor" shall mean an

investor who subscribes for Offer Shares in such manner

**FCA** the Financial Conduct Authority

**Foresight or Foresight Group** Foresight Group LLP, the promoter of the Offer, which is authorised

and regulated by the FCA, or Foresight Group CI Limited, the Company's investment manager, which is licensed by the Guernsey

Financial Services commission, as the context dictates

**Foresight Funds** funds managed or advised by Foresight

FSMA the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended

**General Meeting** the meeting of the members of the Company to be held on 30

October 2013 to be convened in accordance with the notice set out

in the Circular

**Infrastructure Shares** the infrastructure shares of one penny each in the capital of the

Company

**Infrastructure Share fund** the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for Infrastructure

Shares issued by the Company, all income and assets derived

therefrom and all expenses and liabilities attributable thereto

**Listing Rules** the listing rules of the UK Listing Authority

**London Stock Exchange** London Stock Exchange plc

**Memorandum** the memorandum of association of the Company

NAV or Net Asset Value the net asset value attributable to the Shares calculated in

accordance with the Company's normal accounting policies in force

at the date of calculation

Net Asset Base Value means the NAV attributable to the Ordinary Shares as determined

from the audited annual accounts to the end of preceding financial

year

Offer the offer for subscription to raise in aggregate up to £20,000,000

by issues of Ordinary Shares by the Company pursuant to the Prospectus published on 26 September 2013 and prepared in accordance with the Prospectus Rules and approved by the FCA in

accordance with FSMA

Offer Shares the Ordinary Shares being made available for subscription pursuant

to the Offer

Official List the official list of the UK Listing Authority maintained in accordance

with section 74(1) of FSMA

**Ordinary Share fund** the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for Ordinary

Shares issued by the Company, (including under the Offer) all income and assets derived therefrom and all expenses and liabilities

attributable thereto

**Ordinary Shares** ordinary shares of one penny each in the capital of the Company

Planned Exit Shares the planned exit shares of one penny each in the capital of the

Company

**Planned Exit Share fund** the aggregate of the capital raised by subscriptions for Planned

Exit Shares issued by the Company, all income and assets derived

therefrom and all expenses and liabilities attributable thereto

**Professional Client Investor** an investor who applies for Offer Shares through their IFA where

the IFA has classified that investor as an elective professional client for the purposes of FCA Rules and the IFA is an Article 3 MiFID

exempt firm

**Prohibited Period** any Close Period or any period when there exists any matter which

constitutes Inside Information in relation to either or both of the

Company

**Prospectus** together this Registration Document, the Securities Note and the

Summary

**Prospectus Rules** the prospectus rules of the UK Listing Authority made under Section

84 of FSMA

**Qualifying Company** an unquoted (including an AIM-listed) company which satisfies the

requirements of Part 4 of Chapter 6 of the Tax Act

**Qualifying Investments** shares in, or securities of, a Qualifying Company held by a venture

capital trust which meets the requirements described in Parts 3 and

4 of Chapter 6 of the Tax Act

**Receiving Agent** The City Partnership (UK) Limited

**Registrar** Computershare Investor Services plc

**Registration Document** this document

**Securities Note** the securities note issued by the Company dated 26 September

2013 in connection with the Offer

**Shareholder** a holder of Shares in the Company

**Shares** Ordinary Shares and/or Planned Exit Shares and/or Infrastructure

Shares as the context dictates

**Summary** the summary issued by the Company dated 26 September 2013

**Tax Act** the Income Tax Act 2007 (as amended from time to time)

**Top Up Offer** the top up offer for Ordinary Shares made by the Company, launched

on 3 December 2012

**UK Listing Authority or UKLA** the FCA acting in its capacity as the competent authority for the

purposes of Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

**UK** the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

VCT Rules the legislation, rules and HMRC interpretation and practice

regulating the establishment and operation of venture capital trusts

**VCT Value** the value of an investment calculated in accordance with Section

278 of the Tax Act

**Venture Capital Trust or VCT** a venture capital trust as defined in Section 259 of the Tax Act

# THE DIRECTORS AND FORESIGHT

As required by the Listing Rules, the Directors are independent of Foresight except for Peter Dicks who is considered non-independent by virtue of the fact that he is a director of several other funds managed by Foresight.

### (A) THE DIRECTORS

# 1. Directors of Foresight VCT plc

#### **John Gregory** (64) (Chairman)

John Gregory is a chartered accountant with a broad experience of banking, corporate finance and fund management; he was an executive director of Noble Fund Managers Limited until 2004. Currently, he is senior independent non-executive director of Sphere Medical Holding plc, an AIM listed medical devices company, non-executive Chairman of Social Impact VCT plc and a non-executive director or Chairman of a number of private companies. His earlier career was in the City of London and included posts as an executive director of Singer & Friedlander Holdings Limited and, before that, managing director of Henry Ansbacher & Co Limited.

# Peter Dicks (71)

Peter Dicks was a founder director of Abingworth plc, a successful venture capital company. He is currently a director of a number of quoted and unquoted companies, including Private Equity Investor plc where he is chairman and Graphite Enterprise Trust plc. In addition, he has been a director of Foresight VCT plc and Foresight 2 VCT plc since their launch in 1997 and 2004 respectively and is a director of Foresight 3 VCT plc and Foresight 4 VCT plc. He is also chairman of Unicorn AIM VCT plc.

# Gordon Humphries (51)

Gordon Humphries qualified as a chartered accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers before moving into financial services, where he has over 25 years' experience. He is currently head of investment companies at Standard Life Investments and before that he was deputy head of investment trusts at F&C Asset Management plc. Gordon is a non-executive director of Maven Income and Growth VCT 5 plc.

### 2. Current and Past Directorships

The Directors are currently or have been within the last 5 years, a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partners of the companies and partnerships mentioned below:

John Gregory	Current	Past 5 Years
	The Company Meaujo Tug Limited Meaujo Bell Limited Tixal Limited Sphere Medical Holding plc Social Impact VCT plc	Bluehone AIM VCT plc Enterprise VCT plc Epic VCT plc Foresight 3 VCT plc IS Pharma Limited Local Allotments plc Sinclair IS Pharma plc The 1855 Club plc
Peter Dicks	Current	Past 5 Years
	The Company Daniel Stewart Securities plc Foresight 2 VCT plc Foresight 3 VCT plc Foresight 4 VCT plc Foresight 5 VCT plc (in liquidation) Graphite Enterprise Trust plc Henderson Fledgling Trust plc Interactive Investor plc Mears Group plc Mercia Fund 1 General Partner Limited Miton Income Opportunities Trust plc Private Equity Investor plc Second London American Trust plc (in liquidation) Standard Microsystems Corporation (USA) SVM UK Emerging Fund plc Unicorn AIM VCT plc Foresight Clearwater VCT plc (in liquidation)	Boostcareer Limited Committed Capital VCT plc CM Group Holdings Limited East European Frontiers Fund Enterprise Capital Trust plc GFT Dealing Limited Lebanon Holdings (Luxembourg) London Trust Productions Limited PCT Finance Limited The East German Investment Trust plc (in liquidation) Sportingbet plc Waterline Group plc Polar Capital Technology Trust plc
Gordon Humphries	Current	Past 5 Years
	The Company Maven Income & Growth VCT 5 plo	

# (B) FORESIGHT GROUP LLP AND FORESIGHT GROUP CI LIMITED

Foresight Group LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales under number OC300878 pursuant to the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 and was formed on 25 October 2001 (telephone number: 01732 471800, registered office: ECA Court, 24-26 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1DU). Foresight Group LLP is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority to advise on investments, arrange deals in investments and to make arrangements with a view to transactions in investments. Foresight Group LLP is the promoter of the Offer.

Foresight Group CI Limited is a private company registered in Guernsey with registered number 51471 and whose registered office is JTC (Guernsey) Limited, PO Box 156, Frances House, St William Place, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 1EY. Foresight Group CI Limited is licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission to undertake controlled investment business as defined in The Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 1987. Foresight Group CI Limited, through the agency of Foresight Group LLP, is the investment manager to the Company.

### MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Memorandum provides that the principal objects of the Company are to carry on business as a venture capital trust or as an investment company. The Companies Act 2006 ("CA 2006") significantly reduced the constitutional significance of a company's memorandum, providing that a memorandum will record only the names of subscribers and the number of shares each subscriber agreed to take in the company. The Company's objects are set out in clause 4 of its Memorandum (now deemed to be part of the Articles under the CA 2006).

The material provisions of the Articles are as detailed below.

# 1. Rights attaching to shares

In addition to the following general powers relating to Shares, the following specific provisions apply in respect of each class of Share:

# (a) Voting rights

The Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares and Infrastructure Shares shall rank equally in all respects as to rights to attend and vote at any general meeting of the Company.

# (b) Dividends

The rights of members to receive dividends are as follows:

- (i) The holders of Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to receive, in that capacity, any dividends paid out of the net income derived from the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares;
- (ii) The holders of Planned Exit Shares shall be entitled to receive, in that capacity, any dividends paid out of the net income derived from the assets attributable to the Planned Exit Shares; and
- (iii) The holders of Infrastructure Shares shall be entitled to receive, in that capacity, any dividends paid out of the net income derived from the assets attributable to the Infrastructure Shares.

