

Company No. 5521136

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 and 1989

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

ORDINARY & SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF

ASHLAR 3 LIMITED

I, the undersigned, ASHLAR GROUP LIMITED, being the sole member for the time being of the above-named Company entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at General Meetings HEREBY PASS the following resolutions, Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolutions 4 and 5 as Special Resolutions, and agree that the said resolutions shall for all purposes be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held.

It is resolved:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. (a) That the Company's authorised share capital of £1,000 at present divided into 1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each is hereby re-designated as 1,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of £1 each; and  
(b) That accordingly the 1 issued Ordinary share of £1 each in the name of ASHLAR GROUP LIMITED and 999 unissued Ordinary shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company are hereby re-designated as 1,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of £1 each.
2. That the capital of the Company is hereby increased from £1,000 to £1,000,000 by the creation of 249,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'B' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'C' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'D' Ordinary Shares of £1 each.
3. That there shall be attached to the 'A' Ordinary Shares and to the 'B' Ordinary Shares and to the 'C' Ordinary Shares and to the 'D' Ordinary Shares those rights and conditions as are set out in the Articles of Association of the Company to be adopted pursuant to resolution 5 below.

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## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

4. That the provisions set forth as Clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association in the printed document attached to this resolution, and for the purpose of identification marked with an "M", are hereby approved and adopted in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing provisions of Clause 3 of the Company's Memorandum of Association, and the Memorandum of Association is hereby altered accordingly.
5. That the regulations set forth in the printed document attached to this resolution, and for the purpose of identification marked with an "A" be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing Articles thereof.

Dated this ..... 16 February 2007 .....

Signed .....

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(For and on behalf of ASHLAR GROUP LIMITED)

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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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ASHLAR 3 LIMITED

(As altered by Special Resolution passed on the .....1.6.FEB.2007.....)

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1. The Company's name is "ASHLAR 3 LIMITED".
2. The Company's Registered Office is to be situated in England and Wales.
3.
  - (i) The object of the Company is to carry on business as a general commercial company.
  - (ii) Without prejudice to the generality of the object and the powers of the Company derived from Section 3A of the Act the Company has the power to do all or any of the following:-



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- (a) To purchase or by any other means acquire and take options over any property whatever, and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property.
- (b) To subscribe for, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold shares in, or securities of any other company authorised by its objects to carry on any business or businesses altogether or in part similar to the business of the Company or carrying on any business capable of being carried on so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company or enhance the value of any of its property and to co-ordinate, finance and manage the businesses and operations of any company in which the Company holds any such interest.
- (c) To promote or establish any other company the objects of which shall include the acquisition of the whole or any part of the business or property or undertaking or any of the liabilities of the Company, or the undertaking of any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of the Company.
- (d) To purchase or otherwise acquire the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any company, firm, or person carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the businesses which the Company is authorised to carry on and to give and receive consideration for such acquisition and to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such company, firm, or person.
- (e) To receive payment on the sale or disposal of the whole or any part of the business or property of the Company, either in cash, by instalments or otherwise, for such consideration as the Directors of the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or otherwise in securities of any company and generally to dispose, hold or otherwise deal with any shares, stock or securities so acquired.
- (f) To construct, improve, manage, develop, repair, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant rights, options, licences and privileges in respect of, and in any other manner deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.
- (g) To purchase, register, apply for, or by other means acquire, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere any patent rights, patents, brevets d'invention, licenses, trade marks, secret processes, designs, protections and concessions and to expend money for their improvement as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the business or businesses of the Company, or any branch or department thereof.
- (h) To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company, and to undertake and perform sub-contracts.
- (i) To acquire any interest in, amalgamate with or enter into any partnership joint arrangement or any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for mutual assistance with any company, firm or person, or for subsidising or otherwise assisting any such company, firm or person carrying on any business contained within the objects of the Company and to acquire, hold, sell, deal with or dispose of by way of consideration, any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities received from any such company and to hold and retain, or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities so received.

- (j) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required for the purposes of the business or businesses of the Company in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Directors of the Company and to hold or otherwise deal with any investments made or any securities held.
- (k) To lend and advance money or give credit to any company, firm or person on such terms as may seem expedient and with or without security to customers and others, to enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyships of all kinds, to receive money on deposit or loan upon any terms and to secure or guarantee the payment of any sums of money or the performance of any obligation by any company, firm or person including any holding company or subsidiary company as defined by section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 or otherwise connected with the Company in business.
- (l) To draw, make, accept, endorse, negotiate, discount, execute and issue cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, bills of lading, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (m) To borrow or raise money or arrange for the payment of money in any manner as the Company shall think fit and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's real and personal property and assets, present or future, including its uncalled capital, and also to issue and deposit any securities which the Company has authority to issue by way of mortgage, charge, standard security, lien or security to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake or which may become binding on it.
- (n) To remunerate any company, person, or firm by way of consideration for rendering services received by the Company either by cash payment or by the allotment to him or them of shares or other securities of the Company credited as paid up in full or in part or otherwise as may be thought expedient.
- (o) To issue and allot securities of the Company for cash or in payment or part payment for any real or personal property purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company for any obligation or amount (even if less than the nominal amount of such securities) or for any other purpose.
- (p) To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling, or guaranteeing the subscription of any shares or other securities of the Company.
- (q) To apply for, promote, and obtain any Act of Parliament, order, or licence of the Department of Trade or other authority for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification of the Company's constitution, or for any other purpose which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to promote the Company's interests, and to oppose any proceeding or applications which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.
- (r) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such charters, decrees, rights, privileges, and concessions.

