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# HICL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY LIMITED

(an authorised closed-ended investment company incorporated in Guernsey with limited liability and with registered number 44185)

## SCRIP DIVIDEND CIRCULAR 2018-19

### Quarterly Dividend Cycle, Scrip Dividend Alternative and Scrip Dividend Mandate for the Proposed Quarterly Interim Dividends for the financial year ending 31 March 2019

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If you wish to receive the four quarterly interim dividends for the Company’s financial year ending 31 March 2019 in cash on your holding of Ordinary Shares, you should take no action.

If you already have a Scrip Dividend Mandate in place and you wish to continue to receive Scrip Shares, you should take no action.

If you hold your Ordinary Shares in CREST and wish to elect for the Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of the Ordinary Shares that you hold, you should refer to paragraph 6 of the Appendix.

If you hold share certificates for your Ordinary Shares and wish to elect for the Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of the Ordinary Shares that you hold, you should make a standing election (a “**Scrip Dividend Mandate**”) by completing the Scrip Dividend Mandate attached to this circular and returning it as soon as possible, but in any case so as to reach the London branch of the Company’s registrars (the “**UK Transfer Agent**”) at Link Asset Services, Corporate Actions, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, by no later than the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date (see details on page 2).

If the Scrip Dividend Mandate is not received by the UK Transfer Agent before the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date, the full cash dividend entitlement will be paid in respect of all the Ordinary Shares for which you hold share certificates. The Scrip Dividend Mandate will then be applied in respect of the next and all future quarterly interim dividends.

## EXPECTED QUARTERLY DIVIDEND TIMETABLE FOR 2018-19

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarterly Interim Dividend	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Interim Dividend	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Interim Dividend	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarterly Interim Dividend
Directors' declaration of quarterly interim dividend (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Declaration Date</b> ")	18 July 2018	14 November 2018	19 February 2019	15 May 2019
Ordinary Shares quoted ex dividend (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Ex-Dividend Date</b> ")	23 August 2018	22 November 2018	28 February 2019	23 May 2019
Record dates for the quarterly interim dividend (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Record Date</b> ")	24 August 2018	23 November 2018	1 March 2019	24 May 2019
Reference Share Price of scrip shares (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price</b> ") calculated and published	31 August 2018	29 November 2018	7 March 2019	31 May 2019
Final date for receipt of Scrip Dividend Mandates, and dividend election input messages (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date</b> ")	13 September 2018	13 December 2018	15 March 2019	13 June 2019
Certificates for new Ordinary Shares (" <b>Scrip Shares</b> ") dispatched (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Dispatch Date</b> ")	28 September 2018	31 December 2018	29 March 2019	28 June 2019
Dividend payment date: cash dividends credited to bank accounts (when mandated) and (where applicable) CREST member accounts credited with Scrip Shares (the " <b>Relevant Quarterly Dividend Payment Date</b> ")	28 September 2018	31 December 2018	29 March 2019	28 June 2019
Expected date for admission of Scrip Shares to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange (the " <b>Relevant Admission Date</b> ")	28 September 2018	31 December 2018	29 March 2019	28 June 2019

### Notes:

- These times and dates are indicative only. If any of the above times and/or dates change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified to Shareholders by announcement through the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange.
- All references in this document to time are to London times unless otherwise stated.

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## SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE

### Introduction

I am writing to you as a shareholder of HICL Infrastructure Company Limited (the "**Company**") in respect of the forthcoming quarterly interim dividend cycle (payable at the end of September, December, March and June) that the Company intends to deliver for the financial year ending 31 March 2019.

Each quarterly interim dividend will be declared following scheduled meetings of the Company's Board of Directors in July, November, February and May each year. As usual, the Company will formally announce dividend declarations through the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange and in the 'Regulatory News' section of the Investor Relations part of the Company's website ([www.hicl.com](http://www.hicl.com)), anticipated to be on the Relevant Quarterly Declaration Dates set out on page 2 of the Scrip Circular, referred to below.

It is expected that the quantum of each quarterly interim dividend will be approximately one-quarter of the forecast dividend for the year with the final quarterly interim dividend being adjusted as necessary (e.g. the Board's target is 8.05p per share for the whole financial year and so the interim dividends are likely to be three quarterly payments of 2.01p per share, with a final quarterly payment of 2.02p per share).