# (c) Distribution of assets on liquidation

On a winding up or return of capital, the capital and assets of the Company shall be applied as follows:

- (i) The net assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares (less such proportion of liabilities as shall reasonably be allocated to such shares) shall be divided amongst the holders of Ordinary Shares pro rata according to their holdings of Ordinary Shares;
- (ii) The net assets attributable to the Planned Exit Shares (less such proportion of liabilities as shall reasonably be allocated to such shares) shall be divided amongst the holders of Planned Exit pro rata according to their holdings of Planned Exit Shares; and
- (iii) The net assets attributable to the Infrastructure Shares (less such proportion of liabilities as shall reasonably be allocated to such shares) shall be divided amongst the holders of Infrastructure Shares pro rata according to their holdings of Infrastructure Shares.

# (d) Class consents and variation of rights

The holders of each class of share in the Company shall be required to approve and, accordingly, without such approval, the special rights attached to each class of shares shall be varied, inter alia, by:

- (i) any alteration to the Memorandum or Articles;
- (ii) any consolidation, division, sub-division, cancellation, reduction or purchase by the Company of any issued share capital;
- (iii) any allotment or issue of any security convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe for any share capital of the Company or any other right to subscribe or acquire share capital in the Company other than pursuant to the exercise of subscription rights in accordance with the terms of the share options granted or to be granted to Foresight; and
- (iv) the selection of any accounting reference date other than 31 December.

### 2. General meetings

- (a) An annual general meeting and any general meeting at which it is proposed to pass a special resolution or (except as provided by CA 2006) a resolution of which special notice has been given to the Company, must be called by at least 21 days notice in writing and any other general meeting by at least 14 days notice in writing. The period of notice must in each case be exclusive of the day in which the notice is served or deemed to be served and of the day in which the meeting is to be held provided that a general meeting shall, notwithstanding that it may have been called by a shorter notice than that specified above, be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed in accordance with CA 2006; provided also that the accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of notice by, any person entitled thereto shall not invalidate the proceedings at any general meeting.
- (b) Every notice calling a general meeting shall specify the place and the day and hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. There shall appear with reasonable prominence in every such notice a statement that a member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him and that a proxy need not be a member. In the case of an annual general meeting, the notice shall also specify the meeting as such.
- (c) Each member is entitled to attend and vote and to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote, in the case of all companies, on a poll vote. A proxy need not be a member.
- (d) The accidental omission to give or send a notice of any meeting, or in cases where it is intended that it be sent out with the notice, an instrument of proxy, to, or the non-receipt of either by, any person entitled to receive the same, shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.
- (e) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. Two members present in person (or by representative) or by proxy and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.
- (f) If a quorum is not present or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to such day and to such time and place as may be determined by the chairman (which, in the case of the Companies must be not less than 10 clear days thereafter). At such adjourned meeting a quorum shall be two members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time fixed for holding the adjourned meeting or if during the adjourned meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall be dissolved. The Company shall give at least seven clear days' notice in writing of any meeting adjourned.
- (g) The Directors shall on the requisition of members in accordance with the CA 2006 but subject as therein provided: (a) give to the members who would, if an annual general meeting were then to be held, be entitled to receive notice thereof notice of any resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the meeting so requisitioned; and (b) circulate to such members any statement of not more than one thousand words with respect to the matter referred to in any proposed resolution for the business to be dealt with at that meeting.
- (h) Pursuant to section 303 of the CA 2006, the Directors must, on a members' requisition, forthwith proceed duly to convene a general meeting of the Company. A members' requisition is a requisition of members of the Company holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of such of the paid up capital of the Company as at that date carries the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. For these purposes the Company's paid up capital held as treasury shares would be disregarded. The requisition must state the objects of the meeting and must be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the registered office of the Company and may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more requisitionists. If the Directors do not within 21 days from the date of the deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene a meeting, the requisitionists or any of them representing more than one half of the total voting rights of all of them may themselves convene a meeting but any meeting so convened must not be held after the expiration of three months from that date. A meeting convened under this section by requisitionists must be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings are to be convened by Directors.

### 3. Voting rights

- (a) Subject to any special rights which may apply to any class of shares that may have been issued or may from time to time be held, every member who is present in person, including any corporation present by its duly authorised representative, or by proxy, at a general meeting of the Company shall, on a show of hands, have one vote. On a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for each share of which he is a holder.
- (b) Where shares are held jointly, the vote of the senior who has tendered 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 of members of each company in respect of the holding.
- (c) A member will lose his right to vote at a general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of share, whether in person or by proxy, unless all calls presently payable by him in respect of those shares, together with interest and expenses (if any) have been paid in full to the Company, even where those shares are jointly held. The right to vote, together with all other rights and benefits of membership, will also be lost where the member (or any other person claiming to have an interest in such shares) has been issued with a notice pursuant to section 793 of the CA 2006 (which requires the member or such other person to declare his interest in the shares) and has failed to give the required information to the Company within the prescribed period of 14 days.

# 4. Pre-emption rights

- (a) Subject to the CA 2006 in relation to authority, pre-emption rights and otherwise and of any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant thereto all unissued shares in the capital of the Company is at the disposal of the Directors and they may allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation) grant warrants and options over or otherwise dispose of all unissued shares to such persons at such times and on such terms as they think proper provided that no share shall be issued at a discount except in accordance with the CA 2006.
- (b) There are no pre-emption rights in relation to the transfer of shares.

# 5. Right to share in profits

Subject to the rights of any shares which may be issued with special rights or privileges, the holders of the Company's shares alone are entitled to participate in the income and capital profits of the Company available for distribution.

### 6. Variation of class rights

Whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any class may, subject to CA 2006, be varied by the passing of a special resolution at a general meeting of such holders or the written consent of holders of three quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the affected class). At such a meeting the necessary quorum shall be at least two members of the class holding (or representing by proxy) not less than one third in nominal value of the capital paid up on the issued shares of that class and at an adjourned meeting one person (whether present in person or by proxy) holding shares of that class in question.

# 7. Alteration of share capital

- (a) The Company may from time to time, by ordinary resolution, consolidate or subdivide its share capital.
- (b) The Company may also by resolution or as required by law reduce share capital or any capital redemption reserve or share premium or other undistributable reserve in any manner which is in accordance with and subject to any method and/or consent authorised or required by law.

#### 8. Issue of shares

Subject to the provisions of the CA 2006 relating to authority, pre-emption rights and otherwise, and to any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant thereto, all unissued shares shall be at the disposal of the Directors, and they may allot or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and on such terms as they think fit.

#### 9. Transfer of shares

- (a) A member may transfer any or all of his shares by instrument of transfer in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form acceptable to the Directors. The Directors may in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor refuse to register any transfer of shares where the shares in question are not fully paid up in respect of which the Company has a lien) where such refusal does not restrict dealings on an open and proper basis. The Directors may refuse to recognise an instrument of transfer unless the instrument of transfer is (a) in respect of only one class of share; (b) is in favour of not more than four transferees; and (c) is lodged at the transfer office accompanied by the relevant share certificates and any other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer. The Board may also refuse to recognise a transfer of uncertificated shares in such circumstances as may be permitted by the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
- (b) No transfer will be registered where a member, or any other person appearing to be interested in the shares held by him has been served with a notice under section 793 of the CA 2006 and, at the end of the prescribed period, is in default in supplying the information thereby required provided that those shares represent at least 0.25% (calculated exclusively of treasury shares) in nominal value of the issued shares of any class and subject to the exceptions specified in the Articles relating to the disclosure of interests. Restrictions on transfers do not apply to a sale to a bona fide, unconnected, third party.

#### 10. Dividends

- (a) The Directors shall, so far as it is prudent to do so, distribute to members all the accumulated and realised revenue and capital profits of the Company as soon as practicable rather than reinvesting the profits in further venture capital investments.
- (b) The Company may by ordinary resolution and subject to the provisions of the CA 2006 and of their Articles declare dividends to be paid to members according to their respective rights and interest in the profit of the Company, provided that no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
- (c) The Directors may pay interim dividends and also any fixed rate if it appears to them that they are justified in so doing by the profits of the Company available for distribution.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided by the rights that attach to any class of share, dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid (except where those amounts are paid up in advance of calls).
- (e) If any dividend remains unclaimed after a period of twelve years from the date of the declaration of that dividend, it shall be forfeited and shall cease to remain owing by the Company.
- (f) The Directors may with the prior authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, subject to such terms and conditions as the Directors may determine, offer to holders of shares the right to elect to receive shares credited as fully paid, instead of the whole (or some part, to be determined by the Directors) of any dividend specified by the ordinary resolution.

