

**ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COMPANIES (AMENDMENT AND CONSOLIDATION)  
ACT CHAPTER 149 OF THE REVISED LAWS OF  
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, 2009**

**By-Laws**

**of**

**CLOUDTAG INC.**

1. The name of the Company is CLOUDTAG INC.
2. The Registered Office of the Company will be situated at St. Vincent Trust Service Limited, Trust House, 112 Bonadie Street, Kingstown, St. Vincent or at such other location as the Directors may from time to time determine.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are unrestricted and the Company shall have full power and authority to carry out any object not prohibited by any law as provided by the International Business Companies Act.
4. The Company shall have and be capable of exercising all the functions of a natural person of full capacity irrespective of any question of corporate benefit as provided by the International Business Companies Act.
5. Nothing in the preceding sections shall be deemed to permit the Company to carry on the business of a Bank or Trust Company without being licensed in that behalf under the provisions of the Banks & Trust Companies Law, or to carry on Insurance Business from within St. Vincent or the business of an Insurance Manager, Agent, Sub-agent or Broker without being licensed in that behalf under the provisions of the Insurance Law, or to carry on the business of Company Management without being licensed in that behalf under the provisions of the Companies Management Law.
6. The Company will not trade in St. Vincent with any person, firm or corporation except in furtherance of the business of the Company carried on outside St. Vincent; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent the Company effecting and concluding contracts in St. Vincent, and exercising in St. Vincent all of its powers necessary for the carrying on of its business outside St. Vincent.
7. The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares respectively held by them.
8. The capital of the Company is £1,000,000 (one million pounds) divided into 1,000,000,000 (one billion) ordinary shares of a nominal or par value of GBP £0.001 (one tenth of a penny) each provided always that subject to the provisions of the International Business Companies Act and the Articles of Association the Company shall have power to redeem or purchase any of its shares and to sub-divide or consolidate the said shares or any of them and to issue all or any part of its capital whether original, redeemed, increased or reduced with or without any preference, priority or special privilege or subject to any postponement of rights or to any conditions or restrictions whatsoever and so that unless the conditions of issue shall otherwise expressly provide every issue of shares whether stated to be Ordinary, Preference or otherwise shall be subject to the powers on the part of the Company hereinbefore provided.
9. The Company may exercise the power contained in the International Business Companies Act to deregister in St. Vincent and be registered by way of continuation in some other jurisdiction.

## TABLE A

The Regulations contained or incorporated in Table 'A' in the International Business Companies Act shall not apply to this Company and the following Articles shall comprise the Articles of Association of the Company:

### INTERPRETATION

1. In these Articles:

“**Articles**” means the Articles of Association of the Company, as amended and re-stated from time to time;

“**Auditors**” mean the auditors for the time being and from time to time of the Company;

“**City Code**” means the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers as published and enforced by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers;

“**International Business Companies Act**” means the International Business Companies (Amendment and Consolidation) Act of the Revised Laws of Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, 2009;

“**CREST Regulations**” means the United Kingdom Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001;

“**Depository**” means any person who is a member in the company by virtue of its holding shares in the company as trustee for those individuals who have elected to hold shares in the company in dematerialised form through depository interests;

“**Directors**”, “**Board**” and “**Board of Directors**” means the Directors of the Company for the time being, or as the case may be, the Directors assembled as a Board or as a committee thereof;

“**Disclosure Notice**” has the meaning set out in Article 62(a);

“**Distribution**” means in relation to a distribution by the Company to a shareholder means the direct or indirect transfer of an asset, other than shares, to or for the benefit of the shareholder, or the incurring of a debt to or for the benefit of a shareholder, in relation to shares held by a shareholder, and whether by means of the purchase of an asset, the purchase, redemption or other acquisition of shares, a transfer of indebtedness or otherwise, and includes a dividend;

“**Employees’ Share Scheme**” means any scheme encouraging or facilitating the holding of shares, share options, interests in shares or other benefits derived from shares by or for the benefit of current or former employees and consultants of the Company or any member of the Company’s Group and any spouse, civil partner, minor children or step-children of any such employee or consultant;

“**Group**” means the Company and any subsidiary of the Company;

