

THE COMPANIES (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2008, AS AMENDED

NON-CELLULAR COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

NB GLOBAL MONTHLY INCOME FUND LIMITED

Registered on 10 March 2011 and
Amended and Restated by written special resolution dated 17 March 2011
Further Amended and Restated by special resolution dated 27 September 2011
Further amended by special resolution dated 19 March 2014
Further amended by special resolution dated 5 April 2017
Further amended by special resolution dated 8 September 2020
Further amended by special resolution dated 27 January 2023

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1.	DEFINITIONS.....	1
2.	INTERPRETATION.....	12
3.	STANDARD ARTICLES NOT TO APPLY	13
4.	SHARES	13
5.	CLASS ACCOUNTS.....	15
6.	PRE-EMPTION ON ALLOTMENT AND ISSUE OF SHARES.....	17
7.	ORDINARY SHARES	19
8.	B SHARES	20
9.	C SHARES	21
10.	COMPANY NOT OBLIGED TO RECOGNISE ANY TRUST	24
11.	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.....	25
12.	CERTIFICATES AND REGISTER OF MEMBERS.....	30
13.	LIEN.....	30
14.	CALLS ON SHARES.....	31
15.	FORFEITURE AND SURRENDER OF SHARES.....	32
16.	TRANSFER AND TRANSMISSION OF SHARES.....	33
17.	ALTERATION OF CAPITAL.....	37
18.	GENERAL MEETINGS.....	37
19.	NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS	38
20.	PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS	38
21.	VOTES OF MEMBERS.....	41
22.	WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS.....	43
23.	NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD	44
24.	QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS	45
25.	ALTERNATE DIRECTORS.....	46
26.	BORROWING POWERS OF THE BOARD	47
27.	OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD	47
28.	POWERS OF ATTORNEY	47
29.	DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.....	48
30.	DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS.....	50
31.	PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS.....	51
32.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.....	51
33.	SECRETARY	52
34.	COMMON SIGNATURE	52
35.	THE SEAL.....	52
36.	AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS.....	52
37.	DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS.....	53
38.	RESERVES.....	55
39.	CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES.....	55
40.	ACCOUNTS.....	56
41.	AUDITORS.....	56
42.	UNTRACEABLE MEMBERS	57
43.	NOTICES.....	58
44.	WINDING UP.....	61
45.	INDEMNITY.....	62
46.	INSURANCE.....	62
47.	INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS	62
48.	SUSPENSION OF NET ASSET VALUE.....	62
49.	RECORD DATES.....	63
50.	REDEMPTION OFFER	63

51. SCRIP DIVIDENDS.....	65
--------------------------	----

THE COMPANIES (GUERNSEY) LAW, 2008, AS AMENDED

NON-CELLULAR COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

NB GLOBAL MONTHLY INCOME FUND LIMITED

1. **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In these Articles, the following words shall bear the following meanings if not inconsistent with the subject or context:-

Words	Meanings
Administrator	The administrator of the Company as appointed by the Board from time to time.
Admission	Admission of the Ordinary Shares of the Company to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities.
AML Legislation	The Criminal Justice (Proceeds of Crime) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1999, the Terrorism and Crime (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2002 and the Criminal Justice (Proceeds of Crime) (Financial Services Business) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Regulations, 2007 and any other applicable anti-money laundering legislation or regulation.
Approved Operator	Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited or such other person as may for the time being be authorised under the Regulations to operate an Uncertificated System.
approved transfer	Has the meaning given to it in Article 11.16.3.
Articles	These Articles of Incorporation as now framed and at any

time altered.

at any time	At any time or times and includes for the time being and from time to time.
Auditor	The auditor for the time being of the Company.
B Share	A share of no par value in the capital of the Company issued and designated as a B Share of such class as may be determined by the Directors at the time of issue.
Back Stop Date	Such date as determined by the Directors and set out in the Specified Conversion Criteria.
Board	The Directors at any time or the Directors present at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present or, as the case may be, the Directors assembled as a duly formed committee of such Board.
Business Day	A day on which the London Stock Exchange and banks in Guernsey are normally open for business.
C Admission	Admission of C Shares of the relevant class to listing on the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities.
C Share	A share of no par value in the capital of the Company issued and designated as a C Share of such class, and convertible into such Correspondent Shares, as may be determined by the Directors at the time of issue.
C Share Surplus	In relation to any class of C Shares, the net assets of the Company attributable to the C Shares of that class as recorded in the Class Account for that class.
Calculation Time	The earliest of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the close of business on the last Business Day prior to the day on which Force Majeure Circumstances have arisen or the Directors resolve that they are in contemplation;(b) the close of business on such date as the Directors may decide is necessary to enable the Company to comply with its obligations in

respect of the Conversion of that class of C Shares;

(c) the close of business on the Back Stop Date for the relevant class of C Shares; and

(d) the close of business on such date as the Directors may determine, provided that the Directors shall, in their discretion, have resolved that the Early Investment Condition for the relevant class of C Shares has been satisfied and that the relevant class of C Shares shall be converted.

calendar year The period from 1 January to 31 December of a particular year.

Capital Proceeds The proceeds of realising the Company's investments (net of all fees, costs and expenses payable by the Company).

certificated A unit of a security which is not an uncertificated unit and is normally held in certificated form.

clear days In relation to a period of notice, shall mean that period excluding the day when the notice is served or deemed to be served and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.

Companies Law The Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008.

Company NB Global Monthly Income Fund Limited.

Conversion In relation to any class of C Shares, conversion of that class of C Shares in accordance with these Articles.

Conversion Ratio In relation to each class of C Shares, A divided by B calculated to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards) where:

$$A = \frac{C - D}{E}$$

and

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

and where:

C is the aggregate value of all assets and investments of the Company attributable to the relevant class of C Shares (as determined by the Directors) at the relevant Calculation Time calculated in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Directors from time to time;

D is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of C) in the Directors' opinion fairly reflects as at the relevant Calculation Time the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the Company attributable to the C Shares of the relevant class (as determined by the Directors);

E is the number of the C Shares of the relevant class in issue as at the relevant Calculation Time;

F is the aggregate value of all assets and investments attributable to the relevant class of Correspondent Shares (as determined by the Directors) at the relevant Calculation Time calculated in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Directors from time to time;

G is the amount which, (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of F) in the Directors' opinion, fairly reflects as at the relevant Calculation Time the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the Company attributable to the relevant Correspondent Shares (as determined by the Directors); and

H is the number of Correspondent Shares of the relevant class in issue as at the relevant Calculation Time;

Provided always that:

- (a) the Directors shall be entitled to make such adjustments to the value or amount of A and/or B as they believe to be appropriate having

regard to, among other things, the assets of the Company immediately prior to the Issue Date or the Calculation Time or to the reasons for the issue of the C Shares of the relevant class;

- (b) in relation to any class of C Shares, the Directors may, as part of the terms of issue of such class, amend the definition of Conversion Ratio in relation to that class.

**Compulsory Redemption
Announcement**

has the meaning given to it in Article 50A.

Compulsory Redemption Date

the date on which a compulsory redemption becomes effective pursuant Article 50A.

Compulsory Redemption Price

the price per Share at which Shares will be redeemed on a particular Compulsory Redemption Date in connection with the Managed Wind-down as determined by the Directors by reference to the most recently published Net Asset Value per Share.

Compulsory Redemption Record Date

the close of business on the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date or as otherwise set out in the relevant Compulsory Redemption Announcement.

Conversion Time

A time following the Calculation Time, being the opening of business in London on such Business Day as may be selected by the Directors and falling not more than 20 Business Days after the Calculation Time.

Correspondent Shares

The Ordinary Shares of the relevant class into which C Shares of a particular class are to be converted as determined by the Directors at the time of issue of the relevant class of C Shares, subject as may subsequently be amended by the Directors to reflect any change in the currency classes of the Company's shares.

Correspondent Share Surplus

The net assets of the Company attributable to the Correspondent Shares (as determined by the Directors) at the date of winding up or other return of capital.

CRS

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and

	Development's Common Reporting Standard.
Data Protection Legislation	The Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2017 and the European Union data protection regime introduced by the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation 2016/679), guidance, directions, determinations, codes of practice, circulars, orders, notices or demands issued by any supervisory authority and any applicable national, international, regional, municipal or other data privacy authority or other data protection laws or regulations in any other territory which are otherwise applicable.
Default Shares	Has the meaning given to it in Article 11.9.1.
Director	A director of the Company for the time being.
Early Investment Condition	Any such condition specified in the Specified Conversion Criteria.
ERISA	The U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
Executor	Includes administrator.
Extraordinary Resolution	A resolution of the Members in a general meeting passed by a majority of not less than seventy five per cent. of the votes recorded, including, where there is a poll, any votes cast by proxy.
FATCA	The U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act of 2010.
FCA	The Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom acting in its capacity as the competent listing authority for the purposes of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
Force Majeure Circumstances	In relation to any class of C Shares: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any political and/or economic circumstances and/or actual or anticipated changes in fiscal or other legislation which, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors, renders Conversion necessary or desirable;

- (b) the issue of any proceedings challenging or seeking to challenge the power of the Company and/or its Directors to issue the C Shares of that class with the rights proposed to be attached to them or to the persons to whom they are, and/or the terms on which they are, proposed to be issued; or
- (c) the convening of any general meeting of the Company at which a resolution is to be proposed to wind up the Company;

Interested Party

Has the meaning given to it in Article 11.1.

International Tax Compliance Legislation

The Income Tax (Approved International Agreements) (Implementation) (United Kingdom and United States of America) Regulations, 2014, the Income Tax (Approved International Agreements) (Implementation) (Common Reporting Standard) Regulations, 2015 and any subordinate, amending or replacement legislation, regulations or orders or associated guidance which concern the implementation of FATCA, CRS or any other international tax compliance regime applicable in Guernsey;

Issue Date

In relation to any class of C Shares, the date on which the admission of that class of C Shares to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities becomes effective or, if later, the day on which the Company receives the net proceeds of the issue of the relevant class of C Shares.

Laws

The Companies Law and every other Order in Council, Act or Ordinance for the time being in force concerning companies registered in Guernsey and affecting the Company.

Liquidator

Any liquidator of the Company appointed at any time under the Laws.

Listing Rules

The listing rules made by the UK Listing Authority under section 73A Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

London Stock Exchange	London Stock Exchange plc.
Managed Wind-down	the wind-down of the Company's portfolio of investments from time to time as described in the circular to shareholders dated 20 December 2022.
Manager	The manager of the Company as appointed by the Board from time to time.
Member	<p>In relation to shares in the capital of the Company means the person whose name is entered in the Register as the holder of the shares and includes, on the death, disability or insolvency of a Member, any person entitled to such shares on the death, disability or insolvency of such Member. In relation to shares in the capital of the Company held in an Uncertificated System, means:</p> <p>(a) a person who is permitted by an Authorised Operator to transfer by means of that Uncertificated System, title to uncertificated shares of the Company held by him; or</p> <p>(b) two or more persons who are jointly permitted to do so.</p>
Memorandum	The Memorandum of Incorporation of the Company for the time being current.
month	Calendar month.
NAV Calculation Date	Each Business Day on which the NAV is calculated.
NAV or Net Asset Value	The value of the assets of the Company less its liabilities (including accrued but unpaid fees), or, where relevant, the assets attributable to a class of share less the liabilities attributable to that class of share (including accrued but unpaid fees), in each case determined (by the Directors in their absolute discretion) in accordance with the accounting principles adopted by the Company from time to time.
Non-Qualified Holder	Any person whose ownership of shares may (i) result in the Plan Threshold being exceeded or cause the Company's assets to be deemed "plan assets" for the

purpose of ERISA or the U.S. Tax Code; (ii) may cause the Company to be required to register as an "investment company under the U.S. Investment Company Act (including because the holder of the shares is not a "qualified purchaser" as defined in the U.S. Investment Company Act) or to lose an exemption or status thereunder to which it might otherwise be entitled; (iii) cause the Company to have to register under the U.S. Exchange Act or any similar legislation; (iv) cause the Company not to be considered a "Foreign Private Issuer" as such term is defined in rule 3b-4(c) under the U.S. Exchange Act; (v) result in a person holding shares in violation of the transfer restrictions put forth in any prospectus published by the Company, from time to time; (vi) cause the Company to be a "controlled foreign corporation" or the purposes of the U.S. Tax Code; (vii) result in the Company not being able to satisfy its obligations under AML Legislation or International Tax Compliance Legislation on account of, inter alia, non-compliance by such person with any information request made by the Company.

Office	The registered office at any time of the Company.
Official List	The official list of the FCA.
Ordinary Resolution	A resolution of the Company passed as an ordinary resolution in accordance with the Companies Law.
Ordinary Shares	A share of no par value in the capital of the Company issued and designated as an Ordinary Share of such class as may be determined by the Directors at the time of issue.
Person	An individual, a company, a limited liability company, a corporation, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization, and a governmental entity or any department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, and any other entity.
Plan Asset Regulations	The plan asset regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of Labor under ERISA at 29 C.F.R. section

2510.3-101, as modified by section 3(42) of ERISA.

Plan Investor

Means (i) an "employee benefit plan" that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (ii) a plan, individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to section 4975 of the U.S. Code, (iii) an entity whose underlying assets are considered to include "plan assets" of any plan, account, or arrangement described in preceding clause (i) or (ii), or (iv) any governmental plan, church plan, non-U.S. plan or other investor whose purchase or holding of shares would be subject to any Similar Law.

Plan Threshold

Ownership by benefit plan investors, as defined under section 3 (42) of ERISA, in the aggregate, of 25 per cent. or more of the value of any class of equity interest in the Company (calculated by excluding the value of any equity interest held by any person (other than a benefit plan investor, as defined under section 3(42) of ERISA) that has discretionary authority or control with respect to the assets of the Company or that provides investment advice for a fee (direct or indirect) with respect to such assets, or any affiliate of such a person); the term shall be amended to reflect such new ownership threshold that may be established by a change in the Plan Asset Regulations or other applicable law.

present in person

In relation to general meetings of the Company and to meetings of the holders of any class of shares, includes present by attorney or by proxy or, in the case of a corporate Member, by representative.

proxy

Includes attorney.

Redemption Offer

Has the meaning given to it in Article 50.

Register

The register of Members kept pursuant to the Laws which shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the register required to be kept by the Company under the Regulations and the Rules in respect of securities in uncertificated form.

Regulations

The Uncertificated Securities (Guernsey) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No. 48).

