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I. PRELIMINARY

1. APPLICATION

No regulations or articles set out in any statute or any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation made under any statute concerning companies must apply as the regulations or articles of the Company. The following must be the Company's articles of association.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 In these **Articles**, if not inconsistent with the subject or context:

"Adjusted Gross Asset Value" means fair market value, without deductions for borrowed money or other liabilities or accruals and including outstanding subscription obligations;

"AIF Rules" means the AIF rules made in accordance with article 169;

"AIFM" has the meaning given to that term in the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/1773);

"AIFMD" means EU Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers;

"AIFMD Rules" means collectively: (a) the **AIFMD**; (b) the EU Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013; (c) the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/1773); and (d) the UK Financial Conduct Authority's rules that implement the **AIFMD**, and all other related opinions and interpretative guidance that is (in each case) binding on the **AIFM** of the **Company**;

"Alternate Director" has the meaning given in article 112.1;

"Annual Accounts and Reports" means those profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and directors' and auditor's reports for each financial year of the

Company as are required by the **Statutes** to be laid before the **Company** in general meeting;

"**Articles**" means these articles of association as from time to time altered in accordance with the **Statutes**;

"**Base Rate**" means the base lending rate per annum most recently set by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England (or such other bank as the **Board** may decide) as it stands from time to time;

"**Board**" means the board of **Directors** or the **Directors** present or deemed to be present at a duly convened meeting of the **Directors** at which a quorum is present;

"**Business Day**" means a day on which the London Stock Exchange is open, other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day when banks in the City of London are not generally open for non-automated business;

"**C Shares**" means the shares of GBP 0.001 in the capital of the **Company** issued and designated as C Class shares of whatever tranche and having the rights and being subject to the restrictions described in these **Articles**;

"**C Share Surplus**" means in relation to any tranche of **C Shares** the net assets of the **Company** attributable to the **C Shares** in that tranche, being the assets attributable to the **C Shares** in that tranche (including for the avoidance of doubt, any income and/or revenue (net of expenses) arising from or relating to such assets) less such proportion of the **Company's** liabilities as the **Directors** shall reasonably allocate to the assets of the **Company** attributable to such **C Shares**;

"**Calculation Time**" means in relation to any tranche of **C Shares** the earliest of:

- (a) the close of business on the date determined by the **Directors** that at least 80 per cent. (or such other percentage as determined by the **Directors** at the time of issue of the relevant tranche of **C Shares**) of the assets attributable to that tranche of **C Shares** have been invested (as defined below) in accordance with the **Company's** investment policy;
- (b) the close of business on the last Business Day prior to the day on which Force Majeure Circumstances have arisen or the **Directors** resolve that such circumstances are in contemplation;
- (c) the close of business on such date as the **Directors** may determine to enable the **Company** to comply with its obligations in respect of Conversion; and
- (d) the close of business on the Business Day falling six months after the admission of that tranche of **C Shares** to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market or such other time or date as may be determined by the **Directors** at the time at which the relevant tranche of **C Shares** were issued;

"**Certificated**" or "**Certificated Form**" in relation to a share means that title to the share is recorded on the **Register** as being held in certificated form;

"**Clear Days**" means, in relation to a period of notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is received or deemed to have been received and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;

"**Company**" means HICL Infrastructure PLC registered in England and Wales (registered number 11738373);

"**Companies Act**" means the Companies Act 2006;

"**Connected**", in relation to a **Director**, has the meanings given to it in section 252 and 254 of the **Companies Act**;

"**Conversion**" means in relation to any tranche of **C Shares**, the conversion of that tranche of **C Shares** into **New Shares** and **Deferred Shares** in accordance with article 7.8;

"**Conversion Ratio**" is A divided by B calculated to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards) where:

$$A = \frac{(C - D)}{E}$$
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and

$$B = \frac{(F - G)}{H}$$

and where:

"C" is the aggregate of:

- (a) the value of the investments of the **Company** attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche (other than investments which are subject to restrictions on transfer or a suspension of dealings, which are to be valued in accordance with (b) below) which are listed or dealt in on a stock exchange or on a similar market:
 - (i) calculated in the case of investments of the **Company** which are listed on the London Stock Exchange according to the prices issued by the London Stock Exchange as at the Calculation Time, being the closing middle market prices for all investments other than the FTSE 100 constituents and FTSE 100 reserve list constituents for which the last trade prices shall be used. If any such investments are traded under the London Stock Exchange Daily Electronic Trading Service ("**SETS**") and the latest recorded prices at which such investments have been traded as shown in the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List differ materially from the bid and offer prices of the investments quoted on SETS as at the Calculation Time, the value of such investments shall be adjusted to reflect the fair realisable value as determined by the Directors. Investments of the **Company** which are listed, quoted or dealt in on any other recognised stock exchange shall be valued by reference to the closing middle market prices on the principal stock exchange or market where the relevant investment is listed, quoted or dealt in as at the Calculation Time, as shown by the relevant exchange's or market's recognised method of publication of prices for such investments. Debt related securities (including Government stocks) shall be valued by reference to the closing middle market price, subject to any adjustment to exclude any accrual of interest which may be included in the quoted price, as at the Calculation Time; or

- (ii) where such published prices are not available, calculated by reference to the Directors' belief as to a fair current trading price at the Calculation Time for those investments, after taking account of any other price publication services reasonably available to the Directors;
- (b) the value of all other investments of the **Company** attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche at their respective acquisition costs, subject to such adjustments as the **Directors** may deem appropriate to be made for any variations in the value of such investments between the date of acquisition and the Calculation Time; and
- (c) the amount which, in the **Directors'** opinion, fairly reflects, at the Calculation Time, the value of the current assets of the **Company** attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche (including cash and deposits with or balances at bank and including any accrued income and other items of a revenue nature less accrued expenses) [other than those assets that are valued in accordance with paragraphs (a) or (b) above in order to prevent any double-counting of the same assets;

"D" is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of "C") in the **Directors'** opinion fairly reflects the amount of the liabilities attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche at the Calculation Time;

"E" is the number of **C Shares** of the relevant tranche in issue at the Calculation Time;

"F" is the aggregate of:

- (a) the value of all the investments of the **Company** (other than investments which are subject to restrictions on transfer or a suspension of dealings, which are to be valued in accordance with (b) below, and other than investments attributable to the **C Shares** (of whatever tranche) in issue at the Calculation Time), which are listed or dealt in on a stock exchange or on a similar market:
 - (i) calculated in the case of investments of the **Company** which are listed on the London Stock Exchange according to the prices issued by the London Stock Exchange as at the Calculation Time, being the closing middle market prices for all investments other than the FTSE 100 constituents and FTSE 100 reserve list constituents for which the last trade prices shall be used. If any such investments are traded under the London Stock Exchange Daily Electronic Trading Service ("**SETS**") and the latest recorded prices at which such investments have been traded as shown in the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List differ materially from the bid and offer prices of the investments quoted on SETS as at the Calculation Time, the value of such investments shall be adjusted to reflect the fair realisable value as determined by the **Directors**. Investments of the **Company** which are listed, quoted or dealt in on any other recognised stock exchange shall be valued by reference to the closing middle market prices on the principal stock exchange or market where the relevant investment is listed, quoted or dealt in as at the Calculation Time, as shown by the relevant exchange's or market's recognised method of publication of prices for such investments. Debt related securities (including Government stocks) shall be valued by reference to the closing middle market price, subject to

any adjustment to exclude any accrual of interest which may be included in the quoted price, as at the Calculation Time; or

- (ii) where such published prices are not available, calculated by reference to the **Directors'** belief as to a fair current trading price for those investments, after taking account of any other price publication services reasonably available to the **Directors**;
- (b) the value of all other investments of the **Company**, other than investments attributable to the **C Shares** (of whatever tranche) in issue at the Calculation Time at their respective acquisition costs, subject to such adjustments as the **Directors** may deem appropriate to be made for any variations in the value of such investments between the date of acquisition and the Calculation Time; and
- (c) the amount which, in the **Directors'** opinion, fairly reflects at the Calculation Time, the value of the current assets of the **Company** (including cash and deposits with or balances at bank and including any accrued income or other items of a revenue nature less accrued expenses), other than those assets that are valued in accordance with paragraphs (a) or (b) above in order to prevent any double-counting of the same assets, and other than such assets attributable to the **C Shares** (of whatever tranche) in issue at the Calculation Time;

"G" is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of "F") in the **Directors'** opinion fairly reflects the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the **Company** at the Calculation Time including, for the avoidance of doubt, the full amount of all dividends declared but not paid less the amount of "D"; and

"H" is the number of **Ordinary Shares** in issue at the Calculation Time.

"**Conversion Time**" means a time which falls after the Calculation Time and is the time at which the admission of the New Shares to the Official List becomes effective and which is the earlier of:

- (a) the opening of business on such Business Day as is selected by the Directors provided that such day shall not be more than twenty Business Days after the Calculation Time; or
- (b) such earlier date as the Directors may resolve should Force Majeure Circumstances have arisen or the Directors resolve that such circumstances are in contemplation;

"**CRS**" means the OECD Common Reporting Standard, or any similar or successor information standard or legislation or any information standard or legislation developed or made by any other jurisdiction in connection with it;

"**Deferred Shares**" means deferred shares of £0.001 each in the capital of the **Company** having the rights and being subject to the restrictions set out in these **Articles** arising on Conversion;

"**Director**" means a director of the **Company** for the time being or, as the case may be, the directors assembled as a Board or committee of such Board, and includes any alternate director appointed in accordance with section D, Article 112;

"**Electronic General Meeting**" has the meaning given to it in article 60;

"Entitled by Transmission" in relation to a share means entitled as a consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a **Member** or otherwise by operation of law;

"ERISA" means the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;

"Exchange Act" means the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

"FATCA" means, together, Sections 1471 to 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder (commonly referred to as the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act or FATCA) or any similar or successor legislation or any legislation made by any other jurisdiction in connection with them;

"FCA" means the Financial Conduct Authority;

"Force Majeure Circumstances" means in relation to any tranche of **C Shares** means any political and/or economic circumstances and/or actual or anticipated changes in fiscal or other legislation which, in the reasonable opinion of the **Directors**, renders Conversion necessary or desirable notwithstanding that less than 80 per cent. (or such other percentage as determined by the **Directors** at the time of issue of the relevant tranche of **C Shares**) of the assets attributable to the relevant tranche of **C Shares** are invested (as defined below) in accordance with the **Company's** investment policy;

"Holder" in relation to a share means the **Member** whose name is entered in the **Register** or **Operator Register** as the holder of that share;

"Independent Accountants" means such firm of chartered accountants as the **Directors** may, from time to time, appoint for the purpose;

"Issue Date" means in relation to any tranche of **C Shares** the date on which the admission of such **C Shares** to the Official List becomes effective or, if later, the day on which the **Company** receives the net proceeds of the issue of such **C Shares**;

"Investment Company Act" means the US Investment Company Act of 1940;

"Investment Policy" means the Company's stated investment policy from time to time;

"Listing Rules" means the rules published by the FCA relating to admission to the Official List;

"London Stock Exchange" means London Stock Exchange plc;

"Main Market" means the main market of the London Stock Exchange for listed securities;

"Member" means a **Person** whose name is entered in the **Register** and, if the **Company** is a **Participating Issuer**:

- (a) the **Register** also shows that **Person** as holding shares in the **Company** in **Certificated Form**; or
- (b) the **Operator Register** shows that **Person** as holding shares in the **Company** in **Uncertificated Form**; or
- (c) that **Person** is deemed to be a member of the **Company** by the **Regulations**;

"**Minimum Amount**" means £3.00 or such greater sum as the **Board** may decide being not greater than the maximum sum which the **FCA** may from time to time permit for the purpose;

"**New Shares**" means **Ordinary Shares** arising on the conversion of the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche;

"**Non-executive Director**" has the meaning given to it in article 97.1;

"**Notice of Termination of Proxy**" has the meaning given to it in article 85.3;

"**Office**" means the **Company's** registered office;

"**Official List**" means the Official List of the FCA;

"**Operator**" means a **Person** approved by the Treasury under the **Regulations** as Operator of a **Relevant System**;

"**Operator Register**" means the **Company's** Operator register of members as required by regulation 20(3) of the **Regulations**;

"**Ordinary Shares**" means the ordinary shares of GBP 0.0001 in the capital of the **Company**, issued and designated as **Ordinary Shares** and having the rights described in these **Articles**;

"**Ordinary Share Surplus**" means the net assets of the **Company** attributable to the **Ordinary Shares**, being the assets attributable to the **Ordinary Shares** (including for the avoidance of doubt, any income and/or revenue (net of expenses) arising from or relating to such assets) less such proportion of the **Company's** liabilities as the **Directors** shall reasonably allocate to the assets of the **Company** attributable to such **Ordinary Shares**;

"**Paid up**" means paid up or credited as paid up in respect of the nominal amount of a share and any premium at which the share is issued;

"**Participating Issuer**" means a **Person** who has issued a security which is a **Participating Security**;

"**Participating Security**" means a security title to units which is permitted by an **Operator** to be transferred by means of a **Relevant System**;

"**Partly Paid up**" means, in relation to a share, that part of that share's nominal value or any premium at which it was issued that has not been paid to the **Company**;

"**Person Entitled by Transmission**" means a person entitled to a share by transmission by whatever means, including through operation of law or death of the previous **Holder**;

"**Prohibited US Person**" has the meaning given to it in article 49.3;

"**Proxy Notice**" has the meaning given to it in article 81.2;

"**Record of Uncertificated Shares**" means the record of the entries made in its **Operator Register** as required by regulation 20(6) of the **Regulations**;

"**Redeemable Shares**" means the redeemable shares of one pound each in the capital of the **Company** having the rights and subject to the restrictions set out in these **Articles**;

"Register" means:

- (a) the register of members as required by section 113 of the **Companies Act**; or
- (b) if the **Company** is a **Participating Issuer**, the **Company's** issuer register of members as required by regulation 20(2) of the **Regulations**;

"Regulations" means the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001;

"Relevant System" means a computer-based system and procedures, permitted by the **Regulations**, which enable title to units of a security to be evidenced and transferred without a written instrument, and which facilitate supplementary and incidental matters and includes, without limitation, the relevant system of which Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited is the **Operator**;

"Seal" means the **Company's** common seal and any official seal permitted to be used by section 49 or section 50 of the **Companies Act**;

"Securities Act" means the US Securities Act of 1933;

"Secretary" means the secretary of the **Company** and includes a joint, assistant, deputy or temporary secretary and any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary;

"Statutes" means the **Companies Act**, the **AIFMD Rules**, the **Regulations** and each act and statutory instrument for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the **Company**;

"United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

"Uncertificated" or **"Uncertificated Form"** in relation to a share means that title to the share is recorded on the **Operator Register**, and may, by virtue of the **Regulations**, be transferred by means of a **Relevant System**; and

"US Internal Revenue Code" means the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

2.2 In these **Articles**, a reference to:

- (a) a section or provision of any of the **Statutes** or any other laws, statutes, rules and regulations referred to in these **Articles**, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, includes every statutory modification, substitution, amendment, extension or re-enactment of the section or provision for the time being in force;
- (b) "including" or "includes" does not limit the scope of the meaning of the words preceding it;
- (c) a notice, document or information being given or sent by the **Company** includes that notice, document or information being sent or supplied by any means permitted by these **Articles**;
- (d) a notice, document or information which is to be sent or supplied to the **Company** being signed, executed or given under hand, is a reference, where that notice, document or information is in electronic form, to its being authenticated in the manner that is determined from time to time by the **Board** for documents of that type which are sent or supplied in electronic form or (if the **Board** has not determined its requirements for the authentication of that type of document) in the

manner indicated by the **Statutes** for documents or information sent or supplied in electronic form;

- (e) a "general meeting" includes a general meeting held as the **Company's** annual general meeting in accordance with section 336 of the **Companies Act** and any other general meeting of the **Company**;
- (f) a "**Person**" includes an individual, company, corporation or firm;
- (g) an "instrument" means a document in hard copy form;
- (h) references to "electronic platforms" include, without limitation, website addresses and conference call systems, and references to persons attending meetings by electronic means attendance of **Electronic General Meetings** via the electronic platform(s) stated in the notice of such meeting;
- (i) the expressions "**communication**", "**electronic communication**", "**electronic form**", "**electronic means**" and "**hard copy form**" shall have the same respective meanings as in the Law, with the term "**electronic communication**" including, without limitation, e-mail, facsimile, CD-Rom, audio tape and telephone transmission and (in the case of electronic communication by the Company in accordance with Section C) publication on a website.
- (j) "**writing**" includes references to any method of representing or reproducing words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise and "written" has a corresponding meaning;
- (k) References to the Independent Accountants certifying any matter shall be construed to mean certification of their opinion as to such matter, whether qualified or not;

2.3 Words and expressions contained in these **Articles** which are not defined in article 2.1 but are defined in the **Statutes** have, unless inconsistent with the subject or context, the same meaning as in the **Statutes** (but excluding any modification of the **Statutes** not in force at the date of the meeting at which the resolution adopting these **Articles** was passed).

2.4 References in these **Articles** to any particular statute, code, order, regulation, instrument of subordinate legislation and other law and all applicable statements of principle, rules and principles, guidelines, regulations or requirements, of the EU ("**EU Legislation**") shall, with effect from the date on which the UK ceases to be a member of the EU, be deemed to include any implementing, incorporating or amending legislation of the UK in relation to such **EU Legislation**, in each case, to the extent applicable to the party or circumstance (and any references in these **Articles** to any article, part, schedule, clause or other provision of any **EU Legislation** shall be amended accordingly).

2.5 For the purposes of Article 7, other than in Article 7.3 rights as to capital for C Shares, assets or investments attributable to the C Shares of a particular tranche or the holders of C Share(s) of a particular tranche shall mean the net cash proceeds (after all expenses relating thereto) as invested in or represented by investments or other assets from time to time.

2.6 For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of Calculation Time and the definition of Force Majeure Circumstances in relation to any tranche of **C Shares**, the assets

attributable to the **C Shares** of that tranche shall be treated as having been "invested" if they have been expended by or on behalf of the **Company** in the acquisition or making of an investment (whether by subscription or purchase or repayment of any borrowing incurred in respect of the acquisition of any investment or investments even if such investment or investments were acquired prior to the issue of the relevant tranche of **C Shares**) or if any obligation to make such payment has arisen or crystallised (in each case unconditionally or subject only to the satisfaction conditions that the **Directors** reasonably believe will be satisfied before any final date for the satisfaction of such conditions has expired) in relation to which the consideration amount has been determined or is capable of being determined by operation of an agreed contractual mechanic.

- 2.7 A special resolution is effective for any purpose for which an ordinary resolution is stated to be required under these **Articles**.
- 2.8 Where, in relation to a share, these **Articles** refer to a **Relevant System**, the reference is to the **Relevant System** in which that share is a **Participating Security** at the relevant time.
- 2.9 The headings in these **Articles** do not affect the construction of these **Articles**.

II. **LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

3. **LIMITED LIABILITY OF MEMBERS**

The liability of a **Member** is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares in the **Company** held by them.

III. **CAPITAL**

A. **CAPITAL AND CHANGE OF CAPITAL**

4. **RIGHTS ATTACHING TO SHARES**

- 4.1 Subject to the **Statutes** and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares or class of shares, a share may be issued with such rights or subject to such restrictions as the **Company** may decide by ordinary resolution or, failing that decision, as the **Board** may decide, so long as there is no conflict with any resolution passed by the shareholders.
- 4.2 Subject to the **Statutes** and the rights attached to any existing shares, the **Company** may issue shares (in addition to the **Redeemable Shares** and **C Shares**) which may be redeemed and the **Board** may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares. These terms and conditions will apply to the relevant shares as if they were set out in these **Articles**.
- 4.3 Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this article 4, the **Company** may issue **Ordinary Shares, Redeemable Shares, C Shares** and **Deferred Shares**, each having the rights set out in these **Articles**.
- 4.4 Without prejudice to its obligations under the **Statutes**, the **Company** shall:
 - (a) procure that the **Company's** records and bank accounts shall be operated so that the assets attributable to each class of shares can, at all times, be separately identified and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the **Company** shall procure that separate cash accounts shall be created and

maintained in the books of the **Company** for the assets attributable to the relevant class of shares;

- (b) allocate to the assets attributable to each class of shares, such proportion of the expenses or liabilities of the **Company** incurred or accrued to each class of shares;
- (c) procure that, subject to the provisions of this article, any consideration received on, and the proceeds from, the allotment and issue of a share of any class shall be accounted for in the accounts of such class of share and kept separate from any consideration received on, and the proceeds from, the allotment and issue of any other class of share;
- (d) procure that all increases or diminution in the value of the investments and all assets, income, earnings, liabilities, expenses and costs arising on or in relation to the assets attributable to a class of shares only shall be applied to the account of and treated as assets attributable to such class of shares only and shall be kept separate from all assets, income, earnings, liabilities, expenses and costs attributable to any other class of shares; and
- (e) give appropriate instructions to the investment manager and other advisers to the **Company** to manage the **Company's** assets so that such undertakings can be complied with by the **Company**.

5. **ORDINARY SHARES**

5.1 **Ordinary Shares** shall have the following rights:

- (a) Rights as to income:

Subject to article 7.2(c), the holders of **Ordinary Shares** will be entitled to receive such dividends as the **Board** may resolve to pay to such holders out of **Ordinary Share Surplus**.
- (b) Rights as to capital:

In accordance with the order of priority set out at article 9, the capital and assets of the **Company** attributable to the **Ordinary Shares** shall on a winding up or on a return of capital (other than on the redemption of redeemable shares or a purchase by the **Company** of its own shares) be divided amongst the holders of the **Ordinary Shares** pro rata according to their holdings of **Ordinary Shares**
- (c) Voting rights

Each **Ordinary Share** shall rank *pari passu* in all respects as to rights to attend and vote at any general meeting of the **Company**.

6. **REDEEMABLE SHARES**

Redeemable Shares shall have the following rights:

- (a) Rights as to income:

The **Redeemable Shares** are not entitled to receive any dividend or distribution made or declared by the Company except for a cumulative fixed annual dividend equal to 5 per cent. on the capital for the time being paid up or credited as paid up

thereon together with a certificate for any related tax credit. The balance of profits then remaining available for distribution so far as resolved to be distributed, subject to any special rights which may be attached to any other class of share, shall be distributed by way of dividend among the holders of any other class of shares in the capital of the **Company**.

(b) Rights as to capital:

In accordance with the order of priority set out at article 9, on a winding-up, a return of capital or other repayment of capital (other than on a redemption of redeemable shares or a purchase by the **Company** of its own shares), the assets of the **Company** available for distribution among the members shall be applied in repaying to the holders of the **Redeemable Shares** first the amounts paid up or credited as paid up thereon and secondly a sum equal to the sum of all arrears or accruals of the fixed dividend calculated down to and including the date of the commencement of the winding-up or repayment of capital whether or not such dividend has been recommended, earned or declared on the basis that it continues to accrue from day to day to the date of payment.