#### 11. Borrowing power

(a) The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

- (b) The Directors shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights or powers of control exercisable by the Company in relation to its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings so as to secure (but as regards subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings only insofar as by the exercise of such rights or powers of the Directors can secure) that the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding of all monies borrowed or secured by the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries or subsidiary undertakings shall not at any time without the previous sanction of the Company in general meeting exceed an amount equal to the Adjusted Capital and Reserves (as defined in 11(c) below) provided that prior to the publication of an audited balance sheet of the Company such aggregate principal amount shall be limited to 90 per cent of the amount paid up or credited as paid up (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) on the allotted or issued share capital of the Company.
- (c) The expression "Adjusted Capital and Reserves" means, as shown by a consolidation of the then latest audited balance sheets of the Company and its subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings but subject to deductions and adjustments set out in the articles of association of the Company, a sum equal to the aggregate of (a) the amount paid up on the issued share capital of the Company; and (b) the amount standing to the credit of the reserves (including without limitation any share premium account, capital redemption reserve, tax equalisation account and credit balance on profit and loss account and any unappropriated balance of investment grants) of the Company and their subsidiaries and subsidiary undertakings.

# 12. Directors' and other interests

- (a) A Director may be interested directly or indirectly in any contract or arrangement or in any proposed contract or arrangement with the Company or with any other company in which the Company may be interested provided that he declares the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Directors.
- (b) A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum in relation to any resolution concerning any contracts, arrangements, transactions or any other proposal whatsoever to which the Company is to be a party and in which he has an interest which is, to his knowledge, a material interest unless the resolution concerns any of the following matters:
  - (i) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of their subsidiary undertakings;
  - (ii) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
  - (iii) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or 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 any underwriting or sub-writing of which he is to participate;
  - (iv) any proposal concerning any other body corporate in which he is interested directly, or indirectly and whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise howsoever provided that he does not hold an interest (as the term is used in Part VI of the CA 2006) representing 1% or more of the issued equity share capital of any class of such body corporate or of the voting rights available to members of such body corporate;
  - (v) any proposal relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates; or
  - (vi) any proposal concerning insurance which the Company proposes to maintain or purchase for the benefit of Directors or for the benefit of persons who include the Directors.

- (c) Provided that a Director has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest (i) he may be party to or otherwise interested in any transaction or arrangement with the Company (or in which the Company has invested), (ii) he may be a member or director or other officer of, or employed by or a party to any transaction with, any company in which the Company is interested, (iii) he shall not be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such transaction, arrangement, office, employment or interest and (v) he may by himself or his firm act in a professional capacity for the Company for which he or his firm shall be entitled to receive remuneration.
- (d) The Board may authorise, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit:
  - (i) any matter which would or might otherwise result in a Director infringing his duty 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 and which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest;
  - (ii) a Director to accept or continue in any office, employment or position in addition to his office as a Director of the Company and may authorise the manner in which a conflict of interest arising out of such office, employment or position may be dealt with either before or at the time the conflict of interest exists:

provided that the authorisation is passed at a meeting where such is effective without the Director in question and any other interested Director being counted in the quorum or voting at the meeting at which the conflict of interest is authorised.

Where any such matter is authorised by the Board, the Director shall not be required to disclose any confidential information relating to such other office, employment or position and shall not be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from such matter.

- (e) There shall be no less than two and not more than seven Directors in the Company.
- (f) The Directors shall not be required to hold any shares in the Company by way of qualification.
- (g) At each annual general meeting of the Company at least one third of the Directors (or, in the case of each Company if their number is not a multiple of three, then the nearest number to but not exceeding one third) shall retire from office by rotation. Subject to the provisions of the CA 2006, the Directors to retire in each case shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election, provided that no Director holding office as an executive director as provided for in the articles of association of the Company will be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire. Where two or more people were last reappointed on the same day, those who retire shall, unless they otherwise agree among themselves, be determined by lot. Any Director appointed by the Directors shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting, when he shall be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors to retire by rotation at the meeting.
- (h) The Directors shall be entitled (other than alternative directors) to receive by way of fees for their services as Directors such sum as the Remuneration Committee appointed from time to time by the Directors, shall in their discretion determine. The Directors are entitled to be repaid all such reasonable expenses as they may incur in attending or returning from any meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors or general meetings of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties as Directors.
- (i) The Directors may purchase and maintain insurance for, or for the benefit of, any persons who are or were Directors, officers or employees of the Company or of any other company which is a subsidiary or subsidiary undertaking of the Company or in which the Company has an interest, whether direct or indirect including without limitation insurance in relation to duties, power or offices in relation to any pension fund or employees share scheme.

#### 13. Untraced Shareholders

- (a) The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable the shares of a member or the shares to which a person is entitled by virtue of transmission if and provided that:
  - (i) during a period of 12 years at least three dividends (whether interim or final) have been paid in relation to such shares and no such dividends have been claimed and no cheque, order or warrant in respect of such shares has been cashed or claimed;
  - (ii) the Company has on or before the expiry of the said period of 12 years inserted advertisements in a national newspaper and a local newspaper circulated in the area of the member or former member's last known address giving notice of its intention to sell the shares; and
  - (iii) during the same period of 12 years and the period of 3 months following the publication of such advertisements the Company has received no communication from such member or person.
- (b) The net proceeds of sale will belong to the Company which shall account to the former member or other person entitled to the proceeds for the amount received. However, no trust shall be created in respect of the debt, no interest is payable on the amount of the debt and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on the net proceeds.

# 14. Non-United Kingdom Shareholders

There are no limitations in the Articles on the rights of non-United Kingdom Members to hold or to exercise voting rights attached to the Company's shares, however, non-United Kingdom Members are not entitled to receive notices of general meetings unless they have given an address in the United Kingdom to which such notices may be sent.

### 15. Capitalisation of profits and reserves

The Directors may, before recommending any dividend, but having regard to the Company's status as a venture capital trust decide to reserve out of the profits of the Company such sums as they think fit and may apply such reserves at the discretion of the Directors for any proper purpose or invest such reserves in any investment the Directors may think fit. The reserves from unrealised profits are to be kept separate from reserves representing profits available for distribution. The Directors may also without placing the same to a reserve, carry forward any profits which they may think prudent not to distribute.

# 16. Distribution of realised profits

As long as the Company has given notice in the prescribed form to the Registrar of Companies of its intention to carry on business as investment company ("a relevant period") the Company shall be prohibited from distributing any capital profits (within the meaning of section 833 of the CA 2006, otherwise than by way of the redemption or purchase of any of the Company's own shares. The Directors will establish a reserve to be called the capital reserve and during a relevant period all surpluses arising from the realisation or revaluation of investments and all other monies realised on or derived from the realisation, payment of or other dealing with any capital asset in excess of the book value of that asset and all other monies which are considered by the Directors to be in the nature of the accretion of capital shall be credited to the capital reserves. Subject to the CA 2006, the Directors may determine whether any amount received by the Company is to be dealt with as income or capital, or partly one way and partly the other. During a relevant period, any loss realised on the realisation or other dealing with any investments or other capital asset and subject to the CA 2006 any expenses, liability, loss or provision therefor which the Directors consider to relate to a capital item or which they otherwise consider appropriate to be debited to the capital reserve shall be carried to the debit of the capital reserve. During a relevant period, all sums carried and standing to the credit of the capital reserve may be applied for any of the purposes for which sums standing to the credit of any revenue reserves are applicable except that no part of the capital reserve or any other money in the nature of a creditor of capital shall be transferred to the revenue reserves of the Company or be regarded or treated as profits of the Company available for distribution or be applied in paying dividends on any shares of the

Company. In any other period other than a relevant period any amount standing to the credit of the capital reserve may be transferred to the revenue reserves of the Company or be regarded or treated as profits of the Company available for distribution or be applied in paying dividends of any shares of the Company.

# 17. Winding-up

The liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution and any other sanctions required by the CA 2006, divide amongst the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company in such manner as he may determine. In order for the future of the relevant Company to be considered by the members, the Directors of that Company shall procure that a resolution will be proposed at the annual general meeting of the relevant Company falling after the fifth anniversary of the last allotment (from time to time) of shares in the relevant Company and thereafter at five yearly intervals, to the effect that that Company shall continue as a venture capital trust.

# 18. Notifiable interests

Obligations of Members to disclose to the Company notifiable interests in its shares are stated in Part 22 of the CA 2006, sections 89A to 89L of the FSMA and the Disclosure & Transparency Rules. In accordance with the Articles, failure by any Member to provide the Company with the information as requested by any notice served in accordance with section 793 of CA 2006 may result in the Member being restricted in respect of his shareholdings (as detailed in paragraph 3(c) and 9(b) above) and, inter alia, the withholding of any dividends payable to him.