Relevant Electronic Address	Shall have the meaning ascribed to it by the Companies Law.
RIS	A regulatory information service that is approved by the FCA as meeting the primary information provider criteria and that is on the list of regulatory information service providers maintained by the FCA.
Rules	The rules, including any manuals, issued from time to time by an Authorised Operator governing the admission of securities to and the operation of the Uncertificated System managed by such Authorised Operator.
Secretary	Includes a temporary or assistant secretary and any person appointed by the Board to perform any of the duties of secretary of the Company.
shares	Ordinary redeemable shares in the capital of the Company.
Similar Law	Any federal, state, local, non-U.S. or other law or regulation that would have the effect of Title I of ERISA, section 4975 of the U.S. Code or the regulations promulgated under ERISA by the U.S. Department of Labor and codified at 29 C.F.R. section 2510.3-101, as modified by section 3(42) of ERISA.
Special Resolution	A resolution of the Members passed as a special resolution in accordance with the Companies Law.
Specified Conversion Criteria	In respect of any issue of C Shares, such criteria as determined by the Directors and announced by the Company through a RIS, setting out, among other matters, the Back Stop Date and the Early Investment Condition.
Subsidiary Undertaking	Any company or other entity which is a subsidiary of the Company and the expression 'subsidiary' shall have the meaning given in Schedule 2 of the Banking Supervision (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1994.
U.S. Code	The United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

U.S. Dollars	The lawful currency of the United States from time to time.
U.S. Exchange Act	The United States Exchange Act of 1934.
U.S. Investment Company Act	The United States Investment Company Act of 1940.
uncertificated	A unit of a Guernsey security, title to which is recorded on the Register or on the Company's register of non-share securities as being held in uncertificated form, and title to which may be transferred by means of an Uncertificated System in accordance with the Regulations and Rules, if any.
Uncertificated System	Any computer-based system and its related facilities and procedures that are provided by an Authorised Operator and by means of which title to units of a security (including shares) can be evidenced and transferred in accordance with the Regulations and Rules, if any, without a written certificate or instrument.
United Kingdom	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
United States	The United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States and the District of Columbia.
Valuation Point	4:00 p.m. Guernsey time on a NAV Calculation Date.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 In these Articles, unless the context or law otherwise requires references to legislation:

2.1.1 include any subordinate legislation (including regulations and orders) made under that legislation, whether before or after the date of these Articles; and

2.1.2 include a reference to such legislation as from time to time amended or re-enacted and, where such legislation has re-enacted or replaced or been replaced by any other legislation, such other legislation,

and references to re-enactment include by way of consolidation or re-writing (whether with or without modification).

2.2 The singular includes the plural and *vice versa*.

- 2.3 The masculine includes the feminine and neutral genders.
- 2.4 Words importing persons include corporations.
- 2.5 Expressions referring to writing include any mode of representing or reproducing words (but only to the extent that (a) the Board so resolves, either generally or in relation to particular categories of document, and (b) (the recipient (if not the Company) has requested or agreed) including electronic communication.
- 2.6 The word "**may**" shall be construed as permissive and the word "**shall**" shall be construed as imperative.
- 2.7 Subject to the above, any words defined in the Laws shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meaning in these Articles.
- 2.8 The headings are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of these Articles.
- 2.9 The expression "**officer**" shall include a Director, the Secretary and such other person as the Board from time to time shall think fit but shall not include an auditor.
- 2.10 The expressions "**communication**", "**electronic communication**", "**electronic form**", "**electronic means**" and "**hard copy form**" shall have the same respective meanings as in the Companies Law, with the term "**electronic communication**" including, without limitation, e-mail, facsimile, CD-Rom, audio tape and telephone transmission and (in the case of electronic communication by the Company in accordance with Article 43.11) publication on a website.

3. **STANDARD ARTICLES NOT TO APPLY**

The standard articles prescribed by the States of Guernsey Commerce and Employment Department pursuant to section 16(2) of the Companies Law shall not apply to the Company.

4. **SHARES**

- 4.1 Subject to these Articles and the Laws, the Directors have power to issue an unlimited number of shares of no par value each and may issue any number of shares with a par value as they see fit.
- 4.2 Subject as provided in Article 4.3, shares may be issued as Ordinary Shares, B Shares or C Shares in each case of such classes, and denominated in such currencies, as shall be determined at the discretion of the Board and the price per share at which shares of each class shall first be offered to subscribers shall be fixed by the Board.
- 4.3 Subject to the terms and rights attaching to shares already in issue and these Articles, any new shares shall be of such class and amount and have such preference or priority as regards dividends or in the distribution of assets or as to voting or otherwise over any other shares of any class

whether then issued or not or be subject to such stipulations deferring them to any other shares with regard to dividends or in the distribution of the assets or as to voting or otherwise and such other rights and restrictions as the Board may determine in accordance with the Laws.

- 4.4 Subject to Article 6, the unallotted and unissued shares of the Company shall be at the disposal of the Board which may dispose of them to such persons and in such manner and on such terms as the Board may determine from time to time. Without prejudice to the authority conferred on the Directors pursuant to this Article, the Directors are generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the Company to allot and issue, grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any securities into, an unlimited number of shares of each class in the Company. Where an authorisation to issue shares or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares specifies and expires on any date, event or circumstance, the Directors may issue shares or grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares after the expiry of such authorisation if the shares are issued or the rights are granted, in pursuance of an offer or agreement made by the Company before the authorisation expired and the authorisation allowed the Company to make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares to be issued, or rights to be granted, after the authorisation had expired.
- 4.5 Any shares may, with the sanction of the Board, be issued on terms that they are, at the option of the Company or the holder, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Board before the issue may determine.
- 4.6 The Company may from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Laws purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) in any manner authorised by the Laws and may cancel those shares or hold any such shares as treasury shares as provided in the Laws.
- 4.7 The Company and any of its subsidiary companies may give financial assistance (as defined by the Laws) directly or indirectly for the purpose of or in connection with the acquisition of its shares or in connection with reducing or discharging any liability incurred in connection with the purchase of shares in the Company.
- 4.8 If at any time the shares of the Company are divided into different classes, all or any of the rights for the time being attached to any share or class of shares (and notwithstanding that the Company may or may be about to be in liquidation) may be varied or abrogated in such manner (if any) as may be provided by such rights or, in the absence of any such provision, either with the consent in writing of the holders of more than half in number of the issued shares of that class or with the consent of an Ordinary Resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of shares of the class duly convened and held as provided in these Articles, but so that the quorum at such meeting (other than an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one third of the issued shares of the class in question (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares) (and so that at any adjourned meeting one holder entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by him) shall be a quorum) provided always that where the class has only one Member, that Member shall constitute the

necessary quorum and any holder of shares of the class in question can demand a poll. At any such separate general meeting: (a) on a show of hands every holder of Ordinary Shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall have one vote and (b) on a poll every holder of shares of the relevant class present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall have one vote for each share of such class held by him.

4.9 The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not (unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) be deemed to be varied by (a) the creation or issue of further shares ranking as regards participation in the profits or assets of the Company in some or all respects *pari passu* therewith but in no respect in priority thereto or (b) the purchase or redemption by the Company of any of its own shares (or the holding of such shares as treasury shares).

4.10 The special rights conferred upon the holders of any shares or class of shares issued with preferred, deferred or other special rights shall not be deemed to be varied by the exercise of any powers under Article 11.

4.11 The Company may pay commission in money or shares to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe whether absolutely or conditionally for any shares in the Company or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions whether absolute or conditional for any shares in the Company provided that the rate or amount of commission shall be fixed by the Board. The Company may also pay brokerage charges.

4.12 The Board may at any time after the conditional issue of, or agreement to issue, any share but before any person has been entered in the Register as the holder:-

4.12.1 recognise a renunciation thereof by the person conditionally issued with any shares in favour of some other person and accord to the former a right to effect such renunciation; and/or

4.12.2 allow the rights represented thereby to relate to one or more shares,

in each case upon and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may think fit to impose.

5. **CLASS ACCOUNTS**

5.1 The Directors shall, for the purposes of determining the Net Asset Value for each class of share establish a separate class account (in such currency as the Directors may determine) in the books of the Company for each such share class (each a "**Class Account**") and each of the separate Class Accounts shall be designated by reference to each class of share as appropriate, and the following provisions shall apply thereto:

5.1.1 An amount equal to the proceeds of issue of shares of the relevant class shall be credited to the relevant Class Account.

- 5.1.2 Any decrease in the Net Asset Value of the Company arising from the redemption or repurchase of shares of a particular class will be debited to the relevant Class Account.
- 5.1.3 Each Class Account shall be adjusted as the Directors deem appropriate to reflect the conversion of shares of any class into shares of any other class.
- 5.1.4 Any amounts standing to the credit of a Class Account referable to a class of Ordinary Shares which are capitalised by the Company in paying up B Shares of a class referable to such class of Ordinary Shares shall be deducted from that Class Account.
- 5.1.5 An amount equal to the payment to holders of a class of shares in respect of payment of a dividend (if any) or other distribution thereon, shall be debited against the Class Account designated by reference to the appropriate share class.
- 5.1.6 Any increase or decrease in the Net Asset Value of the Company's portfolio which is attributable to more than one class of shares (disregarding for these purposes any increases or decreased in Net Asset Value attributable to issues, repurchases or redemptions of shares or any dividend or other distribution paid by the Company or any Designated Adjustments) shall be allocated among the relevant Class Accounts pro rata to the respective Net Asset Values of such Class Accounts.
- 5.1.7 The amount of any foreign exchange item, placing or distributor fees or commissions or other fees, liabilities or expenses relating to any valuation period that shall be attributed by the Directors to a specific class of shares in issue ("**Designated Deductions**") shall be deducted from the relevant Class Account (after allocation of the portion of increase or decrease in the Net Asset Value referred to in Article 5.1.6) of the relevant share class to which such Designated Deductions specifically relate and as the Directors shall determine.
- 5.1.8 The amount of any foreign exchange item, pre-paid expense, asset, profit, gain or income, relating to any valuation period that shall be attributed by the Directors to a specific class of shares in issue ("**Designated Additions**") shall be credited to the Class Account (after allocation of the portion of increase or decrease in the Net Asset Value referred to in Article 5.1.6) of the relevant share class to which such Designated Additions specifically relate and as the Directors shall determine. The Designated Deductions and Designated Additions shall together be known as the "**Designated Adjustments**".
- 5.1.9 The Net Asset Value of each class of share at the beginning of a valuation period after adjustment by the apportionment referred to in Article 5.1.6 and the making of any Designated Adjustments referred to in Articles 5.1.7 and 5.1.8 shall be the Net Asset Value of each class of share as at the day as at which the allocation or valuation is being determined.
- 5.1.10 Where any event takes place which may affect the proportion of the Net Asset Value of the Company attributable to the Class Account maintained in the books of the Company

for any share class, the Directors may make such adjustment to the above calculation as they deem appropriate to ensure any increase or decrease in the Net Asset Value of the Company and all liabilities and expenses are attributed to the Class Accounts maintained for each share class properly and fairly.

5.1.11 In the case of a pre-paid expense, asset, profit, gain, income, loss or liability (including expenses) which the Directors do not consider is attributable to a specific share class, the Directors shall have the discretion to determine the basis upon which any such prepaid expense, asset, profit, gain, income, loss or liability (including expenses) shall be allocated between Class Accounts and the Directors shall have power at any time and from time to time to vary such allocation.

5.1.12 For the purposes of this Article 5 the Directors may determine from time to time such valuation periods as they see fit.

5.1.13 Upon the designation of further share class(es), the Directors shall create new Class Accounts as necessary and shall determine the Designated Adjustments referable to the existing and new classes having regard to the proper and fair treatment of affected Members. Such determination may be amended or revoked by the Directors from time to time having like regard.

5.2 The Net Asset Value of the Class Account referable to each such share class shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article 5. The Net Asset Value per share of each class shall equal the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class Account divided by the number of shares of that class then in issue calculated up to four decimal places.

6. **PRE-EMPTION ON ALLOTMENT AND ISSUE OF SHARES**

6.1 In this Article 6:

(a) "equity securities" means:

(i) redeemable ordinary shares in the Company, or

(ii) rights to subscribe for, or to convert securities into, redeemable ordinary shares in the Company;

(b) "redeemable ordinary shares" means shares other than shares that as respects dividends and capital carry a right to participate only up to a specified amount in a distribution; and

(c) references to the allotment of equity securities include:

(i) the grant of a right to subscribe for, or to convert any securities into, redeemable ordinary shares in the Company (but do not include the

allotment of redeemable ordinary shares pursuant to such a right); and

- (ii) the sale of redeemable ordinary shares in the Company that immediately before the sale are held by the Company in treasury.

6.2 The Company shall not allot equity securities to a person on any terms unless:

- (a) it has made an offer to each person who holds redeemable ordinary shares in the Company to allot to him on the same or more favourable terms a proportion of those securities the aggregate value of which (at the proposed issue price) is as nearly as practicable equal to the proportion of the total Net Asset Value of the Company represented by the redeemable ordinary shares held by such holder; and
- (b) the period during which any such offer may be accepted has expired or the Company has received notice of the acceptance or refusal of every offer so made.

6.3 Securities that the Company has offered to allot to a holder of redeemable ordinary shares may be allotted to him, or anyone in whose favour he has renounced his right to their allotment, without contravening Article 6.2(b).

6.4 Redeemable ordinary shares held by the Company in treasury shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Article 6, so that the Company is not treated as a person who holds redeemable ordinary shares; and the redeemable ordinary shares held in treasury are not treated as forming part of the redeemable ordinary share capital of the Company.

6.5 Any offer required to be made by the Company pursuant to Article 6.2 should be made by a notice (given in accordance with Article 43) and such offer must state a period during which such offer may be accepted and such offer shall not be withdrawn before the end of that period. Such period must be a period of at least 14 days beginning on the date on which such offer is deemed to be delivered or received (as the case may be) pursuant to Article 43.

6.6 Article 6.2 shall not apply in relation to the allotment of:

- (a) bonus shares, nor to a particular allotment of equity securities if these are, or are to be, wholly or partly paid otherwise than in cash; or
- (b) equity securities in connection with a rights issue, open offer or other offer of securities in favour of holders of redeemable ordinary shares at such record date as the Directors may determine where the securities attributable to the interests of the holders of redeemable ordinary shares are proportionate (as nearly as may be practicable) to the respective numbers of redeemable ordinary shares held by them on such record date, subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional

entitlements or legal or practicable problems arising under the laws of any overseas territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange or any other matter whatever.