(c) Voting rights:

The **Redeemable Shares** shall confer on the registered holders thereof the right to receive notice of and to attend; but, save where there are no other shares of the **Company** in issue, not to speak or vote (either in person or by proxy) at any general meeting of the **Company**.

(d) Redemption rights:

The **Company** shall have the right, subject to the provisions of the **Statutes**, to redeem the **Redeemable Shares** for the time being issued and outstanding upon giving to the holders of the particular shares to be redeemed notice in writing of the redemption and upon tendering the amount of capital paid up thereon to such holders.

In such circumstances, the holders of the **Redeemable Shares** to be presented for redemption shall be bound to deliver to the **Company** the certificates for the **Redeemable Shares** as are held by him (or an indemnity in lieu thereof in a form satisfactory to the **Company**) in order that the same may be cancelled.

There shall be paid on each **Redeemable Share** redeemed first the amount of nominal value paid up thereon and secondly an amount equal to any accrued but unpaid fixed dividend thereon (together with either a certificate for any related tax credit if the amount of accrued but unpaid dividend is paid as a dividend failing which there shall also be paid on such share a further amount equivalent to the sum of the associated tax credit that would have been issued in connection with such dividend if it had been paid) to be calculated down to and including the date for redemption and such amount shall be payable irrespective of whether or not such dividend has been recommended, earned or declared or not on the basis that it continues to accrue from day to day to the date of payment.

The receipt of the registered holder for the time being of any **Redeemable Share** (or in the case of joint registered holders the receipt of any of them) for the moneys payable on redemption thereof shall constitute an absolute discharge to the **Company** in respect thereof.

If any holder of **Redeemable Shares** whose shares are liable to be redeemed pursuant to the provisions of these **Articles** shall fail or refuse to deliver up the certificate for his shares the **Company** may retain the redemption moneys until delivery up of the certificate (or an indemnity in respect of the certificate satisfactory to the **Company**) and shall within seven days thereafter pay (by cheque despatched at the holder's risk) the redemption moneys to the shareholder. No holder of **Redeemable Shares** shall have any claim against the **Company** for interest on any redemption moneys so retained.

- (e) As to further participation:

The **Redeemable Shares** do not entitle the holders thereof to participate in the profits or assets of the **Company** beyond such rights as are expressly set out in this **Article**.

7. **C SHARES**

7.1 Issues of **C Shares**:

- (a) Subject to the **Statutes**, the **Directors** shall be authorised to issue **C Shares** in tranches on such terms as they determine provided that such terms are consistent with the provisions contained in this article 7.1. The **Directors** shall, on the issue of each tranche of **C Shares**, determine the Calculation Time and Conversion Time together with any amendments to the definition of Conversion Ratio attributable to each such tranche.
- (b) Each tranche of **C Shares**, if in issue at the same time, shall be deemed to be a separate class of shares. The **Directors** may, if they so decide, designate each tranche of **C Shares** in such manner as they see fit in order that each tranche of **C Shares** can be identified.

7.2 Dividends and pari passu ranking of **C Shares** and **New Shares**:

- (a) The holders of **C Share(s)** of a tranche shall be entitled to receive, and participate in, any dividends declared only insofar as such dividend is attributed, at the sole discretion of the **Directors**, to the C Share Surplus of that tranche.
- (b) If any dividend is declared after the issue of any tranche of **C Shares** and prior to the Conversion of that tranche, the holders of **Ordinary Shares** shall be entitled to receive and participate in such dividend only insofar as such dividend is not attributed, at the sole discretion of the **Directors**, to the C Share Surplus of the relevant tranche of **C Shares**.
- (c) No dividend or other distribution shall be made or paid by the **Company** on any of its shares (other than any **Deferred Shares** for the time being in issue) between the Calculation Time and the Conversion Time in respect of a tranche of **C Shares** (both dates inclusive), and no such dividend shall be declared with a record date falling between the Calculation Time and the Conversion Time (both dates inclusive).
- (d) The **New Shares** shall rank in full for all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the Conversion Time and otherwise *pari passu* with the **Ordinary Shares** in issue at the Conversion Time. For the avoidance of doubt, **New Shares** shall not be entitled to any dividends or distributions which

are declared prior to the Conversion Time but made or paid after the Conversion Time.

7.3 Rights as to capital:

In accordance with the order of priority set out at article 9, the capital and assets of the **Company** attributable to the **C Shares** of any tranche shall on a winding up or on a return of capital (other than on the redemption of redeemable shares or a purchase by the **Company** of its own shares) prior, in each case, to Conversion be divided amongst the holders of the **C Shares** of that tranche pro rata according to their holdings of **C Shares** of such tranche.

7.4 Voting and transfer rights:

The **C Shares** shall carry the right to receive notice of, and to attend or vote at, any general meeting of the **Company** in the same manner as **Ordinary Shares** (notwithstanding any difference in the respective net asset values of the **C Shares** and the **Ordinary Shares**). The **C Shares** shall be transferable in the same manner as the **Ordinary Shares**.

7.5 Redemption rights:

- (a) **The C Shares** are issued on terms that each tranche of **C Shares and Deferred Shares** shall be redeemable by the **Company** in accordance with the terms set out in the Articles.
- (b) At any time prior to Conversion, the **Company** may, at its discretion, redeem all or any of the **C Shares** then in issue by agreement with any holder(s) thereof in accordance with such procedures as the **Directors** may determine (subject to the facilities and procedures of the **Relevant System**) and in consideration of the payment of such redemption price as may be agreed between the **Company** and the relevant holders of the **C Share(s)**.

7.6 Class consents and variation of rights:

Without prejudice to the generality of the **Articles**, until Conversion the consent of the holders of the **C Shares** as a class shall be required for, and accordingly, the special rights attached to the **C Shares** shall be deemed to be varied, *inter alia*, by:

- (a) any alteration to the **Articles**; or
- (b) any alteration, increase, consolidation, division, sub-division, cancellation, reduction or purchase by the **Company** of any issued share capital of the **Company** (other than on Conversion or unless pursuant to a power of the **Company** that has previously been granted or otherwise approved by the shareholders prior to that issue of the relevant tranche of **C Shares**); or
- (c) 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 of the **Company**; or
- (d) the passing of any resolution to wind up the **Company**; or
- (e) any change to the accounting reference date of the **Company**.

7.7 Until Conversion, and without prejudice to its obligations under the **Statutes**, the **Company** shall in relation to each tranche of **C Shares**;

- (a) procure that the Company's records and bank accounts shall be operated so that the assets attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche can, at all times, be separately identified and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the **Company** shall procure that separate cash accounts shall be created and maintained in the books of the **Company** for the assets attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche; and
- (b) allocate to the assets attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche such proportion of the expenses or liabilities of the **Company** incurred or accrued between the Issue Date and the Calculation Time (both dates inclusive) as the **Directors** fairly consider to be attributable to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, those liabilities specifically identified in the definition of "Conversion Ratio" in these **Articles**; and
- (c) give appropriate instructions to the **Investment Manager** to manage the **Company's** assets so that such undertakings can be complied with by the **Company**.

7.8 Conversion

- (a) In relation to each tranche of **C Shares**, the **C Shares** shall be sub-divided and converted into **New Shares** and **Deferred Shares** at the Conversion Time in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph. The **Directors** shall procure that:
 - (i) the **Company** (or its delegates) calculate, within two Business Days after the Calculation Time, the Conversion Ratio as at the Calculation Time and the number of **New Shares** and **Deferred Shares** to which each holder of **C Shares** of that tranche shall be entitled on Conversion; and
 - (ii) the Independent Accountants shall be requested to certify, within three Business Days after the Calculation Time, that such calculations:
 - (1) have been performed in accordance with the **Articles**; and
 - (2) are arithmetically accurate,

whereupon, subject to the proviso in the definition of Conversion Ratio above, such calculations shall become final and binding on the **Company** and all **Members**.

- (b) The Directors shall procure that, as soon as practicable following such certification, an announcement is made to a regulatory information service, advising holders of **C Share(s)** of that tranche, the Conversion Time, the Conversion Ratio and the aggregate number of New Shares and Deferred Shares to which holders of **C Share(s)** of that tranche are entitled on Conversion.
- (c) Conversion shall take place at the Conversion Time. On Conversion each issued **C Share** of the relevant tranche shall automatically sub-divide into 10 conversion shares of GBP 0.0001 each, and such conversion shares of GBP 0.0001 each shall automatically convert into such number of **New Shares** and **Deferred Shares** as shall be necessary to ensure that, upon Conversion being completed:

- (i) the aggregate number of **New Shares** into which the same number of conversion shares of GBP 0.0001 each are converted equals the aggregate number of **C Shares** of that tranche in issue at the Calculation Time multiplied by the Conversion Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole **New Share**);
- (ii) each conversion share of GBP 0.0001 which does not so convert into a **New Share** shall convert into one **Deferred Share**;
- (iii) the **New Shares** and **Deferred Shares** arising upon Conversion shall be divided amongst the former holders of **C Share(s)** *pro rata* according to their respective former holdings of **C Shares** of the relevant tranche (**PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT** the **Directors** may deal in such manner as they think fit with fractional entitlements to **New Shares** and **Deferred Shares** (including redeeming all **Deferred Shares**) arising upon Conversion, including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, selling any **New Shares** representing such fractional entitlements and retaining the proceeds for the benefit of the **Company**) and for such purposes any **Director** is hereby authorised as agent on behalf of the former holders of **C Share(s)**, in the case of a share in **Certificated Form**, to execute any stock transfer form and to do any other act or thing, as may be required to give effect to the same including, in the case of a share in **Uncertificated Form**, the giving of directions to or on behalf of the former holders of any **C Shares** who shall be bound by them;
- (iv) forthwith upon Conversion, any certificates relating to the **C Shares** of the relevant tranche shall be cancelled and the **Company** shall issue to each such former C shareholder new certificates in respect of the **New Shares** which have arisen upon Conversion unless such former holder of any **C Shares** elects to hold their **New Shares** in **Uncertificated** form. Share certificates in respect of the **Deferred Shares** will not be issued; and
- (v) the **Directors** may make such adjustments to the terms and timing of Conversion as they in their discretion consider are fair and reasonable, having regard to the interests of all shareholders.

8. DEFERRED SHARES

8.1 **Deferred Shares** shall have the following rights:

(a) Rights as to income:

The **Deferred Shares** are not entitled to receive any dividend or distribution made or declared by the Company except for a cumulative dividend at a fixed rate of 1 per cent. of the nominal amount thereof (the "**Deferred Dividend**") on the date six months after the Conversion Time on which such **Deferred Shares** were created in accordance with article 7.8 (the "**Relevant Conversion Date**"), and on each anniversary of such date, payable to the holders thereof on the register of members on that date as holders of **Deferred Shares**. The **Deferred Dividend** shall not accrue or become payable in any way until the date six months after the Relevant Conversion Date and shall then only be payable to those holders of **Deferred Shares** registered in the register of members of the company as holders of **Deferred Shares** on that date.

(b) Rights as to capital:

In accordance with the order of priority set out at article 9, the capital and assets of the **Company** shall on a winding up or on a return of capital (other than on the redemption of redeemable shares or a purchase by the **Company** of its own shares) be applied in paying to the holders of the **Deferred Shares** of GBP 0.01 in aggregate in respect of every one million **Deferred Shares** (or part thereof) of which they are respectively the holders.

(c) Voting rights:

The **Deferred Shares** shall not carry any right to receive notice of, nor to attend or vote at, any general meeting of the **Company**.

8.2 The following provisions shall apply to the **Deferred Shares**:

- (a) The **C Shares** of any tranche shall be issued on such terms that the **Deferred Shares** arising upon Conversion (but not the **New Shares** arising on Conversion) may be repurchased by the **Company** in accordance with the terms set out herein.
- (b) Immediately upon Conversion, the **Company** shall repurchase all of the **Deferred Shares** which arise as a result of the Conversion for an aggregate consideration of GBP 0.01 for every 1,000,000 **Deferred Shares**, and the announcement referred to in article 7.8(b) above shall be deemed to constitute notice to each relevant holder of **C Shares** (and any person or persons having rights to acquire or acquiring **C Shares** after the Calculation Time) that the **Deferred Shares** shall be repurchased immediately upon Conversion for an aggregate consideration of GBP 0.01 for every 1,000,000 **Deferred Shares**. On repurchase, each **Deferred Share** shall be treated as cancelled in accordance with section 706 of the Companies Act (as amended from time to time) without further resolution or consent. The authority to repurchase the **Deferred Shares** shall expire on the fifth anniversary of the date on which these **Articles** are adopted.
- (c) The **Company** shall not be obliged to
 - (i) issue share certificates to the holders of **Deferred Shares** in respect of the **Deferred Shares**, or
 - (ii) account to any holder of **Deferred Shares** for the repurchase of monies in respect of such **Deferred Shares**.

9. **RIGHTS AS TO CAPITAL**

9.1 The capital and assets of the **Company** shall on a winding up or on a return of capital (other than on the redemption of redeemable shares or a purchase by the **Company** of its own shares) at a time when any **C Shares** of any tranche are for the time being in issue, and prior to the relevant Conversion Date, be applied in the following order of priority:

- (a) first, in respect of the **Ordinary Shares**, in accordance with article 5.1(b);
- (b) second, in respect of each tranche of **C Shares** in accordance with article 7.3;
- (c) third, if there are any **Redeemable Shares** in issue, in accordance with article 6(b); and
- (d) fourth, if there are any **Deferred Shares** in issue, in accordance with article 8.1(b).

- 9.2 The capital and assets of the **Company** shall on a winding up or on a return of capital (other than on the redemption of redeemable shares or a purchase by the **Company** of its own shares) at a time when no **C Shares** of any tranche are for the time being in issue, be applied as follows:
- (a) first, in respect of the **Ordinary Shares**, in accordance with article 5.1(b);
 - (b) second, if there are **Deferred Shares** in issue, in accordance with article 8.1(b);
 - (c) third, if there are **Redeemable Shares** in issue, secondly, in accordance with article 6(b); and

For the purposes of this article 9, the Calculation Time shall be such date as the liquidator may determine.

10. FRACTIONAL ENTITLEMENTS ARISING ON CONSOLIDATION OR SUB-DIVISION

- 10.1 Whenever on a consolidation or sub-division of shares **Members** are entitled to any fractions of shares, the **Board** may sell the shares representing fractions to any person, including the **Company**, for the best price reasonably obtainable. The Board must distribute the net proceeds of sale amongst the **Members** entitled to those fractions in due proportions. However, if the value of a fractional entitlement to a share is less than the **Minimum Amount** and the **Company** has given its consent by ordinary resolution, the net proceeds of sale of such a fractional entitlement may be retained by the **Company**.
- 10.2 To give effect to a sale pursuant to article 10.1, the **Board** may:
- (a) authorise the conversion of shares to be sold which are in **Certificated Form** into **Uncertificated Form** and vice versa (so far as is consistent with the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System**);
 - (b) in respect of shares in **Certificated Form**, authorise a **Person** to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold; and
 - (c) in respect of shares in **Uncertificated Form**, make other arrangements consistent with the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System** for their transfer to, or in accordance with the directions of, the buyer.
- 10.3 The buyer of shares sold pursuant to article 10.1 is not bound to see the application of the purchase money and his title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the procedure or manner of the sale.
- 10.4 The **Board** may settle any difficulty which might arise in connection with a consolidation or sub-division of shares. In particular, the **Board** may:
- (a) as between the **Holders** of shares so consolidated, decide which shares are consolidated into each consolidated share; and
 - (b) in the case of shares registered in the name of one **Holder** (or joint **Holders**) being consolidated with shares registered in the name of another **Holder** (or other joint **Holders**), make such arrangements for the allocation, acceptance or sale of the consolidated share or any fractions of it and for the distribution to the **Member** entitled to it of any amount received in respect of it as appropriate.

For the purpose of giving effect to those arrangements, the **Board** may appoint a **Person** to transfer the consolidated share or any fractions of it and to receive the purchase money for it. A transfer executed by such a **Person** is effective and after the transfer has been registered, no **Person** may question its validity.

B. ALLOTMENTS

11. ALLOTMENT OF SHARES

11.1 In this article:

- (a) "**Rights Issue**" means an offer (whether expressed to be by way of rights, or otherwise) of equity securities (as defined in the **Companies Act**) to **Holders** of ordinary shares in proportion to their respective holdings of those shares, but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the **Board** considers necessary or expedient in relation to treasury shares, fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems arising in respect of overseas shareholders or under the laws of, or the requirements of a regulatory body or stock exchange or other authority in, any territory;
- (b) "**Prescribed Period**" means any period (not exceeding five years) for which the authority, in the case of article 11.3, is conferred or renewed by ordinary or special resolution specifying the **Section 551 Amount** and, in the case of article 11.4, is conferred or renewed by special resolution specifying the **Section 561 Amount**;
- (c) "**Section 551 Amount**" means for any Prescribed Period, the amount specified in the relevant ordinary or special resolution;
- (d) "**Section 561 Amount**" means for any Prescribed Period, the amount specified in the relevant special resolution; and
- (e) the nominal amount of any securities is, in the case of rights to subscribe or exchange securities for or to convert any securities into shares of the **Company**, the nominal amount of those shares which may be allotted pursuant to those rights.

11.2 Subject to the **Companies Act**, these **Articles** and to any relevant authority of the **Company** in general meeting required by the **Companies Act**, the **Board** may offer, allot (with or without conferring rights of renunciation), grant options over or otherwise deal with or dispose of shares or grant rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares to such persons, at such times and upon such terms as the **Board** may decide. No share may be issued at a discount.

11.3 Under and in accordance with section 551 of the **Companies Act**, the **Directors** are generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise during each **Prescribed Period** all the powers of the **Company** to allot shares up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to the **Section 551 Amount**.

11.4 Under and within the terms of the authority conferred by Article 11.3 and in accordance with section 570 of the **Companies Act**, the **Directors** are empowered during each **Prescribed Period** to allot equity securities (as defined by the Companies Act) wholly for cash:

- (a) in connection with a **Rights Issue**; and

- (b) otherwise than in connection with a **Rights Issue** up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to the **Section 561 Amount**.

11.5 During any **Prescribed Period** the **Directors** may, pursuant to the authorisation conferred by articles 11.3 and 11.4, make offers or agreements which would or might require securities to be allotted after the expiry of such period and may allot securities pursuant to these offers or agreements notwithstanding the expiry of such period.

11.6 For the avoidance of doubt, and for the purposes of this article 11, **C Shares** shall not constitute the same class of equity securities as the **Ordinary Shares** into which they may or will convert pursuant to articles 7.1-7.8.

12. **RENUNCIATION OF ALLOTMENT PERMITTED**

Where a share has not yet been entered on the register, the **Directors** may recognise a renunciation by that person of his right to the share in favour of some other person. Such renunciation will be treated as a transfer and the **Directors** have the same powers to refuse to give effect to such a renunciation as if it were a transfer.

13. **POWER TO PAY COMMISSION AND BROKERAGE**

13.1 The **Company** may, in connection with the issue of any shares or the sale for cash of any treasury shares, exercise all powers conferred by the **Statutes** to pay commissions and brokerage, provided that for commission, the rate or amount of commission shall be fixed by the Board.

13.2 Subject to the **Statutes**, commissions or brokerage may be satisfied (wholly or partly) in cash or by the allotment and issue of fully or **Partly Paid up** shares.

C. **OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO SHARES AND SHARE RIGHTS**

14. **NO RIGHT TO VOTE WHEN SUMS OVERDUE ON SHARES**

14.1 A **Member** may not, in respect of any share held by him, vote (personally or by proxy) at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the **Holders** of any class of shares, or exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to such a meeting unless all calls or other sums currently payable by him in respect of shares in the **Company** have been paid or the **Board** decides otherwise.

15. **FAILURE TO DISCLOSE INTEREST IN SHARES**

15.1 Under section 793 of the **Companies Act**, the **Company** may send out notices to those it knows or has reasonable cause to believe have an interest in shares, asking for details of those who have an interest, and the extent of their interest, in a particular holding of shares. In these **Articles**, this is referred to as a "**Section 793 Notice**."

- 15.2 When a **Member** or other **Person** receives a **Section 793 Notice**, he has 14 days to comply with it. If he does not do so or if he makes a statement in response to the notice which is false or inadequate in some important way, the **Company** may decide to restrict the rights relating to the shares in relation to which the default has occurred (the "**Default Shares**"). It may do so by sending out a further notice known as a "**Restriction Notice**" stating that the **Default Shares** and any other shares held by the Member, no longer give the **Member** or **Person** any right to attend or vote either personally or by proxy at a shareholders' meeting or to exercise any other right in relation to shareholders' meetings. Unless it states otherwise, the **Restriction Notice** will take effect when it is delivered.
- 15.3 Where the **Default Shares** represent, at the date of the **Restriction Notice**, at least 0.25% of the nominal value of the issued shares of their class (calculated excluding any shares of their class held as treasury shares), during the period starting on the date on which the **Restriction Notice** is delivered and ending on the date the **Restriction Notice** ceases to have effect:
- (a) the **Directors** may withhold any dividend or part of a dividend (including, without limitation, shares issued instead of a dividend) or other amount which would otherwise be payable on the **Default Shares** (without being liable to pay interest on the dividend or other amount when that money is finally paid to the shareholder) in respect of any dividend has no effect;
 - (b) subject to the **Statutes**, no transfer of any of the **Default Shares** is to be registered unless;
 - (i) the **Member** is not himself in default as regards supplying the information requested;
 - (ii) the transfer is of part only of the **Member's** holding and when presented for registration is accompanied by a certificate by the **Member** in a form satisfactory to the **Directors** to the effect that after due and careful enquiry the **Member** is satisfied that no person in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the shares the subject of the transfer;
 - (iii) the transfer is an **Approved Transfer** (as defined in article 15.10); or
 - (iv) if the **Default Shares** are in **Uncertificated Form**, registration of the transfer is required by regulation 27 of the **Regulations**,and to give effect to article 15.3(b)(iii), the **Company** (without having to notify the **Member**) may notify the **Operator**, in accordance with the **Regulations**, that it requires the conversion of any **Default Shares** which are in **Uncertificated Form** into **Certificated Form**.
- 15.4 The **Company** must send a copy of the **Restriction Notice** to each other **Person** appearing to be interested in the **Default Shares** if the address of that **Person** has been notified to the **Company**, but the **Company's** failure or omission to do so does not invalidate that notice.
- 15.5 Any new shares of the **Company** issued in right of any **Default Shares** will also be subject to the **Restriction Notice**. The **Board** may make any right to an allotment of such new shares subject to the restrictions set out in the **Restriction Notice** when the new shares are issued. For this purpose, shares which the **Company** procures to be offered or appropriated to **Holders** of shares in proportion to their respective holdings (or

in proportion ignoring fractional entitlements and ignoring shares not offered to certain shareholders by reason of legal, regulatory or practical problems associated with offering shares outside the **United Kingdom** or to the Company as the holder of treasury shares) are to be treated as shares issued in right of **Default Shares**.