# **PART TWO**

#### **FORESIGHT VCT PLC**

#### (A) GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1 Incorporation and registered office
- 1.1 The legal and commercial name of the Company is Foresight VCT plc.
- 1.2 The Company was incorporated and registered in England and Wales as a public company with limited liability on 19 August 1997 with registered number 03421340, under the name Backsight Technology VCT plc. The Company's name was changed to Foresight Technology VCT plc on 20 August 1997 and its name was subsequently changed to Foresight VCT plc on 16 January 2007. The Company was issued with a trading certificate under section 117 of the CA 1985 on 23 September 1997.
- 1.3 The principal legislation under which the Company operates is the CA 2006 and regulations made thereunder. The Company's objects are set out in clause 4 of its Memorandum (now deemed to be part of the Articles under the CA 2006). The Company's principal objects, as set out in its Memorandum, are to carry on the business of a venture capital trust or an investment company.
- 1.4 The Company's registered office and principal place of business is at ECA Court, 24-26 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1DU. The Company is domiciled in England. The Company does not have, nor has it had since incorporation, any subsidiaries or employees.
- 1.5 HM Revenue & Customs has granted approval of the Company as a VCT under section 274 of the Tax Act. The business of the Company has been, and it is intended will be, carried on so as to continue to comply with that section to maintain full VCT approval.
- 1.6 In order for the future of the Company to be considered by the members, the Directors shall procure that a resolution will be proposed at the tenth annual general meeting from incorporation (and thereafter at five yearly intervals) to the effect that the Company shall continue as a venture capital trust. If, at such meeting, the resolution is not passed, the Directors shall, within nine months of the meeting, convene a general meeting to propose a special resolution for the re-organisation or reconstruction of the Company and a resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily. If the resolution to wind up the Company is not passed the Company shall continue as a venture capital trust.
- 1.7 The Company revoked status as an investment company under section 266 of the CA 1985 (now section 833 of CA 2006) on 30 March 2000 for the purposes of paying a capital dividend and does not intend to re-apply for such status. The Company is not authorised and/or regulated by the FCA or an equivalent overseas regulator. The Company is subject to the requirements of VCTs and, as an entity listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange, will be subject to the rules and regulations issued by the UK Listing Authority from time to time. The Company is not otherwise regulated.
- 1.8 The Company's Shares are/will be admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority.

# 2. Share capital

2.1 On 28 February 2011, following approval by the Company's shareholders, the assets of Keydata VCT 1 plc and Keydata Income VCT 2 plc (approximately £3.6 million) were acquired by the Company with a total of 6,463,504 Ordinary Shares issued as consideration to the shareholders of Keydata Income VCT 1 plc and Keydata Income VCT 2 plc. Pursuant to the terms of the merger, as set out in a prospectus issued by the Company to its shareholders dated 27 January 2011, the Company would have, after 30 September 2013, been required to issue additional Ordinary Shares to those Shareholders who were shareholders of Keydata Income VCT 1 plc and/or Keydata Income VCT 2 plc. The number of Ordinary Shares to be issued (if any) would have been based on the amount by which the fair value of the ownership interests in the 3.0MW biomassfuelled electricity station project in Derby (the "Derby Project"), being undertaken by the Company, exceeded the net asset value of the shares in each of Keydata Income VCT 1 plc and

Keydata Income VCT 2 plc as such shares were calculated and on the basis of which Ordinary Shares were issued to the then shareholders of Keydata Income VCT 1 plc and Keydata Income VCT 2 plc at the time of the merger (subject to a maximum total value of £2.8 million). Following the entry by Withion Power Limited, being the company conducting the Derby Project in which the Company is invested, into liquidation on 28 June 2013, the valuation as at 30 September 2013 will be nil and no further merger consideration will be payable by the Company.

- 2.2 On 1 March 2011, the Ordinary Shares underwent a reconstruction such that the underlying NAV of each Ordinary Share was rebased to 100.0p. This reconstruction resulted in the Ordinary Shareholders' holdings being adjusted by a ratio of 0.554417986 per Ordinary Share held at the close of business on 1 March 2011 and resulted in 29,941,281 Ordinary Shares being in issue, the remaining balance being redesignated as deferred shares of 1p each and purchased by for an aggregate nominal sum of 1p.
- 2.3 On 11 October 2011, the Company passed a resolution approving, subject to the sanction of the High Court, the cancellation of an amount of (1) £21,420,513 standing to the credit of the Ordinary Shares share premium account and (2) £5,783,821 standing to the credit of the Planned Exit Shares share premium account (such cancellation being subsequently confirmed by the High Court on 2 November 2011 and registered at Companies House on 2 November 2011).
- 2.4 On 9 November 2012, the Company passed a resolution approving, subject to the sanction of the High Court, the cancellation of an amount of £15,460,072 standing to the credit of the share premium account (such cancellation being subsequently confirmed by the High Court on 28 November 2012 and registered at Companies House on 28 November 2012).
- 2.5 The following resolutions, inter alia, were passed at the annual general meeting held on 28 May 2013 and, as required, at separate class meetings of the holders of Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares and Infrastructure Shares held on 29 May 2013:
  - (a) that, in substitution for existing authorities, the Directors were generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with section 551 of the CA 2006 to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the Company ("Rights") up to an aggregate nominal amount of £250,000 provided that this authority shall expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of passing of this resolution, save that the Company shall be entitled to make offers or agreements before the expiry of such authority which would or might require shares to be allotted or Rights to be granted after such expiry and the Directors shall be entitled to allot shares and grant Rights pursuant to any such offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired;
  - (b) that, in substitution for existing authorities, the Directors were empowered pursuant to section 570 and section 573 of the CA 2006 to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of that Act) for cash either pursuant to the authority conferred or by the resolution noted at (a) above or by way of a sale of treasury shares as if section 561(1) of that Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:
    - (i) the allotment of equity securities with an aggregate nominal amount of up to but not exceeding £100,000 by way of an issue of Ordinary Shares and/or £100,000 by way of an issue of Planned Exit Shares and/or £100,000 by way of an issue of Infrastructure Shares, in each case pursuant to offer(s) for subscription;
    - (ii) the allotment of equity securities with an aggregate nominal amount of up to but not exceeding an amount equal to 10% of the issued Ordinary Share capital from time to time pursuant to dividend investment schemes operated by the Company;
    - (iii) the allotment of equity securities with an aggregate nominal amount of up to but not exceeding £100,000 by way of an issue of Ordinary Shares and/or £100,000 by way of an issue of Planned Exit Shares and/or £100,000 by way of an issue of Infrastructure Shares, in each case pursuant to performance incentive arrangements with Foresight, such shares to be issued at nominal value; and
    - (iv) the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to paragraphs 2.12(b)(i) to (iii) above) to any person or persons of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of not exceeding an amount equal to 10% of the issued Ordinary Share capital and/or 10% of the issued Planned Exit Share capital from time to time

in each case where the proceeds may be used in whole or in part to purchase shares in the capital of the Company and shall expire on the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in the year 2014, save that the Company shall be entitled to make offers or agreements before the expiry of such power which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors shall be entitled to allot equity securities pursuant to any such offer or agreements as if the power conferred hereby had not expired; and

- (c) that, in substitution for existing authorities, the Company was empowered to make market purchases (within the meaning of section 693(4) of the CA 2006) of its own shares provided that:
  - (i) the aggregate number of shares to be purchased shall not exceed 4,162,887 Ordinary Shares and/or 920,807 Planned Exit Shares and/or 2,495,513 Infrastructure Shares;
  - (ii) the minimum price which may be paid for a share is 1 pence (the nominal value thereof);
  - (iii) the maximum price which may be paid for Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares or Infrastructure Shares is the higher of (1) an amount equal to 105% of the average of the middle market quotation for Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares or Infrastructure Shares (as the case may be) taken from the London Stock Exchange daily official list for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares or Infrastructure Shares (as the case may be) are purchased, and (2) the amount stipulated by Article 5(1) of the BuyBack and Stabilisation Regulation 2003;
  - (iv) the authority conferred shall expire on the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held in the year 2014 unless such authority is renewed prior to such time; and
  - (v) the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares or Infrastructure Shares (as the case may be) under the authority conferred prior to the expiry of such authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiration of such authority and may make a purchase of Ordinary Shares, Planned Exit Shares or Infrastructure Shares (as the case may be) pursuant to such contract.
- 2.6 Since 30 June 2013, the Company has repurchased its own Shares for cancellation in the following amounts and classes:

Share Class	Shares bought back since 30 June 2013
Ordinary Shares	206,574
Planned Exit Shares	-
Infrastructure Shares	-

- 2.7 The Company will be subject to the continuing obligations of the Listing Rules with regard to the issue of securities for cash and the provisions of section 561 of CA 2006 (which, confers on shareholders rights of pre-emption in respect of the allotment of equity securities which are, or are to be, paid up in cash) will apply to the balance of the share capital of the Company which is not subject to the disapplication referred to in paragraph 2.5(b) above or pursuant to the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting.
- 2.8 No share or loan capital of the Company is under option or has been agreed, conditionally or unconditionally, to be put under option. No shares of the Company represent anything other than capital. There are no convertible securities, exchangeable securities or securities with warrants attached to them currently in issue by the Company.
- 2.9 The Directors are not aware of any person who directly or indirectly is interested in 3% or more of the capital of the Company or who, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, exercises or could exercise control over the Company.
- 2.10 As at 25 September 2013, the last practicable date prior to the publication of this document, the issued share capital of the Company was 27,418,546 Ordinary Shares, 6,115,551 Planned Exit Shares and 16,647,858 Infrastructure Shares.