6.7 The Company may by Special Resolution resolve that Article 6.2 shall be excluded or that such Article shall apply with such modifications as may be specified in the resolution:

- (a) generally in relation to the allotment by the Company of equity securities;
- (b) in relation to allotments of a particular description; or
- (c) in relation to a specified allotment of equity securities,

and any such resolution must:

- (d) state the maximum number of equity securities in respect of which Article 6.2 is excluded or modified; and
- (e) specify the date on which such exclusion or modifications will expire, which must be not more than five years from the date on which the resolution is passed.

6.8 Any resolution passed pursuant to Article 6.7 may:

- (a) be renewed or further renewed by a further Special Resolution for a further period not exceeding five years; and
- (b) be revoked or varied at any time by a further Special Resolution.

6.9 Notwithstanding that any such resolution referred to in Article 6.7 or 6.8 has expired, the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of an offer or agreement previously made by the Company if the resolution enabled the Company to make an offer or agreement that would or might require equity securities to be allotted after it expired.

6.10 In this Article 6, in relation to an offer to allot securities a reference (however expressed) to the holder of redeemable ordinary shares of any description is to whoever was the holder of redeemable ordinary shares of that description at the close of business on a date to be specified in the offer and the specified date must fall within the period of 28 days immediately before the date of the offer.

7. **ORDINARY SHARES**

7.1 The Directors are authorised to issue Ordinary Shares of such classes (and denominated in such currencies) as they may determine in accordance with Article 4.

7.2 Subject to Article 9 and to the rights of any Ordinary Shares which may be issued with special rights or privileges, the Ordinary Shares of each class carry the right to receive all income of the Company

attributable to the Ordinary Shares (as determined by the Directors), and to participate in any distribution of such income made by the Company, pro rata to the relative Net Asset Values of each of the classes of Ordinary Shares calculated in accordance with Article 5 (subject to such adjustments as the Directors may consider appropriate in the case of a class of Ordinary Shares which was not in issue for the whole of the period to which such distribution relates) and within each such class such income shall be divided pari passu among the holders of Ordinary Shares of that class in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares of such class held by them.

7.3 Subject to Articles 8 and 9 and to the rights of any Ordinary Shares which may be issued with special rights or privileges, on winding-up of the Company or other return of capital attributable to the Ordinary Shares (as determined by the Directors) (other than by way of a repurchase or redemption of shares (except a compulsory redemption of B Shares in accordance with Article 8 in accordance with the provisions of these Articles and the Companies Law) the surplus assets of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares (as determined by the Directors) and available for distribution shall be paid to the holders of Ordinary Shares of each class pro rata to the relative Net Asset Values of each of the classes of Ordinary Shares calculated in accordance with Article 5 and within each such class such assets shall be divided pari passu among the holders of Ordinary Shares of that class in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares of such class held by them.

7.4 Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Ordinary Shares shall carry the right to attend and/or vote at any general meeting of the Company and at any such general meeting:

7.4.1 on a show of hands, every holder of Ordinary Shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote shall have one vote; and

7.4.2 on a poll, every holder of Ordinary Shares present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for each Ordinary Share, or fraction of a share, held by him.

8. **B SHARES**

8.1 The manner in which distribution of Capital Proceeds attributable to the Ordinary Shares shall be effected shall, subject to compliance with the Companies Laws, be determined by the Directors in their absolute discretion.

8.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Article 8.1, the Directors may effect distributions of Capital Proceeds attributable to the Ordinary Shares (as determined by the Directors) to holders of Ordinary Shares by issuing B Shares of a particular class to holders of Ordinary Shares of a particular class pro rata to their holding of Ordinary Shares of such class (such B Shares to be fully paid-up out of such class of Ordinary Shares' pro rata share of the reserve created by the Directors to which such Capital Proceeds have been credited) calculated by reference to the relative Net Asset Values of each of the classes of Ordinary Shares).

8.3 The Directors may, in accordance with this Article 8, issue fractional B Shares.

- 8.4 The B Shares are issued on terms that each B Share shall be compulsorily redeemed by the Company shortly following issue and the redemption proceeds (being equal to the amount paid-up on such B Shares) paid to the holders of such B Shares on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine.
- 8.5 The redemption monies payable in respect of the redemption of any B Shares will be paid to the holder (or, in the case of joint holders, to the holder whose name stands first in the Register in respect of the B Shares) by cheque(s) despatched at their own risk or by such other method of payment as the Directors shall determine at such time as the Directors, in their discretion, determine is appropriate.
- 8.6 The Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by any holder of B Shares or any other person as a result of or arising out of late settlement howsoever such loss or damage may arise.
- 8.7 The B Shares do not:
- 8.7.1 carry any right to any dividends or other distributions of the Company other than as expressly permitted under these Articles;
 - 8.7.2 entitle the holder thereof to any surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment to all the creditors of the Company apart from a distribution in respect of any capital paid up on the B Shares which shall rank behind any amounts due in respect of other classes of shares and such distribution shall be distributed pro rata; or
 - 8.7.3 carry any right to receive notice of, or attend or vote at, any general meeting of the Company or any right to vote on written resolutions of the Company.
- 8.8 The B Shares shall not be transferable.

9. C SHARES

- 9.1 The Directors are authorised to issue C Shares of such classes (and denominated in such currencies) as they may determine in accordance with Article 4 and with C Shares of each such class being convertible into Ordinary Shares of such class as the Directors may determine at the time of issue of such C Shares (such class of Ordinary Shares being the "**Correspondent Shares**")
- 9.2 The Directors shall, on the issue of each class of C Shares, be entitled to effect any amendments to the definition of Conversion Ratio attributable to such class. The Directors may, in their absolute discretion change the Correspondent Shares for any class of C Shares to reflect any change in the currency classes of the Ordinary Shares by notice to the holders of such class of C Shares.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles:
- 9.3.1 the holders of any class of C Shares will be entitled to receive such dividends as the

Directors may resolve to pay to such holders out of the assets attributable to such class of C Shares (as determined by the Directors);

- 9.3.2 the new Correspondent Shares arising upon Conversion shall rank *pari passu* with all other Correspondent Shares of the same class for dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date falling after the relevant Calculation Time;
- 9.3.3 no dividend or other distribution shall be made or paid by the Company on any of its shares between the Calculation Time and the Conversion Time (both dates inclusive) and no dividend shall be declared with a record date falling between the Calculation Time and the Conversion Time (both dates inclusive);
- 9.3.4 the capital and assets of the Company shall on a winding up or on a return of capital (other than by way of the repurchase or redemption of shares by the Company) prior, in each case, to Conversion shall be applied as follows:
 - (a) the Correspondent Share Surplus shall be divided amongst the holders of relevant Correspondent Shares *pro rata* to their holdings of Correspondent Shares as if the Correspondent Share Surplus comprised the assets of the Company available for distribution; and
 - (b) the C Share Surplus attributable to each class of C Shares shall be divided amongst the C Shareholders of such class *pro rata* according to their holdings of C Shares of that class.
- 9.3.5 except as provided in these Articles, the C Shares shall not carry any right to attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company; and
- 9.3.6 the C Shares shall be transferable in the same manner as the Correspondent Shares.
- 9.4 The C Shares are issued on the terms that each class of C Shares shall be redeemable by the Company in accordance with the terms of this Article 9.
- 9.5 At any time prior to Conversion, the Company may, at its discretion, redeem all or any of the C Shares of a particular class then in issue by agreement with any holder(s) thereof in accordance with such procedures as the Directors may determine (subject to the facility and procedures of any Uncertificated System) and in consideration of the payment of such redemption price as may be agreed between the Company and the relevant holder(s) of the relevant class of C Shares.
- 9.6 Without prejudice to the generality of these Articles, until Conversion the consent of the holders of C Shares as a class (irrespective of whichever class of C Shares they may hold) shall be required in accordance with Article 4.8 for, and accordingly the special rights attached to any class of C Shares shall be deemed to be varied, *inter alia*, by:
 - 9.6.1 any alteration to the memorandum of incorporation of the Company or these Articles; or

- 9.6.2 the passing of any resolution to wind up the Company.
- 9.7 Until Conversion and without prejudice to its obligations under the Law, the Company shall in relation to each class of C Shares establish a separate Class Account for that class in accordance with Article 5 and, subject thereto:
- 9.7.1 procure that the Company's records and bank accounts shall be operated so that the assets attributable to the relevant class of C Shares can, at all times, be separately identified and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Company shall procure that separate cash accounts, broker settlement accounts and investment ledger accounts shall be created and maintained in the books of the Company for the assets attributable to each class of C Shares; and
- 9.7.2 allocate to the assets attributable to each class of C Shares such proportion of the, income, expenses or liabilities of the Company incurred or accrued between the Issue Date and the Calculation Time (both dates inclusive) as the Directors fairly consider to be attributable to such class of C Shares; and
- 9.7.3 give appropriate instructions to the Administrator and/or Manager to manage the Company's assets so that such undertakings can be complied with by the Company.
- 9.8 Each class of C Shares shall be converted into new Correspondent Shares at the Conversion Time in accordance with the provisions of Article 9.9 to 9.14:
- 9.9 The Directors shall procure that within twenty Business Days after the Calculation Time:
- 9.9.1 the Administrator or, failing which, an independent accountant selected for the purpose by the Board, shall be requested to calculate the Conversion Ratio as at the Calculation Time and the number of new Correspondent Shares to which each holder of C Shares of the relevant class shall be entitled on Conversion; and
- 9.9.2 the Auditor may, if the Directors consider it appropriate, be requested to certify whether such calculations have been performed in accordance with these Articles and are arithmetically accurate;
- 9.9.3 whereupon, subject to the proviso in the definition of "**Conversion Ratio**", such calculations shall become final and binding on the Company and all shareholders. If the Auditor is unable to confirm the calculations of the Administrator or independent accountant, as described above, the Conversion shall not proceed.
- 9.10 The Directors shall procure that, as soon as practicable, and following such certification (if any), an announcement is made advising holders of C Shares of that class of the Conversion Time, the Conversion Ratio and the aggregate numbers of new Correspondent Shares to which holders of C Shares of that class are entitled on Conversion.

- 9.11 Conversion of each class of C Shares shall take place at the Conversion Time designated by the Directors for that class of C Shares. On Conversion the issued C Shares of the relevant class shall automatically convert (by redesignation or otherwise as appropriate) into such number of new Correspondent Shares as equals the aggregate number of C Shares of the relevant class in issue at the Calculation Time multiplied by the Conversion Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole Correspondent Share).
- 9.12 The new Correspondent Shares of the relevant class arising upon Conversion shall be divided amongst the former holders of the relevant class of C Shares *pro rata* according to their respective former holdings of the relevant class of C Shares (provided always that the Directors may deal in such manner as they think fit with fractional entitlements to the new Correspondent Shares, including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, selling or redeeming any such shares representing such fractional entitlements and retaining the proceeds for the benefit of the Company) and for such purposes any Director is hereby authorised as agent on behalf of the former holders of C Shares of the relevant class to do any other act or thing as may be required to give effect to the same including, in the case of a share in certificated form, to execute any stock transfer form and, in the case of a share in uncertificated form, to give directions to or on behalf of the former holder of C Shares of the relevant class who shall be bound by them.
- 9.13 Forthwith upon Conversion, any certificates relating to C Shares of the relevant class shall be cancelled and the Company shall issue to each such former holder of C Shares of the relevant class new certificates in respect of the shares of the relevant class which have arisen upon Conversion unless such former holder of C Shares of the relevant class elects to hold such shares in uncertificated form.
- 9.14 The Company will use its reasonable endeavours to procure that, upon Conversion, the resulting Correspondent Shares are admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities.
- 9.15 In connection with the issue of C Shares of any class, the Directors shall state the Specified Conversion Criteria with respect to such class in any relevant disclosure document or prospectus and in a RIS release at the time that C Shares of such class are first offered.
- 9.16 References to the Auditors certifying any matter shall be construed to mean certification of their opinion as to such matter, whether qualified or not.

10. **COMPANY NOT OBLIGED TO RECOGNISE ANY TRUST**

Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the Company shall not be affected or bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice) any equitable, contingent, future or partial interest in any share or fraction thereof or (except only as otherwise provided by these Articles or by law) any other rights in respect of any share except an absolute right to the entirety in the registered holder and whether or not such share shall be entered in the Register as held in trust, nor shall the Company be bound to see to the execution

of any trust to which any share may be subject.

11. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

11.1 The Board shall have power by notice in writing to require any Member to disclose to the Company the identity of any person other than the Member (an "**Interested Party**") who has, or has had at any time during the three years immediately preceding the date on which the notice is issued, any interest (whether direct or indirect) in the shares held by the Member and the nature of such interest. For these purposes, a person shall be treated as having an interest in shares if they have any interest in them whatsoever, including but not limited to any interest acquired by any person as a result of:

11.1.1 entering into a contract to acquire them;

11.1.2 not being the registered holder, being entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, any right conferred by the holding of the shares;

11.1.3 having the right to call for delivery of the shares; or

11.1.4 having the right to acquire an interest in shares or having the obligation to acquire such an interest.

11.2 Any notice under Article 11.1, 11.9 or 11.10 shall require any information in response to such notice to be given in writing within the prescribed deadline as determined in accordance with Article 11.16.2.

11.3 The Company shall maintain a register of interested parties to which the provisions of the Laws relating to the Register of Members shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as if the register of interested parties was the Register of Members and whenever in pursuance of a requirement imposed on a shareholder as aforesaid the Company is informed of an Interested Party the identity of the Interested Party and the nature of the interest shall be promptly inscribed therein together with the date of the request. At no time shall the Company permit the register of interested parties to be kept or maintained in the United Kingdom.

11.4 The Board shall be required to exercise its powers under Article 11.1 above if requisitioned to do so in accordance with Article 11.5 by Members holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights attaching to the Ordinary Shares at the relevant time.