- (s) To purchase and maintain insurance policies to indemnify the officers and auditor of the Company against any costs, expenses and liabilities arising from negligence, default, breach of duty or trust incurred by them in discharge of their duties pursuant to the provisions of Section 310 (3) of the Act.
- (t) Subject to and in accordance with due compliance with the provisions of Sections 155 to 158 (inclusive) of the Act (if and so far as such provisions shall be applicable), to give, whether directly or indirectly, any kind of financial assistance (as defined in Section 152 (1) (a) of the Act) for any such purposes as specified in Section 151 (1) and/or section 151 (2) of the Act.
- (u) To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its Directors or employees, or may be connected with any town or place where the Company carries on business; to establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of any non-contributory or contributory pension or superannuation fund for the benefit of, and give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances, or emoluments to any persons who are or were at any time in the employment of or providing service to the Company, or any company which is for the time being the Company's Holding or subsidiary company as defined by Section 736 of the Companies Act, 1985, or otherwise associated with the Company in business or who are or were at any time Directors or officers of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid and the wives, widows, families and dependents of any such persons, and also to establish and subsidise or subscribe to any institution, association, clubs or funds calculated to be for the benefit of or to advance the interests and well-being of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid, or of any such persons as aforesaid; to set up, establish, support and maintain profit sharing or share purchase schemes for the benefit of any of the employees of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid and to lend money to any such employees or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such schemes to be established or maintained and to make payments for or towards the insurance of any such persons as aforesaid, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects or for any exhibition or for any public, general or useful object, and to do any of the matters aforesaid either alone or in conjunction with any such other company as aforesaid.
- (v) To distribute among the Members of the Company in specie any property of the Company of whatever nature, or any proceeds of sale or dispersal of any property of the Company.
- (w) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any part of the world.
- (x) To do all or any of the above things or matters herein set out in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and by or through agents, brokers, sub-contractors or otherwise.
- (y) To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them.

And it is hereby declared that save as otherwise expressly provided, each of the objects set forth in each sub-clause of this Clause shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given thereto, and they shall not, except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited by reference to any other sub-clause or by the name of the Company, and that the provisions of each sub-clause shall save as aforesaid be carried out in as full and ample a manner and construed in as wide a sense as if each of the sub-clauses defined the objects of a separate and distinct company.

4. The liability of the Members is limited.
5. The share capital of the Company is £1,000,000 divided into 250,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'B' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'C' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'D' Ordinary Shares of £1 each.

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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1985 AND 1989

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A PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

of

ASHLAR 3 LIMITED

(As adopted by Special Resolution passed on the 16 FEB 2007)

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PRELIMINARY

1. (a) The Company is a Private Company and, subject as hereinafter provided and except where the same are varied or excluded by or inconsistent with these Articles, the regulations contained or incorporated by reference in Table A in the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 as amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (SI 1985 No. 1052) and as further amended by The Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000 (SI 2000 No. 3373) (hereinafter called "Table A") shall apply to the Company save insofar as they are excluded or varied hereby and such Regulations (save as so excluded or varied) shall be deemed to form part of these Articles. References herein to Regulations are to regulations in Table A unless otherwise stated.
- (b) In these Articles the expression "the Act" means the Companies Act 1985, but so that any reference in these Articles to any provision of the Act shall be deemed to include a reference to any statutory modification or re-enactment of that provision for the time being in force.

DEFINITIONS

2. In these Articles unless the context otherwise requires:-

"these Articles"	means the Articles of Association in their present form or as from time to time altered;
"A Shares"	means the A Ordinary Shares in the Company;
"the Ashlar Group"	means Ashlar Group Limited (Registered in England and Wales, number 5449085) and any other company for the time being forming part of the Group of which Ashlar Group Limited forms part within the meaning of section 42 of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954;
"the Board"	means the Board of Directors of the Company or a duly authorised committee thereof or the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company or a duly authorised committee thereof, in each case at which a quorum is present;
"B Shares"	means the B Ordinary Shares in the Company;
"C Shares"	means the C Ordinary Shares in the Company;



"Director"	means a Director of the Company;
"D Shares"	means the D Ordinary Shares in the Company;
"the Group"	means the Ashlar Group;
"Member"	means a member of the Company.

### SHARE CAPITAL

3. The share capital of the Company is £1,000,000 divided into 250,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'B' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'C' Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 250,000 'D' Ordinary Shares of £1 each. The "A Shares" and the "B Shares" and the "C Shares" and the "D Shares" shall each constitute different classes of shares for the purposes of the Act but save as otherwise provided in these Articles of Association shall rank *pari passu* in all respects.

### ALLOTMENTS

4. (a) Subject to Sub-Article (b) hereof all Shares shall be under the control of the Directors and the Directors may allot, grant options over, or otherwise deal with or dispose of the same to such persons and generally on such terms and in such manner as they think fit.
- (b) The Directors are generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of Section 80 of the Act, to exercise any power of the Company to allot and to grant rights to subscribe for or convert securities into shares of the Company up to the amount of the authorised share capital of the Company authorised but unissued at the date of adoption of these Articles at any time or times during the period of five years from the date of adoption and the Directors may, after that period, allot any shares or grant any such rights under this authority in pursuance of an offer or agreement made by the Company within that period. The authority hereby given may at any time (subject to the said Section 80) be renewed, revoked or varied by Ordinary Resolution of the Company in General Meeting.
- (c) All unissued shares or securities of the Company not comprising relevant securities shall be at the disposal of the Board who may allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, and on such terms as it thinks proper.
- (d) Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act 1985, sub-section (1) of Section 89 and sub-sections (1) to (6) inclusive of Section 90 of that Act shall be excluded from applying to the Company.

### LIEN

5. The lien conferred by Regulation 8 shall also attach to fully paid shares and the Company shall also have a first and paramount lien on all shares, whether fully paid or not, standing registered in the name of any person, whether he shall be the sole registered holder thereof or shall be one of two or more joint holders for all moneys presently payable by him or his estate to the Company. Regulation 8 shall be modified accordingly.

## **FORFEITURE**

6. The liability of any Member in default of payment of a call shall, if the Board so directs, also include any costs and expenses suffered or incurred by the Company in respect of such non-payment and the powers conferred on the Board by Regulation 18 and the provisions of Regulation 21 shall be extended accordingly.

## **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

7. No business shall be transacted at any General meeting unless a quorum is present. Subject to Article 8 below two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation, shall be a quorum.
8. If and for so long as the Company has only one member entitled to vote, that member present in person or by proxy or if that Member is a corporation by a duly authorised representative shall be a quorum. Regulation 40 shall not apply to the Company.
9. If within half an hour from the time appointed for a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved; in any other case, it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Board may determine. If a quorum is not present at any such adjourned meeting within half an hour from the time appointed for that meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved. Regulation 41 shall not apply to the Company.
10. A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by any member present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote. Regulation 46 shall be modified accordingly.