On 18 July 2018, the Company declared its first quarterly interim dividend for the financial year to 31 March 2019. The dividend is 2.01p per share and will be paid on 28 September 2018 to shareholders who hold shares on the Relevant Quarterly Record Date (24 August 2018).

### Scrip Dividend Alternative

Since July 2008, the Company has typically provided a scrip dividend alternative (the "**Scrip Dividend Alternative**") for shareholders on the register on the appropriate record date who wish to receive new ordinary shares ("**Scrip Shares**") in lieu of cash. In doing so they increase their holdings without incurring dealing costs or stamp duty; while the Company benefits from the retention of cash which would otherwise be paid out as a dividend.

This will continue (subject to ongoing shareholder approval at future Annual General Meetings) but, in the interests of efficiency and the environment, the Company does not provide the option to make a one-off scrip election each quarter. Instead, in July each year, shareholders will be reminded of the option to make a standing election for all future dividends (a "**Scrip Dividend Mandate**"). You may, however, make or revoke a Scrip Dividend Mandate at any point in time.

As per paragraph 2 of the Appendix of this document, the Directors may revoke their decision to offer Scrip Shares instead of the Full Cash Dividend. If the Company's shares are trading at a price below the prevailing NAV per share on the days preceding the Scrip Share Reference Price calculation day, such that the Scrip Share Reference Price would be at a discount to the prevailing NAV per share, the Directors may suspend the Scrip Dividend Alternative for the relevant Dividend. In this case, all shareholders entitled to receive a dividend on the record date would receive their dividend in cash.

The Board will keep the Scrip Dividend Alternative under review each quarter, and shareholders who have previously completed a Scrip Dividend Mandate to receive Scrip Shares are advised that their Scrip Dividend Mandate remains in place for future periods.

Full details of the Scrip Dividend Alternative, as well as an indicative timetable for the financial year ending 31 March 2019, can be found in the Scrip Dividend Circular 2018-19 (the "**Scrip Circular**") which is available to view and/or download under 'Circulars & Related Notices' in the 'Reports & Publications' section of the Investor Relations part of the

Company's website ([www.hicl.com](http://www.hicl.com)). It is also available on the National Storage Mechanism website ([www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM](http://www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM)).

The Company intends to publish its annual Scrip Circular once a year, in July, setting out the general terms and indicative timetable for the quarterly interim dividends for that financial year. This circular will be available from the Company's website and will be sent to all shareholders (except those who have elected not to receive hard copy documents). Shareholders should refer to the Company's website on or around the indicative publication dates set out in the Scrip Circular to obtain information relating to the relevant quarterly dividend declaration, ex-dividend date, record date and scrip share reference price. This will enable holders to calculate the number of Scrip Shares that they would be entitled to each quarter.

The Scrip Dividend Alternative and the proposals described in this letter are also conditional upon the listing of the Scrip Shares on the Official List and the admission of the Scrip Shares to trading being granted by the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange plc respectively.

#### **Action to be taken - Holders of Share Certificates**

- If you currently receive your interim dividends in cash, and wish to continue to do so, you need take no further action. The amount of each quarterly interim dividend will be available to view on the Company's website on or around the indicative declaration dates set out in the Scrip Circular and you will receive your quarterly interim dividend payment on the relevant date.
- If you currently have a Scrip Dividend Mandate in place and wish to continue to receive Scrip Shares in respect of future quarterly dividends, you need take no further action. Based on your shareholding on the relevant record date and the relevant Scrip Share reference price, you will be allotted the appropriate number of new Ordinary Shares and the certificates will then be posted to you.
- If you wish to begin receiving Scrip Shares in respect of the next quarterly interim dividend and all future quarterly dividends (i.e. set up a Scrip Dividend Mandate), you should complete the enclosed Scrip Dividend Mandate and return it to the Company's UK Transfer Agent, Link Asset Services by 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date as set out in the Scrip Circular (13 September 2018 in the case of the first quarterly interim dividend). You may also apply online at <https://www.signalshares.com/>. Based on your shareholding on the relevant record date and the relevant Scrip Share reference price, you will be allotted the appropriate number of new Ordinary Shares and the certificates will then be posted to you.