“**London Stock Exchange**” means the London Stock Exchange plc or any successor body carrying on its functions;

“**Member**” means a person whose name is entered in the Register of Members and includes each subscriber to the Memorandum of Association pending the issue to him of the subscriber share or shares;

**"Memorandum of Association"** means the Memorandum of Association of the Company, as amended and re-stated from time to time;

**"Ordinary Resolution"** means a resolution:

- (a) passed by a simple majority of such Members as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of the Company and where a poll is taken regard shall be had in computing a majority to the number of votes to which each Member is entitled; or
- (b) approved in writing by all of the Members entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company in one or more instruments each signed by one or more of the Members and the effective date of the resolution so adopted shall be the date on which the instrument, or the last of such instruments if more than one, is executed;

**"paid up"** means paid up as to the par value and any premium payable in respect of the issue of any shares and includes credited as paid up;

**"Register of Members"** means the register to be kept by the Company in accordance with the International Business Companies Act;

**"Registrar"** means such company appointed to hold the office of Registrar from time to time whose offices shall be based in St. Vincent or The Grenadines;

**"relevant system"** means a computer-based system, and procedures, which enable title to units of a security to be evidenced and transferred without a written instrument pursuant to the CREST Regulations;

**"Seal"** means the Common Seal of the Company (if adopted) including any facsimile thereof;

**"share"** means any share in the capital of the Company, including a fraction of any share;

**"signed"** includes a signature or representation of a signature affixed by mechanical means;

**"Special Resolution"** means a resolution passed in accordance with the International Business Companies Act, being a resolution:

- (a) passed by a majority of not less than 75 per cent of such Members as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of the Company of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a Special Resolution has been duly given and where a poll is taken regard shall be had in computing a majority to the number of votes to which each Member is entitled; or
- (b) approved in writing by all of the Members entitled to vote at a general meeting of the Company in one or more instruments each signed by one or more of the Members and the effective date of the Special Resolution so adopted shall be the date on which the instrument or the last of such instruments if more than one, is executed.

2. In these Articles, save where the context requires otherwise:

- (a) words importing the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa;
- (b) words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender;

- (c) words importing persons only shall include companies or associations or bodies of persons, whether corporate or not;
  - (d) "**may**" shall be construed as permissive and "**shall**" shall be construed as imperative; and
  - (e) references to a statutory enactment shall include reference to any amendment or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
3. Subject to the last two preceding Articles, any words defined in the International Business Companies Act shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meaning in these Articles.

#### **PRELIMINARY**

4. The business of the Company may be commenced as soon after incorporation as the Directors see fit.
5. The registered office of the Company shall be at such address in St. Vincent as the Directors shall from time to time determine. The Company may in addition establish and maintain such other offices and places of business and agencies in such places as the Directors may from time to time determine.

#### **SHARES**

6. Provided that the consent of the Company is obtained by means of an Ordinary Resolution and subject as otherwise provided in these Articles, and without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of issued shares (including, without limitation, any pre-emptive rights in respect of new share issues), all shares for the time being and from time to time unissued shall be under the control of the Directors, and may be re-designated, allotted or disposed of in such manner, to such persons and on such terms as the Directors have been authorised so to do by the Company pursuant to such Ordinary Resolution (including the issue or grant of options, warrants, and other rights, renounceable or otherwise, in respect of shares).
7. The Company may insofar as may be permitted by law, pay a commission to any person in consideration of his subscribing or agreeing to subscribe whether absolutely or conditionally for any shares. Such commissions may be satisfied by the payment of cash or the lodgement of fully or partly paid-up shares or partly in one way and partly in the other. The Company may also on any issue of shares pay such brokerage as may be lawful.

#### **VARIATION OF RIGHTS ATTACHING TO SHARES**

8. If at any time the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attaching to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may be varied or abrogated with the consent in writing of the holders of 75 per cent of the issued shares of that class, or with the sanction of a resolution passed by at least a 75 per cent majority of the holders of shares of the class present in person or by proxy at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings of the Company shall mutatis mutandis apply, but so that the necessary quorum shall be at least one person holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the issued shares of the class and that any holder of shares of the class present in person or by proxy may demand a poll.
9. The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, be deemed to be varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of

further shares ranking pari passu therewith or the redemption or purchase of shares of any class by the Company.