## **DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS**

11. Any committee of the Board may consist of one or more co-opted persons other than Directors on whom voting rights may be conferred as members of the Committee but so that:-
- (i) the number of co-opted members shall be less than one-half of the total number of members of the committee; and
  - (ii) no resolution of the committee shall be effective unless a majority of the members of the committee present at the meeting are Directors

Regulation 72 shall be modified accordingly.

## **APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS**

12. (a) The minimum number of Directors shall be one and in the event of there being a sole Director, he shall have all the powers and be subject to all the provisions herein conferred on the Directors and he or any alternate Director appointed by him shall alone constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Directors. Regulations 64, 89 and 90 shall be modified (and all other Regulations in these Articles relating to Directors shall be construed) accordingly.
- (b) No person shall be appointed a Director at any general meeting unless either:-
- (i) he is recommended by the Directors; or

- (ii) not less than fourteen nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the date appointed for the general meeting, notice signed by a member qualified to vote at the general meeting has been given to the Company of the intention to propose that person for appointment, together with notice signed by that person of his willingness to be appointed.
  - (iii) In any case where as the result of the death of a sole member of the Company the Company has no members and no Directors the personal representatives of such deceased member shall have the right by notice in writing to appoint a person to be a Director of the Company and such appointment shall be as effective as if made by the Company in General Meeting as if the deceased member had been present.
- 13. The Directors shall not be subject to retirement by rotation and accordingly:-
  - (i) Regulations 73 to 75 inclusive, Regulation 80 and the last sentence of Regulation 84 shall not apply to the Company;
  - (ii) Regulation 76 shall apply but with the deletion of the words "other than a Director retiring by rotation";
  - (iii) Regulation 77 shall apply but with the deletion of the words in brackets "(other than a Director retiring by rotation at the meeting)";
  - (iv) Regulation 78 shall apply but with the deletion of the words "and may also determine the rotation in which any additional Directors are to retire"; and
  - (v) Regulation 79 shall apply but with the deletion of the words "and shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at the meeting".

### **BORROWING POWERS**

- 14. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money without limit as to amount and upon such terms and in such manner as they think fit, and subject (in the case of any security convertible into shares) to Section 80 of the Act to grant any mortgage, charge or standard security over its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock, and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

### **DIRECTORS**

- 15. The Directors shall be entitled to such remuneration (if any) by way of fee as shall from time to time be determined by the Company in General Meeting. Unless and until so determined, remuneration shall be at such rate as the Board shall from time to time determine. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day. The Directors (including alternate Directors) shall also be entitled to be paid their reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses of attending and returning from meetings of the Company or otherwise incurred while engaged on the business of the Company or in the discharge of their duties. Regulations 82 and 83 shall not apply to the Company.

16. Any Director, who, by request, performs special services or goes or resides abroad for any purposes of the Company or who otherwise performs services which, in the opinion of the Board, are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director shall receive such extra remuneration by way of salary, percentage of profits or otherwise as the Board may determine which shall be charged as part of the Company's ordinary working expenses.
17. Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a Director notwithstanding his office:-
- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;
  - (b) may be a Director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested;
  - (c) may, or any firm or company of which he is a member or Director may, act in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested;
  - (d) shall not, by reason of his office, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from such office, service 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; and
  - (e) shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum on any matter concerning paragraphs (a) and (d) above.

For the purposes of this Article:-

- (i) a general notice 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;
- (ii) an interest of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his; and
- (iii) an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Companies Act 1985 (excluding any statutory modification not in force when this Article becomes binding on the Company), connected with a Director shall be treated as an interest of the Director and, in relation to an alternate Director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate Director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate Director has otherwise.

Regulations 86, and 94 to 96 inclusive shall not apply to the Company.

## GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

18. The Directors may exercise the powers of the Company conferred by Clause 3(ii) (u) of the Memorandum of Association of the Company and shall be entitled to retain any benefits received by them or any of them by reason of the exercise of any such powers. Regulation 87 of table A shall not apply to the Company.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

19. An alternate Director who is himself a Director and/or who acts as an alternate Director for more than one Director shall be entitled, in the absence of his appointor(s), to a separate vote or votes on behalf of his appointor(s) in addition (if he is himself a Director) to his own vote. Regulation 88 shall be modified accordingly.

## DIVIDENDS

20. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Company may by ordinary resolution, upon the recommendation of the Directors, declare a dividend but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
- (b) Every General Meeting at which a dividend is declared shall, by ordinary resolution direct that such dividend be paid in respect of one class of shares to the exclusion of the other three classes, or in respect of two classes of shares to the exclusion of the other two classes, or in respect of three classes of shares to the exclusion of the other class, or in respect of all four classes of shares.
- (c) Where a dividend is declared in respect of more than one class of shares the Company may, by ordinary resolution, differentiate between the classes, in respect of which the dividend is payable, as to the amount or percentage of dividend payable, but in default the shares in each such class shall be deemed to rank *pari passu* in all respects as if they constituted one class of share.
- (d) When paying interim dividends the Directors may make payments to one class of shares to the exclusion of the other three classes, or to two classes of shares to the exclusion of the other two classes, or to three classes of shares to the exclusion of the other class, or to all four classes of shares. When making such payments the Directors may differentiate between the classes as to the amount or percentage of dividend payable. Clauses 102 and 103 in Table A shall be read and construed accordingly.

## SEAL

21. The Directors shall decide whether the company shall have a seal and if so shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal and of any official Seal for use abroad pursuant to the Statutes, and such Seals shall only be used by the authority of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors authorised by the Directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the Seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a Director and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second Director or by some other person appointed by the Directors for the purpose. Regulation 101 of Table A shall not apply.

