

Company Number: 05494348

**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**  
**PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**  
**WRITTEN SPECIAL RESOLUTION**  
**OF**  
**CONNECT-IP LTD (the "Company")**

On 2 December 2019 the following resolution was passed as a special resolution by the requisite majority of eligible members in accordance with Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006:

**SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

"THAT the articles of association of the Company annexed to this resolution be and are adopted as the articles of association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing articles of association of the Company".



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**CONNECT-IP LTD**

Introduction

**1. INTERPRETATION**

1.1 In these Articles, the following words have the following meanings:

**"Appointor"** has the meaning given in article 12.1;

**"Articles"** the Company's articles of association for the time being in force;

**"Block"** means Block Technology Holdings Limited a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 09084882 and whose registered office address is 14a – 14b Shepherdess Walk, London, N1 7LB;

**"Block Director"** means a person appointed as a director by Block Technology Holdings Limited in accordance with article 11.2 from time to time;

**"Block Director Consent"** the prior written approval of the Block Director;

**"Business Day"** a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England when banks in London are open for business;

**"CA 2006"** the Companies Act 2006;

**"Conflict"** a situation in which a director has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company;

**"Deemed Transfer Notice"** a Transfer Notice that is deemed to have been served under any provisions of these Articles;

**"Eligible Director"** means a director who would be entitled to vote on the matter at a meeting of directors (but excluding any director whose vote is not to be counted in respect of the particular matter);

**"Fair Value"** in relation to shares, as determined in accordance with article 17;

**"Group"** in relation to a company, that company, any subsidiary or holding company from time to time of that company, and any subsidiary from time to time of a holding company of that company. Each company in a Group is a **member of the Group**.

**"Interested Director"** has the meaning given in article 9.1;

**"Model Articles"** the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (*SI 2008/3229*) as amended prior to the date of adoption of these Articles and reference to a numbered Model Article is a reference to that article of the Model Articles;

**"Original Shareholder"** a shareholder who holds shares in the Company on the date of adoption of these Articles;

**"Permitted Group"** means in relation to a company, any wholly owned subsidiary of that company, any company of which it is a subsidiary (its holding company) and any other subsidiaries of any such holding company, and each company in a Permitted Group is a **member of the Permitted Group**. Unless the context otherwise requires, the application of the definition of Permitted Group to a company at any time will apply to the company as it is at that time;

**"Permitted Transfer"** means a transfer of shares made in accordance with article 15;

**"Permitted Transferee"** means in relation to an Original Shareholder, the spouse of that Original Shareholder or a member of its Permitted Group;

**"Privileged Relation"** means the spouse or Civil Partner of an Original Shareholder and provided that the spouse or Civil Partner is, at the time of the Permitted Transfer, the spouse or Civil Partner of the Original Shareholder and has not ceased to be the spouse or Civil Partner of that Original Shareholder (whether by reason of divorce, dissolution of a civil partnership, death of the Original Shareholder or otherwise).

**"Proposed Sale Price"** has the meaning given in article 14.1;

**"Sale Shares"** has the meaning given in article 14.1;

**"Seller"** has the meaning given in article 14.1;

**"Transfer Notice"** has the meaning given in article 14.1;

**"Transfer Price"** has the meaning given in article 14.5;

**"Valuers"** the auditors for the time being of the Company or, if they decline the instruction, an independent firm of accountants jointly appointed by the Company and the Seller or, in the absence of agreement between the Company and the Seller on the identity of the expert within five Business Days of a shareholder serving details of a suggested expert on the other shareholders, an independent firm of accountants appointed by the President, for the time being, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (in each case acting as an expert and not as an arbitrator);

**"Writing or written"** the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise;

- 1.2 Save as otherwise specifically provided in these Articles, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the Model Articles shall have the same meanings in these Articles, subject to which and unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which have particular meanings in the CA 2006 shall have those meanings in these Articles.
- 1.3 Headings in these Articles are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Articles.
- 1.4 A reference in these Articles to an article is a reference to the relevant article of these Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 1.5 Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.
- 1.6 A reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision.
- 1.7 Any words following the terms **including**, **include**, **in particular**, **for example** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

## **2. ADOPTION OF THE MODEL ARTICLES**

- 2.1 The Model Articles shall apply to the Company, except in so far as they are modified or excluded by these Articles or are inconsistent with these Articles, and, subject to any such modifications, exclusions or inconsistencies, shall together with these Articles constitute the articles of association of the Company to the exclusion of any other articles or regulations set out in any statute or in any statutory instrument or other subordinate legislation.
- 2.2 Model Articles 6(2), 7, 8, 9(1), 11 to 14 (inclusive), 16, 17, 22(2), 26(5), 27 to 29 (inclusive), 36, 38, 39, 43, 44(2), 49 and 50 to 53 (inclusive) shall not apply to the Company.
- 2.3 Model Article 20 shall be amended by the insertion of the words "(including alternate directors and the secretary)" before the words "properly incur".
- 2.4 In Model Article 25(2)(c), the words "evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee" shall be deleted and replaced with the words "evidence and indemnity".
- 2.5 Model Articles 31(1)(a) to (c) (inclusive) shall be amended by the deletion, in each case, of the words "either" and "or as the directors may otherwise decide". Model Article 31(d) shall be amended by the deletion of the words "either" and "or by such other means as the directors decide".