#### **Action to be taken – CREST Holders**

- To enable you to elect to receive Scrip Shares if you hold your Ordinary Shares in CREST, you should submit a Dividend Election Input Message (as defined in the CREST Manual) by 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date as set out in the Scrip Circular (13 September 2018 in the case of the first quarterly interim dividend). Further details are set out in paragraph 6 of the Appendix of the Scrip Circular.

When considering what action to take, you are recommended to obtain appropriate professional advice.

**You may change your mind in relation to your scrip election at any time.** If you wish to revoke your Scrip Dividend Mandate you may do so at any time by writing to the Company's UK Transfer Agent, Link Asset Services at the address below or by revoking your election via their web portal (<https://www.signalshares.com/>). If you wish to set up a Scrip Dividend Mandate you may do so at any time by downloading and completing the Scrip Dividend Mandate at the back of the Scrip Circular from the Company's website ([www.hicl.com](http://www.hicl.com)) and sending it to Link Asset Services, Corporate Actions, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU. Any changes, if not received by 5.00pm on the next Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date (see the Scrip Circular for details), will only become effective from the following quarterly interim dividend.

Should you require any assistance in relation to your shareholding in the Company, please contact Link Asset Services on 0871 664 0300 (Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider) or email [enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk). Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Opening hours are between 9.00 am – 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Please note that Link Asset Services cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes. Please quote your name, address and investor code (located on your share certificate / dividend tax voucher) in all correspondence.

Yours faithfully



Ian Russell CBE  
Chairman

## APPENDIX: TERMS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

### 1. TERMS OF ELECTION

Shareholders with Ordinary Shares registered in their names at the close of business on the Relevant Record Date may elect to receive their entitlement to the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend (the “**Full Cash Dividend**”) in the form of Scrip Shares credited as fully paid at the Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price per Ordinary Share, instead of in cash. No fraction of a Scrip Share can be allotted and the cash representing any fractional entitlement to a Scrip Share will be dealt with as described in paragraph 3 below. All elections will be subject to fulfilment of the conditions specified in paragraph 2 below. If the conditions are not satisfied, an election will automatically become void and the relevant Shareholder will receive the Full Cash Dividend in the usual way. The entitlement to receive Scrip Shares under the Scrip Dividend Alternative is personal and non-transferable.

This election may only be made by a Shareholder in respect of all of the holding of Ordinary Shares registered in his/her name at the close of business on the Relevant Quarterly Record Date.

If the Directors decide to offer Scrip Shares instead of a cash dividend for the financial year ending 31 March 2020 or other future periods you will be informed separately. If you already have a Scrip Dividend Mandate in place at that time you will continue to receive Scrip Shares.

### 2. CONDITIONS

The Scrip Dividend Alternative is conditional on:

- (a) listing of the Scrip Shares on the Official List being granted by the UKLA and admission of the Scrip Shares to trading being granted by the London Stock Exchange plc (see paragraph 9 below); and
- (b) the Directors not revoking their decision to offer Scrip Shares instead of the Full Cash Dividend.

The Directors have the power at any time up to 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date to revoke their decision to offer Scrip Shares instead of the Full Cash Dividend. It is envisaged that the Directors would only revoke this decision in the event of a change in market conditions or a significant fall in the price of the Ordinary Shares, such that the Directors consider that the Scrip Dividend Alternative would be substantially less beneficial to either Shareholders accepting the offer or Shareholders as a whole.

### 3. FRACTIONAL ENTITLEMENTS

Fractions of Shares cannot be issued. Any residual cash amount representing a fraction of a Scrip Share arising as a result of an election for the Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of all or part of a holding will never exceed the value of one Ordinary Share at the Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price (as calculated in paragraph 4 below). Rather than incur the administration and cost of paying such small amounts to individual Shareholders, any residual cash amount will be retained by the Company for the benefit of all shareholders in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation. No residual entitlements will be carried forward to future scrip dividends, nor will they be paid or payable to the relevant Shareholders.

