



**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF
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The Companies Act 1985
PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

ARCONTECH GROUP PLC

(Adopted by special resolution passed on • 2014)

PRELIMINARY

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

INTERPRETATION

2. In these Articles (if not inconsistent with the subject or context):
 - 2.1 the words standing in the first column of the table set out below shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof

the Act	the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
these Articles	these articles of association as from time to time altered.
Auditors	the auditors to the Company for the time being.
Directors	the directors of the Company for the time being.
dividend	dividend and/or bonus.
Group	the Company and its subsidiary undertakings for the time being.
month	calendar month.
Office	the registered office of the Company for the time being.
Operator	CRESTCO Limited or such other person as may for the time being be approved by H.M. Treasury as Operator under the Regulations.
Operator-instruction	a properly authenticated de-materialised instruction attributable to the Operator.
Ordinary Shares	ordinary shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company.
paid up	paid up or credited as paid up.

participating security	a security title which the Operator is permitted to transfer by means of a relevant system.
the Register	the register of members of the Company.
the Regulations	the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 1995 (SI 1995 No. 95/3272) including any modification thereof or any regulations in substitution therefor made under Section 207 of the Companies Act 1989 and for the time being in force.
relevant system	a computer based system and procedures which enable title to units of security to be evidenced and transferred without a written instrument pursuant to the Regulations.
Seal	the common seal of the Company.
Secretary	the secretary of the Company for the time being.
the Statutes	the Act, the Regulations and every other statute for the time being in force concerning companies and affecting the Company.
the Stock Exchange	London Stock Exchange plc.
Transfer Office	the place where the Register is situate for the time being.
the United Kingdom	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
United Kingdom Listing Authority	the Stock Exchange or the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as the United Kingdom Listing Authority in accordance with the Financial Services Act 1986, as amended.
year	calendar year.

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- (a) the expression "debenture" shall include "debenture stock" and the expression "debenture-holder" shall include "debenture stockholder";
- (b) the expression "Secretary" shall include any person appointed by the Directors to perform any of the duties of the Secretary and where two or more persons are appointed to act as joint secretaries shall include any one of those persons;
- (c) the expressions "holding company", "subsidiary" and "subsidiary undertaking" shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Act;
- (d) the expression "officer" shall include a Director, manager and the Secretary but shall not include the Auditors;
- (e) references to writing shall include references to any method of representing or reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form;

- (f) references to a share (or a holding of shares) being in uncertificated form or in certificated form shall be references respectively to that share being an uncertificated unit of a security or a certificated unit of a security for the purposes of the Regulations;
- (g) a de-materialised instruction shall be properly authenticated if it complies with the specifications referred to in paragraph 5(b) of Schedule 1 to the Regulations;
- (h) an act which is expressed to require the sanction of or to be effected by an ordinary resolution may be sanctioned by or effected by a special or extraordinary resolution;
- (i) words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa;
- (j) words importing one gender shall include all genders and words importing persons shall include corporations;
- (k) save as aforesaid any words or expressions defined in the Statutes or the Regulations shall (if not inconsistent with the subject or context) bear the same meanings in these Articles;
- (l) any reference in these Articles to any provision in any enactment shall where applicable be construed as a reference to the same as for the time being modified or re-enacted whether before or after the date hereof; and
- (m) the headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of these Articles.

SHARE CAPITAL

3. Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares for the time being issued and subject to the provisions of the Statutes, any share in the Company may be issued with such preferred, deferred or other special rights, or such restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, capital, transfer, voting or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine (or, failing any such determination, as the Directors may determine) and subject to the provisions of the Statutes the Company may issue any shares which are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the shareholder. The Directors shall have power to implement such arrangements as they may, in their absolute discretion, think fit in order for any class of shares to be a participating security and for the conversion of shares in certificated form into uncertificated form and vice versa (subject always to the Regulations and the facilities and requirements of the relevant system).
4. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes relating to authority, pre-emption rights and otherwise, and of any resolution of the Company in general meeting passed pursuant thereto, all unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the existing or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Directors and they may allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over, offer or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and generally on such terms as they think proper but so that no share shall be issued at a discount.

5. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Company may purchase, or may enter into a contract under which it will or may purchase, any of its own shares of any class (including any redeemable shares) but so that if there shall be in issue any shares which are admitted to the Official List by the United Kingdom Listing Authority or permitted to be traded on the Alternative Investment Market and which are convertible into equity share capital of the Company of the class proposed to be purchased, then the Company shall not purchase, or enter into a contract under which it will or may purchase, such equity shares unless either:
 - 5.1 the terms of issue of such convertible shares include provisions permitting the Company to purchase its own equity shares or providing for adjustment to the conversion terms upon such a purchase; or
 - 5.2 the purchase, or the contract, has first been approved by an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of such convertible shares.
6. No share in the Company (other than a share allotted in pursuance of an employees' share scheme) shall be allotted except as paid up in money or money's worth at least as to one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and the whole of any premium on it.
7. The Company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Statutes. The Company may also on any issue of shares pay such brokerage as may be lawful.
8. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust, and the Company shall not be bound by or compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share, or any interest in any fractional part of a share, or (except only as by these Articles or by law otherwise provided) any other right in respect of any share, except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the registered holder.
9. The Directors may at any time after the allotment of any share but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder:
 - 9.1 recognise a renunciation thereof by the allottee in favour of some other person and accord to any allottee of a share a right to effect such renunciation; and/or
 - 9.2 allow the rights represented thereby to be one or more participating securities;in each case upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Directors may think fit to impose.

VARIATION OF RIGHTS

10.
 - 10.1 Whenever the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares, the special rights attached to any class may, subject to the provisions of the Statutes, be varied or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths in nominal amount of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class (but not otherwise) and may be so varied or abrogated either whilst the Company is a going concern or during or in

contemplation of a winding up. To every such separate general meeting all the provisions of these Articles as for the time being in force relating to general meetings of the Company and to the proceedings thereat shall mutatis mutandis apply, except that:

- (a) the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one third in nominal amount of the issued shares of the class, and at an adjourned meeting shall be one person holding shares of the class in question or his proxy;
- (b) any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll; and
- (c) any holder of shares of the class shall, on a poll, have one vote in respect of every share of the class held by him.

The foregoing provisions of this Article shall apply to the variation or abrogation of the special rights attached to some only of the shares of such class as if the shares concerned and the remaining shares of such class formed separate classes, or to any scheme for the distribution (though not in accordance with legal rights) of assets in money or in kind in or before liquidation, or to any contract for the sale or disposal of the whole or any part of the Company's property or business determining the way in which as between the several classes of shareholders the purchase considerations shall be distributed, and generally to any alteration, contract, compromise or arrangement which the persons voting thereon could, if sui juris and holding all the shares of the class, consent to or enter into, and such resolution shall be binding upon all holders of shares of the class.

- 10.2 Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, the special rights attached to any class of shares having preferential rights shall not unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue thereof be deemed to be varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of further shares ranking as regards participation in the profits or assets of the Company or voting in some or all respects *pari passu* therewith but in no respect in priority thereto, or by any reduction of the capital paid up thereon, or by any purchase by the Company of its own shares.

ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

11. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase its capital by such sum to be divided into shares of such amounts as the resolution shall prescribe. All new shares shall, save in so far as may be otherwise provided by the terms of issue thereof, be subject to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Articles with reference to allotment, payment of calls, lien, transfer, transmission, forfeiture and otherwise.

12.

- 12.1 The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution:

- (a) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of a larger amount than its existing shares;

- (b) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken, or agreed to be taken, by any person and diminish the amount of its capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled; and
- (c) sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association of the Company as varied from time to time provided that in the sub-division the proportion between the amount paid and the amount, if any, unpaid on each reduced share shall be the same as it was in the case of the share from which the reduced share is derived, and so that the resolution whereby any share is sub-divided may determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may, as compared with the others, have any such preferred, deferred or other special rights, or be subject to any such restrictions, as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares.

- 12.2 Upon any consolidation of fully paid shares into shares of larger amount, the Directors may settle any difficulty which may arise with regard thereto and in particular may as between the holders of shares so consolidated determine which shares are consolidated into each consolidated share and in the case of any shares registered in the name of one holder (or joint holders) being consolidated with shares registered in the name of another holder (or joint holders) may make such arrangements for the allocation, acceptance or sale of the consolidated share and for the distribution to the persons entitled thereto of any monies received in respect thereof as may be thought fit and for the purpose of giving effect thereto may appoint some person to transfer the consolidated share or any fractions thereof and to receive the purchase price thereof (and any transfer executed in pursuance thereof shall be effective and after such transfer has been registered no person shall be entitled to question its validity), and may in each case where the number of shares held by any holder is not an exact multiple of the number of shares to be consolidated into a single share issue to each holder credited as fully paid up by way of capitalisation the minimum number of shares required to round up his holding to such a multiple (such issue being deemed to have been effected immediately prior to consolidation) and the amount required to pay up such shares shall be appropriated at their discretion from any of the sums standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve fund) or to the credit of profit and loss account and capitalised by applying the same in paying up such shares.
13. The Company may by special resolution reduce its share capital or any capital redemption reserve fund or share premium account in any manner and with and subject to any incident authorised and consent required by law.

SHARE CERTIFICATES AND TITLE TO SHARES

14. Title to any shares may be evidenced otherwise than by a definitive share certificate in accordance with the Statutes, or any other subordinate legislation made from time to time under the Statutes, and the Directors shall have power to implement such arrangements as they think fit for the evidencing of title to shares subject to compliance with the Statutes, and such other subordinate legislation. The Company shall enter on the Register, in respect of all

shares registered in the name of each holder, the number of such shares which are in certificated form and uncertificated form respectively.