#### 3. Directors' and other interests

- 3.1 The Board comprises non-executive directors, all of whom (except Peter Dicks) are independent. The Board has substantial experience of quoted and unquoted companies, as well as expertise in investment management. The Board has overall responsibility for the Company's affairs, including determining the investment policy and approving net asset values. The Directors have delegated investment decisions to Foresight (save for where conflicts of interest and/or regulatory requirements require the Directors to make investment decisions).
- 3.2 The Directors' interests in the share capital of the Company as at the date of this document is as follows:

	Ordinary Shares	Planned Exit Shares	Infrastructure Shares
John Gregory	-	-	-
Peter Dicks	49,579	-	-
Gordon Humphries	3,335	-	-

- 3.3 Biographical details for each of the Directors are set out on page 9.
- 3.4 Save as set out above, no Director, family member or any person connected with any Director (within the meaning of section 252 of the CA 2006) has any interest in the capital of the Company which is or would, immediately following the Offer, be required to be notified pursuant to section 809 of the CA 2006 or which is or would be required to be entered in the register maintained under section 809 of the CA 2006.
- 3.5 Peter Dicks was appointed as a Director on 22 August 1997, with Gordon Humphries being appointed as a Director on 9 March 2007 and John Gregory being appointed as a Director on 30 July 2010. None of the Directors has a service contract. The appointments are subject to 12 months' notice and all Directors are subject to retirement by rotation. Their appointment does not confer any right to hold office for any period or any right to compensation if they cease to be directors. For the year ended 31 December 2013, the total annual remuneration expected to be receivable by John Gregory as Chairman of the Company is £27,500 (plus, if applicable, VAT and employers National Insurance Contributions), while the annual remuneration receivable by Peter Dicks and Gordon Humphries is £22,000 each (plus, if applicable, VAT and employers National Insurance Contributions). The office of non-executive director is also not pensionable. Aggregate Directors' emoluments for the year ended 31 December 2012 amounted to £71,500 (plus applicable VAT and employers National Insurance Contributions). Aggregate emoluments for the current year are expected to remain at £71,500 (plus applicable VAT and employers National Insurance Contributions).
- 3.7 Save for in respect of Peter Dicks, who is a director of a number of VCTs managed by Foresight Group CI Limited, there are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties of any Director and their private interests and/or duties.
- 3.8 Other than disclosed in this paragraph 3, no Director is or has been interested in any transaction which is or was unusual in its nature or conditions or significant to the business of the Company and which was effected by the Company in the years ended 31 December 2010, 2011 and 2012 or in the current financial year or which was effected in an earlier financial year and remains in any respect outstanding or unperformed.
- 3.9 No loan or guarantee has been granted or provided by the Company to or for the benefit of any of the Directors.
- 3.10 The Company has taken out directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of its directors, which is renewable on an annual basis.
- 3.11 The Directors are currently or have been within the last five years, a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies or partners of the companies and partnerships as set out on page 10.
- 3.12 No Director has any convictions in relation to fraudulent offences during the previous five years.
- 3.13 Save as disclosed in this paragraph, in the five years prior to the publication of this document, there were no bankruptcies, receiverships or liquidations of any companies or partnership

where any of the Directors were acting as (i) a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body, (ii) a partner with unlimited liability, in the case of a limited partnership with a share capital, (iii) a founder where the company had been established for fewer than five years nor (iv) a senior manager during the previous five years:

- (a) John Gregory was a director of Enterprise VCT plc and Bluehone AIM VCT plc which were both placed in solvent members' voluntary liquidation pursuant to schemes of reconstruction and subsequently dissolved in March 2010 and July 2010 respectively. John Gregory was also a director of Local Allotments plc and 1855 Club plc which were both voluntarily struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved in July 2010 and February 2011 respectively.
- (b) Peter Dicks was, until 2008, a director of The East German Investment Trust plc, which was placed into members' voluntary liquidation in November 2008. He was also a director of Boostcareer Limited and GEI Group Limited which were voluntarily struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved in August 2009 and November 2010 respectively.
- 3.14 There has been no official public incrimination and/or sanction of any Director by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies) and no Director has ever been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory bodies of a company or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any company during the previous five years.

# 4. Management and administration

- 4.1 The Directors are responsible for the determination of investment policy and have overall responsibility for its affairs. The Directors also retain responsibility for approving both the valuations of the portfolio and the net asset value of the Company. The Directors have delegated investment decisions to Foresight (save for where conflicts of interest and/or regulatory requirements require the Directors to make investment decisions) on the terms set out at paragraph 5.1.1 below.
- 4.2 As is customary in the VCT industry, Foresight may retain for its own benefit and without liability to account to the Company, subject to full disclosure having been made to the Directors, arrangement fees which it receives in connection with any unquoted investment made by the Company. It may also receive all directors' fees charged to investee companies. The total aggregate arrangement fees paid to Foresight pursuant to investments made by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2012 was £288,820 and £209,138 was paid to VCF Partners by underlying portfolio companies in respect of investment director's fees. Costs incurred on abortive investment proposals will be the responsibility of Foresight.
- 4.3 All unquoted investments will be valued in accordance with IPEVC Valuation Guidelines under which investments are not normally re-valued above cost within twelve months of acquisition and thereafter at fair value. Any AIM or other quoted investment will be valued at the bid price of its shares as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange, in accordance with general accepted accounting practice. The Company's net asset value will be calculated quarterly and published on an appropriate regulatory information service. In the event of any suspension of listing valuations are held at the suspended price and the view is taken with consideration to best market practice and information from advisers. The Directors do not anticipate any circumstances arising under which the calculation of the net asset value may be suspended. Should the determination of the net asset value differ from that set out above then this will be communicated to investors in the Company through a Regulatory Information Service provider.
- 4.4 The Company has, under an agreement with Foresight, appointed Foresight Fund Managers Limited to provide company secretarial, accountancy and custodian services. The services to be provided will include all necessary secretarial, bookkeeping, accounting and custodian services required in connection with the business and operation of the Company.
- 4.5 While under the "custodian services" referred to in paragraph 4.4 above, Foresight Fund Managers Limited has physical custody of documents of title relating to the Company's equity investments, the Company has and will continue to have custody of its own assets, in that:
  - The Company's monetary assets will be held in bank accounts and/or money market accounts in the Company's own name; and

- The Company's investments in both quoted and unquoted investments and the corresponding share certificates will also be held in the Company's own name.
- 4.6 A maximum of 75% of the Company's management expenses will be charged against capital with the balance to be met from income.
- 4.7 The members of the audit committee of the Company are Gordon Humphries (chairman), John Gregory and Peter Dicks. The audit committee members are considered to have sufficient recent and relevant financial experience to discharge the role, and will meet at least twice a year, amongst other things to, consider the following:
  - monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of the Company;
  - reviewing the Company's internal control & risk management systems;
  - making recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment of the external auditor including reviewing and approving the audit plan;
  - reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's independence; and
  - implementing and reviewing the Company's policies on the engagement of the external auditor to supply non-audit services.
- 4.8 The members of the remuneration committee of the Company are Gordon Humphries (chairman), John Gregory and Peter Dicks. The remuneration committee members (who have responsibility for reviewing the remuneration of the Directors) will meet at least annually to consider the levels of remuneration of the Directors, specifically reflecting the time commitment and responsibilities of the role. Each committee will also undertake comparisons and reviews to ensure that the levels of remuneration paid are broadly in-line with industry standards. The remuneration committee also reviews the appointment and remuneration of Foresight, the manager. The members of the nomination committee of the Company are Gordon Humphries (chairman), John Gregory and Peter Dicks. The nomination committee meets annually to consider the composition and balance of skills, knowledge and experience of the Directors and would make nominations to the Directors in the event of a vacancy. New Directors are required to resign at the Annual General Meeting following appointment and then retire and seek re-election, if appropriate, after each years' service. There is no formal induction programme for Directors.
- 4.9 The Company has taken steps to enable its compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "Code"), save where this would not be appropriate for a venture capital trust where most day-to-day responsibilities delegated to a third parties and the Directors are all non-executive. The Company complies with the Code save as follows:
  - Directors are not appointed for a specified term (in view of its non-executive nature and the requirements of the Articles that all Directors retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting, the Board considers that it is not appropriate for the Directors to be appointed for a specific term as recommended by provision B.23 of the Code);
  - In light of the responsibilities retained by the Board and its committees and of the responsibilities delegated to Foresight, Foresight Fund Managers Limited, the Company's VCT status monitoring agent and the Company Secretary, the Company has not appointed a chief executive officer, deputy chairman or a senior independent non-executive director and the provisions of the Code which relate to the division of responsibilities between a chairman and a chief executive officer are, accordingly, not applicable to the Company; and
  - There is no formal induction programme for Directors as recommended by provision B.4.1 of the Code.

#### 5 Material contracts

- 5.1 Set out below is a summary of all contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) entered into by the Company in the last two years that are material and all other contracts (not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business) that contain any provision under which the Company has an obligation or entitlement which is material to the Company as at the date of the document.
- 5.1.1 An investment adviser's agreement dated 11 October 1999 between the Company (1) and VCF Partners (novated to Foresight pursuant to a novation agreement dated 1 April 2002) (2) (as

amended by supplemental agreements dated 17 October 2003, 28 January 2010 and 6 October 2011) pursuant to which Foresight has been appointed as the investment manager to the Company.