## SHARE CERTIFICATES

22. In the event that the Directors decide that the company shall not have a seal then share certificates or other documents issued by the company may be signed by a director and secretary of the company, or two directors of the company, and expressed (in whatever form of words) to be executed by the company and shall have the same effect as if executed under the common seal of the company and Regulation 6 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

## PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY

23. For the purposes of this article a "Liability" is any liability incurred by a person in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or otherwise in connection with his duties, powers or office and "Associated Company" shall bear the meaning referred to in section 309A(6) of the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any protection from liability which may otherwise apply:
- (a) the directors shall have power to purchase and maintain for any director of the Company, any director of an Associated Company, any auditor of the Company and any officer of the Company (not being a director or auditor of the Company), insurance against any Liability.
  - (b) every director or auditor of the Company and every officer of the Company (not being a director or auditor of the Company) shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any loss or liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from any Liability.

Regulation 118 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

## TRANSFER OF SHARES

24. (a) The Directors shall, subject to clause (b) of this Article, register the transfer or, as the case may be, transmission of any shares to any company for the time being forming part of the Ashlar Group or within which any member of the Ashlar Group has a 50 per cent. or greater voting interest.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (a) of this Article, the Directors may decline to register any transfer or transmission which would otherwise be permitted hereunder if it is a transfer
- (i) of a share on which the Company has a lien;
  - (ii) of a share (not being a fully paid share) to a person of whom they shall not approve;
  - (iii) of a share (whether or not it is fully paid) made pursuant to Article 25 (g) below;

Clause 24 in Table A shall not apply to the Company.

25. (a) Subject to Article 24 above, any person (hereinafter called "the proposing transferor") proposing to transfer any shares (of whatever class) shall give notice in writing (hereinafter called "the transfer notice") to the Company that he desires to transfer the same and specifying the price per share which in his opinion constitutes the fair value thereof. The transfer notice shall constitute the Company the agent of the proposing transferor for the sale of all (but not some of) the shares comprised in the transfer notice to any Member or Members willing to purchase the same (hereinafter called "the purchasing Member") at the price specified therein or at the fair value certified in accordance with paragraph (c) below (whichever shall be the lower). A transfer notice shall not be revocable except with the sanction of the Directors. For the avoidance of doubt, no transfer notice shall be given in respect of more than one class of share.
- (b) The shares comprised in any transfer notice shall be offered to the Members (other than the proposing transferor) as nearly as may be in proportion to the number of shares (irrespective of class) held by them respectively. Such offer shall be made by notice in writing (hereinafter called "the offer notice") within seven days after the receipt by the Company of the transfer notice. The offer notice shall state the price per share specified in the transfer notice and shall limit the time in which the offer may be accepted, not being less than twenty-one days nor more than forty-two days after the date of the offer notice, provided that if a certificate of fair value is requested under paragraph (c) below the offer shall remain open for acceptance for a period of fourteen days after the date on which notice of the fair value certified in accordance with that paragraph shall have been given by the Company to the Members or until the expiry of the period specified in the offer notice whichever is the later. For the purpose of this Article an offer shall be deemed to be accepted on the day on which the acceptance is received by the Company. The offer notice shall further invite each Member to state in his reply the number of additional shares (if any) in excess of his proportion which he desires to purchase and if all the Members do not accept the offer in respect of their respective proportions in full the shares not so accepted shall be used to satisfy the claims for additional shares as nearly as may be in proportion to the number of shares comprised in the transfer notice already held by them respectively, provided that no Member shall be obliged to take more shares than he shall have applied for. If any shares shall not be capable without fractions of being offered to the Members in proportion to their existing holdings of shares, the same shall be offered to the Members, or some of them, in such proportions or in such manner as may be determined by lots drawn in regard thereto, and the lots shall be drawn in such manner as the Directors may think fit.
- (c) Any Member may, not later than eight days after the date of the offer notice, serve on the Company a notice in writing requesting that the Auditor for the time being of the Company (or at the discretion of the Auditor, a person nominated by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in the Country of the situation of its Registered Office) certify in writing the sum which in his opinion represents the fair value of the shares comprised in the transfer notice as at the date of the transfer notice and for the purpose of this Article reference to the Auditor shall include any person so nominated. Upon receipt of such notice the Company shall instruct the Auditor to certify as aforesaid and the costs of such valuation shall be apportioned among the proposing transferor and the purchasing Members or borne by any one or more of them as the Auditor in his absolute discretion shall decide. In certifying the fair value as aforesaid the Auditor shall be considered to be acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator or arbiter and accordingly any provisions of law or statute relating to arbitration shall not apply. Upon receipt of the certificate of the Auditor, the Company shall be notice in writing inform all Members of the fair value of each share and of the price per share (being the lower of the price specified in the transfer notice and the fair value of each share) at which the shares comprised in the transfer notice are offered for sale.

- (d) If purchasing Members shall be found for all the shares comprised in the transfer notice within the appropriate period specified in paragraph (b) above, the Company shall not later than seven days after the expiry of such appropriate period give notice in writing (herein after called "the sale notice") to the proposing transferor specifying the purchasing Members and the proposing transferor shall be bound upon payment of the price due in respect of all the shares comprised in the transfer notice to transfer the shares to the purchasing Members.
- (e) If in any case the proposing transferor after having become bound as aforesaid makes default in transferring any shares the Company may receive the purchase money on his behalf, and may authorise some person to execute a transfer of such shares in favour of the purchasing Members. The receipt of the Company for the purchase money shall be a good discharge to the purchasing Members. The Company shall pay the purchase money into a separate bank account.
- (f) If the Company shall not give a sale notice to the proposing transferor within the time specified in paragraph (d) above, he shall, during the period of thirty days next following the expiry of the time so specified, be at liberty to transfer all or any of the shares comprised in the transfer notice to any person or persons but in that event the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any such transfer and Clause 24 in Table A shall, for these purposes, be modified accordingly.
- (g) In the application of Clauses 29 to 31 (inclusive) in Table A to the Company:-
- (i) any person becoming entitled to a share (of whatever class) in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member shall give a transfer notice in respect of each class of share to which he becomes so entitled before he elects in respect of any share to be registered himself or to execute a transfer;
  - (ii) if a person so becoming entitled shall not have given a transfer notice in respect of any class of share within six months of the death or bankruptcy, the Directors may at any time thereafter upon resolution passed by them give notice requiring such person within thirty days of such notice to give a transfer notice in respect of all the shares of each class to which he has so become entitled and for which he has not previously given a transfer notice and if he does not do so he shall at the end of such thirty days be deemed to have given a transfer notice pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Article relating to those shares of each class in respect of which he has still not done so;
  - (iii) where a transfer notice is given or deemed to be given under this paragraph (g) and no price per share is specified therein the transfer notice shall be deemed to specify the sum which shall, on the application of the Directors, be certified in writing by the Auditors in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Article as the fair value thereof.
- (h) Whenever any Member of the Company who is employed by the Company in any capacity (whether or not he is also a Director) ceases to be employed by the Company otherwise than by reason of his death the Directors may at any time not later than six months after his ceasing to be employed resolve that such Member do retire, and thereupon he shall (unless he has already served a transfer notice) be deemed to have served a transfer notice pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Article in respect of each class of share of which he is the holder, and to have specified therein the fair value to be certified in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Article. Notice of the passing of any such resolution shall forthwith be given to the Member affected thereby.