15. Every person whose name is entered as a member in the Register in respect of any shares of any class in certificated form (except a person in respect of whom the Company is not by law required to issue a share certificate) shall be entitled without payment to a certificate therefor, upon the issue thereof within two months after allotment (or such other period as the terms of issue shall provide), and upon the transfer thereof within two months after lodgement of transfer (not being a transfer which the Company is for any reason entitled to refuse to register and does not register) and in the case of conversion thereof from uncertificated to certificated form within two months of the date of conversion. The Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as the joint holders of a share and in the case of a share held jointly by several persons the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate therefor and delivery of a certificate to any one of such persons shall be sufficient delivery to all.
16. Every definitive certificate for shares shall be issued under the Seal (or an official seal kept under section 40 of the Act or, in the case of shares on a branch register, an official seal for use in the relevant territory). Every such certificate shall specify the number and class of shares to which it relates and the amount paid up thereon. No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class. No certificate need be issued in respect of shares held by a recognised clearing house (as defined in Section 185(4) of the Act) or a nominee of a recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange (as defined in Section 185(4) of the Act).
17. Where a member transfers part only of the shares comprised in a share certificate the old certificate shall be cancelled and a new certificate for the balance of such shares (to the extent that such balance is to be held in certificated form) issued in lieu without charge.
- 18.
- 18.1 Any two or more certificates representing shares of any one class held by any member may at his request be cancelled and a single new certificate for such shares issued in lieu without charge.
- 18.2 If any member shall surrender for cancellation a share certificate representing shares held by him and request the Company to issue in lieu two or more share certificates representing such shares in such proportions as may be specified, the Directors may, if they think fit, comply with such request.
- 18.3 If a share certificate shall be damaged or defaced or alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed a new certificate representing the same shares may be issued to the holder upon request subject to delivery up of the old certificate or (if alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed) compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and (in either case) the payment of any exceptional out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the Directors may think fit. Subject as aforesaid no charge will be made for a new share certificate issued to replace one that has been damaged, lost or destroyed.

- 18.4 In the case of shares held jointly by several persons any such request may be made by any one of the joint holders except where the certificate is alleged to be lost, stolen or destroyed.

SHARE WARRANTS

19. The Directors may issue warrants in respect of fully paid up shares (hereinafter called **share warrants**) stating that the bearer is entitled to the shares therein specified and may provide by coupons or otherwise for the payment of future dividends on the shares included in such warrants. The Directors may determine and from time to time vary the conditions upon which share warrants shall be issued and upon which a new share warrant or coupon shall be issued in the place of one worn out defaced or destroyed but no new share warrant or coupon shall be issued to replace one that has been lost unless it is proved to the satisfaction of the Company beyond reasonable doubt to have been destroyed. The Directors may also determine and from time to time vary the conditions upon which the bearer of a share warrant shall be entitled to receive notices of and attend and vote at general meetings or to join in requisitioning general meetings and upon which a share warrant may be surrendered and the name of the bearer entered in the Register in respect of the shares therein specified. The bearer of a share warrant shall hold such warrant subject to the conditions for the time being in force with regard to share warrants whether made before or after the issue of such warrant. Subject to such conditions and to these Articles and the Statutes, the bearer of a share warrant shall be a member to the full extent.

CALLS ON SHARES

20. The Directors may from time to time make calls upon the members in respect of any monies unpaid on their shares (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or, when permitted, by way of premium) and not by the terms of issue thereof made payable at fixed times. Each member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) pay to or as directed by the Company at the time or times and place so specified the amount called on his shares. A call may be wholly or in part revoked or postponed as the Directors may determine.
21. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Directors authorising the call was passed and may be made payable by instalments. A call may be postponed and may be wholly or in part revoked as the Directors may determine.
22. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him, notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares on which the call was made.
23. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the sum from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate (not exceeding fifteen per cent per annum) as the Directors in their absolute discretion may determine, together with all expenses that may have been incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment, but the Directors shall be at liberty in any case or cases to waive payment of such interest and expenses wholly or in part.

24. Any sum (whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium) which by the terms of issue of a share becomes payable upon allotment or at a fixed date shall for all the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date on which by the terms of issue the same becomes payable. In the case of non-payment all the relevant provisions of these Articles as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
25. The Directors may on the issue of shares differentiate between the holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.
26. The Directors may if they think fit receive from any member willing to advance the same all or any part of the monies (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium) uncalled and unpaid upon the shares held by him and such payment in advance of call shall extinguish pro tanto the liability upon the shares in respect of which it is made and upon the money so received (until and to the extent that the same would but for such advance become payable) the Company may pay interest at such rate as the member paying such sum and the Directors agree upon but any such advance payment shall not entitle the holder of the share to participate in respect of such amount in any dividend.

FORFEITURE AND LIEN

27. If a member fails to pay in full any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for payment thereof, the Directors may at any time thereafter serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued thereon and any expenses incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment.
28. The notice shall name a further day (not being less than seven days from the date of service of the notice) on or before which and the place where the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall state that in the event of non-payment in accordance therewith the shares on which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
29. If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any share in respect of which such notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before payment of all calls and interest and expenses due in respect thereof has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared and other monies payable in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before forfeiture. The Directors may accept a surrender of any share liable to be forfeited.
30. When any share has been forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be served upon the person who was before forfeiture the holder of the share but no forfeiture shall be invalidated by omission or neglect to give such notice.
31. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, a share so forfeited or surrendered shall be deemed to be the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of either to the person who was before such forfeiture or surrender the holder thereof or entitled thereto or to any other person upon such terms and in such manner as the Directors think fit,

and at any time before a sale, re-allotment or disposal the forfeiture or surrender may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit. The Directors may, if necessary, authorise some person to transfer a forfeited or surrendered share to any such other person as aforesaid. Any share not disposed of in accordance with this Article within a period of three years from the date of its forfeiture or surrender shall, at the expiry of that period, be cancelled in accordance with the Statutes.

32. A member whose shares have been forfeited or surrendered shall cease to be a member in respect of the shares (and shall, in the case of shares held in certificated form, surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for such shares) but shall notwithstanding the forfeiture or surrender remain liable to pay to the Company all monies which at the date of forfeiture or surrender were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares with interest thereon at fifteen per cent per annum (or such lower rate as the Directors may approve) from the date of forfeiture or surrender until payment, but the Directors may waive payment of such interest either wholly or in part. The Directors may enforce payment, without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or surrender.
33. The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all monies payable (whether presently or not) in respect of such share. The Company's lien on a share shall extend to all dividends or other monies payable thereon or in respect thereof. The Directors may waive any lien which has arisen and may resolve that any share shall for some limited period be exempt wholly or partially from the provisions of this Article.
34. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Company may sell in such manner as the Directors think fit any share on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless the period for the payment or discharge of some part at least of the debt or liability in respect of which the lien exists shall have actually arrived nor until the expiration of fourteen days after a notice in writing stating and demanding payment or discharge thereof and giving notice of intention to sell in default shall have been given to the holder for the time being of the share or the person entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy.
35. The net proceeds of such sale after payment of the cost of such sale shall be applied in or towards payment or satisfaction of the debts or liabilities in respect whereof the lien exists so far as the same are presently payable and any residue shall upon surrender (in the case of shares held in certificated form) to the Company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold and (in any case) subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities the period for the payment or discharge of which has not actually arrived as existed upon the shares prior to the sale be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the time of the sale. For giving effect to any such sale the Directors may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser.
36. A statutory declaration in writing that the declarant is a Director or the Secretary and that a share has been duly forfeited or surrendered or sold to satisfy a lien of the Company on a date stated in the declaration shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share. Such declaration and the receipt of the Company for the consideration (if any) given for the share on the sale, re-allotment or

disposal thereof together with the share certificate (in the case of shares in certificated form) delivered to a purchaser or allottee thereof shall (subject to the execution of a transfer if the same be required) constitute a good title to the share and the person to whom the share is sold, re-allotted or disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money (if any) nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, surrender, sale, re-allotment or disposal of the share.

TRANSFER OF SHARES

37. All transfers of shares which are in uncertificated form may be effected by means of a relevant system.
38. Transfers of shares in certificated form may be effected by transfers in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form acceptable to the Directors and may be under hand only. The instrument of transfer shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and (except in the case of fully paid shares) by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall remain the holder of the shares concerned until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect thereof.
39. The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine either generally or in respect of any class of shares, save that, in respect of any shares which are participating securities, the Register shall not be closed without the consent of the Operator. The Register shall not be closed and registration suspended for more than thirty days in any year.
40. The Directors may, in the case of shares in certificated form, in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor decline to register any transfer of shares which are not fully paid provided that where any such shares are admitted to the Official List by the United Kingdom Listing Authority or permitted to be traded on the Alternative Investment Market, such discretion may not be exercised in such a way as to prevent dealings in the shares of that class from taking place on an open and proper basis. The Directors may in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor decline to register any transfer of shares in favour of more than four persons jointly.
41. The Directors may decline to recognise any instrument of transfer relating to shares in certificated form unless the instrument of transfer is deposited at the Transfer Office (or such other place as the Directors may appoint), it is in respect of one class of shares, duly stamped, accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) (except where no certificate shall have been issued therefor) and such other evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer and, if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do. In the case of a transfer of shares in certificated form by a recognised clearing house or a nominee of a recognised clearing house or of a recognised investment exchange the lodgment of share certificates will only be necessary if and to the extent that certificates have been issued in respect of the shares in question.

42. If the Directors refuse to register a transfer they shall within two months after the date on which:
- 42.1 the transfer was lodged with the Company (in the case of shares held in certificated form); or
 - 42.2 the Operator-instruction was received by the Company (in the case of shares held in uncertificated form);
- send to the transferee notice of the refusal together with (in the case of shares held in certificated form) the instrument of transfer.
43. All instruments of transfer which are registered may be retained by the Company. Subject to the Regulations, the Company shall be entitled to destroy all instruments of transfer which have been registered at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of registration thereof and all dividend mandates and notifications of change of address at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of recording thereof and all share certificates which have been cancelled at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of cancellation thereof and any other document on the basis of which any entry in the Register is made at any time after the expiry of six years from the date an entry in the Register was first made in respect of it, and it shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that every entry in the Register purporting to have been made on the basis of an instrument of transfer or other document so destroyed was duly and properly made and every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered and every share certificate so destroyed was a valid and effective certificate duly and properly cancelled and every other document hereinbefore mentioned so destroyed was a valid and effective document in accordance with the recorded particulars thereof in the books or records of the Company. Provided always that:
- 43.1 the provisions aforesaid shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties thereto) to which the document might be relevant;
 - 43.2 nothing herein contained shall be construed as imposing upon the Company any liability in respect of the destruction of any such document earlier than as aforesaid or in any other circumstances which would not attach to the Company in the absence of this Article; and
 - 43.3 references herein to the destruction of any document include references to the disposal thereof in any manner.
44. No fee will be charged by the Company in respect of the registration of any instrument of transfer, probate, letters of administration, certificate of marriage or death, stop notice, power of attorney or other document relating to or affecting the title to any shares or otherwise for making any entry in the Register affecting the title to any shares.
45. Subject to the Statutes, the Company, or the Directors on behalf of the Company, may cause to be kept in any territory a branch register of members resident in such territory, and the Directors may make and vary such regulations as they may think fit regarding the keeping of any such register.