## **3. DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

- 3.1 Any decision of the directors must be taken at a meeting of directors in accordance with these Articles or must be a decision taken in accordance with article 4.
- 3.2 Subject as provided in these Articles, the directors may participate in directors' meetings for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. The directors will try to meet at least quarterly.
- 3.3 All decisions made at any meeting of the directors shall be made only by resolution, and no such resolution shall be passed unless more votes are cast for it than against it.
- 3.4 Each director has one vote at a meeting of directors.
- 3.5 If at any time before or at any meeting of the directors all Eligible Directors participating should request that the meeting be adjourned or reconvened to another time or date (whether to enable further consideration to be given to any matter or for other directors to

participate or for any other reason, which need not be stated) then such meeting shall be adjourned or reconvened accordingly, and no business shall be conducted at that meeting after such a request has been made. No meeting of directors may be adjourned pursuant to this article more than once.

#### **4. UNANIMOUS DECISIONS OF DIRECTORS**

- 4.1 A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all Eligible Directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter.
- 4.2 Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, where each Eligible Director has signed one or more copies of it, or to which each Eligible Director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing.
- 4.3 A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the Eligible Directors would not have formed a quorum at a directors' meeting to vote on the matter.

#### **5. NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors shall not be less than two. No shareholding qualification for directors shall be required.

#### **6. CALLING A DIRECTORS' MEETING**

- 6.1 Any director may call a meeting of directors by giving not less than seven Business Days' notice of the meeting (or such shorter period of notice as agreed in writing by the Eligible Directors) to each director or by authorising the Company secretary (if any) to give such notice.
- 6.2 Notice of any directors' meeting must be accompanied by:
  - 6.2.1 an agenda specifying in reasonable detail the matters to be raised at the meeting; and
  - 6.2.2 copies of any papers to be discussed at the meeting.
- 6.3 Matters not on the agenda, or business conducted in relation to those matters, may not be raised at a meeting of directors unless all the directors agree in writing.

**7. QUORUM FOR DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

- 7.1 The quorum at any meeting of the directors (including adjourned meetings) shall be two directors (or their alternates) and at least one of those directors must be the Block Director.
- 7.2 No business shall be conducted at any meeting of directors unless:
  - 7.2.1 a quorum is present at the beginning of the meeting and also when that business is voted on.
- 7.3 If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the time specified for the relevant meeting in the notice of the meeting then the meeting shall be adjourned for seven Business Days at the same time and place.

**8. CHAIRING OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

The post of chair of the board of directors will be held by the Block Director. The chairperson shall have a casting vote. If the chairperson for the time being is unable to attend any meeting of the board of directors, the Block Director shall be entitled to appoint another of his or her nominated directors to act as chair at the meeting.

**9. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

- 9.1 For the purposes of section 175 of the CA 2006, the shareholders (and not the directors) shall have the power to authorise, by resolution and in accordance with the provisions of these Articles, any Conflict proposed to them by any Director which would, if not so authorised, involve a director (the "**Interested Director**") breaching their duty under section 175 of the CA 2006 to avoid conflicts of interest.
- 9.2 The Interested Director must provide the shareholders with such details as are necessary for the shareholders to decide whether or not to authorise the Conflict, together with such additional information as may be requested by the shareholders.
- 9.3 Any authorisation by the shareholders of a Conflict under this article may (whether at the time of giving the authorisation or subsequently):
  - 9.3.1 extend to any actual or potential conflict of interest which may reasonably be expected to arise out of the matter or situation so authorised;

- 9.3.2 provide that the Interested Director be excluded from the receipt of documents and information and the participation in discussions (whether at meetings of the directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict;
- 9.3.3 provide that the Interested Director will or will not be an Eligible Director in respect of any future decision of the directors in relation to any resolution related to the Conflict;
- 9.3.4 impose upon the Interested Director such other terms for the purposes of dealing with the Conflict as the shareholders think fit;
- 9.3.5 provide that, where the Interested Director obtains, or has obtained (through his involvement in the Conflict and otherwise than through his position as a director of the Company) information that is confidential to a third party, he will not be obliged to disclose that information to the Company, or to use it in relation to the Company's affairs where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence; and
- 9.3.6 permit the Interested Director to absent himself from the discussion of matters relating to the Conflict at any meeting of the directors and be excused from reviewing papers prepared by, or for, the directors to the extent they relate to such matters.
- 9.4 Where the shareholders authorise a Conflict:
  - 9.4.1 the Interested Director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the shareholders in relation to the Conflict; and
  - 9.4.2 the Interested Director will not infringe any duty he owes to the Company by virtue of sections 171 to 177 of the CA 2006, provided he acts in accordance with such terms and conditions (if any) as the shareholders impose in respect of their authorisation.
- 9.5 The shareholders may revoke or vary such authorisation at any time but this will not affect anything done by the Interested Director prior to such revocation or variation in accordance with the terms of such authorisation.
- 9.6 A director, notwithstanding his office, may be a director or other officer of, employed by, or otherwise interested (including by the holding of shares) in, the shareholder who appointed him as a director of the Company, or any other member of such shareholder's Permitted Group, and no authorisation under article 9.1 shall be necessary in respect of any such interest.