- 15.6 If a **Holder** receives a **Restriction Notice**, he may ask the **Company** for a written explanation of why the notice was given or why it has not been cancelled. The **Company** must respond within 14 days of receiving the request.
- 15.7 A **Person** on whom a **Restriction Notice** has been served may give the **Company** a notice containing representations concerning the **Restriction Notice**. The **Company** and the **Directors** will not be liable to any **Person** as a result of the **Board** imposing restrictions or failing to decide that restrictions are not to apply if the **Directors** have acted in good faith.
- 15.8 A **Restriction Notice** ceases to have effect after a period specified by the **Board** (not exceeding seven days) following the earlier of the date:
- (a) when the **Company** has received a document containing all information it requires pursuant to a **Section 793 Notice** in respect of the **Default Shares**; or
 - (b) when the **Company** is notified that an **Approved Transfer** to a third party has occurred.
 - (c) when the **Board** decides (if and to the extent that it does so).
- 15.9 If a **Restriction Notice** is cancelled or ceases to have effect in relation to any shares, any dividends and other monies relating to those shares which was withheld must be paid as soon as practical to the person who would have been entitled to it or as he directs.

For the purposes of this article a **Person** is to be treated as appearing to be interested in any shares if the **Holder** of the shares has notified the **Company** under section 793 of the **Companies Act** that the **Person** is interested or if the **Company** (after taking into account that notification and any other notification under the **Statutes** or any relevant information otherwise available to the **Company**) knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the **Person** is, or may be, interested in the shares, and so that a reference to **Persons** interested in shares and to interests in shares are to be construed as they are for the purposes of Part 22 of the **Companies Act**.

- 15.10 For the purposes of this article, a transfer is an "**Approved Transfer**" if:
- (a) the transfer results from a sale made through a recognised investment exchange for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or any stock exchange outside the **United Kingdom** on which the **Company's** shares (or rights in respect of the **Company's** shares) are normally traded;
 - (b) it is a transfer of shares to an offeror by way of acceptance of or in connection with a takeover offer (as defined in section 974 of the **Companies Act**); or
 - (c) the **Board** is satisfied that:
 - (i) the transfer of any of the **Default Shares** is made pursuant to a sale of the whole of the beneficial ownership in those shares to a transferee who, in the **Board's** opinion, is not connected with the transferor or with any other **Person** appearing to be interested in the **Default Shares** before the transfer;

- (ii) the transferee does not hold any shares in respect of which a **Restriction Notice** is then in force and is not interested in any such shares; and
- (iii) it does not have reasonable grounds to believe that the transferor or any other **Person** appearing to be interested in the shares the subject of the transfer will after the transfer have any interest in those shares.

For the purposes of Articles 15.10 –15.12 any person referred to in Article 116.3 in relation to the Directors shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be included amongst the persons who are connected with the Member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares.

15.11 The **Company** may give a notice pursuant to section 793 of the **Companies Act** or this article in accordance with part VIII of these **Articles**.

15.12 The **Directors** may be required to exercise their powers under Article 14.1 on the requisition of Members excluding the holders of treasury shares of the **Company** holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid-up capital of the **Company** as carries at that date the right of voting at general meetings of the Company.

The requisition must:

- (a) state that the requisitionists are requiring the **Company** to exercise its powers under this **Article**;
- (b) specify the manner in which they require those powers to be exercised; and
- (c) give reasonable grounds for requiring the **Company** to exercise those powers in the manner specified,

The requisition may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more requisitionists.

On the deposit of a requisition complying with this section it is the Director's duty to exercise their powers under Article 14.1 in the manner specified in the requisition.

15.13 None of the provisions contained in this article in any way limits or restricts the **Company's** rights, or any order made by the court, under Part 22 of the **Companies Act**.

16. TRUSTS IN RELATION TO SHARES NOT TO BE RECOGNISED

16.1 Except as required by law, the **Company** may not recognise a **Person** as holding a share on trust.

16.2 Except as required by these **Articles** or by law, the **Company** is not bound by or required to recognise (even if it has notice or knowledge of it) an equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in a share (or a fractional part of a share) or any other right in respect of a share other than a current and absolute right of the registered **Holder** to the whole of the share.

17. VARIATION OF RIGHTS

17.1 Subject to the **Statutes**, the rights attached to a class of shares may (unless provided otherwise by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) be varied with the written consent of the **Holders** of at least three quarters of the nominal value of the issued shares of that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) or by a

special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the **Holders** of the shares of that class (a "**Class Meeting**").

17.2 All the provisions of these **Articles** relating to general meetings of the **Company** apply with any necessary changes to **Class Meetings** except that:

- (a) the **Members** may not call and may not require the **Directors** to call a **Class Meeting**;
- (b) the quorum:
 - (i) for a **Class Meeting** other than an adjourned Class Meeting is two **Holders** of shares of that class present in person or by proxy and holding at least one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares);
 - (ii) at an adjourned **Class Meeting** is any one **Holder** of shares of that class who is present in person or by proxy; and
 - (iii) where the class has only one **Member**, that **Member**,provided that where a person is present by proxy or proxies, he is treated as only holding the shares in respect of which the proxy or proxies are authorised to exercise voting rights;
- (c) any **Holder** of shares of that class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll;
- (d) on a poll, each **Holder** of shares of that class who is present in person or by proxy and who is entitled to vote has one vote for each share of that class held by him (subject to any special rights or restrictions which are attached to any class of share).

18. **RIGHTS NOT VARIED BY AN ISSUE OF FURTHER SHARES OF THE CLASS**

- 18.1 The rights attached to a class of shares are not (unless otherwise expressly provided by the rights attached to those shares) deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* with or subsequent to them but in no respect in priority to them.
- 18.2 The rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares issued with preferred, deferred or other special rights shall not be deemed to be varied by the exercise of any powers under article 117.

19. **ALTERATION OF CAPITAL**

- 19.1 Subject as provided elsewhere in these Articles, the Company may by Ordinary Resolution:-
 - (a) cancel any shares which, at the date of the relevant Ordinary Resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its authorised share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled;
 - (b) convert all or any of its shares the nominal amount of which is expressed in a particular currency or former currency into shares of a nominal amount of a different currency, the conversion being effected at the rate of exchange

(calculated to not less than 3 significant figures) current on the date of the resolution or on such other day as may be specified therein;

- (c) where its share capital is expressed in a particular currency or former currency, denominate or redenominate it, whether by expressing its amount in units or subdivisions of that currency or former currency, or otherwise.

19.2 The Board on any consolidation of shares carried out in accordance with the Companies Act may deal with fractions of shares in any manner.

19.3 The Company may reduce its share capital, and any capital account or any share premium account in any manner and with and subject to any authorisation and consent required by the Law.

20. **OTHER RIGHTS RELATING TO SHARES**

Subject to the provisions of Statute shares repurchased by the **Company** may be held as treasury shares (in accordance with the Companies Act) and dealt with by the Directors to the fullest extent permitted by **Statute**.

D. **EVIDENCE OF TITLE**

21. **UNCERTIFICATED SHARES**

21.1 Subject to the **Regulations**, the **Board** (without consulting the **Holders** of any class of shares) may resolve that:

- (a) a class of shares is to become a **Participating Security**;
- (b) shares in a class of shares referred to in article 21.1(a) may only be held in **Uncertificated Form** and title to them may only be transferred by means of a **Relevant System** until the **Board** decides otherwise; and
- (c) a class of shares is to cease to be a **Participating Security**.

21.2 Subject to the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System**, the **Board** may implement any arrangements in relation to the holding of shares of a class which is a **Participating Security** in **Uncertificated Form** and the transfer of title to shares of that class by means of a **Relevant System**.

21.3 Subject to the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System**, a **Member** may change a share of a class which is a **Participating Security** from a **Certificated** share to an **Uncertificated** share and vice versa.

21.4 While a class of shares is a **Participating Security**, these **Articles** only apply to an **Uncertificated** share of that class to the extent that they are consistent with:

- (a) the holding of shares of that class in **Uncertificated Form**;
- (b) the transfer of title to shares of that class by means of a **Relevant System**; and
- (c) the **Regulations**.

21.5 While a class of shares is a **Participating Security**, the **Company** must maintain the **Register** and the **Record of Uncertificated Shares** in accordance with the **Regulations** and the **Relevant System**.

- 21.6 **Uncertificated shares** do not form a class of shares separate from **Certificated shares** with the same rights.
- 21.7 If under these **Articles** or the **Statutes** the Company is entitled to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, forfeit, re-allot, accept the surrender of or otherwise enforce a lien over an **Uncertificated share**, then, subject to these **Articles** and the **Statutes**, the **Director** may:
- (a) require the holder of that **Uncertificated** share by written notice to change that **Uncertificated** share to a **Certificated** share within a period specified in the notice and to keep it as a **Certificated** share for as long as the **Directors** require;
 - (b) appoint any **Person** to take any other steps, by instruction given through the **Relevant System** or otherwise, in the name of the **Holder** of that share as may be necessary to effect the transfer of that share and these steps will be as effective as if they had been taken by the **Holder** of that share; and
 - (c) take any action that the **Board** considers appropriate to achieve the sale, transfer, disposal, forfeiture, re-allocation or surrender of that share or otherwise to enforce a lien in respect of that share.
- 21.8 Unless the Board decides otherwise, **Uncertificated** shares held by a **Member** will be treated as separate holdings from any **Certificated** shares which that **Member** holds.
- 21.9 Unless the Regulations otherwise require or the Board otherwise determines, shares which are issued or created from or in respect of **Uncertificated** shares will be **Uncertificated** shares and shares which are issued or created from or in respect of **Certificated** shares will be **Certificated** shares.
- 21.10 The Company may assume that entries on any record of securities kept by it as required by the **Regulations** and regularly reconciled with the relevant **Operator Register** are a complete and accurate reproduction of the particulars entered in the **Operator Register** and therefore will not be liable in respect of anything done or not done by or on its behalf in reliance on such assumption; in particular, any provision of these **Articles** which requires or envisages action to be taken in reliance of information contained in the **Register** allows that action to be taken in reliance on information contained in any relevant record of securities (as so maintained and reconciled).
22. **FORM OF SHARE CERTIFICATE AND METHOD OF SEALING**
- 22.1 A share certificate must be issued under the **Seal** or signed by a **Director** and the **Secretary** or by two **Directors** and:
- (a) notwithstanding article 128, a certificate to which the **Seal** is affixed is not required to be signed or countersigned and the method or system of affixing the **Seal** to share certificates may, if the **Board** decides, be controlled by, or the certificates be approved for sealing by, the **Company's** auditors, bankers or registrars; and
 - (b) if permitted by the **Statutes** and the **Listing Rules**, any signature, any representation of a signature, the **Seal**, or any representation of the **Seal** may be made, produced or affixed to a certificate by any mechanical, electronic, laser or other means approved by the **Board**.
- 22.2 A certificate must specify the number and class of shares to which it relates and the amount **Paid up** on those shares. A certificate must not be issued for shares of more than one class.

- 22.3 While all the issued shares, or all the issued shares of a particular class, are fully **Paid up** and rank *pari passu* for all purposes, none of those shares will have a distinguishing number, unless the Board decides to the contrary.

23. **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF JOINT HOLDERS**

The **Company** is not bound to register more than four **Persons** as the joint **Holders** of any share or to issue more than one certificate for the share. Delivery of a certificate to one of the joint **Holders** is sufficient delivery to all.

24. **RIGHT TO SHARE CERTIFICATES**

- 24.1 When a **Person** (except a financial institution and any other **Person**) in respect of whom the **Company** is not by law required to complete a certificate and have it ready for delivery, first becomes a **Holder** of shares in **Certificated Form**, he is entitled to receive, free of charge, one certificate for all the **Certificated** shares of any one class registered in his name. When that **Person** receives more **Certificated** shares, he is entitled to receive, free of charge, one certificate for all the additional **Certificated** shares.

- 24.2 A certificate to which a **Person** is entitled by article 24.1 must be delivered:

- (a) in the case of allotment of a new share, within one month after allotment (or such longer period as the terms of issue provide);
- (b) in the case of a transfer of fully **Paid up** shares, within one month after lodgement of the relevant instrument of transfer; or
- (c) in the case of a transfer of **Partly Paid up** shares, within one month after lodgement of the relevant instrument of transfer.

- 24.3 Where a certificated share is held jointly, the **Company** does not have to issue more than one certificate for that share. When the **Company** delivers a share certificate to one joint shareholder, this is treated as delivery to all of the joint shareholders.

- 24.4 If a **Member** transfers some of the shares represented by a share certificate, he is entitled, free of charge, to a new certificate for the balance to the extent that the balance is to be held in **Certificated Form**.

25. **SHARE CERTIFICATE SENT AT HOLDERS' RISK**

Every share certificate will be sent at the risk of the **Member** or other person entitled to the certificate. The **Company** will not be responsible for any share certificate which is lost or delayed in the course of delivery.

26. **REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES**

- 26.1 If a **Member** holds two or more certificates for shares of one class, the **Board** must at the request of the **Member**, which must be given in accordance with part VIII, and on surrender of the original certificates and without charge, cancel the certificates and issue a single replacement certificate for those shares.

- 26.2 At the request of a **Member** given in accordance with part VIII, the **Board** must cancel a certificate for shares and issue two or more replacement certificates for those shares in the proportion that the **Member** specifies.

26.3 A **Member** may ask the **Company** to cancel and replace without charge a single share certificate which is damaged, defaced, worn out or alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed. If a certificate is said to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, the **Company** may require satisfactory evidence of this and insist on receiving an indemnity. If a certificate has been damaged or defaced, the **Company** may require the certificate to be returned to it before issuing a replacement.

26.4 Any of the joint **Holders** of a share may make a request under this article 26.

E. **LIEN**

27. **LIEN ON PARTLY-PAID SHARES**

27.1 The **Company** has a first and paramount lien on each partly paid share for all amounts (whether currently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of the share. The lien extends to all dividends or other amounts payable in respect of the share.

27.2 The **Company's** lien on a share has priority over all claims of others to the shares. The **Board** may retain any dividend, distribution or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share on which the **Company** has a lien and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the liabilities or obligations in respect of which the lien exists.

27.3 The **Board** may (generally or in a particular case) waive any lien or suspend, wholly or partly, any lien which would otherwise apply to particular shares at any time.

27.4 Unless otherwise agreed, the registration of a transfer of shares shall operate as a waiver of the **Company's** lien and charge (if any) on such shares.

28. **ENFORCEMENT OF LIEN BY A SALE OF SHARES**

28.1 The **Company** may sell, in such manner as the **Board** decides, a share on which the **Company** has a lien if:

- (a) an amount in respect of which the lien exists is immediately payable; and
- (b) such amount is not paid within 14 **Clear Days** after notice has been given to the registered **Holder** of the share or the **Person Entitled by Transmission** to it, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the share may be sold.

28.2 To give effect to such a sale the **Board** may authorise any **Person** to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold.

28.3 The buyer is not bound to ensure that the purchase money is transferred to the **Person** whose shares have been sold and his title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the procedure or manner of the sale.

29. **APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS**

If the **Directors** sell any shares on which the **Company** has a lien, the net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs and expenses of sale, must be applied in or towards payment or satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien is payable. The balance must (subject to any lien which the **Company** has over the shares for any amount that is not currently payable as existed prior to the sale) be paid to the **Person** entitled to the shares at the time of the sale. The **Company** need not pay over anything until the certificate(s) representing the shares sold has been delivered to the **Company**.

for cancellation. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares so transferred and he shall not be bound to see the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in relation to the sale.

F. **CALLS ON SHARES**

30. **BOARD MAY MAKE CALLS**

30.1 Subject to the terms of allotment, the **Board** may make calls on the **Members** or **Persons Entitled by Transmission** in respect of any amount unpaid on their shares, whether in respect of nominal value or premium, at any time and as often as it thinks fit. Each **Member** must (subject to receiving at least 14 **Clear Days'** notice specifying the amount called and the time or times and place of payment) pay to the **Company**, at the time or times and place so specified by the **Company**, the amount called on his shares.

30.2 A call may be required to be paid by instalments.

30.3 A call may, at any time before receipt by the **Company** of an amount due under the call, be revoked (wholly or partly) and payment of a call may be postponed (wholly or partly) as decided by the **Board**.

30.4 A **Person** on whom a call is made remains jointly and severally liable with the successors in title to his shares for calls made on them notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares to which the calls relate.

31. **WHEN A CALL IS DEEMED TO BE MADE**

A call is deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the **Board** authorising the call was passed.

32. **LIABILITIES OF JOINT HOLDERS**

The joint **Holders** of a share are jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect of it.

33. **INTEREST ON UNPAID CALLS**

If an amount called in respect of a share or an amount payable on a share under the terms of allotment is not paid on or before the day specified by the **Company** for payment of the amount, the **Person** from whom the amount is due must pay interest from the day appointed to the time of actual payment at such rate as the **Board** may determine.

(a) interest on the amount from the day appointed for payment of the amount to the time of actual payment at the rate per annum of 3% above the **Base Rate** or at such lesser rate as the **Board** may decide; and

(b) all expenses which the **Company** incurs or becomes liable for in order to ensure payment of, or in consequence of the non-payment of, the amount due.

The **Board** may waive (wholly or partly) payment of that interest or those expenses.

34. **SUMS DUE ON ALLOTMENT TREATED AS CALLS**

An amount or any non-cash consideration which, according to the terms of an allotment of a share or pursuant to the **Statutes**, is or becomes payable on allotment or at a fixed date after allotment, whether in respect of nominal value or premium, is deemed to be a call. The money in respect of this call is due and payable on the date on which, by the terms of

allotment or pursuant to the **Statutes**, it becomes payable. In the case of non-payment of such an amount, all relevant provisions of these **Articles** as to non-payment of calls apply, including provisions which allow the **Company** to forfeit or sell shares and claim interest.

35. **BOARD'S POWER TO DIFFERENTIATE REGARDING CALLS**

The **Board** may, on or before an issue of shares, differentiate between the **Holders** in the amount called to be paid and in the times of payment.

36. **PAYMENT OF CALLS IN ADVANCE**

The **Board** may accept payment from a **Member** of all or part of the amount unpaid on a share held by him before he is called on to pay that money. A payment in advance of a call extinguishes, so far as it extends, the liability on the share in respect of which it is advanced. The **Board** may agree to pay interest on the amount received in advance until it would otherwise have been due at such rate as the **Member** paying such sum and the **Directors** agree upon **PROVIDED THAT** any amount paid up in advance of calls shall not entitle the holder of the shares upon which such amount is paid to participate in respect thereof in any dividend until the same would but for such advance become presently payable.

37. **SERVICE OF NOTICE REQUIRING PAYMENT OF UNPAID CALLS**

If a **Member** (or a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share) fails to pay the whole or any part of a call or instalment of a call before or on the day specified for its payment, the **Board** may give the **Member** or **Person** notice requiring payment of the unpaid amount plus any interest which has accrued and any expenses which have been incurred by the **Company** as a result of the non-payment.

38. **FORM OF NOTICE**

The notice must:

- (a) demand payment of the amount immediately payable, plus any interest and expenses;
- (b) specify a date on or before which payment must be made and the place where, or method by which, payment is to be made; and
- (c) state that if the notice is not complied with, the shares on which the call has been made or instalment is payable are liable to be forfeited.

39. **FORFEITURE**

If the notice is not complied with, any share to which it relates may, at any time before the payment of all amounts required by the notice, be forfeited by a resolution of the **Board**. The forfeiture includes any dividends which have been declared on the forfeited share and not paid before the forfeiture and any dividends on that share which have been declared and paid but which have not been claimed by the payee before the forfeiture. The **Board** may accept the surrender of a share liable to be forfeited and, where it does so, a reference in these **Articles** to forfeiture includes surrender.

40. **SERVICE OF NOTICE OF FORFEITURE AND REGISTRATION**

If a share is forfeited, the **Board** must give notice of the forfeiture to the **Person** whose share has been forfeited. An entry must immediately be made in the **Register** opposite the entry in respect of the share showing that notice has been given, that the share has been forfeited and the date of the forfeiture. A forfeiture is not invalidated if the notice is not given or those entries not made.

41. **SALE OF FORFEITED SHARES**

41.1 A forfeited share becomes the **Company's** property.

41.2 The **Company** may sell, re-allot (subject to these **Articles**) or otherwise dispose of the share on the terms and in the manner decided by the **Board** with or without all or any part of the amount previously paid on the share being credited as paid. The sale, re-allotment or disposal may be to the **Person** who was, before the forfeiture, the **Holder** of the share or the **Person Entitled by Transmission** to the share, or to any other **Person**.

41.3 At any time before such a sale, re-allotment or disposal, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the **Board** may decide.

41.4 The **Board** may, if necessary, authorise a **Person** to transfer a forfeited share to any other **Person**.

42. **ARREARS TO BE PAID NOTWITHSTANDING FORFEITURE**

42.1 A **Person** ceases to be a **Member** in respect of a share which has been forfeited and must return the certificate for the forfeited share to the **Company**. That **Person** remains liable to the **Company** for all amounts which, at the date of forfeiture, were payable by him to the **Company** in respect of the share. He must also pay interest on those amounts at such rate as the **Board** may decide, from the date of forfeiture until payment.

42.2 The **Person** is not entitled to any credit for the value of the share when it was forfeited or for any consideration received on its disposal unless the **Board** decides to allow credit for all or any of that value.

43. **EXTINCTION OF CERTAIN CLAIMS ON FORFEITURE**

The forfeiture of a share involves the cancellation, at the time of forfeiture, of:

- (a) all interest in and all claims and demands against the **Company** in respect of the share; and
- (b) all other rights and liabilities connected to the share as between the **Person** whose share is forfeited and the **Company**.

Only those rights and liabilities expressly saved by these **Articles**, or given or imposed in the case of past **Members** by the **Statutes**, are excepted from this.

44. **STATUTORY DECLARATION AS EVIDENCE OF FORFEITURE**

44.1 A **Director** or the **Secretary** may make a statutory declaration declaring:

- (a) he is a **Director** or the **Secretary**;
- (b) that a share has been properly forfeited under the **Articles**; and

- (c) when the share was forfeited.

The declaration will be evidence of these facts which may not be disputed.

- 44.2 If a statutory declaration is delivered to a new **Holder** of a share along with a completed transfer form (if one is required), this gives the buyer good title. The buyer does not need to take any steps to see how any money paid for the share is used and his ownership of the share will not be affected if the steps taken to forfeit, sell or dispose of the share were invalid or irregular, or if anything that should have been done was not done.