11.5 A requisition under Article 11.4 must:

11.5.1 state that the requisitionists are requiring the Company to exercise its powers under this Article;

11.5.2 specify the manner in which they require those powers to be exercised;

- 11.5.3 give reasonable grounds for requiring the Company to exercise those powers in the manner specified; and
- 11.5.4 be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the Office.
- 11.6 A requisition may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more requisitionists.
- 11.7 On the deposit of a requisition complying with this Article 11 it is the Board's duty to exercise their powers under Article 11.1 in the manner specified in the requisition.
- 11.8 If any Member has been duly served with a notice given by the Board in accordance with Article 11.1 and is in default after the prescribed deadline (as determined by the Board in accordance with Article 11.2) in supplying to the Company the information thereby required, then the Board may in its absolute discretion at any time thereafter serve a notice (a "**direction notice**") upon such Member.
- 11.9 A direction notice may direct that, in respect of:-
- 11.9.1 any shares in relation to which the default occurred (all or the relevant number as appropriate of such shares being the "**Default Shares**"); and
- 11.9.2 any other shares held by the Member,
- the Member shall not be entitled to vote at a general meeting or meeting of the holders of any class of shares of the Company either personally or by proxy or to exercise any other right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company or of the holders of any class of shares of the Company.
- 11.10 Where the Default Shares represent at least 0.25% of the number of shares in issue of the class of shares concerned, the direction notice may additionally direct that in respect of the Default Shares:
- 11.10.1 any dividend or the proceeds of any repurchase, redemption or repayment on the Default Shares or part thereof which would otherwise be payable on such shares shall be retained by the Company without any liability to pay interest thereon when such money is finally paid to the Member; and
- 11.10.2 no transfer other than an approved transfer (as set out in Article 11.16.3) of the Default Shares held by such Member shall be registered unless:-
- (a) the Member is not himself in default as regards supplying the information requested; and
- (b) when presented for registration the transfer is accompanied by a certificate by the Member in a form satisfactory to the Board to the effect that after due and

careful enquiry the Member is satisfied that no person who is in default as regards supplying such information is interested in any of the shares the subject of the transfer.

11.11 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 failure or omission by the Company to do so shall not invalidate such notice.

11.12 If shares are issued to a Member as a result of that Member holding other shares in the Company and if the shares in respect of which the new shares are issued are Default Shares in respect of which the Member is for the time being subject to particular restrictions, the new shares shall on issue become subject to the same restrictions whilst held by that Member as such Default Shares. For this purpose, shares which the Company procures to be offered to Members *pro rata* (or *pro rata* ignoring fractional entitlements and shares not offered to certain Members by reason of legal or practical problems associated with offering shares outside the United Kingdom or Guernsey) shall be treated as shares issued as a result of a Member holding other shares in the Company.

11.13 Any direction notice shall have effect in accordance with its terms for as long as the default, in respect of which the direction notice was issued, continues but shall cease to have effect:

11.13.1 if the information requested in the notice is delivered to the Company within the prescribed deadline; or

11.13.2 in relation to any shares which are transferred by such Member by means of an approved transfer as set out in Article 11.16.3.

11.14 As soon as practicable after the direction notice has ceased to have effect (and in any event within five Business Days thereafter) the Board shall procure that the restrictions imposed by Articles 11.9 and 11.10 shall be removed and that dividends withheld pursuant to Article 11.10.1 are paid to the relevant Member.

11.15 For the purpose of enforcing the restrictions referred to in Article 11.10.2 and to the extent permissible under the Rules the Board may give notice to the relevant Member requiring the Member to change any Default Shares held in uncertificated form to certificated form by the time stated in the notice. The notice may also state that the Member may not change any of the Default Shares held in certificated form to uncertificated form. If the Member does not comply with the notice, the Board may authorise any person to instruct the operator of the Uncertificated System to change the Default Shares held in uncertificated form to certificated form.

11.16 For the purpose of this Article:-

11.16.1 a person shall be treated as appearing to be interested in any shares if the Member holding such shares has given to the Company a notification which either (a) names such person as being so interested or (b) fails to establish the identities of those interested in

the shares and (after taking into account the said notification and any other relevant notification) the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person in question is or may be interested in the shares; and

11.16.2 the prescribed deadline in respect of any particular Member is 28 days from the date of service of a notice sent in accordance with Articles 11.1 or 11.9 or 14 days from the date of service of the notice in accordance with Article 11.10;

11.16.3 a transfer of shares is an "**approved transfer**" if but only if:-

- (a) it is a transfer of shares to an offeror by way or in pursuance of acceptance of a public offer made to acquire all the issued shares in the capital of the Company not already owned by the offeror or connected person of the offeror in respect of the Company; or
- (b) the Board is satisfied that the transfer is made pursuant to a sale of the whole of the beneficial ownership of the shares which are the subject of the transfer to a party unconnected with the Member and with other persons appearing to be interested in such shares; or
- (c) the transfer results from a sale made through a recognised investment exchange (as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended) or any stock exchange outside the United Kingdom on which the Company's shares are listed or normally traded.

11.17 For the purposes of Article 11.16.3 any person of the following persons shall be included amongst the persons who are connected with the Member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares:

11.17.1 a spouse, child (under the age of eighteen) or step child (under the age of eighteen) of the Member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares;

11.17.2 an associated body corporate which is a company in which the Member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares alone, or with connected persons, is directly or indirectly beneficially interested in 20% or more of the nominal value of the equity share capital or is entitled (alone or with connected persons) to exercise or control the exercise of more than 20% of the voting power at general meetings; or

11.17.3 a trustee (acting in that capacity) of any trust, the beneficiaries of which include the Member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares or persons falling within Articles 11.17.1 or 11.17.2 above excluding trustees of an employees' share scheme or pension scheme; or

- 11.17.4 a partner (acting in that capacity) of the Member or any person appearing to be interested in such shares or persons described in Articles 11.17.1 to 11.17.3 above.
- 11.18 Any Member who has been given notice of an Interested Party in accordance with Article 11.1 who subsequently ceases to have any party interested in his shares or has any other person interested in his shares shall notify the Company in writing of the cessation or change in such interest and the Board shall promptly amend the register of interested parties accordingly.
- 11.19 In addition to the right of the Board to serve notice on any Member pursuant to Article 11.1 the Board may serve notice on any Member requiring that Member to promptly provide the Company with any information, representations, certificates or forms relating to such Member (or its direct or indirect beneficial owners or account holders) that the Board determines from time to time are necessary or appropriate for the Company to (and each Member shall promptly notify the Company upon any change in circumstances that could affect the accuracy or correctness of the information, representations, certifications or forms so provided):
- 11.19.1 satisfy any account or payee identification, documentation or other diligence requirements and any reporting requirements imposed under or in relation to AML Legislation, International Tax Compliance Legislation, including FATCA and CRS and/or the requirements of any similar laws or regulations to which the Company may be subject enacted from time to time by any other jurisdiction ("**similar laws**"); or
- 11.19.2 avoid or reduce any tax, penalty otherwise imposed by International Tax Compliance Legislation, including FATCA, CRS or similar laws (including any withholding upon any payments to such Member by the Company); or
- 11.19.3 permit the Company to enter into, comply with, or prevent a default under or termination of, an agreement of the type described in section 1471(b) of the U.S. Code or under similar laws.
- 11.20 If any Member is in default of supplying to the Company the information referred to in Article 11.19 within the prescribed period (which shall not be less than 28 days after the service of the notice) the Member shall be deemed to be a Non-Qualified Holder for the purposes of Article 16.7.
- 11.21 The Company and its agents shall be entitled to hold and process information for the purposes of carrying out the business of the Company and the administration and protection of its interests, including without limitation for the purposes set out in this Article 11 and shall process any personal data in accordance with all Data Protection Legislation.
- 11.22 The Company or its agents shall, if required to do so under the legislation of any jurisdiction to which any of them are subject, be entitled to release or disclose any information in their possession regarding the Company or its affairs or any of its Members (or their direct or indirect owners or account holders), including without limitation information required under FATCA or similar laws. In making payments to or for the benefit of Members, the Company may also make any

withholding or deduction required by FATCA or similar laws.

12. **CERTIFICATES AND REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

12.1 Subject to the Laws, shares shall be issued in registered form and may be issued certificated or uncertificated as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine.

12.2 Subject to Article 12.1, the Company shall issue:

12.2.1 without payment one certificate to each person for all his shares of each class and, when part only of the shares comprised in a certificate is sold or transferred, a balance certificate; or

12.2.2 upon payment of such sum as the Board may determine several certificates each for one or more shares of any class.

12.3 Any certificate issued shall specify the shares to which it relates and the amount paid up and the distinguishing numbers (if any).

12.4 All forms of certificate for shares or debentures or representing any other form of security may if determined by the Board be issued under the common signature of the Company and may be signed mechanically.

12.5 If a share certificate is issued and is defaced lost or destroyed it may be replaced or renewed without charge (other than exceptional out of pocket expenses) on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity as the Board thinks fit.

12.6 The Company shall keep the Register at the Office in accordance with the Laws. The Company may delegate the maintenance of its Register and index of Members upon such terms as the Board may think fit. If shares are held in an Uncertificated System the Approved Operator shall be entered into the Register as the shareholder of the shares and the shares shall be registered as uncertificated. The Company shall not at any time cause or permit to be kept in the United Kingdom any branch register or other register of the Members.

12.7 The Company shall not be bound to register more than four persons as the joint holders of any share or shares. In the case of a share held jointly by more than one person in certificated form the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate thereof and delivery of a certificate to one of the joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all.

13. **LIEN**

13.1 The Company shall have a first and paramount lien (extending to all dividends payable) on all shares (not being fully paid) for all moneys whether presently payable, or not called, or payable at a fixed time in respect of those shares and for all the debts and liabilities of the holder to the Company and that whether the same shall have been incurred before or after notice to the

Company of any equitable or other interest of any person (other than such holder) and whether the time for payment or discharge shall have arrived or not and notwithstanding that the same are joint debts or liabilities of such holder and any other person (whether a Member or not) save that any shares held in an Uncertificated System must be fully paid up.

- 13.2 For the purpose of enforcing such lien, the Company may sell, in such manner as the Board thinks fit, any shares on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless some sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable, nor until the expiration of 14 days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of the sum presently payable, and giving notice of intention to sell in default, shall have been served on the holder for the time being of the shares or the person entitled by reason of his death or bankruptcy to the shares. For the purpose of giving effect to any such sale the Board may authorise some person to transfer to the purchaser thereof the shares so sold.
- 13.3 The net proceeds of such sale, after payment of the costs of such sale, shall be applied in or towards payment or satisfaction of the debt or liability in respect whereof the lien exists, so far as the same is presently payable and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for debts or liabilities not presently payable as existed upon the shares prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the time of the sale. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares so transferred and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in relation to the sale.

14. **CALLS ON SHARES**

- 14.1 The Board may at any time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares and each Member shall pay to the Company at the time and place appointed the amount called. A call may be revoked or postponed.
- 14.2 Joint holders shall be jointly and severally liable to pay calls.
- 14.3 If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest from the day appointed to the time of actual payment at such rate (not exceeding 15 per cent. per annum) as the Board may determine but the Board shall be at liberty in any case or cases to waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- 14.4 Any sum which by the terms of issue of a share becomes payable on issue or at any fixed date shall for 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 and 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.
- 14.5 The Board may, if it thinks fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same all or any part of the money uncalled and unpaid upon the shares held by him beyond the sums actually called

up thereon as payment in advance of calls, and such payment in advance of calls shall extinguish, so far as the same shall extend, the liability upon the shares in respect of which it is advanced, and upon the money so received or so much thereof as from time to time exceeds the amount of the calls then made upon the shares in respect of which it has been received, the Company may (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate as the Member paying such sum and the Board agree upon **PROVIDED THAT** any amount paid up in advance of calls shall not entitle the holder of the shares upon which such amount is paid to participate in respect thereof in any dividend until the same would but for such advance become presently payable.

14.6 The Board may on an issue of shares differentiate between holders as to amount of calls and times of payment.

15. **FORFEITURE AND SURRENDER OF SHARES**

15.1 If a Member fails to pay any call or instalment on the day appointed, the Board may at any time during such period as any part remains unpaid serve notice requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued and any expenses which may have been incurred by the Company by reason of non-payment.

15.2 The notice shall state a further day on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made and the place where the payment is to be made and that in the event of non-payment the shares in respect of which the call was made or instalment is payable will be liable to be forfeited. If the requirements of any such notice are not complied with any share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time before payment has been made be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect. Such forfeiture shall include all dividends declared in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before the forfeiture.

15.3 Notice of forfeiture shall forthwith be given to the former holder and an entry of such notice and forfeiture shall forthwith be made and dated in the Register opposite the entry of the share; but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give notice or to make entry.

15.4 If the Board has served a notice upon a Non-Qualified Holder pursuant to Article 16.7 and such holder has not sold or transferred his shares to a person qualified to own the same within the required period, such shares shall be deemed forfeited and treated as such in accordance with Articles 15.5 to 15.9 below.

15.5 A forfeited share shall be deemed to be the property of the Company and may be sold, re-allotted and re-issued or otherwise disposed of on such terms as the Board shall think fit with or without all or any part of the amount previously paid on the share being credited as paid and at any time before a sale or disposition the forfeiture may be cancelled.

15.6 A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited

shares, but shall notwithstanding the forfeiture remain liable to pay to the Company all monies which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares with interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate (not exceeding 15 per cent. per annum) as the Board may determine and the Board may enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture.

- 15.7 The Board may accept from any Member on such terms as shall be agreed a surrender of any shares in respect of which there is a liability for calls. Any surrendered share may be disposed of in the same manner as a forfeited share.
- 15.8 A declaration in writing by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been duly forfeited or surrendered or sold to satisfy a lien of the Company on the date stated in the declaration shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the shares.
- 15.9 The Company may receive the consideration given for any share on any sale or disposition and may execute a transfer of the share in favour of the person to whom the same is sold or disposed of and he shall thereupon be registered as the holder and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in forfeiture, sale, re-allotment and re-issue or disposal.