- 9.7 Any Original Shareholder Director shall be entitled from time to time to disclose to the Original Shareholders (or any of them) such information concerning the business and affairs of the Company as he shall at his discretion see fit.
- 9.8 A director is not required, by reason of being a director (or because of the fiduciary relationship established by reason of being a director), to account to the Company for any remuneration, profit or other benefit which he derives from or in connection with a relationship involving a Conflict which has been authorised by the shareholders in accordance with these Articles (subject in each case to any terms, limits or conditions attaching to that authorisation) and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on such grounds.
- 9.9 Subject to sections 177(5) and 177(6) of the CA 2006, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors before the Company enters into the transaction or arrangement in accordance with the CA 2006.
- 9.10 Subject to sections 182(5) and 182(6) of the CA 2006, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a transaction or arrangement that has been entered into by the Company shall declare the nature and extent of his interest to the other directors as soon as is reasonably practicable in accordance with the CA 2006, unless the interest has already been declared under article 9.9.
- 9.11 Subject, where applicable, to any terms, limits or conditions imposed by the shareholders in accordance with article 9.3, and provided a director has declared the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the requirements of the CA 2006, a director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in an existing or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company:
- 9.11.1 may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any such transaction or arrangement with the Company, or in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested;
- 9.11.2 shall be an Eligible Director for the purposes of any proposed decision of the directors (or committee of directors) in respect of such transaction or arrangement or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;

- 9.11.3 shall be entitled to vote at a meeting of directors (or of a committee of directors) or to participate in any unanimous decision in respect of such transaction or arrangement or proposed transaction or arrangement in which he is interested;
- 9.11.4 may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (otherwise than as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director;
- 9.11.5 may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to a transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any body corporate in which the Company is otherwise (directly or indirectly) interested; and
- 9.12 shall not, save as he may otherwise agree, be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he (or a person connected with him (as defined in section 252 of the CA 2006)) derives from any such contract, transaction or arrangement or from any such office or employment or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such contract, transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit nor shall the receipt of any such remuneration or other benefit constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the CA 2006.

## **10. RECORDS OF DECISIONS TO BE KEPT**

Where decisions of the directors are taken by electronic means, such decisions shall be recorded by the directors in a form that enables the Company to retain a copy of such decisions.

## **11. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

- 11.1 Each Original Shareholder (including Block) shall be entitled to appoint one person to be a director of the Company.
- 11.2 In addition to the right set out within Article 11.1 above, Block shall be entitled to appoint a further Block Director. For the avoidance of doubt this shall be the Block Director.
- 11.3 A director may at any time be removed from office by the Original Shareholder who appointed him. A Block Director may only be removed from office by Block. Any director who is an employee of the Company and who ceases to be an employee shall be removed from office from the date his employment ceases.
- 11.4 If any director shall die or be removed from or vacate office for any cause, the Original Shareholder who appointed him shall appoint in his place another person to be a

director, save that this article shall not apply in the event of the death of any director who is an Original Shareholder.

- 11.5 Any appointment or removal of a director pursuant to this article shall be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the relevant Original Shareholder and served on each of the other shareholders and the Company at its registered office, or delivered to a duly constituted meeting of the directors of the Company and on the director, in the case of his removal. Any such appointment or removal shall take effect when received by the Company or at such later time as shall be specified in such notice.

## 12. **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

- 12.1 Any director (other than an alternate director) (the “**Appointor**”) may appoint any person (whether or not a director), to be an alternate director to exercise the Appointor's powers, and carry out the Appointor's responsibilities, in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors, in the absence of the Appointor. A person may be appointed an alternate director by more than one director.

- 12.2 *Any appointment or removal of an alternate director must be effected by notice in writing to the Company (and to the alternate, on removal) signed by the Appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors.*

- 12.3 The notice must:

- 12.3.1 identify the proposed alternate; and

- 12.3.2 in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that he is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice.

- 12.4 An alternate director has the same rights, in relation to any decision of the directors, as the alternate's Appointor.

- 12.5 Except as the Articles specify otherwise, alternate directors:

- 12.5.1 are deemed for all purposes to be directors;

- 12.5.2 *are liable for their own acts and omissions;*

- 12.5.3 are subject to the same restrictions as their Appointors; and

- 12.5.4 are not deemed to be agents of or for their Appointors,

and, in particular (without limitation), each alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of directors.

12.6 A person who is an alternate director but not a director may, subject to him being an Eligible Director:

12.6.1 Be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at a meeting of directors (but only if that person's Appointor is an Eligible Director and is not participating); and

12.6.2 Participate in a unanimous decision of the directors (but only if his Appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision, and does not himself participate).