### 4. BASIS OF ENTITLEMENT

Your entitlement to Scrip Shares under the Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend is based on the scrip share reference price for each Scrip Share calculated as the average of the middle market prices of the Ordinary Shares derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange for the Relevant Quarterly Ex-Dividend Date and the four subsequent dealing days (the “**Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price**”), and the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend. The formulae used for calculating the Scrip Share entitlement are as follows:

number of Ordinary Shares held at the Relevant Quarterly Record Date      X      Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend per share      =      aggregate dividend available for share election

and

aggregate dividend available for share election      =      number of Scrip Shares  
Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price      (rounded down to the nearest whole number)

## 5. HOW TO MAKE A STANDING ELECTION FOR THE SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE: HOLDERS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES ONLY

**This paragraph 5 applies only to Shareholders who hold share certificates for their Ordinary Shares.**

To receive the maximum number of Scrip Shares to which you are entitled in respect of the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend and all subsequent Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividends for which a Scrip Dividend Alternative is offered via a standing election (a "Scrip Dividend Mandate"), please complete the Scrip Dividend Mandate at the back of this circular and send it to the UK Transfer Agent to reach it by no later than 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date. You can also apply online at <https://www.signalshares.com/>.

A Scrip Dividend Mandate, until revoked, instructs the Company to treat you as having elected to take the maximum whole number of Scrip Shares available instead of cash in respect of all future dividends for which a Scrip Dividend Alternative is offered. The Scrip Dividend Mandate will apply to your entire holding of Ordinary Shares on the Relevant Quarterly Record Date for the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend. If you acquire or dispose of any Ordinary Shares, the Scrip Dividend Mandate will continue to apply (until revoked) to such increased or decreased shareholding.

Your Scrip Dividend Mandate may be cancelled by the Company at any time, or by you giving written notice to the UK Transfer Agent so as to be received before 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date. Your Scrip Dividend Mandate will be revoked automatically if the Company registers a transfer of all your Ordinary Shares or if the Company receives notice of your death.

The Scrip Dividend Mandate is subject to the subsequent renewal in general meeting of the Directors' authority to offer a Scrip Dividend Alternative. It will only apply in respect of any future dividend if the Directors decide to offer a Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of that dividend. If the Directors' authority is not renewed, or the Directors decide not to offer a Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of any particular dividend, a full cash dividend will be paid in the usual way.

## 6. HOW TO MAKE THE ELECTION FOR THE SCRIP DIVIDEND ALTERNATIVE: CREST SHAREHOLDERS ONLY

**This paragraph 6 applies only to Shareholders who hold their Ordinary Shares in CREST. Terms defined in the CREST Manual and not re-defined herein shall bear the meanings attributed to them in the CREST Manual unless the context otherwise requires.**

### 6.1 Election for Scrip Shares

You can only elect to receive your Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend in the form of Scrip Shares by means of CREST procedures to effect such an election. **No other form of election will be permitted and if received will be rejected and returned to you.** If you are a CREST Personal Member, or other CREST Sponsored Member, you should consult your CREST sponsor, who will be able to take appropriate action on your behalf.

The CREST procedures require the use of the Dividend Election Input Message in accordance with the CREST Manual. The Dividend Election Input Message submitted must contain the number of Ordinary Shares on which the election is being made, whether this is all or part of your holding at the Relevant Quarterly Record Date. **An election by way of a Scrip Dividend Mandate will not be permitted.** The Dividend Election Input Message includes a number of fields which, for a valid election to be made, must be input correctly as indicated below:

- (a) Dividend Election Reference - You must indicate here a reference for the dividend election which is unique to your CREST participant ID;
- (b) Your participant I.D.;
- (c) Your member account I.D. - If you have more than one member account, you must indicate the member account I.D. to which the election relates;
- (d) ISIN - This is GB00B0T4LH64;
- (e) Distribution type - You must enter "SCRIP";
- (f) Corporate Action - You must enter the Corporate Action number for the dividend on which your election is being made. This can be found by reviewing the relevant corporate action details in CREST. A Scrip Dividend Mandate cannot be made;
- (g) Number of shares - You must enter here the number of Ordinary Shares over which your election is made, whether this is all or part of your holding. If you leave this field blank or enter zero, your election will be rejected. If you enter a number of Ordinary Shares greater

than your holding in CREST on the Record Date, the election will be applied to the total holding in the relevant CREST member account at the Record Date; and

- (h) Contact details - This field is optional, although you are asked to include details of whom to contact in the event of a query relating to your election.