16. **TRANSFER AND TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

- 16.1 Under and subject to the Regulations and the Rules, 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 admitted to settlement by means of an Uncertificated System. Where they do so, Articles 16.2 and 16.3 shall commence to have effect immediately prior to the time at which the relevant Authorised Operator admits the class to settlement by means of the relevant Uncertificated System.
- 16.2 In relation to any class of shares which, for the time being, an Authorised Operator has admitted to settlement by means of an Uncertificated System, and for so long as such class remains so admitted, no provision of these Articles shall apply or have effect to the extent that it is in any respect inconsistent with:
- 16.2.1 the holding of shares of that class in uncertificated form;
- 16.2.2 the transfer of title to shares of that class by means of that Uncertificated System; or
- 16.2.3 the Regulations and the Rules.
- 16.3 Without prejudice to the generality of Article 16.2 and notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles where any class of shares is, for the time being, admitted to settlement by means of an Uncertificated System:

- 16.3.1 such securities may be issued in uncertificated form in accordance with and subject as provided in the Regulations and the Rules;
- 16.3.2 unless the Directors otherwise determine, such securities held by the same holder or joint holder in certificated form and uncertificated form shall be treated as separate holdings;
- 16.3.3 such securities may be changed from uncertificated to certificated form, and from certificated to uncertificated form, in accordance with and subject as provided in the Regulations and the Rules;
- 16.3.4 title to such of the shares as are recorded on the Register as being held in uncertificated form may be transferred only by means of an Uncertificated System and as provided in the Regulations and the Rules and accordingly (and in particular) no provision of these Articles shall apply in respect of such shares to the extent that those Articles require or contemplate the effecting of a transfer by an instrument in writing and the production of a certificate for the security to be transferred;
- 16.3.5 the Company shall comply in all respects with the Regulations and the Rules;
- 16.3.6 no provision of these Articles shall apply so as to require the Company to issue a certificate to any person holding such shares in uncertificated form;
- 16.3.7 the maximum number of joint holders of a share shall be four.
- 16.4 Words and expressions not specifically defined in this Article shall bear the same meaning as those words and expressions defined in the Regulations and the Rules.
- 16.5 Subject to such of the restrictions of these Articles as may be applicable:
 - 16.5.1 any Member may transfer all or any of his uncertificated shares by means of the Uncertificated System in such manner provided for, and subject to the Regulations and the Rules and accordingly no provision of these Articles shall apply in respect of an uncertificated share to the extent that it requires or contemplates the effecting of a transfer by an instrument in writing or the production of a certificate for the shares to be transferred;
 - 16.5.2 any Member may transfer all or any of his certificated shares by an instrument of transfer in any usual form or in any other form which the Board may approve; and
 - 16.5.3 an instrument of transfer of a certificated share shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee. An instrument of transfer of a certificated share need not be under seal.
- 16.6 Every instrument of transfer of a certificated share shall be left at the Office or such other place as the Board may prescribe with the certificate of every share to be transferred and such other

evidence as the Board may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor or his right to transfer the shares; and the transfer and certificate shall remain in the custody of the Board but shall be at all reasonable times produced at the request and expense of the transferor or transferee or their respective representatives. A new certificate shall be delivered free of charge to the transferee after the transfer is completed and registered on his application and when necessary a balance certificate shall be delivered if required by him in writing.

16.7 If it shall come to the notice of the Board that any shares are owned directly, indirectly, or beneficially by a Non-Qualified Holder, the Board may give notice to such person requiring him either (i) to provide the Board within thirty days of receipt of such notice with sufficient satisfactory documentary evidence to satisfy the Board that such person is not a Non-Qualified Holder; or (ii) to sell or transfer his shares to a person who is not a Non-Qualified Holder within thirty days and within such thirty days to provide the Board with satisfactory evidence of such sale or transfer. Pending such sale or transfer the Board may suspend the exercise of any voting or consent rights and rights to receive notice of, or attend, meetings of the Company and any rights to receive dividends or other distributions with respect to such shares. If any person upon whom such a notice is served pursuant to this Article 16.7 does not within thirty days after such notice either (i) transfer his shares to a person who is not a Non-Qualified Holder or (ii) establish to the satisfaction of the Board (whose judgment shall be final and binding) that he is not a Non-Qualified Holder; (a) such person shall be deemed upon the expiration of such thirty days to have forfeited his shares and the Board shall be empowered at their discretion to follow the procedure pursuant to Article 15 or, (b) if the Board in its absolute discretion so determines, to the extent permitted under the Regulations and Rules, the Board may arrange for the Company to sell the share at the best price reasonably obtainable to any other person so that the share will cease to be held by a Non-Qualified Holder, in which event the Company may, but only to the extent permitted under the Regulations and the Rules, take any action whatsoever that the Board considers necessary in order to effect the transfer of such share by the holder of such share (including where necessary requiring the holder in question to execute powers of attorney or other authorisations, or authorising an officer of the Company to deliver an instruction to the relevant Authorised Operator), and the Company shall pay the net proceeds of sale to the former holder upon its receipt of the sale proceeds and the surrender by him of the relevant share certificate or, if no certificate has been issued, such evidence as the Board may reasonably require to satisfy themselves as to his former entitlement to the share and to such net proceeds of sale and the former holder shall have no further interest in the relevant shares or any claim against the Company in respect thereof. No trust will be created and no interest will be payable in respect of such net proceeds of sale.

16.8 The Board may, in its absolute discretion and without giving a reason, refuse to register a transfer of any share in certificated form or (to the extent permitted by the Regulations and the Rules) uncertificated form which is not fully paid or on which the Company has a lien provided or if:

16.8.1 it is in respect of more than one class of shares;

- 16.8.2 it is in favour of more than four joint transferees;
- 16.8.3 in the case of certificated shares, it is delivered for registration to the Office or such other place as the Board may decide, accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to prove title of the transferor and the due execution by him of the transfer or, if the transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so; and
- 16.8.4 it is in favour of a person who is not a Non-Qualified Holder,
- provided in the case of a listed share such refusal to register a transfer would not prevent dealings in the share from taking place on an open and proper basis on the relevant stock exchange.
- 16.9 The Board may decline to register a transfer of an uncertificated share which is traded through an Uncertificated System, subject to and in accordance with the Regulations and the Rules.
- 16.10 If the Board refuses to register the transfer of a share it shall, within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send notice of the refusal to the transferee.
- 16.11 The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding 30 days in any one year) as the Board may decide and either generally or in respect of a particular class of share except that, in respect of any shares which are participating shares in an Uncertificated System, the Register shall not be closed without the consent for the relevant Authorised Operator. Any such suspension shall be communicated to the Members, giving reasonable notice of such suspension by means of an RIS.
- 16.12 No fee shall be payable to the Company in respect of the registration of any transfer, probate, letters of administration, certificate of marriage or death, power of attorney, instruction or other document relating to or affecting the title to any shares.
- 16.13 On the death of a Member the survivors where the deceased was a joint holder and the Executors of the deceased where he was a sole holder shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to or interest in his shares; but nothing herein shall release the estate of a deceased joint holder from any liability in respect of any share jointly held.
- 16.14 A person so becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death, bankruptcy or incapacity of a Member shall have the right to receive and may give a discharge for all dividends and other money payable or other advantages due on or in respect of the share, but he shall not be entitled to receive notice of or to attend or vote at meetings of the Company, or save as aforesaid, to any of the rights or privileges of a Member unless and until he shall be registered as a Member in respect of the share **PROVIDED ALWAYS** that the Board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the share and if the notice is not complied with within ninety days the Board may thereafter withhold all dividends or other monies payable or other advantages.

17. ALTERATION OF CAPITAL

17.1 Subject as provided elsewhere in these Articles, the Company may by Ordinary Resolution:-

17.1.1 consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amounts than its existing shares;

17.1.2 subdivide all or any of its shares into shares of smaller amounts so that in the subdivision 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 subdivided may determine that as between the holders of the shares resulting from subdivision one or more of the shares may have such preferred, deferred or other rights over the others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares;

17.1.3 cancel any shares which at the date of the resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of shares so cancelled;

17.1.4 redesignate or convert the whole, or any particular class, of its shares into shares of another class;

17.1.5 convert all or any of its fully paid shares the nominal amount of which is expressed in a particular currency into fully paid shares of a nominal amount of a different currency, the conversion being effected at the rate of exchange (calculated to not less than 3 significant figures) current on the date of the resolution or on such other date as may be specified therein; and

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

17.2 The Board on any consolidation of shares may deal with fractions of shares in any manner.

18. GENERAL MEETINGS

18.1 The first general meeting (being an annual general meeting) of the Company shall be held within such time as may be required by the Laws and thereafter general meetings (which are annual general meetings) shall be held once at least in each calendar year provided that not more than 15 months may elapse between one annual general meeting and the next. All general meetings (other than annual general meetings) shall be called extraordinary general meetings. Extraordinary general meetings and annual general meetings shall be held in Guernsey or such other place outside the United Kingdom as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

18.2 A Member participating by video link or telephone conference call or other electronic or telephonic

means of communication in a meeting shall be treated as forming part of the quorum of that meeting provided that the Members present at the meeting can hear and speak to the participating Member.

18.3 A video link or telephone conference call or other electronic or telephonic means of communication in which a quorum of Members participates and all participants can hear and speak to each other shall be a valid meeting which shall be deemed to take place where the chairman is present unless the Members resolve otherwise.

18.4 If the Board, in its absolute discretion, considers that it is impractical or undesirable for any reason to hold a general meeting on the date or at the time or place specified in the notice calling the general meeting, it may postpone or move the general meeting to another date, time and/or place. The Board shall take reasonable steps to ensure that details of the date, time and place of the rearranged meeting are made available to any Member trying to attend the meeting at the original time and place. Notice of the business to be transacted at such rearranged meeting shall not be required. If a meeting is rearranged in this way, the appointment of a proxy will be valid if it is received as required by these Articles not less than 48 hours (excluding any days which are not Business Days) before the time appointed for holding the rearranged meeting. The Board may also postpone or move the rearranged meeting under this Article.

18.5 The Members may require the Directors to call an extraordinary general meeting in accordance with the Laws.

18.6 Any extraordinary general meeting convened by the Members in accordance with the Laws shall be convened in the same manner (as nearly as possible) as that in which extraordinary general meetings are convened by the Board.

19. **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

19.1 Not less than 10 clear days' notice specifying the date, time and place of any general meeting and the text of any proposed Special Resolutions and Ordinary Resolutions shall be given by notice sent by any lawful means by the Secretary or other officer of the Company or any other person appointed in that behalf by the Board to such Members as are entitled to receive notices provided that with the consent in writing of all the Members entitled to receive notices of such meeting a meeting may be convened by a shorter notice or at no notice and in any manner they think fit.

19.2 The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to or the non-receipt of such notice by any Member shall not invalidate any resolution (or any proposed resolution otherwise duly approved) passed or proceeding at any meeting.

20. **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

20.1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business, but the absence of a quorum shall not preclude the choice or

appointment of a chairman of the meeting which shall not be treated as part of the business of the meeting. Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, the quorum for a general meeting shall be two Members present in person or by proxy.

- 20.2 If within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened by or upon a requisition shall be dissolved. If otherwise convened it shall stand adjourned for five Business Days at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Board may determine and (subject to Article 20.5) no notice of adjournment need be given. Save as otherwise provided by these Articles on the resumption of an adjourned meeting, those Members present in person or by proxy shall constitute the quorum.
- 20.3 The chairman of any general meeting shall be either:
- 20.3.1 the chairman of the Board;
 - 20.3.2 in the absence of the chairman, or if the Board has no chairman, then the Board shall nominate one of their number to preside as chairman;
 - 20.3.3 if neither the chairman of the Board nor the nominated Director are present at the meeting then the Directors present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to be the chairman;
 - 20.3.4 if only one Director is present at the meeting then he shall be chairman of the general meeting; or
 - 20.3.5 if no Directors are present at the meeting then the Members present shall elect a chairman for the meeting by an Ordinary Resolution.
- 20.4 The chairman of the general meeting shall conduct the meeting in such a manner as he thinks fit and may limit the time for Members to speak.
- 20.5 The chairman may with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall if so directed by the meeting adjourn the meeting at any time and to any place (other than the United Kingdom) but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 30 Business Days or more notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original 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.
- 20.6 In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a Special Resolution no amendment thereto (other than an amendment to correct a patent error) may be considered or voted upon. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as an Ordinary Resolution no amendment thereto (other than an amendment to correct a patent error) may be considered or voted upon unless either at least two Business Days prior to the date 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 received by the Company or the chairman of the meeting in his absolute discretion decides that it may be considered or voted upon. With the consent of the chairman of the meeting, an amendment may be withdrawn by its proposer before it is put to the vote.

- 20.7 If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration but shall 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.
- 20.8 At any meeting, a resolution put to the vote shall be decided by a show of hands or by a poll at the option of the chairman. Nevertheless before or on the declaration of the result a poll may be demanded:
- 20.8.1 by the chairman; or
- 20.8.2 not less than five Members (excluding the holders of treasury shares) having the right to vote on the resolution; or
- 20.8.3 one or more of the Members (excluding the holders of treasury shares) present in person or by proxy representing, at least ten per cent of the total voting rights of all of the Members having the right to vote on the resolution.

The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

- 20.9 Unless a poll be demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands 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 the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded.
- 20.10 A poll, if demanded, shall be taken at the meeting at which the same is demanded or at such other time and place as the chairman shall direct and the result shall be deemed the resolution of the meeting.
- 20.11 If a poll is properly demanded, it shall be taken in such manner and at such place as the chairman may direct (including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets) and the result of a poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The chairman may, in the event of a poll appoint scrutineers and may adjourn the meeting to some place and time fixed by him for the purpose of declaring the result of the poll.
- 20.12 A poll demanded on the election of a chairman and a poll demanded on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded. It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman

of the meeting otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll.

- 20.13 In case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.
- 20.14 The Board may determine in respect of any general meeting or meetings or generally that a list of the names and address of the Members shall not be made available for inspection.
- 20.15 A director of the Company shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting and at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company regardless of whether that director is a Member of the Company or of the relevant class.

21. **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

- 21.1 Subject to Articles 11.9 and 16.7 and to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class of share, at general meetings of the Company:
- 21.1.1 on a show of hands every Member, excluding the holders of the treasury shares, present in person or by proxy shall have one vote; and
- 21.1.2 on a poll, the holder present in person or by proxy of share excluding the holders of the treasury shares shall be entitled to one vote for each share, or fraction of a share, held by him.
- 21.2 Where there are joint registered holders of any share such persons shall not have the right of voting individually in respect of such share but shall elect one of their number to represent them and to vote whether in person or by proxy in their name. In default of such election the person whose name stands first on the share register of the Company shall alone be entitled to vote.
- 21.3 Any Member being under any legal disability may vote by his curator or other legal guardian. Any of such persons may vote either personally or by proxy.
- 21.4 On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy and a Member entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way. A proxy need not be a Member. An instrument of proxy may be valid for one or more meetings.
- 21.5 No Member shall be entitled to be present or take part in any proceedings or vote either personally or by proxy at any meeting unless all calls due from him have been paid. No Member shall be entitled to vote in respect of any shares unless he has been registered as their holder. 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 in the notice of the meeting a time, not more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting (the "**Cut Off Time**"), by which a person must be entered on the Register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting.
- 21.6 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or the

adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered and every vote not disallowed shall be valid for all purposes. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and binding.

21.7 Subject to the provisions of the Laws, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be in any common form or in such other form as the Directors may approve and (i) if in writing but not sent in electronic form, made under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or if the appointor is a corporation under its common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised in that behalf, or (ii) if sent in electronic form, submitted by or on behalf of the appointor and authenticated.