12.7 A director who is also an alternate director is entitled, in the absence of his Appointor(s), to a separate vote on behalf of each Appointor (provided that an Appointor is an Eligible Director in relation to that decision), in addition to his own vote on any decision of the directors.

12.8 An alternate director may be paid expenses and may be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a director but shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any remuneration in his capacity as an alternate director except such part (if any) of the remuneration otherwise payable to the alternate's Appointor as the Appointor may by notice in writing to the Company from time to time direct.

12.9 An alternate director's appointment as an alternate (in respect of a particular Appointor) terminates:

12.9.1 when the alternate's Appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the Company and the alternate in writing specifying when it is to terminate; or

12.9.2 on the occurrence, in relation to the alternate, of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's Appointor, would result in the termination of the Appointor's appointment as a director; or

12.9.3 when the alternate director's Appointor ceases to be a director for whatever reason.

### **13. SHARE TRANSFERS: GENERAL**

13.1 In these Articles, reference to the transfer of a share includes the transfer, assignment or other disposal of a beneficial or other interest in that share, or the creation of a trust or

encumbrance over that share, and reference to a share includes a beneficial or other interest in a share.

- 13.2 No share shall be transferred unless the transfer is made in accordance with these Articles or with Block Director Consent.
- 13.3 Subject to article 13.4, the directors must register any duly stamped or certified exempt transfer made in accordance with these Articles and shall not have any discretion to register any transfer of shares which has not been made in compliance with these Articles.
- 13.4 The directors may, as a condition to the registration of any transfer of shares in the Company require the transferee to provide the Company with the required particulars under section 790K of the CA 2006 if the transferee is a registrable person or relevant legal entity within the meaning of section 790C of the CA 2006 and to execute and deliver to the Company a deed under which the transferee agrees to be bound by the terms of any shareholders' agreement (or similar document) in force between the shareholders in such form as the directors may reasonably require (but not so as to oblige the transferee to have any obligations or liabilities greater than those of the proposed transferor under any such agreement or other document). If any such condition is imposed in accordance with this article 13.4, the transfer may not be registered unless that deed has been executed and delivered to the Company's registered office by the transferee and the Company has received all of the required particulars under section 790K of the CA 2006 if the transferee is a registrable person or relevant legal entity within the meaning of section 790C of the CA 2006.
- 13.5 To enable the directors to determine whether or not there has been a transfer of shares in the Company in breach of these Articles, the directors may from time to time require any shareholder to provide the Company with such information and evidence as they may reasonably require relevant to that purpose. If a shareholder fails to provide information or evidence in respect of any shares registered in his name to the reasonable satisfaction of such directors within 14 days of their request or, as a result of the information and evidence provided such directors are reasonably satisfied that a breach has occurred, then such directors may serve a notice on the shareholder stating that the shareholder shall not in relation to those shares be entitled to be present or to vote in person or by proxy at any general meeting of the Company or any meeting of the holders of shares of that class, or to vote on a written resolution of the shareholders or to receive dividends on the shares. Such directors may reinstate these rights at any time.

13.6 Any transfer of shares by way of a sale under these Articles shall be deemed to include a warranty that the transferor sells the shares with full title guarantee.

13.7 Any Transfer Notice served in respect of the transfer of any shares which has not completed before the date of service of a Deemed Transfer Notice shall automatically be revoked by the service of the Deemed Transfer Notice.

**14. PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS ON THE TRANSFER OF SHARES**

14.1 Except where the provisions of article 15, article 16 and article 18 apply, a shareholder ("**Seller**") wishing to transfer his shares ("**Sale Shares**") must give notice in writing (a "**Transfer Notice**") to the Company giving details of the proposed transfer including:

14.1.1 if he wishes to sell the Sale Shares to a third party, the name of the proposed buyer; and

14.1.2 the price (in cash) at which he wishes to sell the Sale Shares ("**Proposed Sale Price**").

14.2 A Transfer Notice (or Deemed Transfer Notice) constitutes the Company the agent of the Seller for the sale of the Sale Shares in accordance with the provisions of these Articles.

14.3 If an Original Shareholder serves a Transfer Notice under article 14.1, or is deemed to have served a Transfer Notice under article 15, any Permitted Transferee of that Original Shareholder to whom shares have been transferred in accordance with article 15.1 is also deemed to have served a Transfer Notice in respect of all his shares on the same date as the Original Shareholder's Transfer Notice is served or is deemed to have been served (in the case of a Deemed Transfer Notice).

14.4 Once given, a Transfer Notice may only be withdrawn by the Seller where the Transfer Price of the Sale Shares comprised within a Transfer Notice is to be the Fair Value and such Fair Value is less than the Proposed Sale Price. In such case, the Seller may, within 20 Business Days of receipt of notification of the Fair Value, withdraw the Transfer Notice. Any Deemed Transfer Notice in respect of a Permitted Transferee's shares under article 14.3 will be withdrawn at the same time as the withdrawal by the Original Shareholder of his Transfer Notice under this article 14.4 Except as provided in this article, a Deemed Transfer Notice may not be withdrawn.