The Company and/or the UK Transfer Agent reserve the right to treat as valid an election which is not complete in all respects.

By inputting a Dividend Election Input Message as described above, you confirm your election to participate in the Scrip Dividend Alternative in accordance with the details input and the terms and conditions of the Scrip Dividend Alternative as amended from time to time.

There is no facility to amend an election which has been made by Dividend Election Input Message; if you wish to change your election details, you must first cancel the existing election as described in paragraph 6.4 below and then input a new Dividend Election Input Message with the required new details.

## **6.2 Partial elections**

You can elect to receive Scrip Shares in respect of part of your holding. You will receive a cash dividend on the balance of your holding.

## **6.3 Timing**

If you wish to receive Scrip Shares in respect of some or all of your holding, you must make your election by 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date.

## **6.4 Cancelling an election**

You may only cancel an election by utilising the CREST procedures for deletions described in the CREST Manual. Your deletion must be received and, in accordance with CREST procedures, accepted by 5.00pm on the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date for it to be valid for the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend. It is recommended that you input any deletion message 24 hours in advance of the above deadline to give the Company and the UK Transfer Agent sufficient time to accept the deletion.

## **6.5 Basis of entitlement**

Your entitlement to Scrip Shares is calculated as set out in paragraph 4 above. Once your Scrip Shares have been allotted, a dividend confirmation will be sent to you showing the number of Scrip Shares allotted, the Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price and the total cash equivalent of the Scrip Shares for tax purposes.

## **6.6 Residual cash balance**

Fractions of Shares cannot be issued. Any residual cash amount representing a fraction of a Scrip Share arising as a result of an election for the Scrip Dividend Alternative will never exceed the value of one Ordinary Share at the Relevant Quarterly Scrip Share Reference Price (as defined in paragraph 4). Rather than incur the administrative inconvenience and cost of paying such small amounts to individual Shareholders, any residual cash amount will be retained by the Company for the benefit of all Shareholders in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation. No residual entitlements will be carried forward to future scrip dividends, nor will they be paid or be payable to the relevant Shareholders.

## **6.7 Future dividends**

If you wish to receive Scrip Shares in respect of future dividends for which a Scrip Dividend Alternative is offered, you must complete a Dividend Election Input Message on each occasion. If you do not complete a Dividend Election Input Message, you will receive your dividend in cash.

If the Directors decide not to offer a Scrip Dividend Alternative in respect of any dividend in the future, a cash dividend will be paid to you in the usual way.

# **7. SHAREHOLDERS OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM**

If you receive this letter in any country or jurisdiction outside the United Kingdom, you may not treat it as an invitation to elect to receive Scrip Shares unless such an invitation could lawfully be made to you without the Company being required to comply with any registration or other legal requirements.

It is the responsibility of any person resident outside the UK wishing to elect to receive Scrip Shares to be satisfied as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory, including obtaining any



governmental or other consents which may be required and observing any other formalities in such territories.

Non-UK shareholders electing to take Scrip Shares pursuant to a Scrip Dividend Alternative will not be charged Guernsey or UK stamp duty on the Shares.

## **8. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE REGISTERED HOLDING**

If for any reason your Ordinary Shares are, on the Relevant Quarterly Record Date, registered in more than one holding and as a result you have received more than one Scrip Dividend Mandate then, unless you are able to make arrangements with the UK Transfer Agent to have your holdings consolidated before the Relevant Quarterly Dividend Deadline Date, they will be treated for all purposes as separate and you should complete separate Scrip Dividend Mandates or, in the case of holdings in CREST, separate Dividend Election Input Messages.

## **9. LISTING AND RANKING OF THE SCRIP SHARES**

Application will be made to the UKLA for admission of the Scrip Shares to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange plc for admission of the Scrip Shares to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange. The Scrip Shares will on issue be credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing Ordinary Shares, except for participation in the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend, and will rank for all future dividends.