G. TRANSFERS OF SHARES

45. TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATED SHARES

- 45.1 A transfer of a share in **Certificated Form** must be effected by means of a written instrument of transfer either in the usual standard form or in any other form which the **Board** may approve.
- 45.2 The instrument of transfer of a share in **Certificated Form** must be signed by an individual or otherwise executed in accordance with applicable law by or on behalf of the transferor and, if the share is not fully **Paid up**, by or on behalf of the transferor. A new certificate shall be delivered free of charge to the transferee after the new transfer is completed and registered on his application and when necessary a balance certificate shall be delivered if required by him in writing.
- 45.3 Share transfers must not be in favour of more than four joint holders.
- 45.4 The **Board** may refuse to register the transfer of any shares which are not fully paid or otherwise as contemplated in article 49.3.
- 45.5 The instrument of transfer of a share must be stamped to show payment of any stamp duty or certified or otherwise show to the satisfaction of the **Board** that it is exempt from stamp duty. It must be delivered to the Company's registered office, or to any other place decided on by the directors. The transfer form must be accompanied by the share certificate relating to the shares being transferred, unless the transfer is being made to a person to whom the **Company** is not required to, and did not, send a certificate. The **Board** may also reasonably ask for any other evidence to show that the person wishing to transfer the certificated shares is entitled to do so.
- 45.6 The instrument of transfer must be for only one class of shares.
- 45.7 If the Company registers a transfer, it may retain the instrument of transfer.

46. TRANSFER OF UNCERTIFICATED SHARES

- 46.1 A transfer of a share in **Uncertificated Form** must be made in accordance with and subject to the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System** and in accordance with any arrangements made by the **Board** pursuant to article 21.
- 46.2 Transfers may not be in favour of more than four joint **Holders**.

47. NO REGISTRATION FEES PAYABLE

The **Company** must not charge a fee for the registration of a transfer of a share, or of any probate, letters of administration, certificate of death or marriage, power of attorney, stop notice or other instrument relating to or affecting the title to a share, or for registering

charges in the **Register** or record of **Uncertificated Shares** relating to the ownership of shares.

48. **WHEN TRANSFEREE BECOMES HOLDER**

The transferor of a share is deemed to remain the **Holder** of the share until the transferee's name is entered in the **Register** or **Operator Register** in respect of the share.

49. **BOARD'S POWER TO REFUSE TO REGISTER CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF CERTIFICATED SHARES**

49.1 In addition to its powers under articles 14 and 15, the **Board** may, in its absolute discretion, without giving a reason, refuse to register the transfer of a **Certificated** share which is not fully **Paid up** or the transfer of a **Certificated** share on which the **Company** has a lien provided or if:

- (a) it is in respect of more than one class shares;
- (b) it is in favour of more than four joint transferees;
- (c) in the case of certificated shares, it is delivered for registration to the Office or such other place as the Board may decide accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the **Board** may reasonably require to prove title of the transferor and the due execution by him of the transfer or, if the transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so; and
- (d) it could result in the share being a **Prohibited Share**.

49.2 If that share has been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange, the **Board** may not refuse to register the transfer if this would prevent dealings in the **Company's** shares from taking place on an open and proper basis.

49.3 The **Board** may, in their absolute discretion, refuse to register a transfer of any **Certificated** share to a **Person** that the Board have reason to believe is:

- (a) an employee benefit plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of **ERISA**) that is subject to Part 4 of Title 1 of **ERISA**; or
- (b) a plan, individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to Section 4975 of the **US Internal Revenue Code** or any other state, local laws or regulations that would have the same effect as regulations promulgated under **ERISA** by the US Department of Labor and codified at 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101 to cause the underlying assets of the **Company** to be treated as assets of that investing entity by virtue of its investment (or any beneficial interest) in the **Company** and thereby subject the **Company** and its investment manager (or other persons responsible for the investment and operation of the **Company's** assets) to laws or regulations that are similar to the fiduciary responsibility or prohibited transaction provisions contained in Title I of **ERISA** or Section 4975 of the **US Internal Revenue Code**; or
- (c) an entity whose underlying assets are considered to include "plan assets" of any such plan, account or arrangement (each of (a), (b) and (c), a "**Plan**"); or
- (d) any **Person** in circumstances where the holding of shares by such **Person** would:

- (i) give rise to an obligation on the **Company** to register as an "investment company" under the **Investment Company Act** (including because the holder of the shares is not a "qualified purchaser" as defined in the **Investment Company Act**);
- (ii) preclude the Company from relying on the exception to the definition of investment company contained in Section 3(c)(7) of the **Investment Company Act**;
- (iii) give rise to an obligation on the Company to register under the **Exchange Act**, the **Securities Act** or any similar legislation;
- (iv) result in the Company not being considered a "Foreign Private Issuer" as that term is defined by Rule 3b-4(c) promulgated under the **Exchange Act**;
- (v) give rise to an obligation on the **Company's** investment manager or adviser to register as a commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor under the US Commodity Exchange Act of 1974, as amended;
- (vi) cause the **Company** to be a "controlled foreign corporation" for the purposes of the **US Internal Revenue Code**, or cause the **Company** to suffer any pecuniary disadvantage (including any excise tax, penalties or liabilities) under **ERISA** or the **US Internal Revenue Code**; or
- (vii) give rise to the **Company** or its investment manager or adviser becoming subject to any US law or regulation determined to be detrimental to it,

(each such person in this article being a "**Prohibited US Person**" and each such shares being a "**Prohibited Share**").

49.4 Each person acquiring shares shall by virtue of such acquisition be deemed to have represented to the **Company** that they are not a Prohibited US Person.

50. **NOTICE OF REFUSAL TO REGISTER TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATED SHARES**

If the **Board** refuses to register a transfer of a **Certificated** share, it must:

- (a) send to the transferee notice of the refusal, together with its reasons for the refusal; and
- (b) (except in the case of fraud or suspected fraud) return the instrument of transfer and any accompanying certificate to the **Person** presenting those documents,

as soon as practicable and in any event within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the **Company**.

51. **COMPULSORY TRANSFER OF SHARES**

Subject to any applicable requirement of the **Listing Rules**, the **Regulations** and to any other applicable requirements imposed by **Statutes**, if any shares (whether **Certificated** or **Uncertificated**) are owned directly or beneficially by a **Person** believed by the **Board** to be a **Prohibited US Person**, the **Board** may give notice to such **Person** requiring them either;

- (a) to provide the **Board** within 30 days of receipt of such notice with sufficient satisfactory documentary evidence to satisfy the Board that such person is not a **Prohibited US Person**; or
- (b) to sell or transfer their shares to a **Person** qualified to own the same within 21 days (or such extended time as the Directors consider reasonable) and within such period to provide the **Board** with satisfactory evidence of such sale or transfer.

From the date of such notice under condition (b) the until the registration for such transfer or a transfer arranged by the directors, the share will not confer any voting or consent rights and rights to receive notice of, or attend, meetings of the **Company**. Those rights will vest in the chairman of any such meeting, who may exercise or refrain from exercising them entirely at his discretion). Where condition (a) or (b) is not complied with the satisfaction of the **Board**, the **Board** shall arrange for the **Company** to sell share at the best price reasonably obtainable to any other person so that the share will cease to be owned by a **Prohibited US Person**. The net proceeds of sale (with interest at such rate as the Board considers appropriate) shall be paid over by the Company to the former holder upon surrender by him of the relevant share certificate.

H. **TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

52. **DEATH OF A MEMBER**

If a **Member** dies, the survivor or survivors where the deceased was a joint **Holder**, or the legal personal representatives of the deceased where he was a sole or the only surviving **Holder**, are the only **Persons** recognised by the **Company** as having any title to his shares. Nothing in this article releases the estate of a deceased **Member** from any liability in respect of a share jointly or solely held by him.

53. **REGISTRATION OR TRANSFER**

- 53.1 Subject to these **Articles**, the **Statutes** and, in the case of an **Uncertificated** share, to the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System**, a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share may choose either to be registered himself as the **Holder** of the share or to have another **Person** nominated by him registered as the transferee of the share. In order to do so, he must produce evidence as to his title in a form specified by the **Board**.
- 53.2 The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding 30 days in any one year) as the Board may decide and either generally or in respect of a particular class of share except that, in respect of any shares which are participating shares in a **Relevant System**, the **Register** shall not be closed without the consent of the relevant authorised operator of such system. Any such suspension shall be communicated to the Members, giving reasonable notice of such suspension by means of an RIS.
- 53.3 If a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share chooses to be registered himself as the transferee of the share and the share is in **Certificated Form**, he must notify the **Company** of that election in writing. This notice will be treated as an instrument of transfer.
- 53.4 If a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share chooses to have another **Person** registered as the transferee of the share and the share is in **Certificated Form**, he must execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that **Person**.
- 53.5 If a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share chooses to be registered himself as the transferee of the share and the share is in **Uncertificated Form**, he must take such action as may be required by the **Regulations** to enable that **Person** to be registered as the **Holder** of the share.
- 53.6 If a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share chooses to have another **Person** registered as the transferee of the share and the share is in **Uncertificated Form**, he must take such action as may be required by the **Regulations** to enable him to be registered as the **Holder** of the share.
- 53.7 The **Board** has the same powers to refuse to register a **Person Entitled by Transmission** or a transferee chosen by him as they would have had to register a transfer by the **Person** who was previously entitled to the shares.

54. **RIGHTS OF THE COMPANY**

The **Board** may give notice at any time to a **Person Entitled by Transmission** to a share requiring that **Person** to choose either to be registered himself or to transfer the share. If that **Person** does not comply with the notice within 90 days, the **Board** may:

- (a) withhold payment of any dividend or other amount payable in respect of the share (but that action does not mean that the **Company** becomes a trustee in respect of such a dividend or other amount) and suspend any other benefits or rights to which the **Person** would otherwise be entitled in respect of the share until the requirements of the notice have been complied with; and
- (b) sell the share at the best price reasonably obtainable in such manner as the **Board** may decide in accordance with article 56.

55. **RIGHTS OF PERSONS ENTITLED BY TRANSMISSION**

Except as otherwise provided by these **Articles**, a **Person** becoming **Entitled by Transmission** to a share is (on production of such evidence as to his title as the **Board** may require) entitled to:

- (a) the same dividends and other amounts payable in respect of the share to which he would be entitled if he were the registered **Holder** of the share; and
- (b) all other rights and benefits to which he would be entitled if he were the registered **Holder** of the share, but a **Person** becoming **Entitled by Transmission** to a share is not entitled:
 - (i) to receive notice of, or to attend or vote at, meetings of the **Company**; or
 - (ii) to exercise any rights conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the **Company**

unless and until he is registered as a **Member** in respect of the share.

I. **UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS**

56. **COMPANY'S POWER TO SELL SHARES**

56.1 The **Company** may sell a **Member's** share or a share to which a **Person** is **Entitled by Transmission** at the best price reasonably obtainable and in the manner that the **Board** decides if:

- (a) during a period of 12 years before the notice referred to in article 56.1(b) below the **Company** has paid at least three dividends (whether interim or final) in respect of a share and during that period no dividend cheque or warrant sent by the **Company** through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to the **Member** or the **Person** at his address on the **Register** (or the last known address given by the **Member** or the **Person** to which cheques and warrants are to be sent) has been cashed and any payment to an account as described in article 134.1(b) has failed;
- (b) on or after the expiry of the period referred to in article 56.1(a), the **Company** has given notice of its intention to sell the share by advertisement in a national newspaper circulating in the **United Kingdom** and in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the address referred to in article 56.1(a) is located; and
- (c) during the 12 year period referred to in article 56.1(a) and during the three months after the date of publication of the advertisement specified in article 56.1(b) the **Company** has not received any communication from the **Member** or the **Person**.

56.2 If, during the 12 year period referred to in article 56.1(a):

- (a) a further share has been issued in respect of a right attaching to a share to which article 56.1(a) applies; and
- (b) all the requirements in article 56.1(b) and 56.1(c) have been satisfied in respect of the further share,

the **Company** may also sell the further share.

56.3 To give effect to a sale pursuant to articles 54 or 56.1 or 56.2, the **Board** may:

- (a) authorise the conversion of shares to be sold which are in **Certificated Form** into **Uncertificated Form**, and vice versa (so far as is consistent with the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System**);
 - (b) in respect of shares in **Certificated Form**, authorise a **Person** to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold; and
 - (c) in respect of shares in **Uncertificated Form**, make other arrangements consistent with the **Regulations** and the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System** for their transfer to, or in accordance with the directions of, the buyer.
- 56.4 The buyer is not bound to see the application of the purchase money and his title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the procedure or manner of the sale.
- 56.5 The proceeds of sale will be forfeited and will belong to the **Company** and the **Company** will not be liable in any respect to the **Person** who would have been entitled to the shares by law for the proceeds of sale. The **Company** may use the money for such good causes as the **Directors** may decide.

IV. **GENERAL MEETINGS**

A. **NOTICE**

57. **PHYSICAL OR ELECTRONIC**

- 57.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the notice of a general meeting must specify:
- (a) whether the meeting is to be a physical or **Electronic General Meeting**;
 - (b) for physical general meetings, the time, date and place of the meeting (including without limitation any overflow meeting place arranged for the purposes of article 61, which must be identified as such in the notice); and
 - (c) for **Electronic General Meetings**, the time, date and electronic platform for the meeting, which electronic platform may vary from time to time and from meeting to meeting as the board, in its sole discretion, sees fit.

Nothing in these **Articles** prevents a general meeting being held both physically and electronically.

58. **ACCIDENTAL OMISSION OR NON-RECEIPT OF NOTICE**

The accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of notice by, a **Person** (even entitled to receive notice) does not invalidate the proceedings at any meeting. This applies even if the Company becomes aware of such non receipt.

59. **CHANGE IN PLACE OR TIME OF MEETING**

- 59.1 If, for any general meeting convened by the Company or convened in pursuance of a requisition, after the giving of notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a general meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the **Board** decides that it is impracticable or unreasonable for a reason beyond its control to hold the meeting at the declared place or electronic platform or time or both, it may change the place or electronic platform or postpone the time at which the meeting is to be held. If such a decision is

made, the **Board** may change the place or electronic platform or postpone the time again if it decides that it is reasonable to do so. In either case:

- (a) a new notice of the meeting need not be given, but the **Board** must, if practicable, advertise the date, time and place or electronic platform of the meeting in at least two newspapers having a national circulation and must, if practicable, arrange for notices of the change of place or electronic platform or postponement to appear at the original place or electronic platform or at the original time or both; and
- (b) notwithstanding article 83.2, an appointment of a proxy in relation to the meeting may be received in the manner specified in article 83.3 at any time not less than 48 hours (or such shorter period as the **Board** may determine) before any new time appointed for holding the meeting.

59.2 Any general meeting convened by the Board, unless its time shall have been fixed by the Company in general meeting or unless convened in pursuance of a requisition may be postponed by the Board my notice in writing and the meeting shall, subject to any further postponement or adjournment, be held at the postponed date for the purpose of transacting the business covered by the original notice

B. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

60. ELECTRONIC GENERAL MEETINGS

The **Board** may resolve to enable **Persons** entitled to attend a general meeting hosted on an electronic platform (such meeting being an "**Electronic General Meeting**") to do so by simultaneous attendance by electronic means with no **Member** necessarily in physical attendance at the electronic general meeting. The **Members** or their proxies present must be counted in the quorum for, and entitled to vote at, the general meeting in question, and that meeting must be duly constituted and its proceedings valid if the chairman of the general meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the electronic general meeting to ensure that members attending the electronic general meeting who are not present together at the same place may, by electronic means, attend and speak and vote at it. Such **Electronic General Meeting** shall be deemed to take place where the chairman is present unless the Members resolve otherwise.

61. OVERFLOW MEETINGS

61.1 The **Board** or the chairman of a physical meeting may, despite the place of a general meeting (the "**Principal Place**") specified in the notice of general meeting, arrange for simultaneous attendance and participation (including, without limitation, by way of video-link) at other places by **Members** and proxies who are entitled to attend the general meeting but cannot attend at the **Principal Place**.

61.2 The above arrangements may include arrangements regarding the level of attendance at the other places, as long as those arrangements operate so that the **Members** who cannot attend at the **Principal Place** are able to attend at one of the other places.

61.3 The **Board** or the chairman of the meeting may, in order to facilitate the organisation and administration of a general meeting to which the above arrangements apply, make arrangements, for example by issuing tickets (in order to give **Members** and proxies entitled to attend the meeting an equal opportunity of being admitted to the **Principal Place**) by random selection or otherwise as it considers appropriate.

61.4 The **Board** or the chairman may vary these arrangements or make new arrangements in their place. The entitlement of a **Member** or proxy to attend a general meeting at the **Principal Place** is subject to any such arrangements that are in place, whether stated in the notice of meeting or notified after the notice of meeting has been given.

61.5 For the purposes of these **Articles**, such a meeting is to be treated as being held and taking place at the **Principal Place**.

62. **SECURITY**

62.1 The Board or the chairman of a physical meeting may make any arrangement or impose any restriction or take any action that they consider appropriate for the proper and orderly conduct of the general meeting and for the safety of those attending it. This could include searching a **Person** and his property and restricting the items to be taken into the meeting. If a **Person** refuses to comply (wholly or partly) with such an arrangement, restriction or action, the **Board** or the chairman of the meeting may refuse entry of that **Person** to a meeting or arrange for that **Person** to be removed from a meeting, whether or not that **Person** is a **Member** or a duly appointed proxy or representative of a **Member**.

62.2 The **Board** or the chairman of any **Electronic General Meeting** may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction as is:

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

In this respect, the **Company** is able to authorise any voting application, system or facility for **Electronic General Meetings** as it sees fit.

63. **CHAIRMAN**

63.1 The chairman (if any) of the **Board** or, in his absence, the deputy chairman (if any) or the vice chairman (if any) may be the chairman of a general meeting.

63.2 If there is no chairman, deputy chairman or vice chairman, or if at a meeting none of them is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if none of them is willing to act as chairman, the **Directors** present must choose one of their number to act.

63.3 If only one **Director** is present and he is willing to act, he may be the chairman. If no **Director** is present, or if none of the **Directors** present is willing to act as chairman, the **Members** present and entitled to vote must choose one of themselves to be chairman.

63.4 Nothing in these **Articles** is intended to restrict or exclude any of the powers or rights of a chairman of a meeting which are given by law.

64. **QUORUM**

64.1 No business may be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of **Members** is present, but the absence of a quorum does not prevent the appointment of a chairman and this is not treated as part of the business of a meeting. Except as otherwise provided in these **Articles**, two persons present, each of whom is a **Member** or a proxy for a **Member** or a representative, appointed in accordance with the **Statutes** or article 86, of a corporation which is a **Member**, who are together holding five percent (5%) or more of the voting rights applicable at such meeting, is a quorum for all purposes, unless each such

person is a proxy for the same **Member** or a representative of the same corporation (and neither of them is also present at the meeting in his capacity as a different **Member** or a properly appointed proxy or representative for a different **Member**).

- 64.2 If the **Company** shall have only one (1) **Member** entitled to attend and vote at the general meeting, that **Member** shall constitute a quorum.

65. **ADJOURNMENT OR DISSOLUTION FOR LACK OF QUORUM**

If within 30 minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting a quorum is not present or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting, if convened at the request of the **Members**, is cancelled. In any other case, it is adjourned to a day which is not less than 7 **Clear Days** later, at the same time and place or electronic platform, or at such other time and place or electronic platform as the Board may decide. If a quorum is not present at an adjourned meeting within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is cancelled.

66. **ADJOURNMENT FOR OTHER REASONS**

- 66.1 The chairman of a meeting may, without the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting before or after it has started if in his reasonable opinion:

- (a) in the case of a physical general meeting, there is not enough space at the meeting for those present or entitled to be present, or there is some other reason why they cannot adequately hear or participate in the meeting;
- (b) in the case of an **Electronic General Meeting**, the electronic platform facilities or security have become inadequate for the purpose of the meeting;
- (c) it has become, or is likely to become, impracticable to conduct, or to continue to conduct, the business of the meeting in an orderly manner;
- (d) in the case of a physical general meeting, an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting; or
- (e) an adjournment is otherwise necessary so that the business of the meeting may be properly conducted.

The meeting may be adjourned to such time, date and place or electronic platform as the chairman may decide, or indefinitely, in which case the time, date and place or electronic platform of the adjourned meeting will be decided by the Board.

- 66.2 The chairman of a meeting may also adjourn a meeting which has a quorum present if this is agreed by the meeting. This may be to a time, date and place or electronic platform proposed by the chairman of the meeting or the adjournment may be indefinite. The chairman of the meeting must adjourn the meeting if the meeting directs him to. In these circumstances the meeting will decide how long the adjournment should be and where it should adjourn to. If a meeting is adjourned indefinitely, the time, date and place or electronic platform of the adjourned meeting will be decided by the Board.
- 66.3 A reconvened meeting may only deal with the business that could have been dealt with at the meeting which was adjourned.
- 66.4 A meeting may be adjourned more than once.

66.5 If under these **Articles** a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the meeting as in the case of an original meeting must be given. It is unnecessary to give notice of an adjournment or notice of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting except in these circumstances.

67. **AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS**

67.1 No amendment to a special resolution may be considered or voted on unless:

- (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the original resolution is to be proposed; and
- (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or clerical error and does not change the substance of the original resolution.

67.2 No amendment to an ordinary resolution may be considered or voted on unless:

- (a) notice of that amendment is sent to the **Company** not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place; or
- (b) in the absence of such a notice, the chairman of the meeting in his absolute discretion decides that the amendment may be considered and voted on,

and the proposed amendment does not, in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting, alter the effect or the scope of the original resolution to a major degree.

67.3 If the chairman of the meeting rules that a proposed amendment to a resolution is out of order, any error in that ruling does not affect the validity of a vote on the original resolution. If the chairman of the meeting consents, an amendment may be withdrawn by its proposer before it is voted upon.

68. **METHOD OF VOTING**

68.1 A resolution put to the vote at a physical general meeting shall be decided on a show of hands or by a poll at the option of the Chairman. Unless, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll is demanded in accordance with these Articles.

68.2 All resolutions put to the vote at an **Electronic General Meeting** must be decided on by a poll. Poll votes may be cast by such electronic means as the Board in its sole discretion considers appropriate.

69. **CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION ON A RESULT OF A SHOW OF HANDS**

Unless a poll is demanded a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the **Company**, is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour or against the resolution.

70. **RIGHT TO DEMAND A POLL**

70.1 A poll may be demanded at a physical general meeting by:

- (a) the chairman of the meeting;
- (b) at least five **Members** (or their proxies) excluding the holders of the Treasury Shares present at the meeting and entitled to vote on the resolution;

- (c) one or more **Members** (or their proxies) excluding the holders of the Treasury Shares present at the meeting and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the **Members** having the right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares held as treasury shares); or
- (d) one or more **Members** (or their proxies) present at the meeting who hold shares conferring a right to vote on the resolution and on which the total amount which has been **Paid up** is at least one-tenth of the total sum **Paid up** on all the shares conferring a right to vote on the resolution (excluding treasury shares).