14.5 The Transfer Price for each Sale Share the subject of a Transfer Notice shall, save where expressly provided otherwise in these Articles, be the price per Sale Share (in cash) agreed between the Seller and the Original Shareholder(s) or, in default of agreement within 15 Business Days of the date of service of the Transfer Notice, the Fair

Value of each Sale Share determined in accordance with article 17. The Transfer Price for each Sale Share of a Permitted Transferee the subject of a Deemed Transfer Notice under article 14.3 shall be the same as the Transfer Price for each Sale Share of the Original Shareholder.

- 14.6 As soon as practicable following the determination of the Transfer Price, the directors shall (unless the Transfer Notice is withdrawn in accordance with article 14.4) offer the Sale Shares for sale in the manner set out in the remaining provisions of this article 14 at the Transfer Price. Each offer shall be in writing and give details of the number and Transfer Price of the Sale Shares offered.
- 14.7 The Board shall offer the Sale Shares to all shareholders other than the Seller (the **"Continuing Shareholders"**), inviting them to apply in writing within the period from the date of the offer to the date 20 Business Days after the offer (both dates inclusive) (the **"Offer Period"**) for the maximum number of Sale Shares they wish to buy.
- 14.8 If:
- 14.8.1 at the end of the Offer Period, the total number of Sale Shares applied for is equal to or exceeds the number of Sale Shares, the Board shall allocate the Sale Shares to each Continuing Shareholder who has applied for Sale Shares in the proportion which the Continuing Shareholder's existing holding of shares bears to the total number of shares held by those Continuing Shareholders who have applied for Sale Shares. Fractional entitlements shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number (save where such rounding would result in not all Sale Shares being allocated, in which case the allocation of any such fractional entitlements among the Continuing Shareholders who have applied for Sale Shares shall be determined by the Board). No allocation shall be made to a Continuing Shareholder of more than the maximum number of Sale Shares which it has stated it is willing to buy.
- 14.8.2 not all Sale Shares are allocated following allocations in accordance with article 14.8.1, but there are applications for Sale Shares that have not been satisfied, the Board shall allocate the remaining Sale Shares to such applicant(s) in accordance with the procedure set out in article 14.8.1. The procedure set out in this article 14.8.2 shall apply on any number of consecutive occasions until either all Sale Shares have been allocated or all applications for Sale Shares have been satisfied; and
- 14.8.3 at the end of the Offer Period, the total number of Sale Shares applied for is less than the number of Sale Shares, the directors shall allocate the Sale Shares to the Continuing

Shareholders in accordance with their applications. The balance (the “**Surplus Shares**”) shall be dealt with in accordance with article 14.12.

- 14.9 The directors shall, when no further offers or allocations are required to be made under article 14.7 to article 14.8 (inclusive), give notice in writing of the allocations of Sale Shares (an “**Allocation Notice**”) to the Seller and each shareholder to whom Sale Shares have been allocated (each an “**Applicant**”). The Allocation Notice shall specify the number of Sale Shares allocated to each Applicant and the place and time for completion of the transfer of the Sale Shares (which shall be at least 10 Business Days, but not more than 20 Business Days, after the date of the Allocation Notice).
- 14.10 On the date specified for completion in the Allocation Notice, the Seller shall, against payment from an Applicant, execute and deliver a transfer of the Sale Shares allocated to such Applicant, in accordance with any requirements specified in the Allocation Notice, together with the relevant share certificate(s) (or an indemnity in lieu thereof).
- 14.11 If the Seller fails to comply with article 14.10:
- 14.11.1 the chairperson (or, failing the chairperson, any other director or some other person nominated by a resolution of the directors) may, as agent on behalf of the Seller:
- 14.11.1.1 complete, execute and deliver in his name all documents necessary to give effect to the transfer of the relevant Sale Shares to the Applicants;
- 14.11.1.2 receive the Transfer Price and give a good discharge for it (and no Applicant shall be obliged to see to the distribution of the Transfer Price); and
- 14.11.1.3 (subject to the transfers being duly stamped) enter the Applicants in the register of shareholders as the holders of the Sale Shares purchased by them; and
- 14.11.2 the Company shall pay the Transfer Price into a separate bank account in the Company's name on trust (but without interest) for the Seller until he has delivered his certificate(s) for the relevant Sale Shares or an indemnity, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the directors, in respect of any lost certificate, together, in either case, with such other evidence (if any) as the board may reasonably require to prove good title to those Sale Shares, to the Company.
- 14.12 Where an Allocation Notice does not relate to all the Sale Shares, then the Seller may, at any time during the 15 Business Days following the date of service of the Allocation Notice, transfer the Surplus Shares to the buyer identified in the Transfer Notice (if any)



at a price at least equal to the Transfer Price. The Seller shall not be permitted to transfer any such Surplus Shares to a third party buyer if that buyer was not identified in the Transfer Notice.

**15. PERMITTED TRANSFERS**

15.1 An Original Shareholder may transfer some or all of the shares issued to that Original Shareholder to any of his Permitted Transferees without being required to follow the steps set out in article 14. Any transfer of shares by an Original Shareholder to a Permitted Transferee shall be treated as being a Permitted Transfer and subject to the provisions of these Articles relating to Permitted Transfers.