## CAPITAL

25. On a winding up or other repayment of capital, the assets of the Company (including capital uncalled at the commencement of the winding up) remaining after paying and discharging the debts and liabilities of the Company and the costs of the winding up, shall be applied in repaying the sums paid up or credited as paid up on all the issued shares without distinction as to class. The residue (if any) shall be divided among the holders of the issued shares in proportion to the nominal amount paid up or credited as paid up on such shares without distinction as to class.

The regulations of Table A to the Companies Act 1985 apply to the Company save in so far as they are excluded or varied by its Articles of Association.

Table A as prescribed by the Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985 No. 805), amended by the Companies (Tables A to F) (Amendment) Regulations 1985 (S.I. 1985 No. 1052) and The Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000 No. 3373), is reprinted below.

## TABLE A - THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

### Regulations for the Management of a Company Limited by Shares

#### INTERPRETATION

1. In these regulations—  
"the Act" means the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;  
"the articles" means the articles of the company;  
"clear days" in relation to the period of notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;  
"communication" means the same as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000;  
"electronic communication" means the same as in the Electronic Communications Act 2000;  
"executed" includes any mode of execution;  
"office" means the registered office of the company;  
"the holder" in relation to shares means the member whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares;  
"the seal" means the common seal of the company;  
"secretary" means the secretary of the company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the company, including a joint, assistant or deputy secretary;  
"the United Kingdom" means Great Britain and Northern Ireland;  
Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these regulations bear the same meaning as in the Act but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these regulations become binding on the company.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

2. Subject to the provisions of the Act and without prejudice to any rights attached to any existing shares, any share may be issued with such rights or restrictions as the company may by ordinary resolution determine.  
3. Subject to the provisions of the Act, shares may be issued which are to be redeemed or are to be liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder on such terms and in such manner as may be provided by the articles.  
4. The company may exercise the powers of paying commissions conferred by the Act. Subject to the provisions of the Act, any such commission may be satisfied by the payment of cash or by the allotment of fully or partly paid shares or partly in one way and partly in the other.  
5. Except as required by law, no person shall be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust and (except as otherwise provided by the articles or by law) the company shall not be bound by or recognise any interest in any share except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in the holder.

#### SHARE CERTIFICATES

6. Every member, upon becoming the holder of any shares, shall be entitled without payment, in one certificate for all the shares of each class held by him (and, upon transferring a part of his holding of shares of any class, to a certificate for the balance of such holding) or several certificates for one or more of his shares upon payment for every certificate after the first of such reasonable sum as the directors may determine. Every certificate shall be sealed with the seal and shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon. The company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for shares held jointly by several persons and delivery of a certificate to one joint holder shall be a sufficient delivery to all of them.  
7. If a share certificate is defaced, worn-out, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and payment of the expenses reasonably incurred by the company in investigating evidence as the directors may determine but otherwise free of charge, and (in the case of defacement or wearing-out) on delivery up of the old certificate.

#### LIEN

8. The company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share (not being a fully paid share) for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) payable at a fixed time or called in respect of that share. The directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this regulation. The company's lien on a share shall extend to any amount payable in respect of it.  
9. The company may sell in such manner as the directors determine any shares on which the company has a lien if a sum in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable and is not paid within fourteen clear days after notice has been given to the holder of the share or to the person entitled to it in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, demanding payment and stating that if the notice is not complied with the shares may be sold.  
10. To give effect to a sale the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser. The title of the transferee to the shares shall not be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the sale.  
11. The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in payment of so much of the sum for which the lien exists as is presently payable, and any residue shall (upon surrender to the company for cancellation of the certificate for the shares sold and subject to a like lien for any moneys not presently payable as existed upon the shares before the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

#### CALLS ON SHARES AND FORFEITURE

12. Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make calls upon the members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their shares (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) and each member shall be subject to receiving at least fourteen clear days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made) pay to the company as required by the notice the amount called on his shares. A call may be required to be paid by instalments. A call may, before receipt by the company of any sum due thereunder, be revoked in whole or part and payment of a call may be postponed in whole or part. A person upon whom a call is made shall remain liable for calls made upon him notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the shares in respect whereof the call was made.  
13. A call shall be deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the directors authorising the call was passed.

14. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.  
15. If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the person from whom it is due and payable shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the day it became due and payable until it is paid at the rate fixed by the terms of allotment of the share or in the notice of the call, or if no rate is fixed, at the appropriate rate (as defined by the Act) but the Directors may waive payment of the interest wholly or in part.  
16. An amount payable in respect of a share on allotment or at any fixed date, whether in respect of nominal value or premium or as an instalment of the share, shall be deemed to be a call and if it is not paid the provisions of the articles shall apply as if that amount had become due and payable by virtue of a call.  
17. Subject to the terms of allotment, the directors may make arrangements on the issue of shares for a difference between the holders in the amounts and times of payment of calls on their shares.  
18. If a call remains unpaid after it has become due and payable the directors may give to the person from whom it is due not less than fourteen clear days' notice requiring payment of the amount unpaid together with any interest which may have accrued. The notice shall name the place where payment is to be made and shall state that if the notice is not complied with the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.  
19. If the notice is not complied with any share in respect of which it was given may, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the directors and the forfeiture shall include all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of the forfeited shares and not paid before the forfeiture.  
20. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a forfeited share may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the directors determine either to the person who was before the forfeiture the holder or to any other person and at any time before sale, re-allotment or other disposition, the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the directors think fit. Where for the purposes of its disposal a forfeited share is to be transferred to any person the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person.  
21. A person any of whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of them and shall surrender to the company for cancellation the certificate for the shares forfeited but shall remain liable to the company for all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were presently payable by him to the company in respect of those shares with interest at the rate at which interest was payable on those moneys before the forfeiture or, if no interest was so payable, at the appropriate rate (as defined in the Act) from the date of forfeiture until payment but the directors may waive payment wholly or in part or enforce payment without any allowance for the value of the shares at the time of forfeiture or for any consideration received on their disposal.  
22. A statutory declaration by a director or the secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share and the declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer if necessary) constitute a good title to the share and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration, if any, nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture or disposal of the share.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