In respect of the Ordinary Shares fund and Infrastructure Shares fund, the appointment is terminable on not less than one years' notice in writing. In respect of the Planned Exit Shares fund, the appointment is terminable on not less than one years' notice in writing at any time after 30 June 2012 (this being the second anniversary after the closing date of the Planned Exit Shares offer). The appointment may also be terminated in circumstances of material breach by either party and, in any event, the Company may appoint other parties in substitution for Foresight as investment manager in respect of the whole or part of the Company's investment portfolio if it believes that this is necessary to preserve the status of the Company as a VCT.

In respect of the Ordinary Shares fund, Foresight receives an annual management fee of an amount equivalent to 2.0% of the net assets of the Ordinary Shares fund, calculated and payable quarterly in advance, together with any applicable VAT thereon.

In respect of the Planned Exit Shares fund, Foresight receives an annual management fee of an amount equivalent to 1.0% of the net assets of the Planned Exit Shares fund, calculated and payable quarterly in advance, together with any applicable VAT thereon.

In respect of the Infrastructure Shares fund, Foresight will receive an annual management fee of an amount equivalent to 1.75% of the net assets of the Infrastructure Shares fund, calculated and payable quarterly in advance, together with any applicable VAT thereon.

The agreement contains usual provisions indemnifying Foresight against any liability not due to its default, gross negligence, fraud or breach of FSMA.

- 5.1.2 An investment management agreement dated 21 June 2012 between the Company (1) Foresight Group (CI) Limited (2) and Foresight Group LLP (3), pursuant to which Foresight Group (CI) Limited has been appointed as the secretary, administrator and custodian to the Company. The services to be provided will include all necessary secretarial, accounting, bookkeeping and custodian services required in connection with the business and operation of the Company. The appointment may be terminated by not less than one year's notice in writing. The appointment may also be terminated in circumstances of material breach by either party. Foresight Group (CI) Limited will receive an annual fee from the Company of £100,000 plus VAT payable quarterly in advance. Under the same agreement Foresight Group (CI) Limited is entitled to fees for arrangement and management services amounting to the total of (A) 2% of the NAV attributable to the Ordinary Shares, (B) 1% of the NAV attributable to the Planned Exit Shares, and (C) 1.75% of the NAV attributable to the Infrastructure Shares, plus VAT payable quarterly in advance.
- 5.1.3 A carried interest agreement dated 16 January 2007 between the Company (1) and Foresight (2) pursuant to which the Company has granted to Foresight the entitlement to subscribe at par for such number of Ordinary Shares as represents 15% (at the then prevailing net asset value per Ordinary Share adjusted to take into account the relevant dividend to be paid) of the aggregate of each (revenue or capital) distribution paid to the holders of Ordinary Shares. Ordinary Shares will only be issued if the Total Return per Ordinary Share amounts to at least 180.4p (rebased to reflect the share restructuring referred to at paragraph 2.2 above) per Ordinary Share immediately before the relevant dividend is paid and after the issue of such Ordinary Shares. For these purposes "Total Return" shall mean the aggregate of (i) the then NAV of Ordinary Shares and (ii) an amount equal to 19.4p (rebased to reflect the share restructuring referred to at paragraph 2.2 above) (these being the distributions as at 16 January 2007 per old Foresight VCT plc C share) and (iii) all distributions following that date per Ordinary Share. Any such performance fee will be calculated each time a distribution is declared and any Ordinary Shares to be allotted will be issued on the date the distribution is made to Shareholders (or as soon as practicable thereafter). Foresight's entitlement shall cease or be reduced on a sliding scale depending on the nature of a termination or resignation of Foresight's appointment.
- 5.1.4 A carried interest agreement between the Company (1) and Foresight (2) dated 28 January 2010 pursuant to which Foresight is entitled, once the holders of Planned Exit Shares have received 110p of distributions per Planned Exit Shares, to the next 15p of distributions per Planned Exit Share, and to 20% of all further distributions per Planned Exit Share. This entitlement can be satisfied at the discretion of the Board wholly or partly in cash and wholly or partly by the issue of a number of Planned Exit Shares which, on issue, will have an aggregate net asset value (using

the most recently published net asset value per Planned Exit Share in the relevant Company) equal to the amount to be satisfied through the issue of such shares.

- 5.1.5 A carried interest agreement between the Company (1) and Foresight (2) dated 6 October 2011 pursuant to which Foresight will be entitled, once the holders of Infrastructure Shares have received 100p of distributions per Infrastructure Share, to an amount equal in value to 15% of distributions made to the holders of Infrastructure Shares. This entitlement can be satisfied at the discretion of the Board wholly or partly in cash and wholly or partly by the issue of a number of Infrastructure Shares which, on issue, will have an aggregate net asset value (using the most recently published net asset value per Infrastructure Share) equal to the amount to be satisfied through the issue of such shares.
- 5.1.6 A sponsor and promoter's agreement dated 26 September 2013 between the Company (1), the Directors (2) Foresight (3) and BDO (4) whereby Foresight has agreed to act as promoter in connection with the Offer and BDO have agreed to act as sponsor. The agreement contains warranties given by the Company and the Directors to Foresight and BDO. The Company will pay to Foresight a promoter's fee of (i) 2.5% of the NAV per Offer Share for each Offer Share subscribed under the Offer by, and issued to, Execution-Only Investors, Professional Client Investors and Retail Client Investors and (ii) 5.5% of the NAV per Offer Share for each Offer Share subscribed under the Offer by, and issued to, Investors with an IFA (subject to a maximum aggregate payment of £1.1 million). The Company shall also be responsible for paying 0.5% per annum of the Net Asset Base Value of the Offer Shares to Foresight until a cumulative maximum of 3% has been paid, from which Foresight will pay annual trail commission to the independent financial intermediaries of Professional Client Investors and Execution-Only Investors.

# 6 Investment objective and policy

# Investment objectives

# **Ordinary Shares**

The investment objective of the Ordinary Shares fund is to provide private investors with attractive returns from a portfolio of investments in fast-growing unquoted companies in the United Kingdom. It is the intention to maximise tax-free income available to investors from a combination of dividends and interest received on investments and the distribution of capital gains arising from trade sales or flotation.

#### Planned Exit Shares

The investment objective of the Planned Exit Shares fund is to combine greater security of capital than is normal within a VCT with the enhancement of investor returns achievable through the VCT tax benefits – income tax relief of 30% of the amount invested, and tax-free distribution of income and capital gains. The key objective of the Planned Exit Fund is to distribute a minimum of 110p per share issued through a combination of tax-free income, buybacks and tender offers before the sixth anniversary of the closing date of the Planned Exit Share offer.

#### Infrastructure Shares

The investment objective of the Infrastructure Shares fund is to invest in companies which own and operate essential assets and services which enjoy long term contracts with strong counterparties or government concessions. To ensure VCT qualification, Foresight will focus on companies where the provision of services is the primary activity and which generates long-term contractual revenues, and thereby facilitating the payment of regular predictable dividends to investors.

# Investment policy

The Company will target UK unquoted companies which it believes will achieve the objective of producing attractive returns for Shareholders.

#### Investment securities

The Company invests in a range of securities including, but not limited to, ordinary and preference shares, loan stocks, convertible securities, and fixed-interest securities as well as cash. Unquoted investments are usually structured as a combination of ordinary shares and loan stocks, while AIM investments are primarily held in ordinary shares. Pending investment in unquoted and AIM

listed securities, cash is primarily held in interest-bearing money market open ended investment companies (OEICs) as well as in a range of non-qualifying companies. Non Qualifying Investments may include holdings in money-market instruments, short-dated bonds, unit trusts, OEICs, structured products, guarantees to banks or third parties providing loans or other investment to investee companies and other assets where Foresight Group believes that the risk/return portfolio is consistent with the overall investment objectives of the portfolio.

# **UK** companies

Investments are primarily made in companies which are substantially based in the UK, although many will trade overseas. The companies in which investments are made must have no more than £7 million of gross assets at the time of investment (or £15 million, depending on when the funds being invested were raised) to be classed as a VCT qualifying holding.

#### Asset mix

The Company aims to be significantly invested in growth businesses, subject always to the quality of investment opportunities and the timing of realisations. Any uninvested funds are held in cash, interest bearing securities and a range of non-qualifying investments. It is intended that the significant majority (no less than 70%) of any funds raised by the Company will ultimately be invested in VCT qualifying investments.

# Risk diversification and maximum exposures

Risk is spread by investing in a number of different businesses within different industry sectors, using a mixture of securities. The maximum amount invested in any one company including any guarantees to banks or third parties providing loans or other investment into investee companies, is limited to 15% of the portfolio at the time of investment.

# Investment style

Investments are selected in the expectation that value will be enhanced by the application of private equity disciplines including an active management style for unquoted companies through the placement of an investor director on investee company boards.

# **Borrowing powers**

The Company has a borrowing limit of an amount not exceeding an amount equal to the adjusted capital and reserves (being the aggregate of the amount paid up on the issued share capital of the Company and the amount standing to the credit of its reserves). Whilst the Company does not currently borrow, its policy allows it to do so.