46. Subject to the Statutes and the Regulations, the Directors may determine that any class of shares may be held in uncertificated form and that title to such shares may be transferred by means of a relevant system or that shares of any class should cease to be held and transferred as aforesaid.
- 47.
- 47.1 The provisions of these Articles shall not apply to shares of any class which are in uncertificated form to the extent that such Articles are inconsistent 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; or
 - (c) any provision of the Regulations.
- 47.2 For the purpose of effecting any actions by the Company, the Directors may determine that holdings of the same member in uncertificated form and in certificated form shall be treated as separate holdings.
- 47.3 In relation to shares which are in uncertificated form, any provisions of these Articles enabling a person to be appointed to execute an instrument of transfer shall have effect of enabling that person to be appointed to authorise the giving of a relevant properly authenticated dematerialised instruction (not being inconsistent with the provisions in question) as may be required for the disposal of the share in question in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

48. In the case of the death of a shareholder the survivors or survivor where the deceased was a joint holder and the executors or administrators of the deceased where he was a sole or only surviving holder, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his interest in the shares, but nothing in this Article shall release the estate of a deceased holder (whether sole or joint) from any liability in respect of any share held by him.
49. Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member or of his becoming a patient within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983 (or the equivalent of bankruptcy or of becoming such a patient under the laws of any competent jurisdiction) may (subject as hereinafter provided) upon supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show his title to the share either require to be registered himself as a holder of the share by giving to the Company notice in writing to that effect or transfer such share to some other person (in any case in the event of the share being in uncertificated form subject always to the Regulations). All the limitations, restrictions and provisions of these Articles relating to the right to transfer and the registration of transfers of shares shall be applicable to any such notice or transfer as aforesaid as if the event giving rise thereto had not occurred and the notice or transfer were a transfer executed by such member.
50. Save as otherwise provided by or in accordance with these Articles, a person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member (or the equivalent

of bankruptcy under the laws of any competent jurisdiction) shall upon supplying to the Company such evidence as the Directors may reasonably require to show his title to the share be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages as those to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share, but he shall not be entitled in respect thereof to exercise any right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company until he shall have been registered as a member in respect of the share. Provided always that the Directors may at any time give notice requiring such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share, and if within sixty days the notice is not complied with, the Directors may in their absolute discretion withhold dividends until such time as the notice is complied with. Where two or more persons are jointly entitled by transmission to a share they shall for the purposes of these Articles be treated as if they were joint holders of such share registered in the order in which their names have been supplied to the Company or such other order as the person requiring to be registered may by notice in writing to the Company have prescribed at that time.

SUSPENSION OF RIGHTS ATTACHING TO SHARES

51. If any member, or any other person appearing to be interested in shares held by such member, has been duly served with a notice under Section 212 of the Act and is in default for a period of 14 days in supplying to the Company the information thereby required, then (unless the Directors otherwise determine) in respect of:

51.1 the shares comprising the shareholding account in the Register which comprises or includes the shares in relation to which the default occurred (all or the relevant number as appropriate of such shares being the "default shares", which expression shall include any further shares which are issued after the date of service of the notice under Section 212 of the Act in respect of such shares); and

51.2 any other shares held by the member;

the member shall not (for so long as the default continues) nor shall any transferee to whom any of such shares are transferred other than pursuant to any approved transfer or pursuant to Article 52.2 be entitled to attend or vote either personally or by proxy at a shareholders' meeting.

52. Where the default shares represent 0.25 per cent or more of the issued shares of the class in question, the Directors may in their absolute discretion by notice (a **direction notice**) to such member direct that:

52.1 any dividend or part thereof or other money which would otherwise be payable in respect of the default shares shall be retained by the Company without any liability to pay interest thereon when such money is finally paid to the member and the member shall not be entitled to elect to receive shares in lieu of dividend; and/or

52.2 no transfer of any of the shares held by such member shall be registered unless the transfer is an approved transfer or:

(a) the member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information required; and

- (b) 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 none of the shares the subject of the transfer are default shares

provided that, in the case of shares in uncertificated form, the Directors may only exercise their discretion not to register a transfer if permitted to do so by the Regulations. Any direction notice may treat shares of a member in certificated and uncertificated form as separate holdings and either apply only to the former or to the latter or make different provision for the former and the latter. Upon the giving of a direction notice its terms shall apply accordingly.

- 53. The Company shall send to each other person appearing to be interested in the shares the subject of any direction notice a copy of the notice, but the failure or omission by the Company to do so shall not invalidate such notice.
- 54. Save as herein provided any direction notice shall have effect in accordance with its terms for so long as the default in respect of which the direction notice was issued continues and shall cease to have effect thereafter upon the Directors so determining (such determination to be made within a period of one week of the default being duly remedied with written notice thereof being given forthwith to the member).
- 55. Any direction notice shall cease to have effect in relation to any shares which are transferred by such member by means of an approved transfer or in accordance with Article 52.2.
- 56. For the purposes of Articles 51 to 55:
 - 56.1 a person shall be treated as appearing to be interested in any shares if the member holding such shares has been served with a notice under the said Section 212 and either (i) the member has named such person as being so interested or (ii) (after taking into account the response of the member to the said notice and any other relevant information) the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person in question is or may be interested in the shares; and
 - 56.2 a transfer of shares is an approved transfer if:
 - (a) it is a transfer of shares to an offeror by way or in pursuance of acceptance of a takeover offer (as defined in Section 428 of the Act); or
 - (b) the Directors are satisfied that the transfer is made pursuant to a bona fide sale of the whole of the beneficial ownership of the shares to a party unconnected with the member or with any person appearing to be interested in such shares including any such sale made through the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are normally traded. For the purposes of this Article 56.2(b) any associate (as that term is defined in Section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986) shall be included amongst the persons who are connected with the member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares.
- 57. The provisions of Articles 51 to 56 are in addition and without prejudice to the provisions of the Act.

SALE OF SHARES BY COMPANY

58. The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable any share of a member or any share to which a person is entitled by transmission if and provided that:
- 58.1 for a period of twelve years during which at least three dividends have been paid by the Company no cheque or warrant sent by the Company through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to the member or to the person entitled by transmission to the share at his address on the Register or other the last known address given by the member or the person entitled by transmission to which cheques and warrants are to be sent has been cashed and no communication has been received by the Company from the member or the person entitled by transmission;
- 58.2 the Company has at the expiration of the said period of twelve years by advertisement in a national daily newspaper and in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the address referred to in paragraph 58.1 of this Article is located given notice of its intention to sell such share;
- 58.3 the Company has not during the further period of three months after the date of publication of the advertisements (or the later publication date if the two advertisements are not published on the same day) and prior to the exercise of the power of sale received any communication from the member or person entitled by transmission; and
- 58.4 the Company has first given notice in writing to the Stock Exchange of its intention to sell such share.

To give effect to any such sale the Company may appoint any person to execute as transferor an instrument of transfer of such share and such instrument of transfer shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder of or person entitled by the transmission to such share. The Company shall account to the member or other person entitled to such share for the net proceeds of such sale by carrying all monies in respect thereof to a separate account which shall be a permanent debt of the Company and the Company shall be deemed to be a debtor and not a trustee in respect thereof for such member or other person. Monies carried to such separate account may either be employed in the business of the Company or investments (other than shares of the Company or its holding company if any) as the Directors may from time to time think fit. No interest shall be paid in respect of such monies and the Company shall not be bound to account for any money earned thereon.

STOCK

59. The Company may by ordinary resolution convert any paid up shares into stock and reconvert any stock into paid up shares of any denomination.
60. The holders of stock may transfer the same or any part thereof in the same manner, and subject to the same regulations as would have applied to the shares from which the stock arose if they had not been converted, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, but the Directors may from time to time, if they think fit, fix the minimum amount of stock transferable, but so that such minimum shall not exceed the nominal amount of each of the shares from which the stock arose.

61. The holders of stock shall, according to the amount of the stock held by them, have the same rights, privileges and advantages in all respects as if they held the shares from which the stock arose, provided that no such privilege or advantage (except participation in dividends and profits of the Company and in the assets on a winding up) shall be conferred by an amount of stock which would not, if existing in shares, have conferred such privilege or advantage.
62. All the provisions of these Articles applicable to paid up shares shall apply to stock, and in all such provisions the expression "share" shall include "stock" and the expression "member" shall include "stockholder".

GENERAL MEETINGS

63. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Directors.
64. All other general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings. The Directors may whenever they think fit, and shall on requisition in accordance with the Statutes, convene an extraordinary general meeting to be held at such time and place as the Directors may determine.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

65. An annual general meeting and any general meeting at which it is proposed to pass a special resolution or (save as provided by the Statutes) a resolution of which special notice has been given to the Company, or a resolution appointing a person as a Director, shall be called by twenty-one days' notice in writing at least, and any other general meeting by fourteen days' notice in writing at least (exclusive in either case of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given) and shall be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned to all members other than such as by or by virtue of these Articles are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, to the Directors and to the Auditors. Provided that the Company may determine that only those persons entered on the Register at the close of business on a day determined by the Company, such day being no more than 21 days before the day that notice of the meeting is sent, shall be entitled to receive such notice and provided also that a general meeting notwithstanding that it has been called by a shorter notice than that specified above shall be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:
 - 65.1 in the case of an annual general meeting by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
 - 65.2 in the case of an extraordinary general meeting by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote thereat, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

Provided also that the accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or (in cases where instruments of proxy are sent out with the notice) the accidental omission to send such instrument of proxy to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting or such instrument of proxy by, any person entitled thereto shall not invalidate the proceedings at any general meeting.

- 66.
- 66.1 Every notice calling a general meeting shall specify the place and the day and hour of the meeting, and there shall appear with reasonable prominence in every such notice a statement to the effect that a member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him and that a proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 66.2 In the case of an annual general meeting the notice shall also specify the meeting as such.
- 66.3 In the case of any general meeting at which business other than routine business is to be transacted the notice shall specify the general nature of such business; and if any resolution is to be proposed as an extraordinary resolution or as a special resolution, the notice shall contain a statement to that effect.
67. Routine business shall mean and include only business transacted at an annual general meeting of the following classes, that is to say:
- 67.1 declaring dividends;
- 67.2 considering and adopting the accounts, the reports of the Directors and Auditors and other documents required to be annexed to the accounts;
- 67.3 appointing or re-appointing Directors to fill vacancies arising at the meeting on retirement by rotation or otherwise;
- 67.4 re-appointing the retiring Auditors unless they were last appointed otherwise than by the Company in general meeting;
- 67.5 fixing the remuneration of the Auditors or determining the manner in which such remuneration is to be fixed;
- 67.6 the grant, renewal, extension or variation of any authority or power to the Directors for the purposes of Section 80 and/or Section 95 of the Act;
- 67.7 the grant, renewal, extension or variation of any authority for the Company to purchase by market purchase (as defined by Section 163 of the Act) shares in its own capital; and
- 67.8 the renewing or regranting of an existing authority for a scrip dividend alternative.
68. The Directors shall on the requisition of members in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, but subject as therein provided:
- 68.1 give to the members entitled to receive notice of the next annual general meeting notice of any resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at that meeting; and
- 68.2 circulate to the members entitled to have notice of the next annual general meeting any statement of not more than one thousand words with respect to the matter referred to in any proposed resolution or the business to be dealt with at that meeting.