23. The instrument of transfer of a share may be in any usual form or in any other form which the directors may approve and shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, unless the share is fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee.  
24. The directors may refuse to register the transfer of a share which is not fully paid to a person of whom they do not approve and they may refuse to register the transfer of a share on which the company has a lien. They may also refuse to register a transfer unless:  
(a) it is lodged at the office or at such other place as the directors may appoint and is accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and such other evidence as the directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;  
(b) it is in respect of only one class of shares; and  
(c) it is in favour of not more than four transferees.  
25. If the directors refuse to register a transfer of a share, they shall within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the company send to the transferee notice of the refusal.  
26. The registration of transfers of shares or of transfers of any class of shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding thirty days in any year) as the directors may determine.  
27. No fee shall be charged for the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document, relating to or affecting the title to any share.  
28. The company shall be entitled to retain any instrument of transfer which is registered, but any instrument of transfer which the directors refuse to register shall be returned to the person lodging it when notice of the refusal is given.

#### TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

29. If a member dies the survivor or survivors where he was a joint holder, and his personal representatives where he was a sole holder or the only survivor of joint holders, shall be the only persons recognised by the company as having any title to his interest; but nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased member from any liability in respect of any share which had been jointly held by him.  
30. A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member may, upon such evidence being produced as the directors may properly require, elect either to become the holder of the share or to have some person nominated by him registered as the transferee. If he elects to become the holder he shall give notice to the company to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered he shall execute an instrument of transfer of the share to that person. All the articles relating to the transfer of shares shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer executed by the member and the death or bankruptcy of the member had not occurred.  
31. A person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member shall have the rights to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as the holder of the share, be entitled in respect of it to attend or vote at any meeting of the company or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company.

#### ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

32. The company may by ordinary resolution—  
(a) increase its share capital by new shares of such amount as the resolution prescribes;  
(b) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger amount than its existing shares;  
(c) subject to the provisions of the Act, sub-divide its shares, or any of them, into shares of smaller amount and the resolution may determine that, as between the shares resulting from the sub-division, any of them may have any preference or advantage as compared with the others; and  
(d) cancel shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.  
33. Whenever as a result of a consolidation of shares any members would become entitled to fractions of a share, the directors may, on behalf of those members, sell the shares representing the fractions for the best price reasonably obtainable to any person (including, subject to the provisions of the Act, the company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those members, and the directors may authorise some person to execute an instrument of transfer of the shares to, or in accordance with the direction of, the purchaser. The transferee 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 in reference to the sale.

34. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by special resolution reduce its share capital, any capital redemption reserve and any share premium account in any way.

#### PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

35. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) and, if it is a private company, make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its own shares otherwise than out of distributable profits of the company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

36. All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called extraordinary general meetings.

37. The directors may call general meetings and, on the requisition of members pursuant to the provisions of the Act, shall forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting for a date not later than eight weeks after receipt of the requisition. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to call a general meeting, any director or any member of the company may call a general meeting.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

38. An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution or a resolution appointing a person as a director shall be called by at least twenty-one clear days' notice. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be called by at least fourteen clear days' notice but a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed:—

(a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and

(b) in the case of any other meeting by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent, in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and, in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such. Subject to the provisions of the articles and to any restrictions imposed on any shares, the notice shall be given to all the members, to all persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member and to the directors and auditors.

39. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

40. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Two persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorised representative of a corporation, shall be a quorum.

41. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the directors may determine.

42. The chairman, if any, of the board of directors or in his absence some other director nominated by the directors shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if neither the chairman nor such other director (if any) be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman and, if there is only one director present and willing to act, he shall be chairman.

43. If no director is willing to act as chairman, or if no director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to be chairman.

44. A director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member, 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.

45. The chairman may, with the consent of a meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Otherwise it shall not be necessary to give any such notice.

46. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded:—

(a) by the chairman, or  
(b) by at least two members having the right to vote at the meeting, or  
(c) by a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, or

(d) by a member or members holding shares conferring a right to vote at the meeting being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right;

and a demand by a person as proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.

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

48. The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.

49. A poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

50. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

51. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.

52. No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

53. A resolution in writing executed by or on behalf of each member who would have been entitled to vote upon it if it had been proposed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may be as effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting duly convened and held and may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more members.

#### VOTES OF MEMBERS

54. Subject to any rights or restrictions attached to any shares, on a show of hands every member who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative, not being himself a member entitled to vote, shall have one vote and on a poll every member shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

55. In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders; and seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the register of members.

56. A member in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf appointed by that court, and any such receiver, curator bonis or other person may, on a poll, vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with the articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable.

57. No member shall vote at any general meeting or at any separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the company, either in person or by proxy, in respect of any share held by him unless all moneys presently payable by him in respect of that share have been paid.

58. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

59. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A member may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion.

60. The appointment of a proxy shall be executed by or on behalf of the appointor and shall be in the following form (or in a form as near thereto as circumstances allow or in any other form which is usual or which the directors may approve):—

"I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, being a member/members of the above-named company, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or failing him, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name(s) and on my/our behalf at the annual/extraordinary general meeting of the company to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

I/We,

of \_\_\_\_\_

being a member/members of the above-named company, hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or failing him, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name(s) and on my/our behalf at the annual/extraordinary general meeting of the company to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ and at any adjournment thereof.