A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if the chairman agrees.

71. **ERRORS IN COUNTING VOTES**

If at a meeting:

- (a) a vote is counted which ought not to have been counted or might have been rejected; or
- (b) a vote has not been counted which ought to have been counted,

the error does not affect the result of the voting unless:

- (c) it is pointed out at that meeting (but not at an adjournment of that meeting); and
- (d) in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting it is of sufficient magnitude or significance to affect the result of the voting.

72. **WHEN A POLL HAS TO BE TAKEN AND NOTICE OF A POLL**

- 72.1 If a poll is validly demanded in accordance with these **Articles**, it shall be taken at the meeting at which the same is demanded or at such time and place, or electronic platform as the chairman shall direct and the result shall be deemed the resolution of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting may decide the time and place at, or electronic platform on, which it must be taken, provided that it must not be taken more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting.
- 72.2 A poll demanded on the election of a **Chairman** and a poll demanded on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time and place as the chairman of the meeting directs, not being more than thirty **Clear Days** from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 72.3 No notice need be given of a poll which is not taken immediately if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting in respect of which it is demanded. In any other case, at least seven **Clear Days'** notice must be given specifying the time and place at, or electronic platform on, which the poll is to be taken.

73. **HOW A POLL IS TAKEN**

The chairman of the meeting may decide how a poll is taken. The chairman of the meeting may, in the event of a poll, appoint scrutineers (who do not need to be **Members**) and may fix a time and place or electronic platform to declare the result of a poll. In case of an equality of votes on a poll the **Chairman** of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. The result of a poll is the decision of the meeting at which the poll is demanded.

74. **OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUES**

The demand for a poll (other than on the election of the chairman of the meeting or the adjournment of the meeting) does not prevent the meeting continuing for any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded.

75. **LIST OF NAMES**

The **Board** may determine in respect of any general meeting or meetings or generally that a list of the names and address of the **Members** shall not be made available for inspection.

76. **RIGHT TO SPEAK**

A **Director** of the **Company** shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the **Company** regardless of whether that **Director** is a **Member** of the **Company** or a holder of the relevant class of shares.

C. **VOTES**

77. **VOTING RIGHTS**

Subject to any rights or restrictions as to voting attached to any shares:

- (a) on a vote on a resolution on a show of hands at a physical general meeting:
 - (i) each **Member**, excluding the holders of the Treasury Shares, who (being an individual) is present in person has one vote;
 - (ii) each duly authorised representative of a corporation (which is a **Member**) who is present has the same voting rights as the corporation would be entitled to;
 - (iii) subject to article 77(a)(iv), each proxy present who has been properly appointed by one or more **Members** who is entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote; and
 - (iv) each proxy present who has been properly appointed by more than one **Member** entitled to vote on the resolution has one vote for and one against the resolution,
- (b) on a vote on a resolution on a poll taken at a general meeting each **Member** who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy or (being a corporation) is present by one or more duly authorised representatives or by proxy has one vote for each share held by him.

78. **VOTING BY JOINT HOLDERS**

78.1 Where there are joint registered holders of any shares, such persons shall not have the right of voting individually in respect of such share but shall elect one of their number to represent them and to vote whether in person or by proxy in their name.

78.2 If more than one joint shareholder votes (including by proxy), the only vote which will count is the vote of the person whose name is listed first on the register of members.

79. **MEMBER OF UNSOUND MIND**

- 79.1 A **Member** who is a patient for any purpose of any statute relating to mental health or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction for the protection or management of the affairs of persons incapable of managing their own affairs may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee, receiver, curator bonis or other person appointed by that court. That committee, receiver, curator bonis or other person may also vote by proxy and appoint a proxy.
- 79.2 The right to vote is exercisable only if evidence satisfactory to the **Board** of the authority of the person claiming to vote is received by the **Company** not later than the last time by which appointments of proxy should have been received in order to be valid for use at the meeting, adjourned meeting or poll at which that person claims to vote.

80. **OBJECTIONS TO THE QUALIFICATION OF A VOTER**

An objection to the qualification of a voter may only be raised at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered. An objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision is final and conclusive.

81. **APPOINTMENT OF A PROXY**

- 81.1 A **Member** may appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend and to speak and vote at a general meeting of the **Company**.
- 81.2 The appointment of a proxy must be in writing (a "**Proxy Notice**").
- 81.3 The **Board** may require that a **Proxy Notice** must be in a particular form and may require different forms for different purposes.
- 81.4 A **Proxy Notice** in hard copy form must be signed by the appointing **Member** or his agent duly authorised in writing, or, if the appointing **Member** is a corporation, under its common seal or by a duly authorised agent or officer.
- 81.5 A **Proxy Notice** in electronic form must be authenticated in the manner specified by the **Board** for documents of that type which are sent or supplied in electronic form or, if the **Board** has not specified its requirements for the authentication of that type of document, in the manner indicated by the **Statutes** for documents or information sent or supplied in electronic form.
- 81.6 The **Company**, or any person acting on its behalf, may require reasonable evidence of the authority of any agent or officer who signs or authenticates a **Proxy Notice** to be submitted with the **Proxy Notice**. If a **Proxy Notice** is signed or authenticated under a power of attorney or other written authority, the **Company** or any person acting on its behalf may require the written authority under which the appointment has been made, or a copy of that authority certified notarially or in some other way, to be submitted with the **Proxy Notice**.
- 81.7 The **Company** is under no obligation to check that a proxy exercises the votes of a **Member** at all or in accordance with his instructions.
- 81.8 If for the purpose of a general meeting, invitations to appoint a proxy are issued at the **Company's** expense, those invitations must be sent to all of the **Members** entitled to be sent a notice of the meeting and to vote at it by proxy. The accidental omission to give such an invitation to, or the non-receipt of that invitation by, a **Member** entitled to attend and vote at a meeting does not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

82. **IDENTITY AND NUMBER OF PROXIES**

82.1 A proxy need not be a **Member**.

82.2 A **Member** holding more than one share may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the same meeting.

82.3 If more than one proxy is appointed, a **Proxy Notice** must specify the whole number of shares in respect of which a proxy appointed in that **Proxy Notice** is entitled to act on behalf of the appointing **Member**.

82.4 If the **Company** receives more than one appointment of a proxy in respect of the same share or shares, the **Company's** decision as to which appointment or appointments is valid is final.

82.5 If a **Member** appoints more than one proxy, he must ensure that a maximum of one proxy is appointed in relation to any share.

83. **VALID DELIVERY OF PROXY FORMS**

83.1 A **Proxy Notice** and any evidence required by the **Board** to be supplied with it in accordance with article 81.6 may be delivered:

- (a) in hard copy form; or
- (b) subject to any limitations imposed by the **Company** when providing an electronic address pursuant to the **Companies Act**, in electronic form.

83.2 A proxy appointment relating to a meeting is only valid if the **Proxy Notice** and any evidence required to be supplied with it in accordance with article 81.6 is received:

- (a) in the case of documents in hard copy form:
 - (i) at the place within the United Kingdom that is specified in the notice of meeting or in the form of **Proxy Notice** issued by the **Company** in relation to the meeting as the place for the receipt of proxy notices;
 - (ii) if no such place is specified, at the **Office**; or
 - (iii) in the case only of a **Proxy Notice** submitted pursuant to article 83.2(c)(iii) below, into the hands of the chairman of the meeting or the **Secretary** at the place of the relevant meeting;
- (b) in the case of documents in electronic form to any address specified by or on behalf of the **Company** for the purpose of receiving the appointment of a proxy in electronic form in:
 - (i) the notice convening the meeting;
 - (ii) any form of **Proxy Notice** issued by the **Company** in relation to the meeting; or
 - (iii) the invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the **Company** in relation to the meeting; and
- (c) in each case specified in article 83.2 (but subject to article 83.3):

- (i) at least 48 hours (or such shorter time as the **Board** decides) before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting;
- (ii) at least 48 hours (or such shorter time as the **Board** decides) before a poll is taken, if the poll is taken more than 48 hours after it was demanded; or
- (iii) before the end of the meeting at which the poll was demanded (or such later time as the board decides) if the poll is taken after the end of the meeting or adjourned meeting but 48 hours or less after it was demanded.

the "**Cut off Time**".

83.3 The **Company** may specify (in the notice convening the meeting or in the form of **Proxy Notice** issued by the **Company** or otherwise) the latest time before a particular meeting, adjourned meeting or poll by which a **Proxy Notice** must be received in order to be valid. In calculating the 48 hour periods referred to in article 83.2(c)(i) and 83.2(c)(ii) for this purpose, the **Board** may take into account only hours that fall in a working day such that the latest time before a particular meeting, adjourned meeting or poll by which a **Proxy Notice** must be received in order to be valid may be greater than 48 hours.

83.4 The Directors have the discretion (but shall not be required) to treat any appointment of proxy received after the Cut off Time as valid.

83.5 When two or more valid but differing appointments of a proxy are received in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting or poll, the one which is last received (regardless of its date or of the date of its signature) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others as regards that share; if the Company is unable to determine which was last received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share. The proceedings at a general meeting shall not be invalidated where an appointment of a proxy in respect of that meeting is sent in electronic form as provided in these Articles, but because of a technical problem it cannot be read by the recipient.

84. **SCOPE OF PROXY APPOINTMENT**

84.1 Unless the **Proxy Notice** states otherwise, the appointment of a proxy in relation to a meeting is deemed to:

- (a) include the right for the proxy to speak at the meeting;
- (b) include the right for the proxy to vote or abstain from voting, either on a show of hands or on a poll, including the power to vote as the proxy decides on:
 - (i) any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting;
 - (ii) any procedural motion or resolution put to the meeting; and
 - (iii) any other business put to the meeting which may properly come before the meeting; and
- (c) be valid for any adjournment of the meeting to which it relates.

84.2 A **Proxy Notice** which relates to more than one meeting (including an adjournment of a meeting) and has been received in accordance with these **Articles** for the purpose of any meeting, is not required to be received again for any subsequent meeting to which it relates.

84.3 The appointment of a proxy does not prevent a **Member** from attending and voting in person at the meeting to which the **Proxy Notice** relates. However, if the **Member** votes in person on a resolution, then as regards that resolution his appointment of a proxy will not be valid if it relates to the exercise of voting rights attached to the same shares in respect of which the **Member** has voted in person.

84.4 An appointment of a proxy expires 12 months from the date of appointment of the proxy, except at:

- (a) an adjournment of a meeting which was originally held within 12 months from the date; or
- (b) on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting which was originally held within 12 months from that date.

85. **CANCELLATION OF PROXY'S AUTHORITY**

85.1 A vote given in accordance with the terms of a **Proxy Notice**, a demand for a poll by a proxy and the inclusion of a proxy in determining whether there is a quorum at a meeting is valid even though:

- (a) the **Member** who appointed the proxy has died or is of unsound mind;
- (b) the **Proxy Notice** has been revoked; or
- (c) the authority under which the **Proxy Notice** was executed on behalf of the **Member** has been revoked.

85.2 Article 85.1 does not apply, and the authority of a person to act as a proxy is terminated, if the **Company** receives notice of the death, mental condition or revocation of the **Proxy Notice** or other authority before the commencement of the meeting or adjournment of the taking of the poll at which the proxy is used.

85.3 In order to be valid, the notification referred to in article 85.2 above ("**Notice of Termination of Proxy**") must be in writing and:

- (a) in the case of a **Notice of Termination of Proxy** in hard copy form, be received at the **Office** or at such other place within the **United Kingdom** as is specified for the receipt of **Proxy Notices** in the notice of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which the appointment relates; or
- (b) in the case of a **Notice of Termination of Proxy** in electronic form, be received at any address specified by or on behalf of the **Company** for the purpose of receiving the appointment of a proxy in electronic form (subject to any limitations specified by the **Company** when providing the address) in:
 - (i) the notice convening the meeting;
 - (ii) any form of **Proxy Notice** issued by the **Company** in relation to the meeting; or
 - (iii) the invitation to appoint a proxy issued by the **Company** in relation to the meeting.

86. **A CORPORATE MEMBER MAY APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE**

A corporation which is a **Member** may, by a resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise one or more individuals to act (subject to the **Statutes**) as its representative or representatives at a meeting of the **Company**. The **Company**, or any **Person** acting on its behalf, may require evidence of the authority of a representative to act to be submitted, in such form as the **Company** requires, before allowing that representative to exercise his powers.

V. **DIRECTORS**

A. **NUMBER, APPOINTMENT, RETIREMENT, REMOVAL AND VACATION OF OFFICE OF DIRECTORS**

87. **NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

There must be at least two **Directors** (not including **Alternate Directors**) and no more than eight **Directors**, but the **Members** may change these restrictions by passing an ordinary resolution.

88. **ABILITY OF MEMBERS TO APPOINT DIRECTORS**

Subject to these **Articles**, the **Statutes** and the **Listing Rules**, the **Company** may by ordinary resolution appoint a person to be a **Director** to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional **Director**.

89. **ABILITY OF BOARD TO APPOINT DIRECTORS**

89.1 The **Board** may appoint a person to be a **Director** to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional **Director** if in either case the total number of **Directors** does not exceed the maximum fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any **Director** so appointed shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting following his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the **Directors** or the number of **Directors** who are to retire by rotation at that meeting if it is an annual general meeting.

89.2 A **Director** who retires at an annual general meeting in accordance with article 90.1 is eligible for re-appointment. If he is re-appointed at the same annual general meeting, he is treated as continuing in office without a break.

90. **DIRECTORS TO RETIRE AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

90.1 At the each annual general meeting of the **Company** all of the **Directors** shall retire from office.

90.2 If:

- (a) any resolution or resolutions for the appointment or re-appointment of the persons eligible for appointment or re-appointment as **Directors** are put to the annual general meeting and lost; and
- (b) at the end of that meeting the number of **Directors** is fewer than any minimum number of **Directors** required under article 87,

all retiring **Directors** who stood for re-appointment at that meeting (the "**Retiring Directors**") shall be deemed to have been re-appointed as **Directors** and shall remain in office, but the **Retiring Directors** may only:

- (c) act for the purpose of filling vacancies and convening general meetings of the **Company**; and
- (d) perform such duties as are appropriate to maintain the **Company** as a going concern and to comply with the **Company's** legal and regulatory obligations,

but not for any other purpose.

90.3 The **Retiring Directors** shall convene a general meeting as soon as reasonably practicable following the annual general meeting referred to in article 90.2, and they shall retire from office at that meeting. If at the end of any meeting convened under article 90.2 the number of **Directors** is fewer than any minimum number of **Directors** required under article 87, the provisions of article 90.2 and article 90.3 shall also apply to that meeting.

90.4 A **Director** who retires at an annual general meeting may, if willing to act, be re-appointed. If he is not re-appointed, he shall, unless article 90.2 applies, retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place, or if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.

90.5 (a) No person other than a **Director** retiring at a general meeting shall, unless recommended by the **Directors**, be eligible for election by the **Company** to the office of **Director** unless, not less than seven (7) nor more than forty two (42) clear days before the date appointed for the meeting there shall have been left at the **Office** notice in writing signed by a **Member** duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election together with notice in writing signed by that person of his willingness to be elected.

(b) The **Company** at the meeting at which a **Director** retires in manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by appointing a person thereto by **Ordinary Resolution** and in default the retiring **Director** shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacated office or a resolution for the re-appointment of such **Director** shall have been put to the meeting and lost. The **Company** at such meeting may also (subject to article 87 hereof) fill up any other vacancies.

(c) Without prejudice to the powers of the **Board**, the **Company** in general meeting may appoint any person to be a **Director** either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional **Director**.

(d) At a general meeting a motion for the appointment of two or more persons as **Directors** of the **Company** by a single resolution shall not be made unless a resolution that it shall be so made has been first agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it.

90.6 Subject to the **Listing Rules**, the **Company** may by ordinary resolution at a general meeting fill the vacancy caused by a **Director** retiring in accordance with these **Articles** by re-appointing the retiring **Director** or (subject to the **Statutes** and these **Articles**) by appointing another **Person**.

91. **SHARE QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

91.1 A share qualification for a **Director** may be fixed by the **Company** in general meeting and unless and until so fixed no such qualification shall be required.

92. **REMOVING A DIRECTOR BY ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

In accordance with the **Statutes**, the **Company** may pass an ordinary resolution to remove a **Director**, even though his term of office has not yet ended and despite the provisions in any agreement between the **Company** and the **Director**.

93. **REMOVING A DIRECTOR BY NOTICE FROM CO-DIRECTORS**

93.1 A **Director** will cease to be a **Director** if he is given written notice terminating his appointment, signed by all of his co-**Directors**.

93.2 Subject to article 113.3, the written notice may be signed by an **Alternate Director**, instead of the **Director** who appointed the **Alternate Director**, and may consist of several documents in the same form signed by one or more **Directors**.

94. **OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A DIRECTOR NO LONGER HOLDS OFFICE**

94.1 A **Director** ceases to be a **Director** as soon as:

- (a) he becomes prohibited by law from acting as a director or he ceases to be a **Director** by virtue of these **Articles**;
- (b) he gives the Company written notice of his resignation;
- (c) he gives the **Company** written or oral notice offering to resign and the **Board** resolves to accept it;
- (d) his term of office expires if he was appointed for a fixed term;
- (e) he becomes bankrupt, an interim order is made in respect of him, he enters into an arrangement or composition with his creditors generally or he is unable to pay his debts within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or pursuant to any similar legislation in any other jurisdiction;
- (f) a registered medical practitioner gives a written opinion to the **Company** that the **Director** has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a **Director** and might remain so for more than three months, or he is or has been suffering from mental or physical ill health and, in each case, the **Board** resolves that his office should be vacated;
- (g) an order is made by a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a guardian, receiver or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or
- (h) he is absent from meetings of the **Board** for six consecutive months (whether or not any **Alternate Director** appointed by them attends in his place) and the **Board** passes a resolution removing the **Director** from office.

95. **EFFECT OF VACATION OF OFFICE**

95.1 If a **director** stops being a **Director** for any reason, he will also automatically cease to be a member of any committee or sub-committee of the **Directors**.

95.2 Removal from office under these **Articles** does not deprive a person of any right to claim compensation or damages in respect of the termination of his appointment as a **Director** or of any appointment with the **Company** which terminates on him ceasing to be a **Director**.

B. TYPES OF DIRECTORS AND THEIR REMUNERATION

96. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

- 96.1 The **Board** may appoint any one or more of the **Directors** to any executive office that it decides. So far as the **Statutes** allow, the **Board** or any committee authorised by the **Board** may decide on the period and on the terms (including remuneration) of any appointment of this kind. Subject to the provisions of any contract between the **Director** so appointed and the **Company**, the **Board** may revoke that appointment or vary the terms of it.
- 96.2 The appointment of any **Director** to any executive office shall be subject to termination if he ceases from any cause to be a **Director** but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the **Company**.
- 96.3 If the **Board** terminates the appointment of an executive **Director**, the termination will not affect any right of the **Company** or the **Director** in relation to any breach of any employment contract which may be involved in the termination.

97. NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

- 97.1 The **Board** may enter into an agreement or arrangement (including by way of letter of appointment) with a **Director** who does not hold executive office according to article 96 (a "**Non-executive Director**"), for the provision of his services to the **Company** on such terms as the **Board** may decide.
- 97.2 The **Board** may terminate that agreement or vary it in accordance with its terms. Without prejudice to the other provisions of these **Articles** dealing with the circumstances in which a **Director** no longer holds office, a **Non-executive Director** stops being a **Director** of the **Company** when his appointment is terminated in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- 97.3 The **Non-executive Directors** shall be remunerated for their services at such a rate as the **Non-executive Directors** shall determine provided that the aggregate amount of such fees shall not exceed £500,000 per annum (or such sums as the **Company** in general meeting shall from time to time determine). The **Non-executive Directors** shall also be entitled to be paid all reasonable expenses properly incurred by them in attending general meetings, Board or committee meetings or otherwise in connection with the performance of their duties.
- (a) A **Non-executive Director** may hold any other office or place of profit under the **Company** (other than the office of auditor) in conjunction with his office of **Non-executive Director** on such terms as the **Non-executive Directors** may determine.
- (b) If any **Non-executive Director** having been requested by the **Board** shall render or perform extra or special services or shall travel or go to or reside in any country not his usual place of residence for any business or purpose of the **Company** he shall be entitled to receive such sum as the **Board** may think fit for expenses and also such remuneration as the **Board** may think fit either as a fixed sum or as a percentage of profits or otherwise and such remuneration may as the **Board** shall determine be either in addition to or in substitution for any other remuneration which he may be entitled to receive.

- 97.4 The **Board** and a **Non-executive Director** may agree that any fee payable to the **Non-executive Director** may consist (wholly or partly) of payments by way of pension contributions or premiums to secure pension benefits, whether in accordance with a pension scheme or otherwise.

98. **REMUNERATION FOR SPECIAL OR ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

The **Board** may decide to award extra fees (whether by way of salary, commission, percentage of profits or otherwise) to a **Director** (holding either an executive or a non executive office) who:

- (a) serves on a committee, acts as chairman or deputy chairman, devotes special attention to the **Company's** business or who otherwise performs services which the **Board** decides are outside the scope of his ordinary duties; or
- (b) goes or lives abroad in connection with the **Company's** business.

99. **EXPENSES**

In addition to any remuneration payable under articles 96 to 98, the **Company** may pay the reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses incurred by a **Director** in connection with the discharge of his duties. This includes, without limitation, travelling to and from meetings of the **Board**, committees of the **Board** or general meetings or separate meetings of the **Holders** of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company.

C. **DECISION MAKING BY DIRECTORS**

100. **POWER OF THE BOARD**

- 100.1 The business of the **Company** shall be managed by the **Board**, who may exercise all such powers of the **Company** as are not required to be exercised by the **Company** in general meeting, subject nevertheless to these **Articles** and to the **Statutes** and to such regulations (being not inconsistent with such provisions) as may be prescribed by **Special Resolution** but no regulation so made shall invalidate any prior act of the **Board**. The general powers given by this **Article** shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the **Board** by any other **Article**.

- 100.2 The **Board** may arrange that any branch of the business carried on by the **Company** or any other business in which the **Company** may be interested shall be carried on by or through one or more subsidiary companies and the **Board** may on behalf of the **Company** make such arrangements as it thinks advisable for taking the profits or bearing the losses of any branch or business so carried on or for financing assisting or subsidising any such subsidiary company or guaranteeing its contracts obligations or liabilities.