15.2 Any shareholder holding shares as a result of a Permitted Transfer made by an Original Shareholder in accordance with this article 15 may, at any time, transfer his shares back to that Original Shareholder without being required to follow the steps set out in article 14.

15.3 If a Permitted Transfer has been made to a Privileged Relation of an Original Shareholder holding shares in the Company, that Privileged Relation shall within 5 Business Days of ceasing to be a Privileged Relation of that Original Shareholder (whether by reason of divorce, dissolution of a civil partnership or otherwise but not by reason of death (where, for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of article 15.5 below shall apply)) execute and deliver to the Company a transfer of the shares held by him which were the subject of a Permitted Transfer to the Original Shareholder for such consideration as may be agreed between them, failing which he shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of the shares in accordance with article 14 and article 16.2.

15.4 If a Permitted Transfer has been made to a Permitted Transferee in its role as a member of an Original Shareholder's Permitted Group, that Permitted Transferee shall within 5 Business Days of ceasing to be a member of the Permitted Group transfer all of the shares in the Company held by it to:

15.4.1 the Original Shareholder from whom it received those shares; or

15.4.2 another Permitted Transferee of that Original Shareholder,

(which in either case is not in liquidation or bankrupt (as the case may be)). If the Permitted Transferee fails to make a transfer in accordance with this article 15.4, the

Company may execute a transfer of the shares on behalf of the Permitted Transferee and register the Original Shareholder as the holder of such shares.

15.5 On the happening of any of the events listed in articles 16.1 in relation to a Permitted Transferee (other than a joint holder), that Permitted Transferee, his or her personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator, administrator or other representative (as the case may be) shall offer the shares held by the Permitted Transferee for transfer to the Original Shareholder within 10 Business Days after the happening of the relevant event (as the case may be), for such consideration as may be agreed between the Original Shareholder and the personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy (as the case may be). If:

15.5.1 a transfer of the shares has not been executed and delivered within 10 Business Days of the happening of the relevant event (as the case may be); or

15.5.2 the Original Shareholder is himself the subject of any of the events listed in article 16.1, the personal representatives or trustee in bankruptcy or liquidator, administrator or other representative (as the case may be) shall be deemed to have given a Transfer Notice in respect of the shares in accordance with article 14 and article 16.2.

## **16. COMPULSORY TRANSFERS**

16.1 Subject to article 15.5, a shareholder is deemed to have served a Transfer Notice under article 14.1 immediately before any of the following events:

16.1.1 in relation to any body corporate or partnership holding shares:

16.1.1.1 the passing of a resolution for the liquidation of the shareholder other than a solvent liquidation for the purpose of the reconstruction or amalgamation of all or part of the shareholder's Group (the structure of which has been previously approved by the other shareholder in the Company in writing) in which a new company assumes (and is capable of assuming) all the obligations of the shareholder; or

16.1.1.2 the presentation at court by any competent person of a petition for the winding up of the shareholder and which has not been withdrawn or dismissed within seven days of such presentation; or

16.1.1.3 the issue at court by any competent person of a notice of intention to appoint an administrator to the shareholder, a notice of appointment of an administrator to the shareholder or an application for an administration order in respect of the shareholder; or

- 16.1.1.4 any step being taken by any person to appoint a receiver, administrative receiver or manager in respect of the whole or a substantial part of the assets or undertaking of the shareholder.
- 16.1.2 In relation to any individual holding shares:
- 16.1.3 a bankruptcy petition being presented for the shareholder's bankruptcy; or
- 16.1.4 an arrangement or composition with any of the shareholder's creditors being made; or
- 16.1.5 the shareholder convening a meeting of his creditors, or taking any other steps with a view to making an arrangement or composition in satisfaction of his creditors generally; or
- 16.1.6 the shareholder being unable to pay his debts as they fall due within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- 16.1.7 any encumbrancer taking possession of, or a receiver being appointed over or in relation to, all or any material part of the shareholder's assets; or
- 16.1.8 the happening in relation to a shareholder of any event analogous to any of the above (as applicable to the relevant shareholder) in any jurisdiction in which he is resident, carries on business or has assets; or
- 16.1.9 the shareholder lacking capacity (under section 2 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005) to make decisions in relation to the Company or his shareholding; or
- 16.1.10 the shareholder's death; or
- 16.1.11 the shareholder committing a material or persistent breach of any shareholders' agreement to which he is a party in relation to the shares in the Company which if capable of remedy has not been so remedied within 20 Business Days of the holder(s) of a majority of the shares of the other class requiring such remedy.
- 16.2 The Deemed Transfer Notice has the same effect as a Transfer Notice, except that the Deemed Transfer Notice takes effect on the basis that it does not identify a proposed buyer or state a price for the Sale Shares and the Transfer Price for the Sale Shares shall be the aggregate Fair Value of those Sale Shares, determined by the Valuers in accordance with article 17.

- 16.3 If the Allocation Notice(s) in respect of those Sale Shares do not relate to all of the shares in issue, the Seller does not have the right to sell the balance of the Sale Shares to a third party without the prior written consent of the Board (acting with Block Director Consent).