### **CERTIFICATES**

10. Every person whose name is entered as a Member in the Register of Members (which, for the avoidance of doubt, excludes any Member that holds shares in uncertificated form) shall, without payment, be entitled to a certificate in the form determined by the Directors. The Directors shall ensure that certificates in respect of shares or warrants in the Company shall contain appropriate wording reflecting the restrictions on transfer of such shares or warrants under any applicable laws or regulations. Such certificate may be under Seal. All certificates shall specify the share or shares held by that person and the amount paid up thereon, provided that in respect of a share or shares held jointly by several persons the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate, and delivery of a certificate for a share to one of several joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all.
11. If a share certificate is defaced, lost or destroyed it may be renewed on such terms, if any, as to evidence and indemnity as the Directors think fit.

### **FRACTIONAL SHARES**

12. The Directors may issue fractions of a share of any class of shares, and, if so issued, a fraction of a share (calculated to three decimal points) shall be subject to and carry the corresponding fraction of liabilities (whether with respect to any unpaid amount thereon, contribution, calls or otherwise), limitations, preferences, privileges, qualifications, restrictions, rights (including, without limitation, voting and participation rights) and other attributes of a whole share of the same class of shares.

### **LIEN**

13. The Company shall have a first priority lien and charge on every partly paid share for all moneys (whether presently payable or not) called or payable at a fixed time in respect of that share, and the Company shall also have a first priority lien and charge on all partly paid shares standing registered in the name of a Member (whether held solely or jointly with another person) for all moneys presently payable by him or his estate to the Company, but the Directors may at any time declare any share to be wholly or in part exempt from the provisions of this Article 13. The Company's lien, if any, on a share shall extend to all distributions payable thereon.
14. The Company may sell, in such manner as the Directors in their absolute discretion think fit, any shares on which the Company has a lien, but no sale shall be made unless an amount in respect of which the lien exists is presently payable nor until the expiration of 14 days after a notice in writing, stating and demanding payment of such part of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable, has been given to the registered holder for the time being of the share, or the persons entitled thereto by reason of his death or bankruptcy.
15. For giving effect to any such sale the Directors may authorise some person to transfer the shares sold to the purchaser thereof. The purchaser shall be registered as the holder of the shares comprised in any such transfer and he shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the sale.
16. The proceeds of the sale after deduction of expenses, fees and commission incurred by the Company shall be received by the Company and applied in payment of such part of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is presently payable, and the residue shall (subject to a like lien for sums not presently payable as existed upon the shares prior to the sale) be paid to the person entitled to the shares at the date of the sale.

## **PRE-EMPTION ON ISSUE**

17. Unless otherwise approved by Ordinary Resolution the Company shall not allot shares for cash consideration on any terms unless:
- (a) the Directors have made an offer to each person who holds shares of the same class to allot to him on the same or more favourable terms such proportion of those shares that is as nearly as practicable (fractions being disregarded) equal to the proportion that the relevant person's existing holding of shares of the same class represents of all the issued shares of that class;
  - (b) the period, which shall not be less than 21 clear days, during which any offer referred to in Article 17(a) may be accepted has expired or the Company has received notice of the acceptance or refusal of every offer made;
  - (c) the provisions of Articles 17(a) and (b) do not apply to the allotment of shares which would, apart from a renunciation or assignment of the right to their allotment, be held under an Employees' Share Scheme.
18. An offer by the Directors referred to in Article 17 shall, subject to these Articles, be made to a holder of shares either personally or by sending it by post (that is to say, pre-paying and posting a letter containing the offer) to him or to his registered address or to such other address notified by the relevant holder from time to time. If sent by post, the offer shall be deemed to be made at the time at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.
19. Where shares are held by two or more persons jointly, the offer may be made to the joint holder first named in the Register of Members in respect of the shares.
20. In the case of a holder's death or bankruptcy, the offer referred to in Article 17 may be made:
- (a) by sending it by post in a pre-paid letter addressed to the persons claiming to be entitled to the shares in consequence of the death or bankruptcy by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description, at the address supplied by those claiming to do so; or
  - (b) (until such address referred to in Article 20(a) has been supplied) by giving the notice in any manner in which it might have been if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.