- 6.1 The Company's income is intended to be derived wholly or mainly from shares or other securities, as this phrase is interpreted by HM Revenue and Customs.
- 6.2 It is the intention of the Directors that will pay dividends or make distributions from revenue profits and profits realised from the sale of investments.
- 6.3 The Company is subject to the investment restrictions relating to a venture capital trust in the Tax Act, as more particularly detailed in Part 4 of the Securities Note, and in the Listing Rules which specify that (i) the Company must, at all times, invest and manage its assets in a way which is consistent with its object of spreading investment risk and in accordance with its published investment policy as set out in this paragraph 6; (ii) the Company must not conduct any trading activity which is significant in the context of its group as a whole; and (iii) the Company may not invest more than 10%, in aggregate, of the value of the total assets of the Company at the time an investment is made in other listed closed-ended investment funds. Any material change to the investment policy of the Company will require the approval of Shareholders pursuant to the Listing Rules. The Company intends to direct its affairs in respect of each of its accounting periods so as to qualify as a venture capital trust and accordingly:
  - (a) the Company's income is intended to be derived wholly or mainly from shares or other securities, as this phrase is interpreted by HMRC;
  - (b) the Company will not control the companies in which it invests in such a way as to render them subsidiary undertakings;
  - (c) none of the investments at the time of acquisition will represent more than 15% by VCT Value of the Company's investments; and

- (d) not more than 20% of the Company's gross assets will at any time be invested in the securities of property companies.
- 6.4 Foresight has and will have sufficient and satisfactory relevant experience in advising on investments of the size and type that the Company proposes to make. The Directors will ensure any additional or replacement investment advisers have and will have sufficient and satisfactory experience in advising on such investments.
- 6.5 In the event of a breach of the investment restrictions which apply to the Company as described in paragraph 6.3 above, Shareholders will be informed by means of the interim and/or the annual report or through a public announcement.
- 6.6 The Directors act and will continue to act independently of Foresight. No majority of the Directors will be directors or employees of, or former directors or employees of, or professional advisers to Foresight Group or any other company in the same group as Foresight.
- 6.7 The investment policy set out here, will, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, be adhered to by the Company for at least three years following the date of close of the Offer. Any material change to the Company's investment policy in any event will only be made with the approval of the Shareholders of the Company by ordinary resolution.

# 7 Related party disclosures

- 7.1 Foresight Group CI Limited is regarded as a related party insofar as it will receive fees of 2.5% or 5.5% (depending on the Investor) of the gross amount subscribed under the Offer for acting as promoter in connection with the Offer as described in paragraph 5.1.6 above. Foresight Group LLP (and its wholly owned subsidiary Foresight Fund Managers Limited) are also related parties in respect of their appointment to provide company secretarial and custody arrangements.
- 7.2 Save for the fees paid to Foresight Group CI Limited, Foresight Group LLP and Foresight Fund Managers Limited under the arrangements set out at paragraph 5.1 above, the fees paid to the Directors as detailed in paragraph 3.5 above and fees paid to Foresight of £334,214 (2010), £10,000 (2011), £904,614 (2012) and £12,678 (current year to date) in respect of promotion fees for fundraisings (out of which all costs and expenses relating to such fundraisings were paid) there were no related party transactions or fees paid by the Company during the years ended 31 December 2010, 2011 and 2012 or to the date of this document in the current financial year.
- 7.3 The transactions referred to in paragraphs 7.1 to 7.2 above are (or were) conducted on an arm's length basis. There are no other arrangements into which the Company has entered with a related party.

#### 8 Overseas investors

- 8.1 No person receiving a copy of the Prospectus or accompanying application form in any territory other than the UK may treat it as constituting an offer or invitation to him to subscribe for or purchase Infrastructure Shares in the Company.
- 8.2 No action has been taken to permit the distribution of this document in any jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom where such action is required to be taken. All applicants under the Offer will be required to warrant that they are not a US person within the following definition:
  - "US person" means any person or entity defined as such in Rule 902(o) under the US Securities Act of 1933 and (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) includes a natural person resident in the US, a corporation or partnership organised or incorporated under the laws of the US (including any State thereof) and an estate or trust if any executor, administrator or trustee is a US person but shall not include a branch or agency of a US person located outside the US if such agency or branch operates for valid business reasons and is engaged in the business of insurance or banking and is subject to substantive insurance or banking regulation, respectively, in the jurisdiction where located.

# 9 Taxation

The following paragraphs, which are intended as a general guide only and are based on current legislation and HM Revenue & Customs practice, summarise advice received by the Directors as to the position of shareholders who hold Shares other than for trading purposes. Any person who

- is in any doubt as to his taxation position or is subject to taxation in any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should consult his professional advisers.
- 9.1 Taxation of dividends under current law, no tax will be withheld by the Company when they pay a dividend.
- 9.2 Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax the Company has been advised that no stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax will be payable on the issue of the Shares. The Company has been advised that the transfer of Shares will, subject to any applicable exemptions, be liable to ad valorem stamp duty at the rate of 0.5% of the consideration paid. An unconditional agreement to transfer such shares if not completed by a duly stamped stock transfer will be subject to stamp duty reserve tax generally at the rate of 0.5% (or part thereof) of the consideration paid.
- 9.3 Close company the Directors believe that the Company is not, and expect that following completion of the Offer will not be, a close company within the meaning of the Tax Act. If the Company was a close company in any accounting period, approval as a venture capital trust would be withdrawn.

# 10 Miscellaneous

- 10.1 There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Company since 30 June 2013, the date to which the Company's latest unaudited interim financial statements have been published.
- 10.2 The Board believes that the Offer will result in a significant change to the Company, including an increase in its earnings and in the net assets of an amount equivalent to the net proceeds received under the Offer, expected to be approximately £18.9 million, assuming full subscription made exclusively by Execution- Only and Professional Client Investors.
- 10.3 Foresight is the promoter of the Offer and, save as disclosed in paragraph 5.1.6 above, no amount of cash, securities or benefits has been paid, issued or given to the promoter and none is intended to be paid, issued or given.
- 10.4 There have been no important events so far as the Directors are aware relating to the development of the Company or its business.
- 10.5 There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are or were pending or threatened of which the Company is aware) during the period from the incorporation of the Company which may have or had in the recent past significant effects on the Company's financial position or profitability.
- 10.6 There have been no significant factors, whether governmental, economic, fiscal, monetary, political, including unusual or infrequent events or new developments nor any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have an effect on the Company's prospects or which have materially affected the Company's income from operations so far as the Directors are aware.
- 10.7 There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Company's prospects for at least the current financial year, so far as the Directors are aware.
- 10.8 The issue costs payable by the Company under the Offer (including irrecoverable VAT and sales commissions) are estimated to be 5.5% of total funds subscribed (but excluding annual trail commission) in respect of the Offer Shares. Foresight has agreed to indemnify the Company in respect of any excess over 5.5% of the gross proceeds of the issue of Offer Shares. The net proceeds for the Company from the Offer, assuming full subscription from Professional Client Investors and/or Execution-Only Investors, will therefore amount to approximately £18.9 million.
- 10.9 The Company has paid dividends amounting to 176.0p per Ordinary Share (restated) and 8.0p per Planned Exit Share in the period from incorporation.
- 10.10 The Company's capital resources are restricted insofar as they may be used only in putting into effect the investment policies described in paragraph 6 above.
- 10.11 The Company does not have any major Shareholders and no Shareholders have different voting rights. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors, the Company is not directly

- controlled by any other party and at the date of the Prospectus, there are no arrangements in place that may, at a subsequent date, result in a change of control of the Company.
- 10.12 The Company and its Shareholders are subject to the provisions of the Takeover Code and the CA 2006, which require shares to be acquired/transferred in certain circumstances.
- 10.13 The typical investor for whom investment in the Company is designed is a retail investor who is an individual higher rate tax payer aged 18 or over and who is resident in the United Kingdom.
- 10.14 Foresight is responsible for the determination and calculation of the Company's net asset value, which will be prepared quarterly for approval by the Directors.
- 10.15 KPMG Audit plc (a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales) have been auditors to the Company since December 2010.
- 10.16 BDO, RW Blears LLP and Foresight have each given and not withdrawn their written consent to the issue of this document and to the inclusion herein of their names in the form and context in which they are included.

# (B) ANALYSIS OF THE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Set out below are the principal ten investments by value held by the Company as at the date of this document which are shown at the valuation included in the latest available financial statements of the Company, being the unaudited interim financial statements of the Company dated 30 June 2013. Together these represent 53.4% of the Company's investment portfolio by current valuation across all Share classes. The amount of uninvested cash and investments in money funds is £2,534,000 (5.2% of the Company's investment portfolio).