21.8 The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of that power or authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Directors shall:

21.8.1 in the case of an instrument in writing (including, whether or not the appointment of a proxy is sent in electronic form, any such power of attorney or other authority) be deposited at the Company's registered office (or such other address as may be specified by the Company from time to time for the purpose of receiving documents) not less than 48 hours before the time of the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote; or

21.8.2 in the case of an appointment sent in electronic form, where a Relevant Electronic Address has been specified for the purpose of receiving documents of information sent in electronic form;

(a) in the notice convening the meeting; or

(b) in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting; or

(c) in any invitation sent in electronic form to appoint a proxy issued by the Company in relation to the meeting,

be received at such an address not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote,

in default of which the proxy shall not be treated as valid unless the Directors otherwise determine in their discretion.

21.9 The appointment of a proxy shall not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting or poll concerned.

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

- 21.11 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and shall be as valid for any adjournment as for the meeting to which it relates.
- 21.12 Without prejudice to Section 226 of the Law, a vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or disability of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed provided that no intimation in writing of such death, disability or revocation shall have been received by the Company at the Office (or such other address as may be specified by the Company from time to time for the purpose of receiving documents) before the commencement of the meeting or adjournment or the taking of the poll at which the proxy is used.
- 21.13 When two or more valid but differing appointments of a proxy are received in respect of the same share for use at the same meeting or poll, the one which is last received (regardless of its date or of the date of its signature) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others as regards that share; if the Company is unable to determine which was last received, none of them shall be treated as valid in respect of that share. The proceedings at a general meeting shall not be invalidated where an appointment of a proxy in respect of that meeting is sent in electronic form as provided in these Articles, but because of a technical problem it cannot be read by the recipient.
- 21.14 Any corporation which is a Member may by resolution of its board of directors or other governing body authorise any one or more persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) at any meeting of the Company or of any class of Members or to approve any resolution submitted in writing and each person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise on behalf of the corporation which he, she or they represent the same powers (other than to appoint a proxy) as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member **PROVIDED THAT**, except in relation to a vote on a show of hands, if two or more representatives of one Member purport to exercise a power in respect of the same shares, then (i) if they exercise the power in the same manner, it shall be exercised in such manner; but (ii) if they exercise the power in a different manner, it shall be deemed not to have been exercised.
- 21.15 In calculating the periods mentioned in Articles 21.5 and 21.8 no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a Business Day.

22. **WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS**

- 22.1 Resolutions of the Members may be approved in writing if so determined by the Directors or the Members in accordance with Part XIII of the Companies Law and every Member voting thereon shall have one vote for each share subject to any special voting powers or restrictions.
- 22.2 Notice specifying the proposed resolution in writing may be sent by the Company to Members by post or by facsimile or such other telephonic or electronic means of written communications as the Board may, subject to the Laws, determine at any time.
- 22.3 Notices of proposed written resolutions forwarded by post shall be sent to the address of such

Members entered in the Register. Notices forwarded by any telephonic or electronic means of written communication shall be forwarded to such destination as the Member in question may at any time designate in writing signed by him.

- 22.4 Notices of proposed written resolutions shall incorporate or be accompanied by an instrument to be signed by or on behalf of the Member to who it is addressed for the purpose of approving the same.
- 22.5 Any notice of a proposed written resolution shall specify a date and time (whether greater or lesser than any period for the time being prescribed by the Law) at which the instrument or instruments signed by or on behalf of the Members voting in favour thereof shall be counted and at which the resolution if approved by the requisite majority shall become effective. No instrument received or signature appended thereto after such time shall be counted.
- 22.6 Notwithstanding anything else contained herein (and in particular the method of sending the notice of and instrument for approving the written resolution to Members), all such instruments containing such approval shall be in writing and signed by the Member or Members in question. The signature of a Member shall be acceptable for such purposes if received by facsimile telephonic transmission or in any other way specified in the notice.
- 22.7 The accidental omission to give notice of any proposed written resolution to or the non-receipt of such notice by any Member shall not invalidate any resolution or any proposed resolution otherwise duly approved.

23. NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD

- 23.1 The number of the Directors shall be not less than two and there shall be no maximum number unless otherwise determined by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.
- 23.2 The Board shall have power at any time to appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board but so that the total number of the Board shall not at any time exceed the number (if any) fixed pursuant to these Articles. Any person so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for election in accordance with Article 23.3.
- 23.3 At each annual general meeting of the Company, any Director:
- 23.3.1 who has been appointed by the Board since the last annual general meeting; or
 - 23.3.2 who held office at the time of the two preceding annual general meetings and who did not retire at either of them; or
 - 23.3.3 who has held office with the Company, other than employment or executive office, for a continuous period of nine years or more at the date of the meeting,

shall retire from office and may offer himself for election or re-election by the Members.

- 23.4 A Director who retires at an annual general meeting may, if willing to continue to act, be elected or re-elected at that meeting. If he is elected or re-elected he is treated as continuing in office throughout. If he is not elected or re-elected, he shall retain office until the end of the meeting or (if earlier) when a resolution is passed to appoint someone in his place or when a resolution to elect or re-elect the Director is put to the meeting and lost.
- 23.5 No person other than a Director retiring at a general meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board, be eligible for election by the Company to the office of Director unless not less than seven nor more than 42 clear days before the date appointed for the meeting there shall have been left at the Office (or, if an electronic address has been specified by the Company for such purposes, sent to the Company's electronic address) a notice in writing signed or authenticated in accordance with these Articles by a Member duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election together with notice in writing signed by that person of his willingness to be elected, specifying his tax residency status and containing a declaration that he is not ineligible to be a Director in accordance with the Laws.
- 23.6 The Company at the meeting at which a Director retires in the manner aforesaid may fill the vacated office by appointing a person thereto by Ordinary Resolution and in default the retiring Director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacated office or a resolution for the re-appointment of such Director shall have been put to the meeting and lost. The Company at such meeting may also fill up any other vacancies.
- 23.7 Without prejudice to the powers of the Board, the Company by Ordinary Resolution may 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 the Board shall not thereby exceed the maximum number (if any) fixed by or in accordance with these Articles. Any person so appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for election.
- 23.8 At a general meeting a motion for the appointment of two or more persons as Directors of the Company by a single resolution shall not be made unless a resolution that it shall be so made has been first agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it.
- 23.9 A person must not be appointed as a Director unless he has, in writing, consented to being a director and declared that he is not ineligible to be a director under the Laws.

24. **QUALIFICATION AND REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

- 24.1 A Director need not be a Member. A Director who is not a Member shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and speak at shareholders' meetings.
- 24.2 The Directors (other than any alternate Directors) shall be entitled to receive by way of fees for

their services as Directors such sum as the Board may from time to time determine provided that the aggregate amount of such fees (including fees, if any, due to the Directors for attendance at meetings of any committee of the Board) for all the Board collectively shall not exceed £500,000 in any financial year, or such higher amount as may be determined from time to time by Ordinary Resolution of the Company. Any fees payable pursuant to these Articles shall be distinct from and shall not include any salary, remuneration for any executive office or other amounts payable to a Director pursuant to any other provisions of these Articles and shall accrue from day to day.

- 24.3 The Directors shall be entitled to be repaid all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in or about the performance of their duties as Directors, including expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board or any committee of the Board or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the Company. If by arrangement with the Board, any Director shall perform or render any special duties or services outside his ordinary duties as a Director, he may be paid such reasonable additional remuneration as the Board may determine.
- 24.4 The Board shall have power to pay and agree to pay gratuities, pensions or other retirement, superannuation, death or disability benefits to (or to any person in respect of) any Director or ex-Director and for the purpose of providing any such gratuities, pensions or other benefits to contribute to any scheme or fund or to pay premiums.

25. **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 25.1 Any Director may by notice in writing under his hand and deposited at the Office, or delivered at a meeting of the Board, appoint any person who fulfils the criterion contained in Article 25.2 as an alternate Director to attend and vote in his place at any meeting of the Board at which he is not personally present or to undertake and perform such duties and functions and to exercise such rights as he could personally and such appointment may be made generally or specifically or for any period or for any particular meeting and with and subject to any particular restrictions provided that the alternate director in question has provided notice in writing of his willingness and eligibility to act.
- 25.2 Every alternate Director shall be eligible to be a Director of the Company under the Laws and sign a written consent to act.
- 25.3 Every alternate Director while he holds office as such shall be entitled:-
- 25.3.1 if his appointor so directs the Secretary, to notice of meetings of the Board; and
- 25.3.2 to attend and to exercise (subject to any restrictions) all the rights and privileges of his appointor at all such meetings at which his appointor is not personally present and generally at such meetings to perform all functions of his appointor as a Director and for the purposes of the proceedings at such meetings the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he (instead of his appointor) were a Director.

- 25.4 Every alternate Director shall *ipso facto* vacate office if and when his appointment expires by effluxion of time or his appointor vacates office as a Director or removes the alternate Director from office as such by notice in writing under his hand deposited at the Office, or delivered at a meeting of the Board, or if such alternate Director changes his position in that regard.
- 25.5 No alternate Director shall be entitled as such to receive any remuneration from the Company but every alternate Director shall be entitled to be paid all reasonable expenses incurred in the exercise of his duties.
- 25.6 Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Article 25 a Director may act as alternate Director for another Director and shall be entitled to vote for such other Director as well as on his own account but no Director shall at any meeting be entitled to act as alternate Director for more than one other Director. He shall not be counted more than once for the purposes of the quorum.
- 25.7 An alternate Director shall be entitled to contract and be interested in and benefit from contracts or arrangements or transactions and to be indemnified to the same extent *mutatis mutandis* as if he were a Director.

26. **BORROWING POWERS OF THE BOARD**

The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money to give guarantees, hypothecate, mortgage, charge or pledge all or part of the Company's assets, property or undertaking and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and, subject to compliance with the Memorandum and these Articles, to issue securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

27. **OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board who may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting subject nevertheless to these Articles and to the Laws and to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting but no regulation so made shall invalidate any prior act of the Board. The general powers given by this Article shall not be limited or restricted by any special authority or power given to the Board by any other Article.

28. **POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

- 28.1 A power of attorney given by the Company shall be valid if executed by the Company under the common signature of the Company.
- 28.2 The Board may at any time by power of attorney appoint any person or any fluctuating body of persons whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board to be the attorney of the Company for such purposes and with such powers and discretion and for such periods and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions

for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any attorney as the Board may think fit and may also authorise any attorney to sub-delegate all or any of his powers and discretion.

29. **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

29.1 A Director must, immediately after becoming aware of the fact that he is interested in a transaction or proposed transaction with the Company, disclose to the Board the nature and extent of that interest in each case unless the transaction or proposed transaction is between the Director and the Company, and is to be entered into in the ordinary course of the Company's business and on usual terms and conditions. A failure by a Director to comply does not affect the validity of a transaction entered into by the Company or the Director.

29.2 Subject to Article 29.3, a Director is interested in a transaction to which the Company is a party if the director:

29.2.1 is a party to, or may derive a material benefit from, the transaction;

29.2.2 has a material financial interest in another party to the transaction;

29.2.3 is a director, officer, employee or member of another party (other than a party which is an associated company) who may derive a material financial benefit from the transaction;

29.2.4 is the parent, child or spouse of another party who may derive a material financial benefit from the transaction; or

29.2.5 is otherwise directly or indirectly materially interested in the transaction.

29.3 A Director is not interested in a transaction to which the Company is a party if the transaction comprises only the giving by the Company of security to a third party which has no connection with the Director, at the request of the third party, in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company for which the Director or another person has personally assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee, indemnity or security.

29.4 Subject to the provisions of the Law, and provided that he has disclosed to the other Directors in accordance with the Law the nature and extent of his interest, a Director notwithstanding his office:-

29.4.1 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 on such terms as to the tenure of office and otherwise as the Directors may determine;

29.4.2 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company, or in which the Company is otherwise interested;

29.4.3 may act by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for the Company

(otherwise than as Auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director;

- 29.4.4 may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, a shareholder of or otherwise directly or indirectly interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company, or with which the Company has entered into any transaction, arrangement or agreement or in which the Company is otherwise interested; and
- 29.4.5 shall not by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from any such office or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.
- 29.5 For the purposes of this Article:-
- 29.5.1 a general notice given to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and
- 29.5.2 an interest of which a Director is unaware shall not be treated as an interest of his.
- 29.6 A Director shall be counted in the quorum at any meeting in relation to any resolution in respect of which he has declared an interest (but he may not vote thereon).
- 29.7 A Director may continue to be or become a director, managing director, manager or other officer, employee or member of any company promoted by the Company or in which the Company may be interested or with which the Company has entered into any transaction, arrangement or agreement, and no such Director shall be accountable for any remuneration or other benefits received by him as a director, managing director, manager, or other officer or member of any such other company. The Directors may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company or exercisable by them as directors of such other company, in such manner in all respects as they think fit (including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing themselves or any of them directors, managing directors, managers or other officers of such company, or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors, managing directors, managers or other officers of such company).
- 29.8 Any Director who, by virtue of office held or employment with any other body corporate, may from time to time receive information that is confidential to that other body corporate (or in respect of which he owes duties of secrecy or confidentiality to that other body corporate) shall be under no duty to the Company by reason of his being a Director to pass such information to the Company or to use that information for the benefit of the Company, in either case where the same would

amount to breach of confidence or other duty owed to that other body corporate.

30. **DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

30.1 The office of a Director shall *ipso facto* be vacated:-

30.1.1 if he (not being a person holding for a fixed term an executive office subject to termination if he ceases from any cause to be a Director) resigns his office by giving one month's written notice signed by him sent to or deposited at the Office;

30.1.2 if he dies;

30.1.3 if the Company requests that he resign his office by giving him one month's written notice;

30.1.4 if he shall have absented himself (such absence not being absence with leave or by arrangement with the Board on the affairs of the Company) from meetings of the Board for a consecutive period of 12 months and the Board resolves that his office shall be vacated;

30.1.5 if he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;

30.1.6 if he ceases to be a Director by virtue of, or becomes prohibited from being a Director by reason of, an order made under the provisions of any law or enactment;

30.1.7 if he is requested to resign by written notice signed by a majority of his co-Directors (not being less than two in number);

30.1.8 if he becomes ineligible to be a Director in accordance with the Laws; or

30.1.9 if the Company by Ordinary Resolution shall declare that he shall cease to be a Director, provided that until an entry of his office having been so vacated be made in the minutes of the Directors his acts as a Director shall be as effectual as if his office were not vacated.