101. **CALLING A BOARD MEETING**

- 101.1 Any **Director** may, at any time, call a **Board** meeting. The **Secretary** must convene a meeting of the **Board** meeting if a **Director** requests it. The **Board** shall determine the notice necessary for its meetings and the persons to whom such notice shall be given.
- 101.2 A meeting of the **Board** is called by giving notice of the meeting to the **Directors**. The notice does not need to be given in writing.
- 101.3 If a **Director** has given the **Company** an address (in or outside the **United Kingdom**) at which notices can be given to him, he is entitled to be given notice of all **Board** meetings. A **Director** may waive the right to receive notice of a meeting of **Board** meeting, including

one which has already taken place. Any such waiver after the meeting has taken place will not affect the validity of the meeting or the business conducted at the meeting.

101.4 The **Board** may adjourn and otherwise regulate meetings as it decides.

102. **QUORUM**

102.1 The **Directors** may fix the quorum for the **Board** meeting, but it must not be less than two. If no other quorum is fixed, two individuals present at the meeting constitute a quorum.

102.2 A **Board** meeting at which a quorum is present may exercise all the powers and discretions exercisable by the **Board** at the time.

102.3 A **Person** attending a **Board** meeting who is acting as an **Alternate Director** is only counted in the quorum if the **Director** appointing him is not present. A **Person** who is acting as an **Alternate Director** for a **Director** who is not present must only be counted once for the purposes of counting the quorum, even if he is acting as an **Alternate Director** for more than one **Director** or is also a **Director**.

103. **VOTING AT A BOARD MEETING**

103.1 Questions arising at a meeting are decided by a majority of votes. Subject to the **Statutes** and these **Articles**:

- (a) each **Director** participating in a decision has one vote;
- (b) a **Director** who is also an **Alternate Director** is entitled, in the absence of the **Director** appointing him, to a separate vote on behalf of the **Director** appointing him in addition to his own vote; and
- (c) in the case of an equality of votes, the chairman of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

104. **CONFERENCE MEETINGS**

104.1 A meeting of the **Board** may consist of a conference between **Directors** some or all of whom are in different places if each **Director** who participates is able:

- (a) to hear each of the other participating **Directors** addressing the meeting; and
- (b) if the **Director** so wishes, to address all of the other participating **Directors** simultaneously,

whether directly, by conference telephone, video-conference facility or any other form of communications equipment or by a combination of these methods.

104.2 Each **Director** who participates in a meeting in the manner described in article 104.1 is deemed to be present at that meeting, including for the purposes of calculating the quorum.

104.3 A meeting held in the manner described in article 104.1 is deemed to take place at the place where the largest group of participating **Directors** is assembled or, if no such group is readily identifiable, at the place from where the chairman of the meeting participates.

105. **RESTRICTED POWER OF DIRECTORS IF NUMBER FALLS BELOW PRESCRIBED MINIMUM**

The **Directors** may continue to act even if one or more of them stops being a **Director**. However, if and for so long as the number of **Directors** is reduced below the minimum number of **Directors** required by these **Articles** (including any change to that number approved by an ordinary resolution of Members) or the number fixed as the quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the **Board** (if different), the continuing **Directors** or **Director** may only act to:

- (a) fill vacancies in their body; or
- (b) summon general meetings of the **Company**.

If the continuing **Directors** or **Director** are unable or unwilling to act in accordance with this article, any two or more **Members** may call a general meeting (or instruct the **Secretary** to do so) in order to appoint **Directors**.

106. **CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

106.1 The Directors may appoint any director as chairman or as deputy chairman and may remove them from that office at any time. They may also decide upon the period during which the chairman will hold office. The chairman or, in his absence, a deputy chairman (or vice chairman) must chair all meetings of the **Board**.

106.2 If there is no chairman or deputy chairman (or vice chairman) or if at a meeting neither the chairman nor a deputy chairman (or vice chairman) is present within 5 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the **Directors** present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

107. **SECRETARY**

107.1 The **Secretary** and any assistant secretary may be appointed by the **Board** for such remuneration and upon such conditions as the **Board** may think fit and any **Secretary** may be removed by the **Board** but without prejudice to any claim which he may have for damages for breach of contract of service between him and the Company. Anything required or authorised to be done by or to the Secretary may, if the office is vacant or there is for any other reason no Secretary capable of acting be done by or to any assistant or deputy secretary or if there is no assistant or deputy secretary capable of acting, by or to any office of the Company authorised generally or specially in that behalf by the Directors PROVIDED THAT any provisions of these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in the place of, the Secretary.

107.2 No person shall be appointed or hold office as Secretary who is:-

- (a) the sole Director of the Company, or
- (b) a corporation the sole Director of which is the sole Director of the Company, or
- (c) the sole Director of a corporation which is the sole Direction of the Company.

108. **DIRECTORS' WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS**

108.1 If:

- (a) every **Director** entitled to receive notice of a **Board** meeting, and together meeting the quorum requirements for a **Board** meeting, agrees to the passing of a resolution; and
- (b) the agreement of the **Director** is contained in:
 - (i) a document sent in electronic form of a type that the **Board** decides may be used for this purpose and which complies with each requirement (including, without limitation, those as to authentication) that the **Board** has determined for documents of that type that are sent in electronic form; or
 - (ii) a copy of the proposed written resolution in hard copy form, signed by the **Director**,

that resolution is as effective as a resolution passed at a **Board** meeting that is properly called and held.

108.2 For the purposes of article 108.1(b)(ii), the resolution may be passed using several copies of the resolution if each copy is signed by one or more **Directors**.

108.3 For the purposes of article 108.1:

- (a) a **Director** who is not entitled to vote on a resolution of the **Board** in accordance with the provisions of the **Statutes** or these **Articles** is not required to agree to the passing of the resolution in order for it to be effective;
- (b) an **Alternate Director** need not agree to the passing of a resolution if the **Director** appointing him has agreed to its passing and;
- (c) if an **Alternate Director** has properly agreed to the passing of a resolution, the **Director** appointing him need not agree to its passing.

108.4 A written resolution of the **Directors** will be valid at the time the last **Director** who is required to agree in order for it to become effective signs or otherwise agrees to it in accordance with this article 108.

109. **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES AND LOCAL BOARDS**

The provisions of these **Articles** regulating meetings, proceedings and decision making of the **Board** also apply to the meetings, proceedings and decision making of a committee or local board appointed pursuant to article 121.1 in so far as they are relevant and are not superseded by any regulations made by the **Board** under article 121.4.

110. **VALIDITY OF ACTS OF THE BOARD, COMMITTEES AND LOCAL BOARDS**

Everything which is done by any **Board** meeting, or by a committee of the **Directors** or by a person acting as a **Director** or as a member of a committee, will be valid even if it is discovered later that any **Director**, or person acting as a **Director**, was not properly appointed. This also applies if it is discovered later that anyone was disqualified from being a **Director** or had ceased to be a **Director** or was not entitled to vote. In any of these cases, anything done will be as valid as if there was no defect or irregularity of the kind referred to in this article.

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

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

D. **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

112. **APPOINTMENT**

112.1 An **Alternate Director** is a **Person** (who may be another **Director**) appointed by a **Director** to exercise the powers and carry out the responsibilities of that appointing **Director** in relation to decisions taken by **Directors**.

112.2 A **Director** who wants to appoint an **Alternate Director** must give the **Company** notice of the proposed appointment (in such form as the **Directors** may determine), signed by the appointing **Director**. The appointment of an **Alternate Director** takes effect upon such a notice being received by the **Company**, unless the proposed **Alternate Director** is not a **Director**. If the proposed alternate **Director** is not a **Director**, the appointment only takes effect when his appointment has been approved by two-thirds of the **Directors**.

113. **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

113.1 An **Alternate Director** who has given the **Company** an address (in or outside the **United Kingdom**) at which notices may be given to him is entitled to be sent notices of all **Board** meetings and (unless the terms of his notice of appointment provide otherwise) all meetings of committees of the **Board** of which the **Director** appointing him is a member.

113.2 If the **Director** appointing the **Alternate Director** is not present at a meeting of a type referred to in article 113.1, the **Alternate Director** is entitled to attend and vote as a **Director** at that meeting and to have and exercise all the powers, rights, duties and authorities of that **Director** at that meeting. If he himself is a **Director** or attends a meeting as an **Alternate Director** for more than one **Director**, he has one vote for each **Director** for whom he acts as an **Alternate Director**, in addition to his own vote as a **Director** (if any).

113.3 The signature of an **Alternate Director** to a written resolution of the **Directors** is as effective as the signature of the **Director** appointing him, unless the terms of the notice of his appointment provide otherwise.

113.4 Subject to the **Statutes** and these **Articles**, an **Alternate Director** is entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be paid expenses and to be indemnified to the same extent as if he was a **Director**. However, unless the **Company** or the **Board** resolves otherwise, an **Alternate Director** is not entitled to receive any fee from the **Company** for serving as an **Alternate Director**, except such part (if any) of the fee that would otherwise be paid to the **Director** appointing him that the appointing **Director** directs by notice in writing to the **Company**.

113.5 An **Alternate Director** is an officer of the **Company** but, except to the extent set out in these **Articles**, an **Alternate Director** does not have the power to act as a **Director** and is not deemed to be a **Director** for the purposes of these **Articles**.

113.6 An **Alternate Director** is responsible alone to the **Company** for his acts and defaults and is not deemed to be the agent of the **Director** appointing him.

114. **TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

114.1 The appointment of an **Alternate Director** terminates:

- (a) upon the passing of a unanimous decision of all the **Directors** (except the **Director** who appointed the **Alternate Director**) that the appointment should terminate;
- (b) when the **Company** receives notice signed by the **Director** appointing the **Alternate Director** that he revokes the appointment and that notice takes effect in accordance with its terms;
- (c) on the occurrence in relation to the **Alternate Director** of an event which, if it occurred in relation to the **Director** who appointed the **Alternate Director**, would result in the termination of that appointing **Director's** appointment as a **Director**; or
- (d) if the **Alternate Director's** appointor stops being a **Director**, unless that **Director** retires at a general meeting at which he is re-appointed.

E. **INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

115. **AUTHORISATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARISING OTHER THAN IN RELATION TO TRANSACTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY**

115.1 The **Board** may, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the quorum and voting requirements set out in this Article, authorise any matter proposed to them which would otherwise result in any **Director** (a "**Conflicted Director**") breaching his duty under the **Statutes** to avoid having a direct or indirect interest that conflicts or possibly may conflict with the interests of the Company. A **Conflicted Director**:

- (a) may not count in the quorum or vote on the resolution giving the authorisation; and
- (b) may, if the other **Directors** attending the meeting so decide, be excluded from the meeting while the authorisation is under consideration.

115.2 The **Board** may:

- (a) make any such authorisation subject to any limits or conditions (including of a kind described in article 119.1);
- (b) impose such obligations on a **Conflicted Director** in connection with the authorisation as it thinks fit; and
- (c) withdraw the authority or vary or impose any limits, conditions or obligations at any time.

116. **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY, AND OTHER INTERESTS**

116.1 Subject to the **Statutes** and provided that he has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with article 117 (to the extent that article 117 below requires a declaration to be made) a **Director** may:

- (a) have any kind of interest in a proposed or existing transaction, arrangement or contract with, or entered into by, the Company or any body corporate or firm in which the Company is directly or indirectly interested;
- (b) hold any other office or place of profit under the **Company** (except that of auditor) in conjunction with the office of **Director** for such period and upon such terms, including as to remuneration, as the **Board** may decide;
- (c) act, directly or through a body corporate or firm in which he is directly or indirectly interested, in a professional capacity for the **Company** (other than as auditor) on such terms as to remuneration or otherwise as the **Board** may decide; or
- (d) be a director or other officer of, employee, holder (directly or indirectly) of any other place of profit under, member of, or act directly or indirectly in a professional capacity (other than as auditor) for, a body corporate or firm which the **Company** controls or in which it is directly or indirectly interested.

116.2 The **Board** can exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in a body corporate held or owned by the **Company**, or exercisable by the **Company** as a director of another body corporate, in the manner that it decides.

116.3 Subject to articles 117 and 118, a **Director** may vote in favour of the exercise of those voting rights in the manner set out in this article, even if he is, or is about to be appointed, a director, manager, other officer or employee, holder of any other place of profit under, or member of, that body corporate, and as such is or may become interested in the exercise of those voting rights in that manner.

116.4 A Director does not have to hand over to the Company any benefit he receives or profit he makes as a result of anything authorised under article 115 or allowed under article 116, nor is any type of contract, transaction or arrangement authorised under article 115 or allowed under article 116 liable to be avoided.

117. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY, AND OTHER INTERESTS**

117.1 If disclosure of an interest in a transaction or arrangement of a sort described in article 116 is required by the **Statutes**, the interested **Director** must declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other **Directors** in a manner and timeframe that complies with the **Statutes**.

117.2 Where declaration of an interest in a transaction or arrangement of a sort described in article 116 is not required by the **Statutes** because the transaction or arrangement is not proposed to be with, or has not been entered into by, the **Company**:

- (a) the declaration must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable;
- (b) may be made:
 - (i) at a meeting of the **Directors**;
 - (ii) by a notice in writing sent to the other **Directors**; or
 - (iii) by a general notice given to the **Directors**, to the effect that the Director:
 - (1) has an interest (as member, officer, employee or otherwise) in a specified body corporate or firm and is to be regarded as

interested in any transaction or arrangement that may, after the date of notice, be made with that body corporate or firm (and stating the nature and extent of the **Director's** interest in the specified body corporate or firm); or

- (2) is **Connected** with a specified person (other than a body corporate or firm) and is to be regarded as interested in any transaction or arrangement that may, after the date of notice, be made with that person (and stating the nature of his connection with the specified person),

provided that the general notice is given at a meeting of the **Directors** or the **Director** takes reasonable steps to secure that it is brought up and noted at the next meeting of the **Directors** after it is given.

117.3 A **Director** need not declare an interest under article 117.2:

- (a) if it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest;
- (b) of which the **Director** is not aware or where the **Director** is not aware of the transaction or arrangement in question and for this purpose a **Director** is treated as being aware of matters of which he ought reasonably to be aware;
- (c) if, or to the extent that, the other **Directors** are already aware of it and for this purpose the other **Directors** are treated as aware of anything of which they ought reasonably to be aware; or
- (d) if, or to the extent that, it concerns terms of a service contract that have been or are to be considered:
 - (i) by a meeting of the **Directors**; or
 - (ii) by a committee of the **Directors** appointed for the purpose under these **Articles**.

118. RESTRICTIONS ON VOTING

118.1 Except as provided in articles 118.2 and 118.3 or as otherwise decided by the **Board** pursuant to article 115.2, a **Director** may not vote at a meeting of the **Board** in respect of a transaction or arrangement in which the **Director** has an interest (whether direct or indirect) which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest. The **Director** may be counted in the quorum present on a resolution in respect of such a transaction or arrangement. If the **Director** votes in contravention of this article, his vote must not be counted.

118.2 Subject to the provisions of the **Statutes** and these **Articles** (including the provisions of Article 119), a **Director** may vote at a **Board** meeting (and count in the quorum present) on a resolution in respect of a transaction or arrangement of a sort described in article 116, provided that:

- (a) the **Director's** interest only arises because of his interest in shares, debentures or other securities of, or otherwise in or through, the Company; and/or
- (b) the transaction or arrangement falls within one or more of the following categories:

- (i) an offer by the **Company** or any of its subsidiary undertakings of any shares or debentures or other securities for subscription or purchase if the Director takes part because he is a holder of shares, debentures or other securities, or if he takes part in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;
- (ii) a transaction or arrangement giving the **Director** a security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of:
 - (1) money lent or obligations incurred, by them or another **Person** at the request of, or the benefit of, the **Company** or any of its subsidiary undertakings; or
 - (2) a debt or obligation of the **Company** or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which the **Director** has assumed responsibility (wholly or partly) under a guarantee or indemnity; and/or
- (c) a transaction or arrangement giving the **Director** any other indemnity where all other **Directors** are also being offered indemnities on substantially the same terms; and/or
- (d) a transaction or arrangement concerning any other body corporate or firm that the **Director** has a direct or indirect interest in (including through a **Person Connected** with the **Director**, or otherwise, and whether as an officer, creditor, shareholder or otherwise) provided that Director and any **Person Connected** with him do not to his knowledge hold an interest in shares (as that term is defined for the purposes of Part 22 of the Companies Act) representing 1% or more:
 - (i) of the issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) of that body corporate;
 - (ii) of the issued share capital (excluding treasury shares) of another body corporate; or
 - (iii) of the voting rights available to members of either body corporate; and/or
- (e) a transaction or arrangement for the benefit of employees of the **Company** or any of its subsidiary undertakings (including, without limitation, an employees' share scheme) which only gives the Director benefits which are also generally given to the employees to whom the arrangement relates; and/or
- (f) a transaction or arrangement concerning the **Company** funding his expenditure on defending proceedings or the **Company** doing something to enable them to avoid incurring such expenditure where all other **Directors** are being offered substantially the same arrangements; and/or
- (g) a transaction or arrangement concerning a contract relating to any insurance which the **Company** may buy or renew for the benefit of **Directors** or of a group of people which includes **Directors**.

118.3 Subject to the **Statutes**, the **Company** may by ordinary resolution:

- (a) suspend or relax the provisions of this article to any extent, either generally or in respect of a particular matter; or

- (b) ratify any contract, transaction, arrangement or proposal not properly authorised because of a contravention of this article.
- 118.4 If a proposal is under consideration concerning the appointment (including, without limitation, fixing or varying the terms of appointment) of two or more **Directors** to offices with, or as employees of, the **Company** or a body corporate in which the **Company** is interested, the proposal may be divided and considered in relation to each **Director** separately. In such a case, each of the **Directors** concerned (unless debarred from voting for a reason that is not solely his proposed appointment) may vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution apart from that concerning his own appointment.
- 118.5 For the purposes of articles 116 to 118, an interest of a **Director** includes an interest of a **Person** who is **Connected** with the **Director**.
- 118.6 For the purposes of this article 118:
 - (a) an interest of an **Alternate Director** includes an interest of the **Director** who appointed him; and
 - (b) an interest of which a **Director** has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge is not to be treated as an interest of his.
- 118.7 If a question arises at a meeting as to the entitlement of a **Director** to vote and he does not voluntarily agree to abstain from voting, the question must be referred, in the case of a **Director** other than the chairman of the meeting, to the chairman and, in the case of the chairman, to the remainder of the **Board**. The chairman's ruling (or the **Board's** ruling in the case of the chairman) in relation to the **Director** is final and conclusive, except if the nature or extent of the **Director's** interest has not been fairly disclosed.
- 119. **BOARD'S ABILITY TO IMPOSE PROCEDURES AND MAKE RULINGS FOR MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 119.1 Where a **Director** is in a situation which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest the **Director** must if requested by the **Board**, take such steps as the **Board** considers necessary or desirable in order to manage the conflict of interest, including compliance with such procedures or the **Board** may approve for dealing with conflicts of interest (either generally, or in connection with a particular situation or matter). These may include:
 - (a) the relevant Director being excluded from the voting at, or not being counted in the quorum at, a **Board** meeting or other meeting at which the situation is to be discussed; and
 - (b) the exclusion of the **Director** from all information relating to, and discussion by the **Company** of, the situation.
- 119.2 The **Board** may decide, as part of authorising a conflict, that if a **Director** obtains or has obtained any information otherwise than as a **Director** of the **Company** and in respect of which he owes a duty of confidentiality to another **Person**, the **Director** is under no obligation to:
 - (a) disclose any such information to the **Board** or to any **Director** or other officer or employee of the **Company**; or
 - (b) use or apply any such information in performing his duties as a **Director**.

This article is without prejudice to any equitable principle or rule of law which may excuse the **Director** from disclosing information, in circumstances where disclosure would otherwise be required.

F. **DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

120. **BOARD TO MANAGE THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS**

120.1 The **Board** must manage the **Company's** business. The **Board** may exercise all the **Company's** powers that are not required by the **Statutes** or these **Articles** to be exercised by shareholders at a general meeting.

120.2 The **Board** must exercise those powers in accordance with the **Statutes**, these **Articles** and any direction (whether or not inconsistent with these **Articles**) given by the **Company** by special resolution. Such a direction and any amendment of these **Articles** does not invalidate a prior act of the **Board** which would have been valid if the direction or amendment had not been given or made.

120.3 The general powers given by this article are not limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the **Board** by another article.

121. **BOARD MAY DELEGATE**

121.1 The **Board** may delegate any of its powers, authorities or discretions:

- (a) to such persons (including one or more individuals or a committee or local board and whether or not including a **Director**);
 - (b) by such means (including by power of attorney);
 - (c) on such terms (including remuneration);
 - (d) to such an extent;
 - (e) in relation to such matters or territories; and
 - (f) on such conditions or subject to such restrictions,
- as it thinks fit.

121.2 Any delegation of the kind referred to in article 121.1 is, in the absence of express provision to the contrary in the terms of the delegation but subject to the **Statutes**, deemed to include authority to sub-delegate to any person all or any of the powers or discretions delegated.

121.3 The **Board** may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms or remove any person from any group to which any of its powers, authorities or discretions are delegated under this Article.

121.4 The **Board** may make rules governing the proceedings of any committee or local board to which any of its powers, authorities or discretions are delegated under this Article.

121.5 The **Board's** power to delegate under this Article is not limited by the fact that in certain provisions in these **Articles**, but not in others, express reference is made to particular powers, authorities or discretions being exercised by the **Board** or a committee of the **Board**.

122. **BORROWING POWERS**

122.1 The **Board** may exercise all the **Company's** powers:

- (a) to borrow money on the terms that the **Board** decides to:
 - (i) mortgage or charge all or any of the **Company's** undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital;
 - (ii) to issue debentures and other securities; and
 - (iii) to give security, either outright or as collateral security, for any debt, liability or obligation of the **Company** or of any third party,

provided always that the aggregate principal amount from time to time outstanding of all borrowings by the Group (excluding intra-group indebtedness and the debts of underlying investee companies but including any financial guarantees to support subscription obligations) shall not at any time exceed 50% of the Adjusted Gross Asset Value of the Group's investments and cash balances.

122.2 Any debentures or other securities can be issued on such terms that they are assignable free from any equities between the **Company** and the **Person** to whom the debentures or other securities are issued.

122.3 The **Directors** must restrict the borrowings of the **Company** and exercise all voting and other rights and powers of control exercisable by the **Company** in relation to its subsidiary undertakings (if any) so as to secure (but, as regards subsidiary undertakings, only so far as the rights and powers enable the **Directors** to do so) that the Group's borrowings comply with the **Company's** stated **Investment Policy** from time to time.

122.4 In this article 122:

"**Group**" means the Company and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time; and

"**Group Undertaking**" means the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings from time to time.

122.5 A Person dealing with the **Company** or a **Group Undertaking** is not required to enquire whether any borrowing limit imposed in accordance with these **Articles** is observed. No debt incurred or security given in excess of that limit is invalid unless the lender or the recipient of the security had express notice, at the time the debt was incurred or the security given, that the limit had been or would as a result be exceeded.