The investment and portfolio information in this section has been extracted from the Company's Unaudited interim report for the 6 months to 30 June 2013. In respect of the information on investee companies' sales, profits and losses and net assets, these have been taken from the latest financial year end accounts published (unless stated otherwise) by those investee companies as referred to ("Third Party Information"). As at the date of this document, there has been no material change in the valuations set out in this section since 30 June 2013 in respect of the Company. The Third Party Information has been accurately reproduced and, as far as the Company is aware and is able to ascertain from information published, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

The information set out below is representative of the company's entire investment portfolio, including the Ordinary Share Fund, Infrastructure Share Fund and the Planned Exit Share Fund.

software, principally cr and card fraud detection	loping payment system redit card authorisation n software, which is sold rutions, card processors	Year ended:	31 March 2012 (£'000)
Amount invested	£1,337,965	Sales	8,665
Valuation	£6,374,892	Profit before tax	1,367
Equity/voting rights	15.2%	Retained profit	1,511
Valuation methodology	Discounted revenue	Net assets	3,248
Percentage of investment portfolio	13.2%		

	pton, designs and live guitar amplifiers acts for the UK and	Year ended:	
Amount invested	£2,500,000	Sales	No accounts filed
Valuation	£3,230,359	Profit before tax	since the investment was made
Equity/voting rights	25.7%	Retained profit	
Valuation methodology	Discounted earnings	Net assets	
Percentage of investment portfolio	6.7%		

sophisticated automoti and hardware that	Group Limited* developing and selling ve diagnostic software enables independent and garages to service	Year ended:	31 December 2011 (£'000)
Amount invested	£1,617,545	Sales	12,231
Valuation	£2,646,077	Profit before tax	7,068
Equity/voting rights	3.7%	Retained profit	6,646
Valuation methodology	Discounted earnings	Net assets	6,416
Percentage of investment portfolio	5.5%		

<sup>\*</sup> A secondary buy-out of Autologic was completed on 20 January 2012, realising proceeds of £2,092,178 for the Company. The Company retains a loan and share investment in the company.

and back-up solutions	<b>D Limited</b> Toviding data storage To to corporates either Service or at customers'	Year ended:	31 March 2012 (£'000)
Amount invested	£1,273,849	Sales	6,747
Valuation	£2,519,503	Profit before tax	292
Equity/voting rights	49.57%	Retained profit	442
Valuation methodology	Discounted revenue	Net liabilities	(1,201)
Percentage of investment portfolio	5.3%		

	the first plant in the UK nd HDPE plastic bottles		30 June 2012 (£'000)
Amount invested	£2,502,986	Sales	14,875
Valuation	£2,308,023	Loss before tax	(5,085)
Equity/voting rights	4.9%	Retained loss	(5,085)
Valuation methodology	Discounted earnings	Net liabilities	(20,376)
Percentage of investment portfolio	4.8%		

the design, manufactu	<b>Limited</b> principally engaged in re, sales and servicing ng and vacuum furnace	Year ended:	31 December 2012 (£'000)
Amount invested	£1,000,000	Sales	11,764
Valuation	£2,210,919	Profit before tax	2,746
Equity/voting rights	33.3%	Retained profit	2,836
Valuation methodology	Discounted earnings	Net assets	2,190
Percentage of investment portfolio	4.6%		

<b>Criterion Healthcare H</b> Holding company of the the Bishop Auckland Ho	e PFI concessionaire for	Year ended:	(£'000)
Amount invested	£1,709,074	Sales	No accounts filed
Valuation	£1,709,074	Profit before tax	since the investment was made
Equity/voting rights	10%	Retained profit	was made
Valuation methodology	Cost	Net assets	
Percentage of investment portfolio	3.6%		

	are Services Limited a provider of hospital ted services for the	Year ended:	(£'000)
Amount invested	£1,693,368	Sales	No accounts filed
Valuation	£1,693,368	Profit before tax	since the investment was made
Equity/voting rights	22.5%	Retained profit	was made
Valuation methodology	Cost	Net assets	
Percentage of investment portfolio	3.5%		

engineering services, w	providing precision ith a niche specialism in f high value aerospace	Year ended:	(£'000)	
Amount invested	£1,500,000	Sales	No accounts filed	
Valuation	£1,500,000	Profit before tax	since the investment was made	
Equity/voting rights	22.6%	Retained profit		
Valuation methodology	Cost	Net assets		
Percentage of investment portfolio	3.1%			

Stobhill Healthcare Facilities (Holdings) Limited Holding Company of a provider of hospital building and associated services for NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.		Year ended:	(£'000)	
Amount invested	£1,493,247	Sales	No accounts filed since the investment was made	
Valuation	£1,493,247	Profit before tax		
Equity/voting rights	22%	Retained profit		
Valuation methodology	Cost	Net assets		
Percentage of investment portfolio	3.1%			

As at 30 June 2013, the Company held investments in 40 other investee companies across a range of industries, representing in aggregate 41.4% of the Company's investment portfolio.

#### (C) FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Company has produced statutory accounts for the three financial years ended 31 December 2010, 2011 and 2012 (together, the "Audited Financial Statements"). KPMG Audit plc, Registered Auditor, of Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EG have reported on the Audited Financial Statements without qualification and without statements under section 498(2) or (3) of the CA 2006. The Company has subsequently published interim financial statements for the 6 months to 30 June 2013 (the "Interim Financial Statements").

The Audited Financial Statements and the Interim Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with UK generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) and the fair value rules of the CA 2006.

The Audited Financial Statements and the Interim Financial Statements include the information set out below on the pages specified in the tables below, which are being incorporated into the document by reference and can be accessed at www.foresightgroup.eu and are also available for inspection at the national storage mechanism accessed at www.hemscott.com/nsm.do

Where these documents make reference to other documents, such other documents are not incorporated into and do not form part of this Prospectus.

Description	2010 Annual Report	2011 Annual Report	2012 Annual Report	2013 Unaudited Interim Report
Balance Sheet	Page 31	Page 34	Page 38	Page 21
Income Statement (or equivalent)	Page 29	Page 32	Page 36	Page 20
Statement showing all changes in equity (or equivalent note)	Page 30	Page 33	Page 37	Page 21
Cash Flow Statement	Page 32	Page 35	Page 39	Page 22
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Such information also includes operating/financial reviews as follows:

Description	2010 Annual Report	2011 Annual Report	2012 Annual Report	2013 Unaudited Interim Report
Objective	Inside front cover	Inside front cover	Inside front cover	Inside front cover
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Valuation Policy	Page 2	Page 4	Page 5	Page 3
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This information has been prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the Company's next published annual financial statements having regard to accounting standards and policies and legislation applicable to those financial statements.

Certain financial information of the Company is also set out below:

	Year ended 31 December 2010	Year ended 31 December 2011	Year ended 31 December 2012	6 months ended 30 June 2013
Investment income	£665,000	£712,000	£974,000	£624,000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	£7,519,000	£8,028,000	£(778,000)	£(1,175,000)
Earnings per Ordinary Share	15.6p 28.1p (restated)*	24.9p	(5.1p)	(2.8p)
Earnings per Planned Exit Share	1.0p	0.4p	13.4p	(8.1p)
Earnings per Infrastructure Share	N/A	N/A	(1.2p)	0.6p
Dividends per Ordinary Share	Op Op (restated)*	5.0p	7.5	5.0p
Dividends per Planned Exit Share	N/A	3.0p	5.0p	Ор
Dividends per Infrastructure Share	N/A	N/A	Op	Ор
Total assets	£32,292,000	£40,330,000	£52,309,000	£49,952,000
NAV per Ordinary Share	55.5p 100.1p (restated)*	123.9p	111.3p	103.5p
NAV per Planned Exit Share	95.5p	92.4p	100.0p	91.8p
NAV per Infrastructure Share	N/A	N/A	94.6p	95.0p

<sup>\*</sup>restated for the reconstruction of share capital which resulted in the Ordinary Shareholders' holdings being adjusted by a ratio of 0.554417986 per Ordinary Share held as at the close of business on 1 March 2011.

The unaudited NAV as at 30 June 2013 was 103.5p per Ordinary Share, 91.8p per Planned Exit Share and 95.0p per Infrastructure Share (these being the most recent published NAVs prior to the date of this document).

#### Effect of the Offer

As at 30 June 2013, the date to which the most recent unaudited interim financial statements have been published, the Company had net assets of £49,952,000. The Company is now seeking to raise up to £20 million through the Offer for which the associated expenses will be approximately 5.5% of the gross proceeds (and will be capped at this level), assuming subscription by Professional Client Investors and/or Execution-Only Investors. The impact of the Offer on the Company's earnings should be accretive to the extent, if any, that interest earned on the proceeds will exceed expenses. The assets of the Company will be increased by approximately 37.8% if the Offer is fully subscribed (assuming Offer costs of 5.5%).

### **PART THREE**

# **DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection during usual business hours on any day (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays being excepted) at the offices of Foresight VCT plc, ECA Court, 24-26 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1DU whilst the Offer is open:

- the Memorandum and Articles of the Company;
- the material contracts referred to in paragraph 5 of Section (A) of Part Two;
- the annual accounts and reports of the Company for the financial periods ended 31 December 2011 and 2012
- the unaudited interim financial report of the Company for the 6 months ended 30 June 2013;
- this Registration Document;
- the Securities Note:
- the Summary;
- the Circular; and
- the letters of consent from Foresight, BDO and RW Blears LLP.

26 September 2013