69. Any member present, either personally or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company shall for all purposes be deemed to have received due notice of such meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which such meeting was convened.
70. For the purposes of determining which persons are entitled to attend or vote at a meeting and how many votes such person may cast, the Company may specify a time in the notice of the meeting, not more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting, by which a person must be entered on the Register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

71. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business but the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the choice or appointment of a chairman. Three members present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum for all purposes.
72. The chairman of the Directors, failing whom a deputy chairman (to be chosen, if there be more than one, by agreement amongst them or, failing agreement, by lot) shall preside as chairman at a general meeting. If there be no such chairman or deputy chairman, or if at any meeting none be present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or none be willing to act, the Directors present shall choose one of their number or, if no Director be present or if all the Directors present decline to take the chair, the members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
73. If within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting (or such longer period as the chairman of the meeting may think fit to allow) a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or to such day and at such time and place as the chairman of the meeting may determine, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
74. The chairman of the meeting may at any time without the consent of the meeting adjourn any general meeting (whether or not it has commenced or a quorum is present) either indefinitely or to another time or place where it appears to him that the members wishing to attend cannot conveniently be accommodated in the place appointed for the meeting or where the conduct of persons present prevents or is likely to prevent the orderly continuation of business or where an adjournment is otherwise necessary so that the business of the meeting may be properly conducted. In addition the chairman of the meeting may with the consent of any general meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Where a meeting is adjourned indefinitely, the time and place for the adjourned meeting shall be fixed by the Directors.
75. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more or indefinitely not less than seven days' notice of the adjourned meeting (exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be

served and of the day for which it is given) shall be given as in the case of the original meeting, but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting. Save as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

76.

76.1 In the case of any general meeting the Directors may, notwithstanding the specification in the notice of the place of the general meeting (the **principal place**) at which the chairman of the meeting shall preside, make arrangements for simultaneous attendance and participation at other places by members and proxies entitled to attend the general meeting but excluded from the principal place under the provisions of this Article.

76.2 Such arrangements for simultaneous attendance at the meeting may include arrangements regarding the level of attendance at places other than the principal place provided that they shall operate so that any member and proxy excluded from attendance at the principal place is entitled to attend at one of the other places. For the purpose of all other provisions of these Articles any such meeting shall be treated as being held and taking place at the principal place.

76.3 The Directors may, for the purpose of facilitating the organisation and administration of any general meeting to which such arrangements apply, from time to time make arrangements, whether involving the issue of tickets (on a basis intended to afford to all members and proxies entitled to attend the meeting an equal opportunity of being admitted to the principal place) or the imposition of some random means of selection or otherwise as they shall in their absolute discretion consider to be appropriate, and may from time to time vary any such arrangements or make new arrangements in their place and the entitlement of any member or proxy to attend a general meeting at the principal place shall be subject to such arrangements as may be for the time being in force whether stated in the notice convening the meeting to apply to that meeting or notified to the members concerned subsequent to the notice convening the meeting.

77. The Directors may direct that members or proxies wishing to attend any general meeting should submit to such searches or other security arrangements or restrictions as the Directors shall consider appropriate in the circumstances and shall be entitled in their absolute discretion to refuse entry to such general meeting to any member or proxy who fails to submit to such searches or otherwise to comply with such security arrangements or restrictions.

78.

78.1 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by either:

(a) the chairman of the meeting; or

(b) not less than two members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote; or

- (c) a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
 - (d) a member or members present in person or by proxy and holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring the right.
- 78.2 A demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn only with the consent of the chairman. A demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made, which result shall be effective. Unless a poll is so demanded (and the demand is not withdrawn) a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book, shall be conclusive evidence of that fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against such resolution.
- 79.
- 79.1 If a poll is duly demanded (and the demand is not withdrawn) it shall be taken in such manner (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) as the chairman of the meeting may direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The chairman of the meeting may (and if so directed by the meeting shall) appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and may adjourn the meeting to some place and time fixed by him for the purpose of declaring the result of the poll.
- 79.2 A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either immediately or at such subsequent time (not being more than thirty days from the date of the meeting) and place as the chairman may direct. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded.
80. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
81. If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall in good faith be ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a special or extraordinary resolution no amendments thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may in any event be considered or voted upon and in the case of a resolution duly proposed as an ordinary resolution no amendment thereto (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error) may be considered or voted upon unless at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which such ordinary resolution is to be proposed notice in writing of the terms of the amendment and intention to move the same has been lodged at the Office or the

chairman of the meeting in his absolute discretion decides that it may be considered or voted upon.

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

VOTES OF MEMBERS

83. Subject to Article 70 and to any special rights or restrictions as to voting attached by or by virtue of these Articles to any shares or any class of shares, on a show of hands every member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a representative duly authorised under Section 375 of the Act shall have one vote and on a poll every member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.
84. In the case of joint holders of a share the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which names stand in the Register in respect of the joint holding.
85. Where in England or elsewhere a receiver or other person (by whatever name called) has been appointed by any court claiming jurisdiction in that behalf to exercise power with respect to the property or affairs of any member on the ground (however formulated) of mental disorder, the Directors may in their absolute discretion, upon or subject to production of such evidence as they may require, permit such receiver or other person to vote in person or by proxy on behalf of such member at any general meeting.
86. No member shall, unless the Directors otherwise determine, be entitled to be present or to vote at any general meeting either in person or by proxy or upon any poll or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company in respect of any shares held by him if any call or other sum presently payable by him to the Company in respect of such shares remains unpaid.
87. No objection shall be raised as to the admissibility of any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting or poll at which the vote objected to is or may be given or tendered and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
88. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy and a person entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all his votes in the same way.
89. A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting at which he was present shall be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members.

PROXIES

90. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A member may appoint more than one proxy in respect of the same meeting or poll provided that the instrument appointing the proxy shall specify the number of shares in respect of which the proxy is appointed and only one proxy shall be appointed in respect of any one share. When two or more valid but differing appointments of proxy are executed in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting, the one which is last executed shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others as regards that share. If the Company is unable to determine which was last executed none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share.
91. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing in any usual or common form or in any other form which the Directors may accept and:
- 91.1 in the case of an individual shall be signed by the appointor or by his attorney; and
- 91.2 in the case of a corporation shall be either given under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an attorney or a duly authorised officer of the corporation.
- The Directors may, but shall not be bound to, require evidence of the authority of any such attorney or officer. The signature on such instrument need not be witnessed.
92. An instrument appointing a proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a copy thereof authenticated in a manner acceptable to the Directors, must be left at such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or with the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting (or, if no place is so specified, at the Transfer Office) not less than forty eight hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting or for the taking of the poll at which it is to be used, and in default shall not be treated as valid, but the Directors may waive compliance with this provision in their discretion. An instrument of proxy relating to more than one meeting (including any adjournment thereof) having once been so left for the purposes of any meeting shall not require again to be delivered in relation to any subsequent meeting to which it relates. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date named in it as the date of its signature, except at an adjourned meeting or on a poll demanded at a meeting or an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve months from such date.
93. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to include the right to demand or join in demanding a poll and shall, unless the contrary is stated thereon, be valid as well for any adjournment of the meeting as for the meeting to which it relates.
94. A vote cast by proxy shall not be invalidated by the previous death or insanity of the principal or by the revocation of the appointment of the proxy or of the authority under which the appointment was made or by the transfer of the share in respect of which the proxy was given provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Company at the Transfer Office or that no transfer as aforesaid shall have been registered by the Company at least three hours before the commencement of the

meeting or adjourned meeting or the time appointed for the taking of the poll at which the vote is cast.

95. The Directors may at the expense of the Company send, by post or otherwise, to members instruments of proxy (with or without provision for their return prepaid) for use at any general meeting or at any meeting of any class of members of the Company in such form as the Directors may determine. If for the purpose of any meeting invitations to appoint as proxy a person, or one of a number of persons, specified in the invitations are issued at the Company's expense they shall be issued to all (and not to some only) of the members entitled to be sent notice of the meeting and to vote thereat by proxy.

CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES

96. Any corporation which is a member of the Company may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of members of the Company. The person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of such corporation as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company and such corporation shall for the purposes of these Articles be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting if a person so authorised is present thereat.

DIRECTORS

97. Subject as hereinafter provided the number of Directors shall not be less than two nor more than twelve. The Company may by ordinary resolution from time to time vary the minimum or maximum number of Directors.
98. A Director and an alternate Director shall not require a share qualification but nevertheless shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company.
99. Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 100 and 101, the Directors shall be entitled to fees at such rate as the Directors may from time to time determine, not exceeding 10 per annum in aggregate for each Director or such higher sum as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine, divisible in such proportions and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine. Such remuneration shall accrue from day to day.
100. The Directors may repay to any Director all such reasonable expenses as he may incur in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or of any committee of the Directors or general meetings or class meetings or otherwise in or about the business of the Company.
- 101.
- 101.1 Any Director who is appointed to any executive office (including for this purpose the office of the chairman or deputy chairman whether or not such office is held in an executive capacity) or who serves on any committee or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director may be paid such extra remuneration by way of salary, commission, bonus or otherwise (whether exclusive or inclusive of his remuneration (if any) under these Articles) as the Directors may determine.