30.2 No person shall be or become incapable of being appointed a Director by reason of having attained the age of 70 or any other age and no Director shall be required to vacate his office at any time by reason of the fact that he has attained the age of 70 or any other age.

30.3 If the Company by Ordinary Resolution removes any Director before the expiration of his period of office it may by an Ordinary Resolution appoint another person to be a Director in his stead who shall retain his office so long only as the Director in whose stead he is appointed would have held the same if he had not been removed. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claims such Director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.

31. **PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

- 31.1 The Board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. The Board shall meet at least four times a year. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chairman at the meeting shall not have a second or casting vote.
- 31.2 A video link or telephone conference call or other electronic or telephonic means of communication in which a quorum of Directors participates and all participants can hear and speak to each other shall be a valid meeting.
- 31.3 The Board shall also determine the notice necessary for their meetings and the persons to whom such notice shall be given.
- 31.4 A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all powers and discretion exercisable by the Board.
- 31.5 The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy but if and so long as their number is reduced below the minimum number fixed pursuant to these Articles the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number or of summoning a general meeting but for no other purpose. If there are no Directors able or willing to act then any one or more Members holding at least one tenth of the issued shares between them may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing a Director.
- 31.6 The Board may elect one of its number as chairman of their meetings and determine the period for which he is to hold office. If no such chairman be elected or if at any meeting the chairman be not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same the Director present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 31.7 The Board may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of one or more Directors as they think fit. Such committees shall consist of all or a majority of Directors. Any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Board. The provisions of Article 31.2 shall apply to meetings of committees as they apply to meetings of the Board.
- 31.8 The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Board may be fixed by the Board and unless so fixed shall be two.

32. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- 32.1 The Board may at any time appoint one or more of their body to be holder of any executive office including the office of managing Director on such terms and for such periods as they may determine.
- 32.2 The appointment of any Director to any executive office shall be subject to termination if he ceases

from any cause to be a Director but without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company.

- 32.3 The Board may entrust to and confer upon a Director holding any executive office any of the powers exercisable by the Board upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may at any time revoke withdraw alter or vary all or any of such powers.

33. **SECRETARY**

The secretary of the Company (if any) may be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit; and any secretary so appointed may be removed by the Directors.

34. **COMMON SIGNATURE**

The common signature of the Company may be either the name of the Company with the addition of the signature(s) of one or more officer(s) of the Company authorised generally or specifically by the Directors for such purpose, or such other person or persons as the Directors may from time to time appoint, or if the Board resolves that the Company shall have a common seal, the common seal of the Company affixed in such manner as these Articles may from time to time provide.

35. **THE SEAL**

- 35.1 The Company may have a common seal (the "Seal") and if the Board resolves to adopt a Seal the following provisions shall apply.

35.2 The Seal shall have the Company's name engraved on it in legible letters.

35.3 The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal outside of the United Kingdom, which shall only be used pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board, or a committee of the Board authorised to use the Seal, and in the presence either of two Directors or of one Director and the Secretary or of such person or persons as the Board may from time to time appoint, and such person or persons, as the case may be, shall sign every instrument to which the Seal is affixed.

35.4 The Company may have for use in any territory, district or place abroad an official seal which shall bear on its face the Company's name in legible characters with the addition of the name of the territory, district or place where it is to be used.

36. **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

Any Director or the Secretary or any person appointed by the Board for the purpose shall have power to authenticate any documents affecting the Company (including the Memorandum and these Articles) and any resolutions passed by the Company or the Board and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company and to certify copies or extracts

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 their custody shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the Board as aforesaid.

37. DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

- 37.1 The Directors may from time to time authorise dividends and distributions (as those terms are defined under the Laws) to be paid to the Members in accordance with the procedure set out in the Laws and subject to any Member's rights attaching to their shares and the amount of such dividends or distributions paid in respect of one class may be different from that of another class. The declaration of the Directors as to the amount of the dividend or distribution available shall be final and conclusive.
- 37.2 All dividends and distributions declared in respect of a class of shares shall be apportioned and paid among the holders of shares of such class pro rata to their respective holdings of shares of such class.
- 37.3 In computing amounts available for dividend or distribution, if relevant the Board may be entitled to charge up to one hundred per cent. of the fees of the Company's service providers and finance costs and other expenses to capital.
- 37.4 The Board may, subject to such terms and in such manner as they may determine, issue shares in lieu of dividends in accordance with section 306 of the Companies Law.
- 37.5 The Board may deduct from any dividend or distribution payable to any Member on or in respect of a share all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
- 37.6 The Board may retain any dividend or distribution or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share on which the Company has a lien and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the liabilities or obligations in respect of which the lien exists.
- 37.7 The Board may retain dividends or distributions payable upon shares in respect of which any person is entitled to become a Member until such person has become a Member.
- 37.8 Any dividend or distribution or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share shall be paid to the Member or to such other person as the Member (or, in the case of joint holders of a share, all of them) may in writing direct. Such dividend or distribution or other moneys may be paid (i) by cheque sent by post to the payee or, where there is more than one payee, to any one of them, or (ii) by inter-bank transfer to such account as the payee or payees shall in writing direct, or (iii) (if so authorised by the holder of shares in uncertificated form) using the facilities of the relevant Uncertificated System (subject to the facilities and requirements of the relevant Uncertificated System), or (iv) by such other method of payment as the Member (or in the case of joint holders of a share, all of them) may agree to. Every such cheque shall be sent at the risk of the person or

persons entitled to the money represented thereby, and payment of a cheque by the banker upon whom it is drawn, and any transfer or payment within (ii), (iii) or (iv) above, shall be a good discharge to the Company.

- 37.9 No dividend or distribution or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share shall bear interest against the Company.
- 37.10 All unclaimed dividends or distributions may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted as trustee in respect thereof. All dividends unclaimed on the earlier of (a) seven years after the date when it first became due for payment and (b) the date on which the Company is wound up shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Company without the necessity for any declaration or other action on the part of the Company.
- 37.11 Subject to the provisions of these Articles and to the rights attaching to any shares, any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share may be paid in such currency as the Board may determine, using such exchange rate for currency conversions as the Board may select.
- 37.12 The Company may cease to send any cheque, warrant or order by intra-bank transfer for any dividend on any shares which is normally paid in that manner if in respect of at least two consecutive dividends or distributions payable on those shares the cheque, warrant or order has been returned undelivered or remains uncashed or the intra-bank transfer is rejected but, subject to the provisions of these Articles, shall recommence sending cheques, warrants, orders or intra-bank transfers in respect of the dividends or distributions payable on those shares if the holder or person entitled by transmission claims the arrears of dividend and does not instruct the Company to pay future dividends in some other way.
- 37.13 If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any share, or are entitled jointly to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder or otherwise by operation of law, any one of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend or distribution or other moneys payable or property distributable on or in respect of the share.
- 37.14 Any resolution for the declaration or payment of a dividend or distribution on shares of any class, whether a resolution of the Company in general meeting or a resolution of the Board, may specify that the same shall be payable to the persons registered as the holders of such shares at the close of business on a particular date, notwithstanding that it may be a date prior to that on which the resolution is passed, and thereupon the dividend or distribution shall be payable to them in accordance with their respective holdings so registered, but without prejudice to the rights *inter se* in respect of such dividend or distribution of transferors and transferees of any such shares.
- 37.15 The waiver in whole or in part of any dividend or distribution on any share shall be effective only if such waiver is in writing 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.

38. RESERVES

The Board may from time to time carry to reserve such sums as they think proper which, at the discretion of the Board, shall be applicable for any purpose to which such sums may properly be applied and pending such application may either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested. The Board may divide the reserve into such special funds as they think fit and may consolidate into one fund any special funds or any parts of any special funds into which the reserve may have been divided. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward such sums.

39. CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES

39.1 The Board in its absolute discretion may resolve that it is desirable to capitalise any part of the amount for the time being standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts or to the credit of the retained earnings account or otherwise available for distribution, and accordingly that the sum be set free for distribution amongst the Members who would have been entitled thereto if distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions on condition that the same be not paid in cash but be applied either in or towards paying up any amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares held by such Members respectively or paying up in full unissued shares of the Company (including B Shares) to be issued and distributed credited as fully paid up to and amongst such Members in the proportion aforesaid, or partly in the one way and partly in the other.

39.2 Whenever such a resolution as aforesaid shall have been passed the Board shall make all the appropriations and applications of the sums resolved to be capitalised thereby, and all issues of fully paid shares, if any, and generally shall do all acts and things required to give effect thereto with full power to the Board to make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they think fit for the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions including by aggregating and selling them. For the purposes of effecting any such sale, the Board may arrange for the shares representing the fractions to be entered in the Register as certificated shares. The shares representing fractions may be sold to any person, including the Company, and the Board may authorise some person to transfer or deliver the shares to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The person to whom any shares are transferred or delivered shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity in, or invalidity of the proceedings relating to the sale. The Board may also authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the Members entitled thereto into an agreement with the Company providing for the issue to them respectively, credited as fully paid up, of any further shares to which they may be entitled upon such capitalisation, or (as the case may require) for the payment up by the Company on their behalf, by the application thereto of their respective proportions of the profits resolved to be capitalised, of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares, and any agreement made under such

authority shall be effective and binding on all such Members.

40. **ACCOUNTS**

- 40.1 The Board shall cause proper books of account to be kept with respect to all the transactions assets and liabilities of the Company in accordance with the Laws.
- 40.2 Subject to the Laws the books of account shall be kept at the Office or at such other place as the Board shall think fit and shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Directors and the Secretary.
- 40.3 Accounts complying with the provisions of the Laws (which for the avoidance of doubt include a profit and loss account and a balance sheet) shall be prepared by the Company. The accounts shall be accompanied by a report of the Directors stating the principal activities and the state and condition of the Company. The accounts and Directors' report shall be signed on behalf of the Directors by at least one of them.
- 40.4 Where the Company holds an annual general meeting, a copy of the accounts and Directors' report with the auditor's report (if any) attached thereto shall be laid before that meeting. Whether the Company holds an annual general meeting or is authorised not to do so, a copy of the accounts and Directors' report with the auditor's report (if any) attached thereto shall be delivered or sent by post to the registered address of the Members within 12 months of the end of the financial period to which such accounts and reports relate.

41. **AUDITORS**

- 41.1 A Director shall not be capable of being appointed as an Auditor.
- 41.2 A person other than a retiring Auditor shall not be capable of being appointed Auditor at an ordinary general meeting unless notice of intention to nominate that person as Auditor has been given by a Member to the Company not less than 14 days before the meeting and the Board shall send a copy of any such notice to the retiring Auditor and shall give notice to the Members not less than 7 days before the meeting provided that if after notice of the intention to nominate an Auditor has been so given a meeting is called for a date 14 days or less after such notice has been given the requirements of this provision as to time in respect of such notice shall be deemed to have been satisfied and the notice to be sent or given by the Company may instead of being sent or given within the time required by this Article be sent or given at the same time as the notice of the meeting.
- 41.3 The Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor (if any) may act.
- 41.4 The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in general meeting or in such manner as the Company may determine except that the remuneration of any Auditor appointed

by the Board shall be fixed by the Board.

41.5 Every Auditor shall have a right of access at all times to the books accounts and documents of the Company and as regards books accounts and documents of which the originals are not readily available shall be entitled to rely upon copies or extracts certified by an officer of the Company and shall be entitled to require from the Board such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of their duties and the Auditors shall make a report to the Members on the accounts examined by them and the report shall state whether in their opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and whether they have been prepared in accordance with the Laws.

41.6 Any Auditor shall be eligible for re-election.

42. **UNTRACEABLE MEMBERS**

42.1 The Company shall be entitled to sell at the best price reasonably obtainable the shares of a Member or any shares to which a person is entitled by transmission on death or bankruptcy or otherwise by operation of law if and provided that:-

42.1.1 for a period of 12 years no cheque or warrant sent by the Company through the post in a pre-paid letter addressed to the Member or to the person so entitled to the share at his address in the Register or otherwise 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 so entitled provided that in such period of 12 years, the Company has paid out at least three dividends whether interim or final; or

42.1.2 the Company has at the expiration of the said period of 12 years by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the address referred to in Article 42.1.1 above is located given notice of its intention to sell such shares;

42.1.3 the Company has not during the period of three months after the date of the advertisement and prior to the exercise of the power of sale received any communication from the Member or person so entitled; or

42.1.4 if any part of the share capital of the Company is quoted on any stock exchange, the Company has given notice in writing to the quotations department of such stock exchange of its intention to sell such shares.

42.2 To give effect to any such sale the Board may appoint any person to execute as transferor an instrument of transfer of the said shares and such instrument of transfer of the said shares shall be as effective as if it had been executed by the registered holder of, or person entitled by transmission to, such shares and the title of the purchaser or other transferee shall not be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating thereto. The net proceeds of sale shall

belong to the Company which shall be obliged to account to the former Member or other person previously entitled as aforesaid for an amount equal to such proceeds and shall enter the name of such former Member or other person in the books of the Company as a creditor for such amount. No trust shall be created in respect of the debt, no interest shall be payable in respect of the same and the Company shall not be required to account for any money earned on the net proceeds, which may be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments (other than shares of the Company) as the Board may from time to time think fit.

42.3 The foregoing provisions of this Article are subject to any restrictions applicable under any regulations relating to the holding and/or transferring of securities in any paperless system as may be introduced from time to time in respect of the shares of the Company or any class thereof.

43. **NOTICES**

43.1 A notice, document or other information may be given by the Company to any Member either:

43.1.1 personally; or

43.1.2 by sending it by prepaid post addressed to such Member at his registered address; or

43.1.3 where appropriate, by sending or supplying it in electronic form to the Relevant Electronic Address for that Member;

43.1.4 by publishing it in La Gazette Officiele; or

43.1.5 where appropriate, by publication on a website in accordance with these Articles.

43.2 Notices to be posted to addresses outside the Channel Islands and the United Kingdom shall so far as practicable be forwarded by prepaid airmail. 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 Members.

43.3 Any notice, document or other information, if served, sent or supplied by post, shall be deemed to have been served, sent or supplied (subject to any mandatory period as may from time to time be specified by the Laws) twenty-four hours after the time when the letter containing the same is posted and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice or document was properly addressed and duly posted. A notice given by advertisement shall be published in at least one UK national newspaper and one daily newspaper circulated widely in each of Guernsey and Jersey and shall be deemed to have been served before noon on the day on which the advertisement appears. A notice given by publication in La Gazette Officiele shall also be deemed to have been served before noon on the day on which the notice appears in La Gazette Officiele.