123. **POWER OF BOARD TO DELEGATE THE POWER TO MAKE CALLS**

If any uncalled capital of the **Company** is included in or charged by a mortgage or other security, the **Board** may delegate to the **Person** in whose favour the mortgage or security is executed, or to a **Person** in trust for him, the power to make calls on the **Members** in respect of that uncalled capital, and to sue (in the **Company's** name or otherwise) for the recovery of amounts becoming due in respect of calls made and to give valid receipts for those amounts. That power subsists during the continuance of the mortgage or security notwithstanding any change of **Directors**. That power is assignable if so expressed.

124. **SIGNING OF CHEQUES AND SIMILAR INSTRUMENTS**

All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments, and all receipts for amounts paid to the **Company** must be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the **Board** decides.

125. **APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR**

The **Board** must appoint a **Person** to act as registrar of the **Company's** shares or debentures on such terms as it decides and, if relevant, on such terms that are consistent with the **Regulations**.

126. **GRATUITIES, PENSION AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS AND CHARITABLE SUBSCRIPTIONS**

126.1 The **Board** may (either alone or with an **Associated Company**):

- (a) establish and maintain, or procure the establishment and maintenance of, or otherwise contribute to a non-contributory or contributory pension or superannuation fund or arrangement, share option or share incentive scheme, profit-sharing scheme or trust for the benefit of a **Relevant Person**;
- (b) give, or procure the giving of, donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances, death or disability benefits or emoluments to, or to a person in respect of, a **Relevant Person**;
- (c) establish and subsidise, or subscribe to, an institution, association, club or fund for the benefit of, or to advance the interests and well-being of, the **Company**, an **Associated Company** or a **Relevant Person**;
- (d) make payments for, or towards, the insurance of a **Relevant Person**; or
- (e) subscribe or guarantee money for a charitable, benevolent or political purpose for an exhibition or for a public, general or other object which the **Board** decides is useful.

126.2 In article 126.1:

- (a) "**Associated Company**" means a subsidiary undertaking of the **Company** or a company or undertaking which is directly or indirectly controlled by or associated in business with the **Company** or any of its subsidiary undertakings; and
- (b) "**Relevant Person**" means a person who is or was at any time in the employment or service of the **Company** or an **Associated Company** (including, without limitation, a **Director** or other officer of the **Company** or a director or other officer of an **Associated Company** who, in either case, holds or held at any time a salaried employment or office with the **Company** or **Associated Company**) or a spouse, former spouse, civil partner, former civil partner, relative or dependant of such a person.

126.3 Subject to the **Statutes**, a **Director** who is a **Relevant Person** may participate in and retain a donation, gratuity, pension, allowance, death or disability benefit or emolument paid pursuant to this Article for his own benefit. The receipt of such a benefit does not disqualify a person from being or becoming a **Director**.

127. **POWER TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES**

The **Board** may exercise any power conferred on the directors of a company by the **Statutes** to make provision for the benefit of employees or former employees of the **Company** or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the **Company** or that subsidiary.

128. **CUSTODY AND USE OF THE SEAL**

128.1 The **Board** must arrange for every **Seal** of the Company to be kept safely.

128.2 A **Seal** may only be used with the authority of the **Board** or a committee authorised by the **Board**.

128.3 Subject as otherwise provided in these **Articles**, every document which is sealed using the common seal must be signed by one **Director** and the **Secretary**, or by two **Directors** or by one **Director** in the presence of a witness who attests his signature or by any other person or persons authorised by the **Directors**.

128.4 Any document to which an official seal is applied need not be signed, unless the **Directors** decide otherwise or the **Statutes** require otherwise.

128.5 The **Directors** may resolve that the requirement for any counter-signature in this article may be dispensed with on any occasion.

VI. **DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

129. **FINAL DIVIDENDS**

Subject to the **Statutes**, the **Company** may declare dividends to be paid to the **Members** in accordance with their respective rights by ordinary resolution. No dividend may exceed the amount recommended by the **Board**.

130. **FIXED AND INTERIM DIVIDENDS**

130.1 Subject to the **Statutes**, the **Board** may:

- (a) resolve to pay interim dividends to the **Members** if these appear to the **Board** to be justified by the **Company's** financial position;
- (b) pay half yearly dividends or dividends at other suitable intervals as decided by the **Board**, expressed to be payable at a fixed rate, if the **Board** is of the opinion that the **Company's** financial position justifies the payment; and
- (c) if at any time the **Company's** share capital is divided into different classes, declare and pay interim dividends in respect of those shares in the **Company's** capital which confer on the **Holders** of those shares deferred or non-preferred rights as well as in respect of those shares which confer on the **Holders** of those shares preferential rights with regard to dividends. No interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if at the time of payment any preferential dividend is in arrears.

130.2 If the **Directors** act in good faith, they are not liable to the **Holders** of shares for any damage that they may incur because a lawful dividend has been paid on other shares which rank equally with or behind their shares.

131. **DIVIDENDS ONLY PAYABLE ON PAID UP AND CALLED-UP CAPITAL**

131.1 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, a dividend must be declared and paid according to the amounts **Paid up** on the shares excluding treasury shares in respect of which the dividend is paid. An amount **Paid up** on a share in advance of calls must not be treated as **Paid up** on the share for this purpose.

131.2 Dividends must be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts **Paid up** on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. However, if a share is issued on terms that it ranks for dividends as if **Paid up** (wholly or partly) as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividends accordingly.

132. **DEDUCTIONS FROM DIVIDENDS AND OTHER SUMS**

The **Board** may deduct any amount payable by a **Member** to the **Company** on account of calls or otherwise in relation to the shares of the **Company** from a dividend or any other amount payable to that **Member** on or in respect of a share. Money deducted in this way may be used to pay amounts owed to the **Company**.

133. **RECORD DATES FOR DIVIDEND PAYMENTS**

133.1 A resolution of the **Company** in general meeting or a resolution of the **Board** resolving to declare or pay a dividend on shares of any class may state that the dividend is payable to the **Persons** registered as the **Holders** of those shares at a particular time on a particular date. That date or time may be a date or time before that on which the resolution is passed.

133.2 Unless:

- (a) the resolution of the **Company** at a general meeting;
- (b) a resolution of the **Board** resolving to declare or pay a dividend on shares; or
- (c) the terms on which the shares were allotted

specifies otherwise, a dividend must be paid by reference to a **Member's** holding of shares on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it.

134. **PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

134.1 In these **Articles**, a reference to a "**Distribution Recipient**" is to:

- (a) the **Holder** of a share in respect of which a dividend or other amount is payable;
- (b) in the case of joint **Holders** of a share in respect of which a dividend or other amount is payable, the joint **Holder** who is first named in the **Register**;
- (c) (except as otherwise provided by these **Articles**) the **Person Entitled** by **Transmission** to a share in respect of which a dividend or other amount is payable, or where there is more than one such **Person**, such **Person** as all the **Persons Entitled by Transmission** may direct or, failing such direction, any one of them.

134.2 A dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque or warrant and sent by post to the registered address of the **Distribution Recipient**, or to another **Person** and address named in a written instruction by the **Distribution Recipient**. The cheque or warrant must be made payable to the order of the

Distribution Recipient, or to the order of another **Person** named in a written instruction by the **Distribution Recipient**.

- 134.3 A dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share may also be paid by any other usual or common banking method (including, without limitation, direct credit, bank transfer and electronic funds transfer) directly to an account nominated in writing by the **Distribution Recipient**.
- 134.4 If the **Directors** decide that any dividend or other money payable in cash relating to a share should be made exclusively by inter-bank transfer or other electronic means to an account, but no such account has been nominated by the **Person** entitled to receive the payment, or an inter-bank transfer or other electronic payment into a nominated account is rejected or refunded, the **Company** may credit that dividend or other money payable in cash to an account of the **Company**, to be held until the **Person** entitled to receive the payment nominates a valid account to which the payment may be made.
- 134.5 Any amount credited to an account of the **Company** under article 134.4 is to be treated as having been paid to the **Member** at the time it is credited to that account. The **Company** will not be a trustee of the money and will not be liable to pay interest on it.
- 134.6 A dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share in **Uncertificated Form** may also be paid by means of the **Relevant System** (subject to the facilities and requirements of the **Relevant System**) if:
- (a) the **Board** so decides;
 - (b) the **Company** is authorised to do so by or on behalf of the **Distribution Recipient**; and
 - (c) that authority has been given in any way that the **Board** considers sufficient.
- 134.7 The **Board** may retain any dividend payable to a **Person Entitled by Transmission** until that **Person** has produced such evidence of his right as the **Board** may require.
- 134.8 The following constitute a good discharge to the **Company**:
- (a) payment of the cheque or warrant, if purporting to be duly endorsed, or where unendorsed appearing to have been duly paid by the bank on whom it is drawn;
 - (b) the collection of funds from or transfer of funds by a bank in accordance with a direct credit, bank transfer or electronic funds transfer; or
 - (c) in respect of a share in **Uncertificated Form**, payment by means of the **Relevant System** (which may include the sending by the **Company** or by a **Person** on its behalf of an instruction to the **Operator** to credit the cash memorandum account of the **Distribution Recipient**).

Each cheque or warrant sent and each payment made by transfer of funds by a bank or by means of the **Relevant System** is at the risk of the **Distribution Recipient**. The **Company** is not responsible for any sums lost or delayed in the course of payment by any method used by the **Company** in accordance with article 134.2, 134.3 or 134.6.

- 134.9 Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, a dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share may be paid in such currency as the **Board** may decide.

135. **INTEREST NOT PAYABLE**

The **Company** is not required to pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by:

- (a) the terms on which the share was issued or allotted; or
- (b) the provisions of another agreement between the **Holder** of that share and the **Company**.

136. **ANY JOINT HOLDER MAY GIVE RECEIPT FOR A DIVIDEND**

If several **Persons** are registered as joint **Holders** of a share or are **Entitled by Transmission** to a share or are entitled to a share as a result of any other event, any one of them may give an effective receipt for a dividend or other amount payable in respect of that share.

137. **UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS**

137.1 The Company may stop sending dividend payments or other amounts in respect of a share if:

- (a) on three consecutive occasions:
 - (i) the cheques or warrants in payment of the dividend or other amount are sent by post and returned undelivered or left uncashed during the period for which it is valid; or
 - (ii) payments to an account as described in article 134.3 fail (including where payments have been rejected or refunded),
- (b) for any one dividend:
 - (i) the dividend payment sent through the post has been returned undelivered or remains uncashed during the period for which it is valid; or
 - (ii) the payment by any other method has failed (including where the payment has been rejected or refunded),

and reasonable enquiries have failed to establish any new postal address or account of the **Distribution Recipient**; or

- (c) the **Company** has stopped sending notices to a **Member** in accordance with article 155.

137.2 Subject to these **Articles**, the Company must recommence sending dividend payments if requested in writing by the **Holder**, or the **Person Entitled By Transmission**.

137.3 The **Board** may (but is not obliged to) invest or otherwise use for the **Company's** benefit any unclaimed dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share until it is claimed. The payment by the **Board** of an unclaimed dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share into a separate account does not constitute the **Company** a trustee in respect of it and does not require the **Company** to pay any interest on it.

137.4 If:

- (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other amount payable in respect of a share became due for payment, and
- (b) the **Distribution Recipient** has not claimed it,

the **Distribution Recipient** is no longer entitled to that dividend or other amount and the dividend is no longer owed to the **Distribution Recipient** by the **Company** unless the **Board** decides otherwise.

137.5 If the **Company** sells shares under article 41 or article 56, any dividend or other money unclaimed in respect of those shares will also be forfeited and belong to the **Company** when those shares are sold unless the **Board** decides otherwise.

138. **PAYMENT OF NON-CASH DIVIDENDS**

138.1 A general meeting declaring a dividend may (if the **Board** recommends) direct payment of a dividend wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets (including, without limitation, **Paid up** shares, debentures or debenture stock of any other company) by ordinary resolution. A dividend wholly or partly paid by the distribution of **Paid up** shares shall be paid in accordance with article 139.

138.2 The **Board** may make any arrangements it thinks fit to settle any difficulty arising in connection with a distribution of the sort described in article 138.1. In particular, the **Board** can:

- (a) issue fractional certificates;
- (b) ignore any fractions;
- (c) authorise any person to sell and transfer any fractions;
- (d) fix the value of any asset or any part of it for the purposes of distribution;
- (e) decide that cash is to be paid to a **Distribution Recipient** in order to adjust the rights of the **Distribution Recipient**;
- (f) vest any asset in trustees on trust for the **Distribution Recipient**; and
- (g) make arrangements for the allotment, acceptance and sale of any asset or fractional certificate or any part of it.

139. **SCRIP DIVIDENDS**

139.1 The **Board** may offer to the **Holders** of shares (excluding treasury shares) the right to elect to receive an allotment of additional shares (whether or not of that class), credited as fully **Paid up**, instead of some or all of their cash dividend, if:

- (a) the **Company** authorises the **Board** to do so by ordinary resolution; and
- (b) there are sufficient unissued shares available, taking into account other requirements.

139.2 The ordinary resolution referred to in article 139.1(a) may specify a particular dividend or may specify all or any dividends falling to be declared or paid during a specified period. In the latter case, the period must end not later than five years after the date of the meeting at which the resolution is passed.

- 139.3 The **Board** must decide the basis of allotment so that the **Relevant Value** of the additional shares (including any fractional entitlement) to be allotted to a **Holder** instead of any amount of cash dividend is as near as possible to the cash amount (disregarding any tax credit) that the **Holder** elects not to receive by way of a cash dividend, but no greater than such cash amount.
- 139.4 For the purposes of article 139.3, the "**Relevant Value**" of a share will be calculated by reference to the average of the middle market quotations for a fully paid share of the relevant class, as shown in the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange, for the day on which such shares are first quoted "ex" the relevant dividend and the four subsequent dealing days or in such other manner as the Directors may decide. A certificate or report from the **Company's** auditors as to the amount of the **Relevant Value** of a share will be conclusive evidence of that amount.
- 139.5 The **Board** must notify the **Holders** of the shares of the rights of election offered to them and must send, with or after that notice, forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the address at which, and the latest date and time by which, duly completed forms of election must be received to be effective.
- 139.6 The dividend (or that part of it in respect of which a right of election has been offered) may not be paid in cash on shares in respect of which the election has been duly exercised (the "**Elected Shares**"). On and with effect from the due date of payment of the dividend (or part of it) in respect of which a right of election has been offered or such earlier date (after the election) as the **Board** may decide, additional shares are to be allotted instead of payment of cash to the **Holders** of the **Elected Shares** on the basis of allotment decided in accordance with this article. For this purpose, the **Board** must capitalise, out of such of the amounts standing to the credit of reserves (including, without limitation, any share premium account and capital redemption reserve) or profit and loss account as the **Board** may decide, an amount equal to the total nominal amount of the additional shares for allotment and distribution to and amongst the **Holders** of **Elected Shares** on that basis.
- 139.7 The additional shares so allotted rank *pari passu* in all respects with the fully **Paid up** shares of the same class then in issue except only as regards participation in the relevant cash dividend (or share election instead of it).
- 139.8 The **Board** may do anything which it considers necessary or expedient to give effect to such an offer and capitalisation, including, without limitation, the making of such provisions as it may decide for dealing with shares becoming distributable in fractions (including, without limitation, provisions by which, in whole or in part, fractional entitlements are disregarded or rounded up or carried forward or the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the **Company** or to one or more charities nominated by it rather than to the relevant **Members**). The **Board** may authorise a **Person** on behalf of all relevant **Members** to enter into an agreement with the **Company** providing for that capitalisation and matters incidental to it. An agreement made under that authority is effective and binding on all relevant **Persons**.
- 139.9 The **Board** may make such exclusions from an offer of rights of election to **Holders** of shares as it may decide as a result of any legal or practical problems under, or expense incurred in connection with the requirements of, the laws of, or the requirements of any regulatory authority or stock exchange in, any territory or jurisdiction.
- 139.10 The **Board** may decide to treat as valid for the purposes of article 139 a mandate in force to receive regularly (and not in relation to a single dividend only) shares instead of receiving payment of cash dividends. If the **Board** makes such a decision:

- (a) the mandate entitles the relevant **Holders** of shares to an allotment of new shares pursuant to this article; and
- (b) the **Board** need not notify a **Holder** who has already chosen to receive shares in place of all future cash dividends of a right to receive shares pursuant to article 139.5. Instead the **Board** may remind them that they have already chosen to receive shares and explain to them how to tell the **Company** if they wish to start receiving cash dividends again.

139.11 The **Board** may (if it considers it necessary or desirable for any reason to do so) from time to time before payment of any dividend, disregard any election or mandate received in connection with this article and pay the relevant dividend or dividends in cash.

VI. CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND RESERVES

140. CAPITALISATION ISSUES

140.1 With the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company, the Board may:

- (a) subject to the provisions of this article, resolve to capitalise:
 - (i) any undistributed profits of the **Company** not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are available for distribution); or
 - (ii) any sum standing to the credit of any reserve or other fund of the **Company**, including the **Company's** share premium account, capital redemption reserve and redenomination reserve;
- (b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to those **Members** who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions on the record date specified in the relevant resolution. Unless the relevant resolution specifies otherwise, if on the relevant record date the Company holds treasury shares of the same class as those **Members** or class of **Members**, the Company must be treated as if it were entitled to receive dividends in respect of those treasury shares which would have been payable if a person other than the Company had held those treasury shares;
- (c) apply that sum either in or towards:
 - (i) paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively; or
 - (ii) paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the **Company** of an aggregate nominal amount equal to that sum,

however, the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, any denomination reserve and any profits which are not available for distribution may only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to **Members** credited as fully **Paid up**;
- (d) allot the shares, debentures or other obligations credited as fully paid to those **Members**, or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other;

- (e) where shares or debentures become, or would otherwise become, distributable in fractions, make such provision as they may decide for any fractional entitlements including for example:
 - (i) authorising their sale and transfer to any **Person**;
 - (ii) resolving that the distribution be made as nearly as practicable in the correct proportion but not exactly so;
 - (iii) ignoring fractions altogether; or
 - (iv) resolving that cash payments be made to any **Members** to adjust the rights of all parties;
- (f) authorise any **Person** to enter into an agreement with the **Company** on behalf of all the **Members** concerned providing for either:
 - (i) the allotment to those **Members** of any shares, debentures or other obligations to which they are entitled on the capitalisation credited as fully **Paid up**; or
 - (ii) the payment up by the **Company** on behalf of those **Members** of the amounts, or any part of the amounts, remaining unpaid on their existing shares,and any agreement made under that authority is binding on all those **Members**;
and
- (g) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the ordinary resolution.

140.2 If any difficulty arises from the distribution of any capitalised reserve or fund, the **Board** may resolve the issue in any way that it sees fit.

VII. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

141. KEEPING OF ACCOUNTS AND RETENTION OF ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The **Board** must ensure that adequate accounts and accounting records are kept in accordance with the **Statutes**.

142. INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTING RECORDS

No **Member** (other than a **Director** or an officer of the **Company**) has the right to inspect any account, book or document of the **Company** unless:

- (a) that right is conferred by the **Statutes** or a valid and binding court order;
- (b) they are authorised to do so by the **Board**; or
- (c) they are authorised to do so by an ordinary resolution of the **Members**.

VIII. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **INTRODUCTION**

143. **INTERPRETATION**

143.1 A reference in part VIII of these **Articles** to a document or information includes a notice to be sent, given or supplied to or by a **Person** under these **Articles**.

143.2 A reference in part VIII of these **Articles** to a document or information to be sent or supplied by or to the **Company** includes a reference to a document or information which these **Articles** require to be sent or supplied by or to the **Board**.

144. **NOTICE MUST BE IN WRITING**

A notice, document or other information to be sent, given or supplied to or by a **Person** pursuant to these **Articles** must be in writing, unless specified otherwise in these **Articles**.

B. **COMMUNICATION TO THE COMPANY**

145. **METHODS FOR PERSONS TO GIVE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO THE COMPANY**

Subject to the **Statutes** and these **Articles**, a **Member** or another **Person** may send or supply a document or information that is required or authorised to be sent to the **Company** by these **Articles** or by the **Statutes** in hard copy form, in electronic form or in any other form permitted by the **Statutes**. Nothing in these **Articles** should be interpreted as constituting a general or specific agreement by the **Company** to the use of a particular form (other than hard copy form) for a particular type of document or information sent to it.

146. **COMMUNICATION TO THE COMPANY IN HARD COPY FORM**

A **Member** or another **Person** may give the **Company** a document or information in hard copy form by delivering it by hand or sending it by post (posted in a pre-paid envelope) to the **Company** at:

- (a) the **Office**
- (b) another address notified for that purpose by the **Company**; or
- (c) another address to which any provision of the **Statutes** authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied.

147. **COMMUNICATION TO THE COMPANY IN ELECTRONIC FORM**

147.1 A **Member** or another **Person** may give the **Company** a document or information in electronic form if:

- (a) the **Company** has agreed, generally or specifically, that the document or information may be sent or supplied in that form (and has not revoked that agreement); or
- (b) the **Company** is deemed by a provision of the **Companies Act** to have agreed that the document or information may be sent or supplied in that form,

in which case, the document or information may only be supplied to the **Company** in the type of electronic form that the **Company** has agreed to, or is deemed by the **Companies Act** to have agreed to.

147.2 Where the document or information is sent or supplied to the Company by **electronic means**, it may only be sent or supplied to the address:

- (a) specified by the **Company**, generally or specifically, for that purpose; or
 - (b) deemed by a provision of the **Statutes** to have been so specified,
- and subject to any limitations specified by the **Company** when providing that address.

147.3 Where the document or information is sent or supplied to the **Company** in **electronic form** by hand or by post, it must be sent or supplied to the **Office** or to another address to which it could validly be sent pursuant to article 146 if it were in hard copy form.

C. **COMMUNICATION BY THE COMPANY**

148. **METHODS FOR THE COMPANY TO GIVE DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION**

Subject to the **Statutes** and these **Articles**, the **Company** may send or supply any notice, document (including a share certificate) or other information to a **Member** or other **Person**:

- (a) in hard copy form;
- (b) in electronic form; or
- (c) by means of a website,

or in such other forms or by such other means as the **Board** may decide.

149. **COMMUNICATION BY THE COMPANY IN HARD COPY FORM**

149.1 The **Company** may give a **Member** or another **Person** a document or information in **hard copy form**:

- (a) personally; or
- (b) by sending it by hand, or by pre-paid post, in an envelope addressed to the intended recipient:
 - (i) to a **Person** in his capacity as a **Member**, at his address as shown in the **Register**;
 - (ii) to a **Person** in his capacity as a **Director**, at his address as shown in the register of directors;
 - (iii) to a company, at its registered office;
 - (iv) to an address notified for that purpose by the intended recipient; or
 - (v) to an address to which any provision of the **Statutes** authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied.