- 101.2 A 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 Director, and may act in a professional capacity to the Company, on such terms as to tenure of office, remuneration and otherwise as the Directors may determine.
102. The Directors may establish and maintain, or procure the establishment and maintenance of, any pension or superannuation funds (whether contributory or otherwise) for the benefit of, and give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances and emoluments to, any persons who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company, or of any company which is a subsidiary undertaking of the Company or is allied to or associated with the Company or any such subsidiary undertaking or of any of the predecessors in business of the Company or any such other company as aforesaid, or who may be or have been directors or officers of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid and who hold or have held executive positions or agreements for services with the Company or any such other company as aforesaid, and the wives, widows, families and dependants of any such persons, and also establish, subsidise and subscribe to any institutions, associations, societies, clubs or funds calculated to be for the benefit of, or to advance the interests and well-being of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid, or of any such person as aforesaid, and make payments for or towards the insurance of any such person as aforesaid and subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object, and do any of the matters aforesaid either alone or in conjunction with any such other company as aforesaid. Subject to particulars with respect to the proposed payment being disclosed to the members of the Company and to the proposal being approved by the Company by ordinary resolution, if the Statutes shall so require, any director who holds or has held any such executive position or agreement for services shall be entitled to participate in and retain for his own benefit any such donation, gratuity, pension, allowance or emolument.
103. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, a Director or intending Director (including an alternate Director) may contract or be interested in any contract or arrangement with the Company or any other company in which the Company is or may have been or may become interested and hold any office or place of profit (other than the office of auditor of the Company or any subsidiary undertaking thereof) under the Company or any such other company and he (or any firm of which he is a member) may act in a professional capacity for the Company or any such other company and (save as otherwise agreed) may retain for his own absolute use and benefit all emoluments, dividends, profits, benefits and other advantages accruing to him therefrom.
- 104.
- 104.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Directors may from time to time appoint one or more of their body to be holder of any executive office (including, where considered appropriate, the office of chairman or deputy chairman or chief executive) on such terms and for such period as they may determine and, without prejudice to any claim for damages under any contract entered into in any particular case, may at any time revoke any such appointment.

- 104.2 The appointment of any Director to the office of chairman or deputy chairman or managing or joint managing or deputy or assistant managing director or chief executive shall automatically terminate if he ceases to be a Director, but without prejudice to any claim by either the Company or the Director for damages for breach of any contract between him and the Company.
- 104.3 The appointment of any Director to any other executive office shall not automatically terminate if he ceases from any cause to be a Director, unless the contract or resolution under which he holds office shall expressly state otherwise, in which event such termination shall be without prejudice to any claim by either the Company or the Director for damages for breach of any contract between him and the Company.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

105. Unless and until otherwise determined by the Company by ordinary resolution, either generally or in any particular case, any provisions of the Statutes which, subject to the provisions of these Articles, would have the effect of rendering any person ineligible for appointment as a Director or liable to vacate office as a Director on account of his having reached any specified age or of requiring special notice or any other special formality in connection with the appointment of any Director over a specified age, shall not apply to the Company. Where the Directors convene any general meeting of the Company at which, to the knowledge of the Directors, a person will be proposed for appointment or reappointment as a Director who at the date for which the meeting is convened will have attained the age of seventy years or more, the Directors shall give notice of his age in years in the notice convening the meeting or in any document accompanying the notice and shall give an explanation in such notice or document of why it is felt appropriate that such person be appointed or retained as a Director.
106. At each annual general meeting:
- 106.1 any Director who was elected or last re-elected a Director at or before the annual general meeting held in the third calendar year before the current year shall retire by rotation; and
- 106.2 such further Directors (if any) shall retire by rotation as would bring the number retiring by rotation up to one-third of the number of Directors in office at the date of the notice of annual general meeting (or if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not greater than one-third).
107. The Directors to retire by rotation shall include (so far as necessary to obtain the number required) any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire shall be those of the other Directors subject to retirement by rotation who have been longest in office since their last re-election or appointment and so that as between persons who became or were last re-elected Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.
108. The Company at the meeting at which a Director retires under any provisions of these Articles may by ordinary resolution fill up the office being vacated by electing thereto the retiring

Director or some other person eligible for appointment. In default the retiring Director shall be deemed to have been re-elected except in any of the following cases:

- 108.1 where at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill up such office or a resolution for the re-election of such Director is put to the meeting and lost;
 - 108.2 where such Director has given notice in writing to the Company that he is unwilling to be re-elected; or
 - 108.3 where the default is due to the moving of a resolution in contravention of Article 112.
109. The retirement shall not have effect until the conclusion of the meeting except where a resolution is passed to elect some other person in the place of the retiring Director or a resolution for his re-election is put to the meeting and lost and accordingly a retiring Director who is re-elected or deemed to have been re-elected (and his alternate, if any) will continue in office without break.
110. The Company may in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Statutes by ordinary resolution of which special notice has been given remove any Director from office notwithstanding any provision of these Articles or of any agreement between the Company and such Director, but without prejudice to any claim he may have for damages for breach of any such agreement, and appoint another person in place of a Director so removed from office. Any person so appointed shall be treated for the purpose of determining the time at which he or any other Director is to retire by rotation as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last elected a Director. In default of such appointment the vacancy arising upon the removal of a Director from office may be filled as a casual vacancy.
111. The Company may by ordinary resolution and the Directors shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed the maximum number (if any) fixed by or in accordance with these Articles. Any Director so appointed by the Directors shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
112. A resolution for the appointment of two or more persons as Directors by a single resolution shall not be moved at any general meeting unless a resolution that it shall be so moved has first been agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it; and any resolution moved in contravention of this provision shall be void.
113. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for appointment as a Director at any general meeting unless not less than seven nor more than forty-two clear days before the day appointed for the meeting there shall have been left at the Office notice in writing signed by some member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also notice in writing signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected.

114. The office of a Director shall be vacated in any of the following events, namely:
- 114.1 if he shall become prohibited by law from acting as a Director;
 - 114.2 if he shall resign in writing under his hand left at the Office or if he shall tender his resignation and the Directors shall resolve to accept the same;
 - 114.3 if he shall become bankrupt or shall make any arrangement with or compound with his creditors generally;
 - 114.4 if he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
 - (a) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984, or
 - (b) an order is made by a Court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs;
 - 114.5 if he shall be absent from meetings of the Directors for six months without leave (and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead) and the Directors shall resolve that his office be vacated;
 - 114.6 if when there are at least four Directors he shall be requested in writing by all his co-Directors to resign;
 - 114.7 if any contract with the Company relating to his appointment to any executive office is terminated by the Company, unless the Directors resolve that he should continue in office as a Director; or
 - 114.8 if he shall be removed from office as provided by Article 110.

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- 115.
- 115.1 Any Director may at any time by writing under his hand deposited at the Office, or delivered at a meeting of the Directors, appoint any person to be his alternate Director and may in like manner at any time terminate such appointment. Such appointment, unless previously approved by the Directors or appointing another Director as an alternate, shall have effect only upon and subject to being so approved.
 - 115.2 The appointment of an alternate Director shall terminate on the happening of any event which if he were a Director would cause him to vacate such office or if his appointor ceases to be a Director.
 - 115.3 An alternate Director shall (except when absent from the United Kingdom) be entitled to be given notice of meetings of the Directors of which his appointor is not given notice due to his appointor's absence from the United Kingdom or of which his appointor shall have requested,

in writing under the appointor's hand deposited at the Office or delivered at a meeting of the Directors, that he be given notice either generally or in any particular case or cases.

- 115.4 An alternate Director shall be entitled to attend and vote as a Director at any meeting of the Directors at which the Director appointing him is not personally present and generally at such meeting to perform all functions of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meeting the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he were a Director. If his appointor is for the time being absent from the United Kingdom or temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability his signature to any resolution in writing of the Directors shall be as effective as the signature of his appointor. To such extent as the Directors may from time to time determine in relation to any committee of the Directors the provisions of paragraphs 115.3 and 115.4 of this Article shall also apply to any meeting of any such committee of which his appointor is a member. An alternate Director shall not (save as aforesaid) have power to act as a Director nor shall he be deemed to be a Director for the purposes of these Articles.
- 115.5 An alternate Director shall be an officer of the Company and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed an agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director may be interested in contracts, arrangements and other proposals with the Company, may be repaid expenses by the Company and shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a Director, but he shall not be entitled to receive from the Company in respect of his appointment as alternate Director any remuneration except only such proportion (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to his appointor as such appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.
- 115.6 Where an alternate Director is the alternate of more than one Director and attends a meeting of the Directors or a meeting of a committee of the Directors which the Directors have determined he is entitled to attend in his capacity as an alternate, he shall in the absence of more than one appointor have a separate vote for each appointor for whom he is attending; if he is himself a Director his vote or votes as an alternate Director shall be in addition to his own vote as a Director.

PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

116. The Directors may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Directors. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting and any such waiver may be retrospective.
117. Notice of a meeting of the Directors shall be deemed to be properly given to a Director if given to him personally in writing or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of the Directors to any Director who is for the time being absent from the United Kingdom unless he has requested the Company that notices of meetings of Directors shall during his absence be sent in writing to him at an address given

by him to the Company for this purpose but such notices need not be given any earlier than notices given (by whatever means) to Directors not so absent.

118. A Director who is unable to attend any meeting of the Directors and has not appointed an alternate Director may authorise any other Director to vote for him at that meeting, and in that event the Director so authorised shall have a vote for each Director by whom he is so authorised, in addition to his own vote. Any such authority may be in writing or by cable, telex, or fax, which must be produced at the meeting at which the same is to be used, and left with the Secretary for filing.
119. All or any of the Directors may participate in a meeting of the Directors by any lawful means including by means of a conference telephone or any communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear and speak to each other at the same time. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.
120. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be two. For the purposes of this Article an alternate Director shall be counted in a quorum, but so that not less than two individuals shall constitute the quorum. A meeting of the Directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors.
121. A Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract or any other arrangement or proposed arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest.
- 122.
- 122.1 Save as provided in this Article, a Director shall not vote in respect of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal whatsoever in which he has an interest which (together with any interest of any person connected with him within the meaning of Section 346 of the Act) is to his knowledge a material interest otherwise than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through the Company. A Director shall not be counted in the quorum at a meeting in relation to any resolution on which he is debarred from voting.
- 122.2 A Director shall (in the absence of some other material interest than is indicated below) be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of any resolution concerning any of the following matters, namely:
- (a) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or by any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings;
 - (b) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed

responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

- (c) any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for subscription or purchase or in exchange in which offer he is or is to be interested as an existing holder of securities of the Company or the subsidiary undertaking concerned or as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting thereof;
- (d) any proposal concerning any other company in which he is interested, directly or indirectly and whether as an officer or shareholder or otherwise howsoever, provided that he (together with any person connected with him within the meaning of Section 346 of the Act) is not the holder of or beneficially interested in one per cent or more of the issued shares of any class of such company (or of any third company through which his interest is derived) or of the voting rights available to members of the relevant company (any such interest being deemed for the purposes of this Article to be a material interest in all circumstances);
- (e) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a superannuation fund or retirement benefits scheme which relates to both Directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings and does not accord to any Director as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to which such fund or scheme relates;
- (f) any arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiary undertakings under which the Director benefits in a similar manner as the employees provided that such arrangement does not accord to any Director as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates; or
- (g) insurance which the Company proposes to maintain or purchase for the benefit of Directors or for the benefit of persons including Directors.