**17. VALUATION**

- 17.1 The Valuers shall be requested to determine the Fair Value within 10 Business Days of their appointment and to notify the Company and the Seller in writing of their determination.
- 17.2 The Fair Value for any Sale Share shall be the price per share determined in writing by the Valuers on the following bases and assumptions:
- 17.2.1 valuing each of the Sale Shares as a proportion of the total value of all the issued shares in the capital of the Company without any premium or discount being attributable to the percentage of the issued share capital of the Company which they represent or for the rights or restrictions applying to the Sale Shares;
- 17.2.2 if the Company is then carrying on business as a going concern, on the assumption that it will continue to do so;
- 17.2.3 the sale is to be on arms' length terms between a willing seller and a willing buyer;
- 17.2.4 the Sale Shares are sold free of all encumbrances;
- 17.2.5 the sale is taking place on the date the Valuers were requested to determine the Fair Value; and
- 17.2.6 to take account of any other factors that the Valuers reasonably believe should be taken into account.
- 17.3 The shareholders are entitled to make submissions to the Valuers and will provide (or procure that the Company provides) the Valuers with such assistance and documents as the Valuers reasonably require for the purpose of reaching a decision, subject to the Valuers agreeing to give such confidentiality undertakings as the shareholders may reasonably require.
- 17.4 To the extent not provided for by this article 17, the Valuers may, in their reasonable discretion, determine such other procedures to assist with the valuation as they consider

just or appropriate, including (to the extent they consider necessary) instructing professional advisers to assist them in reaching their valuation.

17.5 The Valuers shall act as expert and not as arbitrator and their written determination shall be final and binding on the shareholders in the absence of manifest error or fraud.

17.6 The cost of obtaining the Valuers' valuation shall be borne by the Company and the Seller equally or in such other proportions as the Valuers direct.

## **18. DRAG ALONG**

18.1 If Block, being one of the Original Shareholders, wishes to transfer all (but not some only) of its shares to a bona fide purchaser on arm's length terms ("**Proposed Buyer**"), Block may require all other holders of shares in the Company ("**Called Shareholders**") to sell and transfer their shares ("**Called Share**") to the Proposed Buyer (or as the Proposed Buyer directs) in accordance with the provisions of this article ("**Drag Along Option**").

18.2 Block may exercise the Drag Along Option by giving written notice to that effect to the Called Shareholders ("**Drag Along Notice**") at any time before the transfer of Block's shares to the Proposed Buyer. The Drag Along Notice shall specify:

18.2.1 that the relevant Called Shareholder is required to transfer all of his Called Shares pursuant to this article 18;

18.2.2 the person to whom the Called Shares are to be transferred;

18.2.3 the purchase price payable for the Called Shares which shall, for each Called Share, be an amount at least equal to the price per share offered by the Proposed Buyer for the Original Shareholders' shares; and

18.2.4 the proposed date of the transfer.

18.3 Once issued, a Drag Along Notice shall be irrevocable. However, a Drag Along Notice shall lapse if, for any reason, the Original Shareholders have not sold their respective shares to the Proposed Buyer within 30 Business Days of serving the Drag Along Notice. Block may serve further Drag Along Notices following the lapse of any particular Drag Along Notice.

18.4 No Drag Along Notice shall require the Called Shareholders to agree to any terms except those specifically set out in this article 18.

- 18.5 Completion of the sale of the Called Shares shall take place on the Completion Date. Completion Date means the date proposed for completion of the sale of Block's shares unless:
- 18.5.1 Block and the Called Shareholders agree otherwise in which case the Completion Date shall be the date agreed in writing by them; or
- 18.5.2 that date is less than five Business Days after the date on which the Drag Along Notice is served, in which case the Completion Date shall be the fifth Business Day after service of the Drag Along Notice.
- 18.6 Neither the proposed sale of Block's shares to the Proposed Buyer nor the sale of the Called Shares by the Called Shareholders shall be subject to the rights of pre-emption set out in article 14.
- 18.7 On or before the Completion Date, the Called Shareholders shall execute and deliver a stock transfer form(s) for the Called Shares, together with the relevant share certificate(s) (or a suitable indemnity for any lost share certificate(s)) to the Company. On the Completion Date, the Company shall pay the Called Shareholders, on behalf of the Proposed Buyer, the amounts due pursuant to article 18.2 to the extent that the Proposed Buyer has put the Company in the requisite funds. The Company's receipt for the price shall be a good discharge to the Proposed Buyer. The Company shall hold the amounts due to the Called Shareholders in trust for the Called Shareholders without any obligation to pay interest.
- 18.8 To the extent that the Proposed Buyer has not, on the Completion Date, put the Company in funds to pay the purchase price due in respect of the Called Shares, the Called Shareholders shall be entitled to the return of the stock transfer form(s) and share certificate(s) (or suitable indemnity) for the relevant Called Shares and the Called Shareholders shall have no further rights or obligations under this article 18 in respect of their shares.
- 18.9 If any Called Shareholder does not, on or before the Completion Date, execute and deliver (in accordance with article 18.7) transfer(s) in respect of all of the Called Shares held by him, that Called Shareholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably appointed any person nominated for the purpose by the Original Shareholders to be his agent to execute all necessary transfer(s) on his behalf, against receipt by the Company (on trust for such holder) of the purchase price payable for the Called Shares, and to deliver such transfer(s) to the Proposed Buyer (or as he may direct) as the holder thereof. After the

Proposed Buyer (or its nominee) has been registered as the holder of the Called Shares, the validity of such proceedings shall not be questioned by any such person. Failure to produce a share certificate shall not impede the registration of shares under this article 18.9.