150. **COMMUNICATION BY THE COMPANY IN ELECTRONIC FORM**

- 150.1 The **Company** may give a **Member** or another **Person** a document or information in electronic form if the **Member** or other **Person** has agreed, generally or specifically, that the document or information can be sent or supplied in that form (and has not revoked that agreement).
- 150.2 Where the document or information is sent or supplied by the Company by electronic means, it may only be sent or supplied to an address specified for the purpose by the intended recipient.
- 150.3 Where the document or information is sent by the Company in electronic form by hand or by post it must be:
- (a) handed personally to the intended recipient; or
 - (b) sent or supplied to an address to which it could validly be sent pursuant to article 146 if it were in hard copy form.

151. **COMMUNICATION BY THE COMPANY BY MEANS OF A WEBSITE**

- 151.1 A document or information may be sent or supplied by the **Company** to a **Member** or other **Person** by being made available on a website if the **Member** or other **Person**:
- (a) has agreed, generally or specifically, that the document or information may be sent or supplied to him in that manner; or
 - (b) is taken to have so agreed in accordance with the **Statutes**,
and has not revoked that agreement.
- 151.2 A document or information sent or supplied by means of a website must be made available on the website in such form and for such length of time as is required by the **Companies Act**.
- 151.3 The **Company** must notify the intended recipient of the availability of the document or information on the website in accordance with the **Companies Act**.

152. **COMMUNICATION BY THE COMPANY TO JOINT HOLDERS OF A SHARE**

- 152.1 Where there are joint **Holders** of a share, a document or information is validly sent or supplied to all joint **Holders** of a share if it is sent or supplied to the **Person** who is named first in the **Register** in respect of the joint holding.
- 152.2 Where anything is required by the **Statutes** or these **Articles** to be agreed or specified in relation to a document or information that is to be sent or supplied to the **Holder** of a share that is held by joint **Holders**, the **Company** is only required to obtain the agreement or specification of the **Person** who is named first in the **Register** in respect of the joint holding. The Company is entitled to rely on that agreement or specification being binding on all joint **Holders**.

153. **COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS WITH NO ADDRESS IN THE UK**

153.1 Subject to the **Statutes**, a **Member** who has no registered address within the **United Kingdom** is not entitled to have a document or other information sent or supplied to him by the **Company**, unless:

- (a) he has notified the Company of an address in the United Kingdom at which documents or information in hard copy form may be sent to him; or
- (b) both of the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (i) the **Member** has agreed with the **Company** that documents or information of that kind may be sent to him by electronic means and has notified the **Company** of an address for that purpose, together with any other information that the **Company** needs to use that means of communication effectively; and
 - (ii) the Board agrees to allow the use of electronic means to supply that type of notice, document or information to that **Member**.

153.2 The Board may, in its absolute discretion, withhold agreement under article 153.1(b)(ii) if it considers that sending the notice, document or information to the specified address using electronic means:

- (a) would or might infringe the laws of any other jurisdiction; or
- (b) would cause legal or practical problems arising in respect of the laws of, or requirements of a regulatory body or stock exchange or other authority in, any territory.

154. **THE GIVING OF DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION TO A DECEASED OR BANKRUPT MEMBER**

154.1 The **Company** may give a document or information to a **Person** who is **Entitled by Transmission** to a share as if he were the **Holder** of the share by addressing it to him by name or by the title of representative of the deceased or trustee of the bankrupt **Member** (or by similar designation) at an address in the **United Kingdom** supplied for that purpose by the **Person** claiming to be **Entitled by Transmission**.

154.2 Until that address has been supplied, the **Company** may send or supply a document or information in any manner in which it might have sent or supplied it if the death or bankruptcy or other event had not occurred. This applies even if the **Company** knows about such events.

154.3 If a notice, document or other information is given in accordance with this article, there is no need to give that notice, document or information to any other interested **Person** (whether jointly or as claiming through or under him) in that share.

155. **COMMUNICATION WITH UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS**

155.1 If:

- (a) on at least two consecutive occasions over a period of at least 12 months, any document or other communication to a **Member** has been returned undelivered or the **Company** or its agent receives notification that it has not been delivered; or

- (b) the **Company** has stopped sending dividend payments to a **Member** pursuant to article 137,

the **Member** ceases to be entitled to receive documents or information from the **Company**.

155.2 A **Member** who has ceased to be entitled to receive documents or information from the **Company** pursuant to article 155.1 may become entitled to receive a document or information again by sending the **Company** or its agent:

- (a) a new registered address (or other postal address for such purposes) within the **United Kingdom**; or
- (b) if the **Board** has agreed, generally or specifically, to the use of electronic means to supply that type of document or information to that **Member**, an address for the purposes of communication by electronic means and any other information that the **Company** needs to use that means of communication effectively.

156. **RECORD DATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

156.1 The **Board** may decide that the **Persons** entitled to receive:

- (a) a notice of a general meeting of the **Company**; or;
- (b) subject to the Statutes, copies of the **Annual Accounts** and **Reports**; or
- (c) other communications that the **Company** sends to **Members** generally or to any class of its **Members**,

are those **Persons** entered on the **Register** or **Operator Register** at the close of business on a specified day. If the **Company** is a **Participating Issuer**, the specified day may not be further in advance of the day that the notices of the meeting or the copies of the documents are sent than is permitted by the **Regulations**.

157. **DISRUPTION OF POSTAL SERVICES**

157.1 If the postal service in the **United Kingdom** or some part of the **United Kingdom** is suspended or restricted, and the **Company** is unable to send some or all notices to convene a general meeting (or notification as to the availability of the notice of meeting on a website) by post:

- (a) the **Board** may decide that the only **Persons** to whom notice of the affected general meeting must be sent are:
 - (i) the Directors;
 - (ii) the **Company's** auditors;
 - (iii) those **Members** to whom notice to convene the general meeting can validly be sent by electronic means; and
 - (iv) those **Members** to whom notice to convene the general meeting can validly be sent by means of a website and to whom notification as to the availability of the notice of meeting on a website can validly be sent by electronic means; and
- (b) the **Company** must in all such cases:

- (i) advertise the notice of meeting in at least one national daily newspaper published in the United Kingdom; and
- (ii) make the notice of meeting available on its website from the day the notice was sent until the conclusion of the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting; and

157.2 If it becomes generally possible to send or supply notices by post in hard copy form at least six **Clear Days** before the meeting, the Directors must send a confirmatory copy of the notice by post to those who would otherwise receive it in hard copy form.

158. DEEMED DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION SENT OR SUPPLIED BY THE COMPANY TO MEMBERS AND DIRECTORS

158.1 A document or information, whether in hard copy form or electronic form, which is sent by the **Company** to a **Member** by post is deemed to have been received at the expiration of 24 hours if pre-paid as first class post, and 48 hours if pre-paid as second class post, after it has been posted. In proving service it is sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice or document was properly addressed, pre-paid and posted.

158.2 A document or information (whether in hard copy form or electronic form) which is delivered by hand by the **Company** to a **Member** in accordance with these **Articles** is deemed to have been received on the day it is delivered.

158.3 A document or information sent or supplied by electronic means by the **Company** to a **Member** is deemed to have been received on the same day as it is sent. In proving service it is sufficient to prove that the document or information sent or supplied by electronic means was properly addressed in accordance with these **Articles** and a failure in transmission of a properly addressed electronic communication does not affect the deemed delivery of the document or information under this article.

158.4 Where a document or information is sent or supplied by the **Company** to a **Member** by means of a website, it is deemed to have been received:

- (a) when the material was first made available on the website; or
- (b) if later, when the intended recipient received (or, in accordance with this article 158, is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the document or information is available on the website.

158.5 A **Member** present at a meeting of the **Company** or of the **Holders** of a class of shares in the **Company**, either personally or by proxy or being a corporation present by way of a duly authorised representative appointed pursuant to the **Statutes** or article 86, is deemed for all purposes to have received notice of the meeting and, if required, of the purposes for which it was called.

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

158.7 Where a document or information is sent through a **Relevant System**, it is deemed to have been received when the **Company** or any **Operator** acting for the **Company** sends the issued instructions relating to the document or other information.

158.8 If any notice, document or other information is given, sent or supplied by the **Company** by other means authorised by a **Member**, it is treated as being received when the **Company** has done what it was authorised to do by that **Member**.

159. **PERSONS BECOMING ENTITLED TO SHARES TO BE BOUND BY NOTICES**

A **Person** who by operation of law, transfer or otherwise becomes entitled to a share is bound by a notice given by the **Company** in respect of that share (other than a **Section 793 Notice**) which, before his name is entered in the **Register** or **Operator Register**, has been properly given to a **Person** from whom he derives his title to that share.

IX. **REGISTERS AND RECORDS**

160. **OVERSEAS BRANCH REGISTER**

The **Company** may exercise the powers conferred by the **Statutes** as regards keeping an overseas branch register of members in any territory permitted by the **Statutes**. Subject to the **Statutes**, the **Board** may make and vary rules in relation to the maintenance of that register.

161. **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

161.1 Subject to article 161.3, the **Company** may destroy:

- (a) each instrument of transfer which has been registered, at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of its registration;
- (b) each other document in respect of which an entry on the **Register** or **Record of Uncertificated Shares** is made, at any time after the expiration of six years from the date on which the entry was first made;
- (c) each share certificate which has been cancelled or ceased to have effect, at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of its cancellation or its ceasing to have effect;
- (d) each notification of change of name or address and each dividend mandate, at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of recording of the information in the notification or mandate;
- (e) each paid dividend warrant or cheque at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of actual payment of the warrant or cheque;
- (f) each **Proxy Notice**, at any time after the expiration of one year after the end of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which the proxy appointment relates.

161.2 It is conclusively presumed that:

- (a) each entry in the **Register** or **Record of Uncertificated Shares** purporting to have been made in respect of an instrument of transfer or other document destroyed in accordance with article 161.1(a) or 161.1(b) was properly made and that such an instrument was valid and effective and properly registered and recorded;
- (b) each certificate destroyed in accordance with article 161.1(c) was valid and effective and properly cancelled;

- (c) each entry in the **Company's** books or records purporting to have been made in respect of any other document destroyed in accordance with article 161.1 was properly made and that document was valid and effective; and
- (d) any other document destroyed in accordance with article 161.1 was a valid and effective document in accordance with the **Company's** records relating to the document.

161.3 Articles 161.1 and 161.2 only apply to the destruction of a document in good faith and where express notice has not been given to the **Company** that the preservation of the document is relevant to a claim (regardless of the parties to the claim).

161.4 This article does not impose any liability on the **Company** which it would not otherwise have if it destroys any document earlier than as specified in article 161.1.

161.5 If the **Company** destroys a document in accordance with this article, it may delete any information stored electronically which relates to information which is contained in that document.

161.6 In this article, a reference to the destruction of a document includes a reference to the disposal of the document in any manner.

161.7 This article applies, with all necessary modifications and adaptations, to every instrument of transfer, notification of change of name or address and mandate relating to, and every certificate representing, debentures and any other securities in the **Company's** share or loan capital as it applies to instruments of transfer of, and certificates for, and other documents relating to, shares.

X. **WINDING-UP**

162. **SALE BY A LIQUIDATOR**

In the case of a sale by the liquidator of the **Company** under section 110 of the Insolvency Act 1986, the liquidator may by contract of sale agree (so as to bind all the **Members**) for the allotment directly to the **Members** (excluding the **Company** in respect of shares held as treasury shares) of the proceeds of sale in proportion to their respective interests in the **Company**, and may also by that contract limit a time at the expiration of which obligations or shares not accepted are deemed to have been irrevocably refused and are at the disposal of the **Company**. The power of sale of a liquidator includes a power to sell wholly or partly in exchange for the securities, debentures or other obligations of another company, either then already constituted, or about to be constituted for the purpose of carrying out the sale.

XI. **INDEMNITIES**

163. **INDEMNITY TO DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICERS**

To the extent permitted by the **Statutes**, the **Company** may indemnify each **Director**, **Secretary** or other officer of the **Company** or of an associated company of the **Company** against each loss, cost and liability incurred by him in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office, including (if he is a director of a company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme) in connection with that company's activities as trustee of an occupational pension scheme. This article 163 does not authorise indemnification of a person appointed as an auditor of the **Company** (whether or not an officer).

164. **INSURANCE FOR DIRECTORS AND OTHERS**

164.1 Without prejudice to article 163 and to the extent permitted by the **Statutes**, the **Board** may purchase and maintain **Insurance** for the benefit of a **Person** who is or was at any time:

- (a) a director, officer or employee of the **Company** or a company (a "**Specified Company**") which is a subsidiary or in any way allied to or associated with the **Company** or a subsidiary of the **Company**;
- (b) a director, officer or employee of a predecessor of the business of the **Company** or a **Specified Company**;
- (c) a trustee of a pension fund in which an employee of the **Company** or a **Specified Company** is interested.

164.2 In article 164.1, "**Insurance**" includes, without limitation, insurance against any, costs, charges, expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by a person referred to in article 164.1 in respect of an act or omission in the actual or purported execution or discharge of his duties, or in the exercise or purported exercise of his powers, or otherwise in relation to his duties, powers or offices, in relation to the **Company**, a **Specified Company** or a pension fund referred to in article 164.1.

165. **SECURITY FOR PERSONAL LIABILITY IN RELATION TO SUMS DUE BY THE COMPANY**

If a **Director** or other person becomes personally liable for the payment of an amount primarily due from the **Company**, the **Board** may execute or cause to be executed any mortgage, charge or security over or affecting the whole or any part of the assets of the **Company** by way of indemnity to secure the **Director** or other person from incurring any loss in respect of that liability.

XII. **MISCELLANEOUS**

166. **INVESTMENT TRUST**

Conditional upon the admission of the **Company's** shares on a regulated market, it is the intention of the **Directors** to conduct the affairs of the **Company** so as to satisfy the conditions of section 1158 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 and the Investment Trust (Approved Company) (Tax) Regulations 2011.

167. **CONTINUATION VOTE**

The Directors may put a resolution to **Members** for the continuation of the **Company** at such times and in such circumstances as they see fit. If such a resolution is not passed, the **Directors** will formulate proposals to be put to **Members** within 6 months of such resolution not being passed for the reorganisation or reconstruction of the **Company**.

168. **FATCA AND CRS PROVISIONS**

168.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles but subject to the **Statutes**, the **Board** shall have full power and authority to:

- (a) take such steps as are necessary or desirable in the reasonable opinion of the **Board** in relation to the **Company** as regards compliance with **FATCA** and/or **CRS**, including, but not limited to, conducting diligence as to the nationality or tax residence of the **Members** (or any persons for whom they hold shares),

withholding or deducting any tax required to be withheld or deducted from amounts allocable or paid to (or for the benefit of) **Members**, providing information about the **Company's** accounts and the **Members** to any applicable taxation authority, obtaining from **Members** waivers of any applicable bank secrecy, data privacy or similar laws, requiring **Members** to notify the **Company** if any information or representations provided cease to be accurate (including a change in status under FATCA), and (subject to article 168.4(c)) requiring **Members'** shares to be forfeited in accordance with Articles 37 to 44; and

- (b) voluntarily enter into agreements on behalf of the **Company** with any applicable taxation authority to the extent it determines such an agreement is in the best interests of the **Company** or any **Member** or is necessary or desirable in connection with compliance with **FATCA** or **CRS** or any legislation made by any other jurisdiction in connection with **FATCA** or **CRS**.

168.2 The **Company** shall be entitled to disclose to any governmental authorities (including taxation authorities) in connection with the **Company** such information about the **Company**, its assets, the identity of the **Members** (and any person for whom they hold shares) and their respective interests in the **Company**:

- (a) as the **Board** reasonably believes any such authorities may require the **Company**, the **Board**, the **AIFM**, or any agent or adviser of the **Company** (each a "**Fund Person**") to disclose; or
- (b) the disclosure of which is reasonably necessary in order for a **Fund Person** to comply with its obligations in respect of tax.

168.3 The **Company** shall be entitled to disclose to any taxation authority information, representations, certifications, waivers and forms provided to it by the **Members** pursuant to a request by or on behalf of the **Company** for such documentation to assist it in:

- (a) obtaining any exemption, reduction or refund of any withholding or other taxes imposed by any taxation authority or other governmental agency upon the **Company** or any entity in which the **Company** invests or amounts paid to, or distributable by, the **Company** or any entity in which the **Company** invests, including withholding taxes imposed pursuant to **FATCA** or **CRS** or any similar or successor legislation or any agreement entered into pursuant to any such legislation; or
- (b) complying with, or ensuring that the **Fund Persons** comply with, **FATCA** and **CRS** (including any voluntary agreement entered into with a taxation authority in connection with **FATCA** or **CRS** and any legislation made by any other jurisdiction in connection with **FATCA** or **CRS**).

168.4 The **Board** shall have full authority (without prejudice to any power and authority pursuant to articles 167, 168.2 and 168.3 above) to take any and all of the following actions if a **Member** fails to furnish such information, representations, certifications, waivers or forms to a **Fund Person** as are referred to in article 168.3 above:

- (a) to withhold or deduct any taxes required to be withheld or deducted pursuant to any applicable legislation, regulations, rules or agreements;
- (b) to report information about the **Member's** interest in the **Company** (as well as any other "recalcitrant accounts") to any taxation authority; and

- (c) where the **Board** (acting reasonably) determines that other actions would be insufficient to protect the **Company** or any entity in which the **Company** invests against the consequences of such failure, to require the **Member's** shares to be forfeited in accordance with Articles 37 to 44 as though such **Member** had failed to comply with a notice for the purposes of article 41.

168.5 If requested by the **Company**, the **Members** shall execute any and all documents, opinions, instruments and certificates as the **Board** reasonably requests in effecting its rights and entitlements under this article 168.

169. **AIFMD**

Subject to the provisions of these Articles and the **Statutes**, the **Directors** may at any time and from time to time prescribe, vary or revoke such rules in connection with AIFMD Rules ("**AIF Rules**") as they think fit providing for any matter which is required or desirable or convenient to be dealt with for the purposes of the AIFMD Rules including without limitation procedures for the valuation of the **Company's** assets, the calculation of the net asset value of the **Company** and the publication and disclosure to **Members** of such net asset value, in each case to the extent required by and in accordance with the **AIFMD Rules**. The **Company's** valuation procedures are those procedures and rules on such matters as are set out in the most recent of the **Company's** prospectus and its **Annual Accounts and Report** from time to time.

170. **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The Net Asset Value of the Company shall be determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The Net Asset Value shall be equal to the value as at the relevant Valuation Point of all the assets, less all the liabilities, of the Company (calculated on the basis set out in this article 170).
- (b) The assets of the Company shall be deemed to include the following:
 - (i) all cash on hand, on loan or on deposit, or on call including any interest accrued thereon;
 - (ii) all treasury bills, demand notes, promissory notes and accounts receivable;
 - (iii) all shares, stocks, units, participations, warrants, bonds, time notes, debenture stock, subscription rights, options, futures contracts and other investments and securities owned or contracted for by the Company, other than rights and securities issued by it;
 - (iv) all stock and cash dividends and cash distributions to be received by the Company and not yet received by it but declared payable to stockholders of record on a date before the day as of which the assets are being valued;
 - (v) all interest accrued on any interest-bearing securities owned by the Company;
 - (vi) unrealised profits on open contracts; and

- (vii) all other assets of the Company of every kind and nature including any claims for repayment of any taxation levied on capital (including capital gains) or on income accrued before the Valuation Point and prepaid expenses as valued and defined from time to time by the Directors.
- (c) Any expense or liability of the Company may be amortised over such period as the Directors may determine (and the Directors may at any time and from time to time determine to lengthen or shorten any such period) and the unamortised amount thereof at any time shall also be deemed to be an asset of the Company.
- (d) The investments of the Company shall be valued as follows:
 - (i) subject to article 170(f) assets listed, quoted or dealt in on a recognised securities exchange (including financial futures, warrants and rights expressed by reference to stock indices) are to be valued at the market dealing price, at the last close of business before the Valuation Point on the recognised securities exchange which, in the opinion of the Directors, is the principal recognised securities exchange on which the asset in question is listed, quoted or dealt in. If separate bid and offer prices are quoted, the price to be adopted for calculating the Net Asset Value shall be the mean average of the two prices;
 - (ii) deposits shall be valued at their principal amount plus accrued interest from the date of acquisition;
 - (iii) certificates of deposit acquired at their nominal value shall be valued at cost plus accrued interest from the date of acquisition on the nominal value at the coupon rate;
 - (iv) certificates of deposit acquired at a discount or premium on the sum of the nominal value and accrued interest at the date of acquisition shall be valued at their cost plus accrued interest from the date of acquisition on the nominal value at the coupon rate, and adjusted by an amount equal to the discount or premium at which they were acquired divided by the number of days unexpired at the date of acquisition and multiplied by the number of days elapsed from the date of acquisition to the date as of which the assets are being valued;
 - (v) investments in unit trusts or other forms of collective investment schemes will be valued at the latest available midmarket price or valuation quoted by the manager or, as the case may be, the administrator of the unit trust or scheme in question;

PROVIDED THAT if in the case of any investment the Directors at any time consider that the above basis of valuation is inapplicable or that the value determined in accordance with the foregoing principles is unfair they shall be entitled to substitute what in their opinion is a fair value therefor (or different values for the purpose of calculating offer prices and bid prices).

- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, where at the time as of which the assets are being valued any investment of the Company has been realised or unconditionally contracted to be realised there shall be included in the assets of the Company in place of such investment the net amount receivable by the Company in respect thereof provided that if the net amount receivable is not payable until some further

time after the time as of which the assets are being valued the Directors may make such allowance as they consider appropriate.

- (f) Notwithstanding the rules in article 170(d), where an option subsists for another person to purchase an asset from the Company or for the Company to sell an asset to another person, but such option has not been exercised, the value of the asset concerned shall be taken to be the price at which the option is exercisable, at any time at which such price is (in the case where another person is entitled to purchase) lower than, or (in the case where the Company is entitled to sell to another person) higher than, the price by reference to which the value would otherwise be calculated.
- (g) Any valuations made pursuant to these Articles shall be binding on all relevant persons.
- (h) The liabilities of the Company shall be deemed to include all its liabilities (including such amount as the Directors determine to provide in respect of contingent liabilities including (but without limitation) liabilities in respect of taxation on income or capital gains whether realised or unrealised) of whatsoever kind and nature. Any unrealised loss on open contracts will be included as liabilities of the Company. In determining the amount of such liabilities the Directors may calculate any liabilities on an estimated figure for yearly or other periods in advance and accrue the same in equal proportions over any such period. All fees and expenses payable by the Company shall be treated as accruing on a daily basis unless the Directors shall otherwise determine.
- (i) Brokerage commissions on open contracts shall be accrued as a liability of the Company upon the initiation of such positions.