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## NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

64. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the number of directors (other than alternate directors) shall not be subject to any maximum but shall be not less than two.

## ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

65. Any director (other than an alternate director) may appoint any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors and willing to act, to be an alternate director and may remove from office an alternate director so appointed by him.

66. An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors and of all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present, and generally to perform all the functions of his appointor as a director in his absence but shall not be entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for his services as an alternate director. But it shall not be necessary to give notice of such a meeting to an alternate director who is absent from the United Kingdom.

67. An alternate director shall cease to be an alternate director if his appointor ceases to be a director, but, if a director retires by rotation or otherwise but is reappointed or deemed to have been reappointed at the meeting at which he retires, any appointment of an alternate director made by him which was in force immediately prior to his retirement shall continue after his reappointment.

68. Any appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice to the company signed by the director making or revoking the appointment or in any other manner approved by the directors.

69. Save as otherwise provided in the articles, an alternate director shall be deemed for all purposes to be a director and shall alone be responsible for his own acts and defaults and he shall not be deemed to be the agent of the director appointing him.

## POWERS OF DIRECTORS

70. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the memorandum and the articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the company shall be managed by the directors who may exercise all the powers of the company. No alteration of the memorandum or articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this regulation shall not be limited by any special power given to the directors by the articles and a meeting of directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the directors.

71. The directors may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the company for such purposes and on such conditions as they determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers.

## DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

72. The directors may delegate any of their powers to any committee consisting of one or more directors. They may also delegate to any managing director or any director holding any other executive office such of their powers as they consider desirable to be exercised by him. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the directors may impose, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions, the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the articles regulating the proceedings of directors so far as they are capable of applying.

## APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

73. At the first annual general meeting all the directors shall retire from office, and at every subsequent annual general meeting one-third of the directors who are subject to retirement by rotation or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office; but if there is only one director who is subject to retirement by rotation, he shall retire.

74. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment, but as between persons who became or were last reappointed directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.

75. If the company, at the meeting at which a director retires by rotation, does not fill the vacancy the retiring director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been reappointed unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the reappointment of the director is put to the meeting and lost.

76. No person other than a director retiring by rotation shall be appointed or reappointed a director at any general meeting unless:-

(a) he is recommended by the directors, or  
(b) not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date appointed for the meeting, notice executed by a member qualified to vote at the meeting has been given to the company of the intention to propose that person for appointment or reappointment stating the particulars which would, if he were so appointed or reappointed, be required to be included in the company's register of directors together with notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed or reappointed.

77. Not less than seven nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the date appointed for holding a general meeting notice shall be given to all who are entitled to receive notice of the meeting of any person (other than a director retiring by rotation at the meeting) who is recommended by the directors for appointment or reappointment as a director at the meeting or in respect of whom notice has been duly given to the company of the intention to propose him at the meeting for appointment or reappointment as a director. The notice shall give the particulars of that person which would, if he were so appointed or reappointed be required to be included in the company's register of directors.

78. Subject as aforesaid, the company may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director and may also determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire.

79. The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director, provided that the appointment does not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed by or in accordance with the articles as the maximum number of directors. A director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation at the meeting. If not reappointed at such annual general meeting, he shall vacate office at the conclusion thereof.

80. Subject as aforesaid, a director who retires at an annual general meeting may, if willing to act, be reappointed. If he is not reappointed, he shall retain office until the meeting appoints someone in his place, or if it does not do so, until the end of the meeting.

## DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

81. The office of a director, shall be vacated if:-

- (a) he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Act or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director, or
- (b) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or
- (c) he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:-
  - (i) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960; or
  - (ii) an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs; or

(d) he resigns his office by notice to the company, or

(e) he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors resolve that his office be vacated.

## REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

82. The directors shall be entitled to such remuneration as the company may by ordinary resolution determine and, unless the resolution provides otherwise, the remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day.

## DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

83. The directors may be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of directors or committees of directors or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

## DIRECTORS' APPOINTMENTS AND INTERESTS

84. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may appoint one or more of their number to the office of managing director or to any other executive office under the company and may enter into an agreement or arrangement with any director for his employment by the company or for the provision by him of any services outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director. Any such appointment, agreement or arrangement may be made upon such terms as the directors determine and they may remunerate any such director for his services as they think fit. Any appointment of a director to an executive office shall terminate if he ceases to be a director but without prejudice to any claim to damages for breach of the contract of service between the director and the company. A managing director and a director holding any other executive office shall not be subject to retirement by rotation.

85. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office:-

- (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with which which the company is otherwise interested;
- (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate or promoted by the company or in which the company is otherwise interested; and
- (c) 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.

86. For the purposes of regulation 85. -

- (a) 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
- (b) an interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his.

## DIRECTORS' GRATUITIES AND PENSIONS

87. The directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of gratuities or pensions or by insurance or otherwise, for any director who has held but no longer holds any executive office or employment with the company or with any body corporate which is or has been a subsidiary of the company or a predecessor in business of the company or of any such subsidiary, and for any member of his family (including a spouse and a former spouse) or any person who is or was dependent on him, and may (as well before as after he ceases to hold such office or employment) contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

88. Subject to the provision of the articles, the directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the directors. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a director who is absent from the United Kingdom. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. A director who is also an alternate director shall be entitled in the absence of his appointor to a separate vote on behalf of his appointor in addition to his own vote.

89. The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors may be fixed by the directors and unless so fixed at any other number shall be two. A person who holds office only as an alternate director shall, if his appointor is not present, be counted in the quorum.

90. The continuing directors or a sole continuing director may act notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, but, if the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.

91. The directors may appoint one of their number to be the chairman of the board of directors and may at any time remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of directors at which he is present. But if there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

92. All acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, or by a person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any director or that any of them were disqualified from holding office, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.

93. A resolution in writing signed by all the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of directors or (as the case may be) a committee of directors duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more directors; but a resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by his appointor and, if it is signed by a director who has appointed an alternate director, it need not be signed by the alternate director in that capacity.