43.4 Any notice, document or other information may be served, sent or supplied by the Company to the joint holders of a share by serving, sending or supplying the same to the joint holder first

named in the Register in respect of the share.

- 43.5 Any notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied by post or in electronic form (including by publications on a website in accordance with these Articles) to, or left at the registered address of, any Member shall notwithstanding the death, disability or insolvency of such Member and whether the Company has notice thereof 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 and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such notice, document or other information on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in any such share.
- 43.6 Any document notice, document or other information which, in accordance with these Articles and subject to Article 43.10, may be sent by the Company by electronic communication shall, if so sent, be deemed to be received at the expiration of twenty-four hours after the time it was sent. Proof (in accordance with the formal recommendations of best practice contained in the guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators) that an electronic communication was sent by the Company shall be conclusive evidence of such sending.
- 43.7 Any notice, document or other information made available on a website shall be deemed to have been received on the day on which the notice, document or other information was first made available on the website or, if later, when a notice of availability is received or deemed to have been received pursuant to this Article.
- 43.8 The accidental failure to send, or the non-receipt by any person entitled to, any notice of or other document or information relating to any meeting or other proceeding shall not invalidate the relevant meeting or other proceeding.
- 43.9 A person entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member or otherwise by operation of law, upon supplying to the Company such evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show his title to the share, and upon supplying also a postal address or an address for the purposes of communications by electronic means for the service of notices, shall be entitled to have served upon or delivered to him at such address any notice, document or other information to which the said Member would have been entitled or, where applicable, may be notified at that address of the availability of the notice or document on a website, and such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such notice, document or other information on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
- 43.10 If there is a suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom or some part of the United Kingdom, the Company need only give notice of a general meeting to those Members with whom the Company can communicate by electronic means by sending or supplying it in electronic form to the Relevant Electronic Address for such Member. The Company shall also advertise the notice in at least one newspaper with a national circulation in the United Kingdom

and one daily newspaper circulated widely in each of Guernsey and Jersey, and make it available on its website from the date of such advertisement until the conclusion of the meeting or any adjournment thereof. If, at least six clear days prior to the meeting, the sending or supply of notices by post in hard copy form has again become generally possible, the Company shall send or supply confirmatory copies of the notice by post to those Members who would otherwise receive the notice in hard copy form.

43.11 For the purposes of this Article:-

43.11.1 a notice, document or other information may be served, sent or supplied by the Company in electronic form to the Relevant Electronic Address of a Member who has agreed (generally or specifically) that notices, documents or information can be sent or supplied to them in that form and has not revoked such agreement;

43.11.2 where the notice, document or other information is served, sent or supplied by electronic means, it may only be served, sent or supplied to an address specified for that purpose by the intended recipient;

43.11.3 a notice, document or other information may be served, sent or supplied by the Company to a Member by being made available on a website if the Member has agreed (generally or specifically), or pursuant to Article 43.11.4 below is deemed to have agreed, that notices, document or information can be sent or supplied to the Member in that form and has not revoked such agreement;

43.11.4 if a Member has been asked individually by the Company to agree that the Company may serve, send or supply notices, documents or other information generally, or specific notices, documents or other information, to them by means of a website (for the avoidance of doubt, whether before or after the adoption of this Article) and the Company does not receive a response within a period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the Company's request was sent (or such longer period as the Directors may specify), such Member will be deemed to have agreed to receive such notices, documents or other information by means of a website in accordance with Article 43.11.3 above. A Member can revoke any such deemed election in accordance with Article 43.11.8 below;

43.11.5 a notice, document or other information served, sent or supplied by means of a website must be made available in a form, and by a means, that the Company reasonably considers will enable the recipient: (i) to read it, and (ii) to retain a copy of it. For this purpose, a notice, document or other information can be read only if: (i) it can be read with the naked eye; or (ii) to the extent that it consists of images (for example photographs) it can be seen with the naked eye;

43.11.6 if a notice, document or other information is served, sent or supplied by means of a website, the Company must notify the intended recipient of: (i) the presence of the notice, document or information on the website; (ii) the address of the website; (iii) the

place on the website where it may be accessed; and (iv) how to access the notice, document or information;

43.11.7 any notice, document or other information made available on a website will be maintained on the website for the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which notification is given under Article 43.11.6 above, or such shorter period as may be decided by the Directors. A failure to make a notice, document or other information available on a website throughout the period mentioned in this Article 43.11.7 shall be disregarded if: (i) it is made available on the website for part of that period; and (ii) the failure to make it available throughout that period is wholly attributable to circumstances that it would not be reasonable for the Company to prevent or avoid;

43.11.8 any amendment or revocation of a notification given to the Company or agreement (or deemed agreement) under this Article shall only take effect if in writing, signed (or authenticated by electronic means) by the Member and on actual receipt by the company thereof; and

43.11.9 communications sent to the Company by electronic means shall not be treated as received by the Company if rejected by computer virus protection arrangements.

43.12 Where under these Articles a document requires to be signed by a Member or other person then, if in the form of an electronic communication, it must, to be valid, incorporate the electronic signature or personal identification details (which may be details previously allocated by the Company) of that Member or other person, in such form as the Board may approve, or be accompanied by such other evidence as the Board may require to satisfy themselves that the document is genuine. The Company may designate mechanisms for validating any such document, and any such document not so validated by use of such mechanisms shall be deemed not to have been received by the Company.

43.13 All Members are deemed to have agreed to accept communications from the Company by electronic means in accordance with this Article.

44. **WINDING UP**

44.1 If the Company shall be wound up the Liquidator may with the authority of an Extraordinary Resolution divide among the Members entitled to the same *in specie* the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether or not the assets shall consist of property of a single kind and may for such purposes set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes or property and may 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 Member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other assets in respect of which there is any outstanding liability.

44.2 Where the Company is proposed to be or is in the course of being wound up and the whole or part of its business or property is proposed to be transferred or sold to another company ("**the transferee**") the Liquidator may, with the sanction of an Ordinary Resolution, conferring either a general authority on the Liquidator or an authority in respect of any particular arrangement, receive in compensation or part compensation for the transfer or sale, shares policies or other like interests in the transferee for distribution among the Members or may enter into any other arrangement whereby the Members may, in lieu of receiving cash, shares, policies or other like interests, or in addition thereto, participate in the profits of or receive any other benefits from the transferee.

45. **INDEMNITY**

Subject to applicable law, the Company may indemnify any Director or a Director who has been appointed as a director of any Subsidiary Undertaking (a "**Subsidiary Director**") against any liability except such (if any) as they shall incur by or through their own breach of trust, breach of duty or negligence and may purchase and maintain for any Director or any Subsidiary Director insurance against any liability.

46. **INSURANCE**

Without prejudice to any other provisions of these Articles, the Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time Directors, officers, employees or auditors of the Company, or of any Subsidiary Undertaking (together "**Group Companies**") or otherwise associated with the Company or any Group Company or in which the Company or any such Group Company has or had any interest, whether direct or indirect, or of any predecessor in business of any of the foregoing, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any costs, charges, expenses, losses or liabilities suffered or 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 the exercise or purported exercise of their powers and discretion and/or otherwise in relation to or in connection with their duties, powers or offices in relation to the Company or any such other body.

47. **INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

Subject to Article 40.2, the Board shall determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions the accounts books and documents of the Company shall be open to inspection and no Member shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document except as conferred by the Laws or authorised by the Board.

48. **SUSPENSION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

48.1 The Directors may at any time, but cannot be obliged to, temporarily suspend the calculation of the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per share during:

- (a) any period when any of the principal markets or stock exchanges on which a substantial part of the Company's investments are traded are closed, otherwise than for ordinary holidays, or during which dealings thereon are restricted or suspended;
- (b) any period when, as a result of political, economic, military or monetary events or any circumstances outside the control, responsibility and power of the Directors, disposal or valuation of a substantial part of the investments of the Company is not reasonably practicable without this being seriously detrimental to the interests of the Members or if in the opinion of the Directors the Net Asset Value and/or Net Asset Value per share cannot be fairly calculated: or
- (c) any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of the Company's investments or when for any reason the current prices on any market of a substantial part of the Company's investments cannot be promptly and accurately ascertained.

49. **RECORD DATES**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Directors may fix a date as the record date for any notice of any general meeting, dividend, distribution, or issuance of share(s) and such record date may be on or at any time within 6 months before or after any date on which such notice, dividend, distribution, or issuance is given, made or paid (as appropriate).

50. **REDEMPTION OFFER**

50.1 The Directors may at any time in their absolute discretion, subject to any legal or regulatory requirements and the rights for the time being of the relevant class of Ordinary Shares, implement a redemption offer (a "**Redemption Offer**") pursuant to which each holder of Ordinary Shares of the relevant class shall be permitted to redeem a proportion of their Ordinary Shares on the terms and procedure determined by the Directors in their absolute discretion.

50.2 No Redemption Offer may be completed if, as a result, the Company would have no members. A Redemption Offer made in accordance with this Article 50 shall not be available in respect of any class of C Shares.

50A. **COMPULSORY REDEMPTION**

50A.1 Subject to the provisions of the Law and as hereinafter provided the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, direct that on any Compulsory Redemption Date the Company redeem compulsorily some or all of the Shares in issue on such date. Shares will be redeemed at the Compulsory Redemption Price from all Shareholders pro-rata to their existing holdings of Shares on the Compulsory Redemption Record Date.

50A.2 Where in accordance with Article 50A.1, the Directors determine to redeem compulsorily all or any number of Shares, they will, not less than 10 Business Days before any relevant Compulsory

Redemption Date, make an announcement to a regulatory information service (a “**Compulsory Redemption Announcement**”) of the particulars of the redemption to be effected on the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date. A Compulsory Redemption Announcement making an announcement to that effect may be withdrawn by the Company at any time up to 5.00 p.m. on that Business Day immediately preceding the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date.

50A.3 The Compulsory Redemption Announcement will include the following details:

50A.3.1 the aggregate amount to be distributed to Shareholders;

50A.3.2 the relevant percentage of shares to be redeemed (pro rata as between the holders of Shares as at the Compulsory Redemption Record Date);

50A.3.3 a timetable for the redemption and distribution of redemption proceeds, including the Compulsory Redemption Date and the Compulsory Redemption Record Date;

50A.3.4 the Compulsory Redemption Price per Share;

50A.3.5 a new ISIN in respect of Shares that will continue to be listed following the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date; and

50A.3.6 any additional information that the Board deems necessary to advise Shareholders in connection with the redemption.

50A.4 A redemption specified in a Compulsory Redemption Announcement will become effective automatically on the Compulsory Redemption Date specified in that Compulsory Redemption Announcement (or such later date as the Directors may otherwise specify).

50A.5 The redemption monies payable to Shareholders in respect of any compulsory redemption will be effected either through CREST (in the case of Shares held in uncertificated form) or paid by cheque (in the case of Shares held in certificated form) within 14 Business Days of the relevant Compulsory Redemption Date, or as soon as practicable thereafter. Shareholders will be paid their redemption proceeds in Sterling.

50A.6 The Company and the Directors shall not be liable for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by any holder of Shares or any other person as a result of or arising out of later settlement, howsoever such loss or damage may arise.

50A.7 In the case of compulsory redemption of:

50A.7.1. certificated Shares, Shareholders’ existing Share certificates will be cancelled and new Share certificates, if applicable, will be issued to each such Shareholder for the balance of their shareholding after each Compulsory Redemption Date; and

50A.7.2 uncertificated Shares held through CREST, the existing ISIN will be disabled, and a new ISIN will on the next Business Day following the Compulsory Redemption Date be applied to the remaining Shares that have not been compulsorily redeemed. The new ISIN will be

notified to shareholders in the Compulsory Redemption Announcement.

- 50A.8 The amount payable by the Company upon compulsory redemption of Shares shall be paid out of funds lawfully available for such purpose. Where the relevant percentage of the Shares to be redeemed held by a Shareholder is not a whole number of Shares, the number of Shares held by such Shareholder to be redeemed compulsorily on a Compulsory Redemption Date shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number of Shares. Any Share redeemed compulsorily will be cancelled.
- 50A.9 Upon the compulsory redemption of a Share being effected in accordance with these Articles, the holder thereof shall cease to be entitled to any rights in respect thereof (excepting always the right to receive a dividend which has become due and payable in respect thereof prior to such redemption being effected and the right to receive the proceeds of such redemption) and accordingly his name shall be removed from the Register with respect thereto.

51. SCRIP DIVIDENDS

- 51.1 The Board may offer holders of Ordinary Shares of a particular class (excluding treasury shares) the right to elect to receive further Ordinary Shares of that class, credited as fully paid, instead of cash in respect of all or part of any dividend (a "**scrip dividend**") in accordance with the following provisions of this Article 51.
- 51.2 The basis of allotment and issue shall be decided by the Board so that, as nearly as may be considered convenient, the value of the further shares, including any fractional entitlement, is equal to the amount of the cash dividend which would otherwise have been paid.
- 51.3 For the purposes of this Article 51 the value of the further shares shall be calculated by reference to the higher of (i) the prevailing average mid-market quotation of the Ordinary Shares of that class on the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange over five trading days; or (ii) the Net Asset Value per Share of that class, at the relevant time, or in such other manner as the Board may decide.
- 51.4 The Board shall give notice to the Members of their rights of election in respect of the scrip dividend and shall specify the procedure to be followed in order to make an election.
- 51.5 The dividend or that part of it in respect of which an election for the scrip dividend is made shall not be paid and instead further Ordinary Shares of the relevant class shall be allotted and issued in accordance with elections duly made.
- 51.6 The further Ordinary Shares so issued shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the fully paid Ordinary Shares of the same class then in issue except as regards participation in the relevant dividend.

- 51.7 The Board may decide that the right to elect for any scrip dividend shall not be made available to Members resident in any territory, where in the opinion of the Board, compliance with local law or regulations would be impossible or unduly onerous.
- 51.8 The Board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to the provisions of a scrip dividend election and the issue of any shares in accordance with the provisions of this Article, and may make such provisions as they think fit in the case of shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions under which, in whole or in part, the benefit of the fractional entitlements accrues to the company rather than to the Members concerned).
- 51.9 The Board may from time to time establish or vary a procedure for election mandates, under which a holder of shares may, in respect of any future dividends for which a right of election pursuant to this Article 51 is offered, elect to receive shares in lieu of such dividend on the terms of such mandate.