## **10. GENERAL**

No acknowledgement of Scrip Dividend Mandates or Dividend Election Input Messages will be issued. Subject to satisfaction of the conditions set out in this letter, definitive share certificates for the Scrip Shares held outside CREST will be posted, at the risk of the persons entitled thereto, on the Relevant Quarterly Dispatch Date, while CREST members should have their accounts credited on the Relevant Quarterly Payment Date. Dealings in the Scrip Shares are expected to begin on the Relevant Admission Date. In the unlikely event that the UKLA does not agree before the Relevant Admission Date to admit the Scrip Shares to the Official List, or if any of the other conditions are not fulfilled, Scrip Dividend Mandate and Dividend Election Input Messages will be disregarded and the Company will pay the Relevant Quarterly Interim Dividend in cash in the usual way as soon as practicable on or after the Relevant Quarterly Payment Date.

A copy of this Circular, including the Scrip Dividend Mandate, is available to download from the Company's website ([www.hicl.com](http://www.hicl.com)) under 'Scrip Dividend Circular 2018-19' in 'Circulars & Related Notices' in the 'Reports & Publications' section of Investor Relations. It may also be obtained free of charge during normal business hours from the following:

Link Asset Services  
Corporate Actions  
34 Beckenham Road  
Beckenham  
Kent  
BR3 4TU

All enquiries in respect of the Scrip Dividend Alternative and completing the Scrip Dividend Mandate should be addressed to the UK Transfer Agent, Link Asset Services, on 0871 664 0300 (calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider) or by email to [enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@linkgroup.co.uk). Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. Opening hours are between 9.00 am – 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Please note that Link Asset Services cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.

Completed Scrip Dividend Mandates should be posted to Link Asset Services at the address listed above.

## **11. UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION**

The following is a general summary of the UK tax consequences of electing to receive Scrip Shares pursuant to the Scrip Dividend Alternative instead of the cash dividend, and is based on UK law and HMRC practice as at the date of this document (which are subject to changes, possibly with retrospective



effect) and applies only to Shareholders who hold their shares as an investment. In particular, the following does not address the position of certain classes of Shareholders, such as dealers in securities.

Any decision to elect to receive Scrip Shares will be a matter for individual determination by each Shareholder and will depend upon their circumstances, as will the precise tax consequences of such an election. The summary set out below is not exhaustive and (except where otherwise indicated) only relates to the position of UK-resident Shareholders who are the beneficial owners of their shares. **Investors should consult their own professional tax advisors, however, in relation to the tax consequences of electing to receive Scrip Shares.**

Shareholders who are in any doubt as to what action to take, or who are subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the UK, should consult an independent professional advisor.

#### **11.1 UK taxation of chargeable gains**

On the basis of case law, UK-resident Shareholders should not receive any income liable to UK income tax or corporation tax to the extent that they elect to receive Scrip Shares instead of the cash dividend. Nor should they make any disposal for chargeable gains tax purposes at the time at which the Scrip Shares are allotted. Instead the Scrip Shares and the original registered holding of Ordinary Shares (the “**Original Holding**”) should be treated as a single holding acquired at the time of the Original Holding. There will be no allowable expenditure for chargeable gains tax purposes arising in respect of the Scrip Shares, and the allowable expenditure arising in respect of the Original Holding will be apportioned across the Original Holding and the Scrip Shares. A disposal for chargeable gains tax purposes will only arise at the time at which the Shareholder subsequently disposes of the Scrip Shares or the Original Holding (a “**Subsequent Disposal**”).

UK-resident individual Shareholders may be subject to capital gains tax in respect of chargeable gains arising on a Subsequent Disposal depending on their individual circumstances. UK-resident corporate Shareholders may be subject to corporation tax in respect of chargeable gains arising on a Subsequent Disposal depending on their individual circumstances. UK-resident exempt funds will not be liable to tax on chargeable gains arising upon a Subsequent Disposal of investments held for the purposes of the fund.

#### **11.2 Stamp duty**

No UK stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax will be payable on the issue of the Scrip Shares.