122.3 Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of appointment) of two or more Directors to offices or employments with the Company or any company in which the Company is interested, such proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each Director separately and in such case each of the Directors concerned (if not debarred from voting under the proviso to paragraph 122.2(d) of this Article) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

122.4 If any question shall arise at any meeting as to the materiality of a Director's interest or as to the entitlement of any Director to vote and such question is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any Director other than himself shall be final and conclusive, except in a case where the nature or extent of the interests of the Director concerned has not been fully disclosed. Any such question relating to the chairman of the

meeting shall be referred to the deputy chairman of the meeting and his ruling shall be final and conclusive except as aforesaid.

123. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number, but if and so long as the number of Directors is reduced below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles the continuing Directors or Director may act for the purpose of filling up such vacancies or of summoning general meetings of the Company, but not for any other purpose. If there be no Directors or Director able or willing to act, then any two members may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors.
124. The Directors may elect a chairman and, if thought fit, one or more deputy chairmen and determine the period for which each is to hold office. The chairman, failing whom a deputy chairman (to be chosen, if there be more than one, by agreement amongst them or failing agreement by lot), shall preside at all meetings of the Directors, but if no chairman or deputy chairman shall have been elected, or if at any meeting none be present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or none be willing to act, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
125. A resolution in writing signed by, or by the alternate Directors of, all the Directors who are or whose alternate Directors are for the time being in the United Kingdom shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the Directors; any such resolution may be signed by an alternate Director in place of his appointor if his appointor is for the time being absent from the United Kingdom or temporarily unable to act through ill-health or disability.

BORROWING POWERS

- 126.
- 126.1 Subject as hereinafter provided the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money, and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof and, subject to the provisions of section 80 of the Act, to issue debentures and other securities whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- 126.2 The Directors shall restrict the borrowings of the Company and exercise all voting and other rights or powers of control exercisable by the Company at general meetings of its subsidiary undertakings (if any) so as to secure (so far, as regards subsidiary undertakings, as by such exercise they can secure) that the aggregate amount for the time being remaining undischarged of all monies borrowed by the Group (which expression means the Company and its subsidiary undertakings for the time being) shall not (excluding intra-Group borrowings) at any time without the previous sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company exceed a sum equal to three times the adjusted total of capital and reserves.
- 126.3 For the purpose of this Article:
- (a) The following shall (unless otherwise taken into account) be deemed to constitute monies borrowed:

- (i) the principal amount outstanding in respect of any debenture notwithstanding that the same may have been issued in whole or in part for a consideration other than cash;
 - (ii) the principal amount outstanding in respect of any debenture of any member of the Group which is not beneficially owned within the Group;
 - (iii) the principal amount outstanding under any bill accepted by any member of the Group and not beneficially owned within the Group or under any acceptance credit opened on behalf of or in favour of any member of the Group other than by another member of the Group (not being an amount outstanding in respect of the purchase of goods in the ordinary course of trading);
 - (iv) the nominal amount of the issued and paid-up preference share capital of any subsidiary undertaking of the Company not beneficially owned within the Group;
 - (v) the nominal amount of any issued share capital and the principal amount of any monies borrowed (not being issued share capital or monies borrowed beneficially owned within the Group) the redemption or repayment whereof is guaranteed or secured by the Company or by any of its subsidiary undertakings; and
 - (vi) any fixed or minimum premium payable on final redemption or repayment of any debentures or other monies borrowed or share capital in addition to the principal or nominal amount thereof.
- (b) Monies borrowed for the purpose of and actually applied within six months in repaying the whole or any part of other monies borrowed by the Group and for the time being outstanding shall not pending their application for such purpose be deemed to be monies borrowed.
 - (c) Monies borrowed from bankers or others for the purpose of financing any contract up to an amount not exceeding that part of the price receivable under the contract which is guaranteed or insured by the Export Credit Guarantees Department or any other institution or body carrying on a similar business shall be deemed not to be monies borrowed.

126.4 For the purposes of this Article:

- (a) The adjusted total of capital and reserves means:
 - (i) the nominal amount of the issued and paid up or credited as paid up share capital for the time being of the Company; and
 - (ii) the amount standing to the credit of the consolidated reserves of the Group including share premium account and capital redemption reserve fund (if any) and the amount standing to the credit of the consolidated profit and loss account,

all as shown in a consolidation of the most recent audited balance sheets of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings available at the date the calculation falls to be made but after:

- (iii) adjusting as may be necessary in respect of any variation in such paid up share capital and reserves since the dates of such balance sheets but so far as profit and loss account is concerned only to take account of (I) any distribution (otherwise than within the Group) paid, recommended or declared and not (A) already provided for as a liability in such balance sheets or (B) being a normal preference or interim dividend payable out of profits since earned and (II) any provision made other than out of profits since earned;
 - (iv) excluding any sum set aside for taxation (other than deferred taxation); and
 - (v) deducting if not already deducted any debit balance on profit and loss account.
- (b) Share capital allotted shall be treated as issued and any share capital already called up or payable at any future date within the following twelve months shall be treated as already paid up and if the Company proposes to issue any shares for cash and the issue of such shares has been underwritten then such shares shall be deemed to have been issued and the subscription monies (including any premium) payable in respect thereof within the following twelve months shall be deemed to have been paid up.
- (c) In calculating the adjusted total of capital and reserves any adjustments may be made that the Auditors may certify in their opinion to be appropriate, including in particular adjustments to provide for the carrying into effect of any transaction for the purposes of or in connection with which it requires to be calculated.
- (d) The certificate of the Auditors as to the amount of the adjusted total of capital and reserves at any time shall be conclusive and binding upon all concerned.

126.5 No person dealing with the Company or any of its subsidiaries shall by reason of the foregoing provisions of this Article be concerned to see or inquire whether this limit is observed, and no debt incurred or security given in excess of such limit shall be invalid or ineffectual unless the lender or the recipient of the security had at the time when the debt was incurred or security given express notice that the limit hereby imposed had been or would thereby be exceeded.

GENERAL POWERS OF DIRECTORS

127. The business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors, who may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not by the Statutes or by these Articles required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to any regulations of these Articles, to the provisions of the Statutes and to such regulations, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid regulations or provisions, as may be prescribed by special resolution of the Company, but no regulation so made by the Company shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made. The general

powers given by this Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Directors by any other Article.

128. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such person or persons (whether Directors or not) upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit provided that the majority of the members of the committee are Directors. Any such delegation (which may include authority to sub-delegate all or any of the powers so delegated) may be collateral with, or to the exclusion of, the powers which are the subject of the delegation (or sub-delegation). Any committees so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations which may from time to time be imposed by the Directors and any or all of the powers so delegated may be altered, waived, withdrawn or revoked by the Directors.
129. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions of these Articles regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Directors (including, without limitation, provisions relating to written resolutions), so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations made by the Directors under the last preceding Article.
130. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to any Director upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as they think fit. Any such delegation (which may include authority to sub-delegate all or any of the powers so delegated) may be collateral with, or to the exclusion of, the powers which are the subject of the delegation (or sub-delegation). Any or all of the powers so delegated may be altered, waived, withdrawn or revoked by the Directors.
131. The Directors may establish any local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and may appoint any persons to be members of such local boards, or any managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration, and may delegate to any local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in the Directors, with power to sub-delegate, and may authorise the members of any local boards, or any of them, to fill any vacancies therein, and to act notwithstanding vacancies, and any such appointment or delegation may be made upon such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit, and the Directors may remove any person so appointed, and may annul or vary any such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any annulment or variation shall be affected thereby.
132. The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any company, firm or person or any fluctuating body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in him. The Directors may revoke or vary the

appointment but no person dealing in good faith with the Company and without notice of the revocation or variation shall be affected by it.

133. Any power of the Directors to delegate any of their powers under these Articles (and the power to sub-delegate any of such powers) shall be effective in relation to the powers, authorities and discretions of the Directors generally and shall not be limited by the fact that in certain articles, but not in others, express reference is made to particular powers, authorities or discretions being exercised by the Directors or by a committee of the Directors.
134. All acts done by or in pursuance of a resolution of any meeting of the Directors, or of a committee of Directors, or by any person acting as a Director or alternate Director or as a member of a committee, shall as regards all persons dealing in good faith with the Company, notwithstanding that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such Director or alternate Director, or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a Director or alternate Director and had been entitled to vote.
135. Subject to and to the extent permitted by the Statutes, the Company, or the Directors on behalf of the Company, may cause to be kept in any territory a branch register of members resident in such territory, and the Directors may make and vary such regulations as they may think fit regarding the keeping of any such register.
136. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments, and all receipts for monies paid to the Company, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time determine.
137. If any uncalled capital of the Company is included in or charged by any mortgage or other security, the Directors may delegate to the person in whose favour such mortgage or security is executed, or to any other person in trust for him, the power to make calls on the members in respect of such uncalled capital, and to sue in the name of the Company or otherwise for the recovering of monies becoming due in respect of calls so made and to give valid receipts for such monies, and the power so delegated shall subsist during the continuance of the mortgage or security, notwithstanding any change of Directors, and shall be assignable if expressed so to be.
138. A register of Directors' interests shall be kept in accordance with the Statutes and shall be open to the inspection of any member or holder of debentures of the Company or of any other person authorised by the Statutes between the hours 10 am and noon on each day during which the same is bound to be open for inspection pursuant to the Statutes. The register shall also be produced at the commencement of each annual general meeting and shall remain open and accessible during the continuance of the meeting to any person attending the meeting.
139. The Directors may from time to time elect a president of the Company and may determine the period for which he shall hold office. Such president may be either honorary or paid such remuneration as the Directors in their discretion shall think fit, and need not be a Director but

shall, if not a Director, be entitled to receive notice of and attend and speak, but not to vote, at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

140.

140.1 The Directors may from time to time appoint any manager or other officer or person in the employment of the Company or of any subsidiary undertaking within the Group or any director of any such subsidiary undertaking to be an associate director of the Company.

140.2 An associate director appointed under this Article shall not be required to hold any shares in the Company to qualify him for such office.

140.3 Save as otherwise agreed between him and the Company, the appointment of a person to be an associate director shall not affect the terms and conditions of his employment by the Company or by any subsidiary undertaking within the Group, whether as regards duties, remuneration, pension or otherwise, and his office as an associate director shall be vacated if he becomes of unsound mind or is made bankrupt, or if he becomes prohibited by law from being a director, or if he ceases to be a director of any such subsidiary undertaking by virtue of any provision of the Statutes, or in the event of his ceasing to be in the employment of the Company or of any such subsidiary undertaking, or if he resigns his office or is removed from the office of associate director by a resolution of the Directors.