94. Save as otherwise provided by the articles, a director shall not vote at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors on any resolution concerning a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, an interest duty which is material and which conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the company unless his interest or duty arises only because the case falls within one or more of the following paragraphs:-

- (a) the resolution relates to the giving to him of a guarantee, security, or indemnity in respect of money lent to, or an obligation incurred by him for the benefit of, the company or any of its subsidiaries;
- (b) the resolution relates to the giving to a third party of a guarantee, security, or indemnity in respect of an obligation of the company or any of its subsidiaries for which the director has assumed responsibility in whole or part and whether alone or jointly with others under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (c) his interest arises by virtue of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe for any shares, debentures or other securities of the company or any of its subsidiaries, or by virtue of his being, or intending to become, a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of an offer of any such shares, debentures, or other securities by the company or any of its subsidiaries for subscription, purchase or exchange.

(d) the resolution relates in any way to a retirement benefits scheme which has been approved, or is conditional upon approval, by the Board of Inland Revenue for taxation purposes.

For the purposes of this regulation, an interest of a person who is, for any purpose of the Act (excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when this regulation becomes binding on the company), connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director and, in relation to an alternate director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate director without prejudice to the interest which the alternate director has otherwise.

95. A director shall not be counted in the quorum present at a meeting in relation to a resolution on which he is not entitled to vote.

96. The company may by ordinary resolution suspend or relax to any extent, either generally or in respect of any particular matter, any provision of the articles prohibiting a director from voting at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors.

97. Where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment of two or more directors to offices or employments with the company or any body corporate in which the company is interested the proposals may be divided and considered in relation to each director separately and (provided he is not for another reason precluded from voting) each of the directors concerned shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum in respect of each resolution except that concerning his own appointment.

98. If a question arises at a meeting of directors or of a committee of directors as to the right of a director to vote, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to any director other than himself shall be final and conclusive.

## SECRETARY

99. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the secretary shall 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 them.

## MINUTES

100. The directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:-

(a) of all appointments of officers made by the directors; and

(b) of all proceedings at meetings of the company, of the holders of any class of shares in the company, and of the directors, and of committees of directors, including the names of the directors present at each such meeting.

## THE SEAL

101. The seal shall only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary or by a second director.

## DIVIDENDS

102. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends in accordance with the respective rights of the members, but no dividends shall exceed the amount recommended by the directors.

103. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the directors may pay interim dividends if it appears to them that they are justified by the profits of the company available for distribution. If the share capital is divided into different classes, the directors may pay interim dividends on shares which confer deferred or non-preferred rights with regard to dividend as well as on shares which confer preferential rights with regard to dividend, but no interim dividend shall be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear. The directors may also pay at intervals settled by them any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment. Provided the directors act in good faith they shall incur no liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on any shares having deferred or non-preferred rights.

104. Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; but if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly.

105. A general meeting declaring a dividend may, upon the recommendation of the directors, direct that it shall be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets and, where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the directors may settle the same and in particular may issue fractional certificates and fix the value for distribution of any assets and may determine that cash shall be paid to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of members and may vest any assets in trustees.

106. Any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque sent by post to the registered address of the person entitled or, if two or more persons are the holders of the share or are jointly entitled to it by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the holder, to the registered address of that one of those persons who is first named in the register of members or to such person and to such address as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct. Every cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled or to such other person as the person or persons entitled may in writing direct and payment of the cheque shall be a good discharge to the company. Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to a share as aforesaid may give receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of the share.

107. No dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share shall bear interest against the company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the share.

108. Any dividend which has remained unclaimed for twelve years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the directors so resolve, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the company.

## ACCOUNTS

109. No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the directors or by ordinary resolution of the company.

## CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS

110. The directors may with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the company:

(a) subject as hereinafter provided, resolve to capitalise any undivided profits of the company not required for paying any preferential dividend (whether or not they are available for distribution) or any sum standing to the credit of the company's share premium account or capital redemption reserve;

(b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the members who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions and apply such sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up the amounts, if any, for the time being unpaid on any shares held by them respectively, or in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of the company of a nominal amount equal to that sum, and allot the shares or debentures credited as fully paid to these members, or as they may direct, in those proportions, or partly in one way and partly in the other, but the share premium account, the capital redemption reserve, and any profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this regulation, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to members credited as fully paid.

(c) make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by payment in cash or otherwise as they determine in the case of shares or debentures becoming distributable under this regulation in fractions, and

(d) authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the members concerned into an agreement with the company providing for the allotment to them respectively, credited as fully paid, of any shares or debentures to which they are entitled upon such capitalisation, any agreement made under such authority being binding on all such members.

## NOTICES

111. Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of the directors) shall be in writing or shall be given using electronic communications to an address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice.

In this regulation, "address", in relation to electronic communications, includes any number or address used for the purposes of such communications.

112. The company may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address or by giving it using electronic communications to an address for the time being notified to the company by the member. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to the joint holder whose name stands first in the register of members in respect of the joint holding and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders. A member whose registered address is not within the United Kingdom and who gives to the company an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him, or an address to which notices may be sent using electronic communications, shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the company. In this regulation and the next, "address", in relation to electronic communications, includes any number or address used for the purposes of such communications.

113. A member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the company or of the holders of any class of shares in the company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.

114. Every person who becomes entitled to a share shall be bound by any notice in respect of that share which, before his name is entered in the register of members, has been duly given to a person from whom he derives his title.

115. Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Proof that a notice contained in an electronic communication was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted or, in the case of a notice contained in an electronic communication, at the expiration of 48 hours after the time it was sent.

116. A notice may be given by the company to the persons entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a member by sending or delivering it, in any manner authorised by the articles for the giving of notice to a member, addressed to them by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt or by any like description at the address, if any, within the United Kingdom supplied for that purpose by the persons claiming to be so entitled. Until such an address has been supplied, a notice may be given in any manner in which it might have been given if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.

## WINDING UP

117. If the company is wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the company and any other sanction required by the Act, divide among the members in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the company and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the members as he with the like sanction determines, but no member shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is a liability.

## INDEMNITY

118. Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the company.