**19. QUORUM FOR GENERAL MEETINGS**

19.1 The quorum at any general meeting of the Company, or adjourned general meeting, shall be two persons present in person or by proxy, one of whom shall be a representative of Block or its proxy.

19.2 No business shall be transacted by any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting and also when that business is voted on.

**20. CHAIRING GENERAL MEETINGS**

The chairperson of the board of directors shall chair general meetings. If the chairperson is unable to attend any general meeting, the shareholder who appointed him may himself act as chair of the general meeting (where the chair of the board of directors and the shareholder are not one and the same) or shall be entitled to appoint his proxy present at the meeting to act as chair at the meeting, and the appointment of the chair of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting.

**21. VOTING**

At a general meeting, on a show of hands every shareholder who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote, unless the proxy is himself a shareholder entitled to vote; on a poll every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for each share of which he is the holder; and on a vote on a written resolution every shareholder has one vote for each share of which he is the holder, except that in the case of any resolution proposed, if Block is voting against such resolution (whether on a show of hands, a poll or on a written resolution) it shall be entitled to cast such number of votes as is necessary to defeat the resolution.

**22. POLL VOTES**

22.1 A poll may be demanded at any general meeting by a qualifying person (as defined in section 318 of the CA 2006) present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

- 22.2 Model Article 44(3) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "A demand so withdrawn shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made" as a new paragraph at the end of that article.

**23. PROXIES**

- 23.1 Model Article 45(1)(d) shall be deleted and replaced with the words "is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles 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 accordance with any instructions contained in the notice of general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate".
- 23.2 Model Article 45(1) shall be amended by the insertion of the words "and a proxy notice which is not delivered in such manner shall be invalid" as a new paragraph at the end of that article.

**24. MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO BE USED**

- 24.1 Subject to article 24.2, any notice, document or other information shall be deemed received by the intended recipient:
- 24.1.1 if delivered by hand, on signature of a delivery receipt or at the time the notice, document or other information is left at the address;
- 24.1.2 if sent by pre-paid first class post or other next working day delivery service providing proof of postage, at 9.00 am on the second Business Day after posting or at the time recorded by the delivery service;
- 24.1.3 if sent by email, at the time of transmission; or
- 24.1.4 if sent or supplied by means of a website, when the material is first made available on the website or (if later) when the recipient receives (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material is available on the website.
- 24.2 If deemed receipt under article 24.1 would occur outside Usual Business Hours, the notice, document or other information shall be deemed to have been received when Usual Business Hours next recommence. For the purposes of this article, **Usual Business Hours** means 9.00 am to 5.30 pm local time on any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the place of receipt of the notice, document or other information (which, in the case of service by email shall be deemed to be the same



place as is specified for service of notices, documents or other information on the relevant recipient by hand or post).

24.3 To prove service, it is sufficient to prove that:

24.3.1 if delivered by hand, the notice was delivered to the correct address;

24.3.2 if sent by post the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed, paid for and posted;

24.3.3 if sent by email, the notice was properly addressed and sent to the email address of the recipient.

24.4 In proving that any notice, document or information was properly addressed, it will suffice to show that the notice, document or information was addressed to an address permitted for the purpose by the CA 2006.

## **25. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

25.1 Subject to article 25.2, but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a relevant officer is otherwise entitled:

25.1.1 each relevant officer of the Company shall be indemnified out of the Company's assets against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him as a relevant officer:

25.1.1.1 in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of his duties, or in relation to them; and

25.1.1.2 in relation to the Company's activities as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the CA 2006),

including (in each case) any liability incurred by him in defending any civil or criminal proceedings, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his part or in connection with any application in which the court grants him, in his capacity as a relevant officer, relief from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company's affairs; and

25.1.2 the Company may provide any relevant officer with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in connection with any proceedings or application referred to in

article 25.1.1 and otherwise may take any action to enable any such relevant officer to avoid incurring such expenditure.

25.2 This article does not authorise any indemnity to the extent that such indemnity would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the CA 2006 or by any other provision of law and any such indemnity is limited accordingly.

25.3 The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant officer in respect of any relevant loss.

25.4 In this article:

25.4.1 a "relevant officer" means any director or other officer of the Company (including any company which is a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined by section 235(6) of the CA 2006), but excluding in each case any person engaged by the Company as auditor (whether or not he is also a director or other officer), to the extent he acts in his capacity as auditor; and

25.4.2 a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant officer in connection with that relevant officer's duties or powers in relation to the Company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the Company.