140.4 The appointment, continuance in office, removal, powers, duties and remuneration of the associate directors or of any of them shall be determined by the Directors, who shall have full powers to make such arrangements as they may think fit.

140.5 The associate directors shall not under any circumstances be entitled to vote at meetings of Directors and shall not, except with, and to the extent of, the sanction of the Directors:

- (a) have any right of access to the books or accounts of the Company;
- (b) be entitled to receive notices or to attend at meetings of the Directors;
- (c) be entitled to participate in any other respect in the exercise of the collective powers or duties of the Directors or to exercise any of the powers or rights of a Director individually under these Articles.

140.6 The Directors shall have the right to enter into any contracts on behalf of the Company or to transact any business of any description without the knowledge or approval of the associate directors.

140.7 No act shall be done by the Directors which would impose any personal liability on any or all of the associate directors, whether under the Statutes or otherwise, except with their knowledge and consent.

140.8 The appointment of an associate director shall not constitute him as a Director for the purposes of these Articles or within the meaning of the expression "director" as defined in the

Statutes, and an associate director may be given such job title or description by the Company as the Directors may feel appropriate.

SECRETARY

141.

141.1 The Secretary shall be qualified in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and shall be appointed by the Directors on such terms and for such period as they may think fit. The Secretary may at any time be removed from office by the Directors, but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract between him and the Company.

141.2 Any provision of the Statutes or of these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in the place of, the Secretary.

THE SEAL

142.

142.1 The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Statutes with regard to official seals and such powers shall be vested in the Directors.

142.2 The Directors shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal, and any official seal, both of which shall only be used by the authority of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors authorised by the Directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the Seal and/or any official seal shall be affixed shall (subject to the provisions of paragraph 142.3 of this Article) be signed by a Director and shall be countersigned by a second Director or by the Secretary or some other person appointed by the Directors for the purpose and in favour of any purchaser or other person dealing with the Company in good faith and relying thereon such signatures shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the Seal and/or any official seal has been properly affixed.

142.3 Notwithstanding any other Article, the Directors may from time to time determine, either generally or in any particular case, the method by which any share certificate issued by the Company in respect of the Company's shares, stock, debentures or other securities shall be authenticated by or on behalf of the Company and, in particular:

- (a) the Directors may dispense with the need to affix the Seal, or any official seal, to such certificate;
- (b) the Directors may determine the manner, and by whom, any such certificate is to be signed, and may dispense with the need for such certificate to be signed or executed in any way;
- (c) the Directors may permit the signature or a facsimile of the signature of any person to be applied to such certificate by any mechanical or electronic means in place of that person's actual signature.

And any certificate issued in accordance with the requirements of the Directors shall, as against the Company, be prima facie evidence of the title of the person named in that certificate to the shares comprised in it.

143. The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Statutes with regard to having an official seal for use abroad and such powers shall be vested in the Directors.
144. Subject to the provisions of Section 36A of the Act, a document signed by a Director and the Secretary, or by two Directors, and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the Company shall have the same effect as if executed under the Seal.

AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

145. Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Directors for the purpose shall have power to authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolutions passed by the Company or the Directors or any committee of the Directors, and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts; and where any books, records, documents or accounts are elsewhere than at the Office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Directors as aforesaid. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Company or of the Directors or any committee of the Directors which is certified as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company in good faith and relying thereon that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that such minutes are or extract is true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

DIVIDENDS

146. The Company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends and fix the time for payment thereof, but no dividend shall be payable except out of profits of the Company available for distribution in accordance with the Statutes or in excess of the amount, or at any earlier date than, recommended by the Directors.
147. Unless and to the extent that the rights attached to any shares or the terms of issue thereof otherwise provide, dividends may be declared or paid in any currency.
148. Unless and to the extent that the rights attached to any shares or the terms of issue thereof otherwise provide, all dividends shall (as regards any shares not fully paid throughout the period in respect of which the dividend is paid) be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. For the purposes of this Article no amount paid on a share in advance of call shall be treated as paid on the share.
149. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, if and so far as in the opinion of the Directors the profits of the Company justify such payments, the Directors may pay the fixed dividend on any class of shares carrying a fixed dividend expressed to be payable on fixed dates on the half-yearly or other dates prescribed for the payment thereof and may also from time to time pay interim dividends of such amounts and on such dates and in respect of such periods as they

think fit. A resolution of the Directors declaring any such dividend shall (once published with their authority) be irrevocable and have the same effect as if such dividend had been declared upon the recommendation of the Directors by an ordinary resolution of the Company. Provided the Directors act bona fide they shall not incur any responsibility to the holders of shares conferring a preference for any damage they may suffer by reason of the payment of any interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

150. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, where any asset, business or property is bought by the Company as from a past date the profits and losses thereof as from such date may at the discretion of the Directors in whole or in part be carried to revenue account and treated for all purposes as profits or losses of the Company. Subject as aforesaid, if any shares or securities are purchased cum dividend or interest, such dividend or interest may at the discretion of the Directors be treated as revenue, and it shall not be obligatory to capitalise the same or any part thereof.
151. No dividend or other monies payable on or in respect of a share shall bear interest as against the Company.
152. The Directors may retain any dividend or other monies payable on or in respect of any share:
 - 152.1 on which the Company has a lien, and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the debts, liabilities, or engagements in respect of which the lien exists; or
 - 152.2 in respect of which any person is under the provisions as to the transmission of shares hereinbefore contained entitled to become a member, or which any person is under those provisions entitled to transfer, until such person shall become a member in respect of such shares or shall transfer the same.
153. The Company may cease to send any cheque or warrant through the post for any dividend or other monies payable on or in respect of any share if in respect of at least two consecutive dividends payable on those shares the cheques or warrants have been returned undelivered or remain uncashed, or the cheque or warrant in respect of any one dividend has been returned undelivered or remains uncashed and reasonable enquiries have failed to establish any new address of the holder, but may recommence sending cheques or warrants in respect of dividends payable on those shares if the holder or person entitled thereto requests such recommencement in writing.
154. All unclaimed dividends or other monies payable on or in respect of a share may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed. The payment by the Directors of any such dividend or other monies into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof and any dividend unclaimed after a period of twelve years from the date of declaration of such dividend or the date on which such dividend became due for payment shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company, but the Directors may at their discretion pay any such dividend or such other monies or some part thereof to a person who would have been entitled thereto had the same not reverted to the Company.

155. The Company may upon the recommendation of the Directors by ordinary resolution direct payment of a dividend in whole or in part by the distribution of specific assets (and in particular of paid up shares or debentures of any other company) and the Directors shall give effect to such resolution, and where any difficulty arises in regard to such distribution, the Directors may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any members upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in trustees as may seem expedient to the Directors, and generally may make such arrangements for the allotment, acceptance and sale of such specific assets or fractional certificates or any part thereof and otherwise as they think fit.
- 156.
- 156.1 Any dividend or other monies payable in cash or in respect of a share may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post to or left at the registered address of the member or person entitled thereto (or, if two or more persons are registered as joint holders of the share or are entitled thereto in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, to any one of such persons) or to such person and such address as such member or person may be writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent or to such persons as the holder or joint holders or person or persons entitled to the share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder may by writing direct and payment of the cheque or warrant by the banker upon whom it is drawn shall be a good discharge to the Company. Every such cheque or warrant shall be sent at the risk of the person entitled to the monies represented thereby.
- 156.2 In addition any such dividend or other monies may at the discretion of the Directors be paid by any bank or other funds transfer system or such other means and to or through such person as the holder or joint holders or person or persons entitled to the relevant share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder may in writing direct and the Company shall have no responsibility for any sums lost or delayed in the course of any such transfer or where it has acted on any such directions.
- 156.3 In respect of shares in uncertificated form, where the Company is authorised to do so by or on behalf of the holder or joint holders in such manner as the Company shall from time to time consider sufficient, the Company may also pay any such dividend, interest or other monies by means of the relevant system (subject always to the facilities and requirements of that relevant system).
157. If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share, or are entitled jointly to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, any one of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend or other monies payable or property distributable on or in respect of the share.
158. The waiver in whole or in part of any dividend on any shares by any document (whether or not executed as a deed) shall be effective only if such document is signed by the shareholder (or the person entitled to the share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or

otherwise by operation of law) and delivered to the Company and if or to the extent that the same is accepted as such or acted upon by the Company.

RESERVES

159. The Directors may from time to time set aside out of the profits of the Company and carry to reserve such sums as they think proper which, at the discretion of the Directors, shall be applicable for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may properly be applied and pending such application may either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested. The Directors may from time to time designate the reserves or any part thereof for such purposes or in such manner as they think fit. The Directors may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits. In carrying sums to reserve and in applying the same the Directors shall comply with the provisions of the Statutes.

CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES

160. The Company may upon the recommendation of the Directors by ordinary resolution resolve to capitalise any sum standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve fund) or any sum standing to the credit of profit and loss account (provided that such sum be not available and required for paying the dividends on any shares carrying a fixed cumulative preferential dividend) and authorise the Directors to appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the holders of shares in the proportions in which such sum would have been divisible amongst them had the same been a distribution of profits by way of dividend on the shares and to apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts (if any) for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively or in or towards paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the Company of a nominal amount equal to such sum, such shares or debentures to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up to and amongst them in the proportion aforesaid or partly in one way and partly in the other. Provided that any sum standing to the credit of share premium account or capital redemption reserve fund and any other undistributable reserves shall only be applied in or towards the paying up of unissued shares to be allotted as fully paid.
161. Subject to approval by the Company in general meeting by way of an ordinary resolution the Directors may, in respect of any dividend declared or proposed to be declared at that general meeting or any time prior to the next following annual general meeting, determine and announce, prior to or contemporaneously with their announcement of the dividend in question that ordinary shareholders will be entitled to elect to receive in lieu of such dividend (or part thereof) an allotment of additional Ordinary Shares credited as fully paid. In any such case the following provisions shall apply:
- 161.1 the basis of allotment shall be determined by the Directors so that, as nearly as may be considered convenient, the value (calculated by reference to the average quotation) of the additional Ordinary Shares (including any fractional entitlement) to be allotted in lieu of any amount of dividend shall equal such amount. For such purposes the "average quotation" of an Ordinary Share shall be the average of the means of quotations on the Stock Exchange, as shown in the Daily Official List, on each of the first five business days on which the Ordinary Shares are quoted ex the relevant dividend;

- 161.2 the Directors shall give notice in writing to the ordinary shareholders of the right of election accorded to them and shall send with or following such notice forms of election and specify the procedure to be followed and the place at which and the latest date and time by which duly completed forms of election must be lodged in order to be effective;
- 161.3 the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable on Ordinary Shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised (the **elected Ordinary Shares**), and in lieu thereof additional shares shall be allotted to the holders of the elected Ordinary Shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Directors shall capitalise, out of such of the sums standing to the credit of reserves (including any share premium account or capital redemption reserve fund) or profit and loss account as the Directors may determine a sum equal to the aggregate nominal amount of additional Ordinary Shares to be allotted on such basis and apply the same in paying up in full the appropriate number of unissued Ordinary Shares on such basis;
- 161.4 the additional Ordinary Shares so allotted shall rank pari passu in all respects with the fully paid Ordinary Shares then in issue save only as regards participation in the relevant dividend (or share election in lieu); and
- 161.5 the Directors may on any occasion determine that rights of election shall not be made available to any ordinary shareholders with registered addresses in any territory where in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities the circulation of an offer of rights of election would or might be unlawful, and in such event the provisions aforesaid shall be read and construed subject to such determination.
162. Whenever such a resolution as aforesaid mentioned in Articles 160 and/or 161 shall have been passed, the Directors shall make all appropriations and applications of the sum resolved to be capitalised thereby and all allotments and issues of fully paid shares or debentures (if any) and generally shall do all acts and things required to give effect thereto, with full power to the Directors to make such provisions as they think fit for the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions whereby the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the members concerned) and also to authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members interested into an agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any further shares or debentures to which they may be entitled upon such capitalisation, or (as the case may require) for the payment by the Company on their behalf, by the application thereto of their respective interests in such capitalised sum, of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares and for matters incidental thereto and any agreement made under any such authority shall be effective and binding on all concerned.

RECORD DATES

163. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for any dividend, distribution, offer, allotment or issue and such record date may be on or any time before or after any date on which the dividend, distribution, offer, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made.

MINUTES AND BOOKS

164. The Directors shall cause minutes to be made:
- 164.1 of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- 164.2 of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of Directors and of any committee of Directors; and
- 164.3 of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company and of any class of members of the Company and of the Directors and of committees of Directors.

Any such minutes if purporting to be signed by the chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings took place, or by the chairman of the next following meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated.

165. Any register, index, minute book, book of account or other book required by these Articles or the Statutes to be kept by or on behalf of the Company may be kept either by making entries in bound books or by recording them in any other manner. In any case in which bound books are not used, the Directors shall take adequate precautions for guarding against falsification and for facilitating its discovery.
166. Any register, index, minute book, book of account or other book or document of the Company shall always be open to the inspection of the officers of the Company. Subject as aforesaid no member of the Company or other person shall have any right of inspecting any book or document of the Company except as conferred by the Statutes or as ordered by a Court of competent jurisdiction or as authorised by the Directors and the Directors shall (subject to the provisions of the Statutes) determine at what times and under what conditions any such right may be exercised.

ACCOUNTS

167. Accounting records sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and otherwise complying with the Statutes shall be kept at the Office, or at such other place within Great Britain as the Directors think fit.
168. The Directors shall from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes cause to be prepared and to be laid before a general meeting of the Company such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and reports as may be necessary.
169. A printed copy of the Directors' report accompanied by the balance sheet and profit and loss account and Auditor's report which is to be laid before a general meeting of the Company (including every document required by law to be attached or annexed thereto) shall not less than twenty-one days before the date of the meeting be sent to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company and to every other person who is entitled to receive notices of meetings from the Company under the provisions of the Statutes or of these Articles. Provided that this Article shall not require a copy of such documents to be sent to more than one of joint holders or to any person who is not entitled to receive notices of meetings and of whose address the Company is not aware, but any member or holder of debentures to whom a copy of such documents has not been sent shall be entitled to receive

a copy free of charge on application at the Office. The requirements of this Article shall be deemed to be satisfied in relation to any member by sending to that member, where permitted by the Statutes, a summary financial statement prepared in the form and containing the information prescribed by the Statutes. No accidental non-compliance with the provisions of this Article shall invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

170. Every account of the Company when audited and approved by the Company in general meeting shall be conclusive except as regards any error discovered therein within three months next after the approval thereof. Whenever such an error is discovered within that period, the account shall forthwith be corrected and thereupon shall be conclusive.

AUDITORS

171. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties, powers, rights and remuneration regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.
172. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, all acts done by persons acting as Auditors shall, as regards all persons dealing in good faith with the Company, be valid, notwithstanding that there was some defect in their appointment or that they were at the time of their appointment not qualified for appointment.
173. The Auditors shall be entitled to attend any general meeting and to receive all notices of and other communications relating to any general meeting which any member is entitled to receive, and to be heard at any general meeting on any part of the business of the meeting which concerns them as Auditors.

NOTICES

174. The Company can send, deliver or serve any notice or other document, including a share certificate, to or on a member:
- 174.1 personally; or
- 174.2 by sending it through the postal system addressed to the member at his registered address; or
- 174.3 (if he has no registered address within the United Kingdom) to the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied by him to the Company as his address for the service of notices; or
- 174.4 through a relevant system, where the notice or document relates to uncertificated shares; or
- 174.5 where appropriate, by sending or supplying it in electronic form to an address notified by the member to the Company for that purpose; or
- 174.6 where appropriate, by making it available on a website and notifying the member of its availability in accordance with this Article; or
- 174.7 by any other means authorised in writing by the member.
175. In the case of joint holders of a share:

- 175.1 service, sending or supply of any notice, document or other information on or to one of the joint holders shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service on, sending or supplying to all the joint holders; and
- 175.2 anything to be agreed or specified in relation to any notice, document or other information to be served on, sent or supplied to them may be agreed or specified by any one of the joint holders and the agreement or specification of the first named in the Register shall be accepted to the exclusion of that of the other joint holders.
176. Where a member (or, in the case of a joint holders, the person first named in the Register) has a registered address outside the United Kingdom but has notified the Company of an address within the United Kingdom at which notices, documents or other information may be given to him or has given to the Company an address for the purposes of communications by electronic means at which notices, documents or other information may be served, sent or supplied to him, he shall be entitled to have notices served, sent or supplied to him at such address or, where applicable, the Company may make them available on a website and notify the holder of that address. Otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice, document or other information from the Company.
177. If on three consecutive occasions any notice, document or other information has been sent to any member at his registered address or his address for the service of notices (by electronic means or otherwise) but has been returned undelivered, such member shall not be entitled to receive notices, documents or other information from the Company until he shall have communicated with the Company and supplied in writing a new registered address or address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices or has informed the Company of an address for the service of notices and the sending or supply of documents and other information in electronic form. For these purposes, any notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied by post shall be treated as returned undelivered if the notice, document or other information is served, sent or supplied back to the Company (or its agents) and a notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied in electronic form shall be treated as returned undelivered if the Company (or its agents) receives notification that the notice, document or other information was not delivered to the address to which it was served, sent or supplied.
178. The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion choose to serve, send or supply notices, documents or other information in hard copy form alone to some or all of the members.
179. Any notice or document delivered or sent to any member (electronically or otherwise) in pursuance of these Articles shall, notwithstanding that such member be then dead or bankrupt, and whether or not the Company has notice of his death or bankruptcy, be deemed to have been duly served or delivered in respect of any share registered in the name of such member as sole or joint holder, provided that where a person entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member has supplied to the Company evidence to show his title to the share and an address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices, any notice or document to which the member but for his death or bankruptcy would be entitled shall be served on or delivered to such person in like manner as a member, and

shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.

180. Every person who by operation of law, transfer or other means whatsoever shall become entitled to any share shall be bound by any notice or document in respect of such share which previously to his name and address being entered in the Register as the holder thereof shall have been served on or delivered to a person from or through whom he derives his title to such share provided that the provisions of this Article shall not apply to any notice given under Articles 51 to 57 or the provisions of the Statutes referred to therein.
181. A member who (having no registered address within the United Kingdom) has not supplied to the Company an address within the United Kingdom for the service of notices or a valid electronic address shall not be entitled to receive notices from the Company.
182. If at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom or any part thereof the Company is unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, a general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised in two national daily newspapers published on the same date and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto at noon on the day when the advertisement appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post if, at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom again becomes practicable.
183. Any notice required to be given by the Company to the members, or any of them, and not provided for by or pursuant to these Articles shall be sufficiently given if given by advertisement which shall be inserted once in at least one national daily newspaper, and in such case shall be deemed to have been given at noon on the day on which the advertisement first appears.
184. Nothing in these Articles shall affect any requirement of the Statutes that any particular offer, notice or other document be served in any particular manner.

WINDING UP

185. The Directors shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the Court for the Company to be wound up.
186. If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary, under supervision, or by the Court) the liquidator may, with the authority of an extraordinary resolution, divide amongst the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether or not the assets shall consist of property of one kind or shall consist of properties of different kinds) and may for such purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property and may subject to any special rights attached to any shares or the terms of issue thereof determine how such division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like authority, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of members as the liquidator with the like authority shall think fit, and the liquidation of the Company may be closed and the

Company dissolved, but so that no contributory shall be compelled to accept any shares or other property in respect of which there is a liability.

INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

187. Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be consistent with the Statutes, every Director, Secretary or other officer of the Company shall be indemnified by and out of the assets of the Company from all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties and/or the exercise or purported exercise of his powers and/or otherwise in relation to or in connection with his duties, powers or office including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, which relate to anything done or omitted or alleged to have been done or omitted by him as an officer or employee of the Company and in which judgment is given in his favour (or where the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part) or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under any statute for relief from liability in respect of any such act or omission in which relief is granted to him by the Court.
188. Without prejudice to Article 187 the Directors shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time Directors, officers or employees of any Relevant Company (as defined in Article 189) or who are or were at any time trustees of any pension fund or employees' share scheme in which employees of any Relevant Company are interested, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of their duties and/or in the exercise or purported exercise of their powers and/or otherwise in relation to their duties, powers or offices in relation to any Relevant Company, or any such pension fund or employees' share scheme.
189. For the purpose of Article 188 Relevant Company shall mean the Company, any holding company of the Company or any other body, whether or not incorporated, in which the Company or such holding company or any of the predecessors of the Company or of such holding company has or had any interest whether direct or indirect or which is in any way allied to or associated with the Company, or any subsidiary undertaking of the Company or of such other body.