## **TAKEOVERS**

21. A person must not:
- (a) whether by himself, or with persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him, acquire shares which, taken together with shares held or acquired by persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him, carry thirty (30) per cent. or more of the voting rights attributable to shares of the Company; or
  - (b) whilst he, together with persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him, holds not less than thirty (30) per cent, but not more than fifty (50) per cent. of the voting rights attributable to shares of the Company, acquire, whether by himself or with persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him, additional shares which, taken together with shares held by persons determined by the Board to be acting in concert with him, increases his voting rights attributable to shares of the Company,

(each of (a) and (b), a “**Limit**”), except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition.

22. Where any person breaches any Limit, except as a result of a Permitted Acquisition, that person is in breach of these Articles.
23. The Board may do all or any of the following where it has reason to believe that any Limit is or may be breached:
  - (a) require any Member to provide such information as the Board considers appropriate to determine any of the matters under Articles 21 to 27;
  - (b) have regard to such public filings and other information as it considers appropriate to determine any of the matters under Articles 21 to 27;
  - (c) make such determinations under Articles 21 to 27 as it thinks fit, either after calling for submissions from affected Members or other persons or without calling for such submissions;
  - (d) determine that the voting rights attached to such number of shares held by such persons as the Board may determine to be held in breach of these Articles 21-27 (“**Excess Shares**”) are from a particular time incapable of being exercised for a definite or indefinite period;
  - (e) determine that some or all of the Excess Shares will not carry any right to any dividends or other distributions from a particular time for a definite or indefinite period; and
  - (f) take such other action as it thinks fit for the purposes of Articles 21 to 27.
24. An acquisition of shares is a “**Permitted Acquisition**” if:
  - (a) the Board consents to the acquisition; or
  - (b) the acquisition is made in accordance with the provisions of the City Code, as if it applied to the Company or, if relevant, where the City Code does apply to the Company, in circumstances which would require an offer to be made as a consequence and such offer is made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 of the City Code (“**Rule 9**”), whether applicable or not to the Company; or
  - (c) if the acquisition arises from repayment of a stock borrowing arrangement (on arm’s length commercial terms).
25. The Board has full authority to determine the application of Articles 21 to 27 including as to the deemed application of Rule 9. Such authority shall include all discretion vested in the Panel as if Rule 9 applied including, without limitation, the determination of conditions and consents, the consideration to be offered and any restrictions on the exercise of control. Any resolution or determination of, or decision or exercise of any discretion or power by, the Board or any Director or by the chairman of any meeting acting in good faith under or pursuant to the provisions of Articles 21 to 27 shall be final and conclusive, and anything done by, or on behalf of, or on the authority of, the Board or any Director acting in good faith pursuant to the provisions of Articles 21 to 27 shall be conclusive and binding on all persons concerned and shall not be open to challenge, whether as to its validity or otherwise on any ground whatsoever. The Board shall not be required to give any reasons for any decision, determination or declaration taken or made in accordance with Articles 21 to 27.
26. Any one (1) or more of the Directors may act as the attorney(s) of any Member in relation to the execution of documents and other actions to be taken for the sale of Excess Shares determined by the Board under Article 23.



27. Where used in Articles 21 to 27, the phrases "acting in concert" and "voting rights" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the City Code. Articles 21 to 27 only apply while the City Code does not apply to the Company.

### **CALLS ON SHARES**

28. The Directors may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their partly paid shares, and each Member shall (subject to receiving at least 14 days notice specifying the time or times of payment) pay to the Company at the time or times so specified the amount called on such shares.
29. The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay calls in respect thereof.
30. If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest upon the sum at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of the actual payment, but the Directors shall be at liberty to waive payment of that interest wholly or in part.
31. The provisions of these Articles as to the liability of joint holders and as to payment of interest shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which, by the terms of issue of a share, becomes payable at a fixed time, whether on account of the amount of the share, or by way of premium, as if the same had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
32. The Directors may make arrangements on the issue of partly paid shares for a difference between the Members, or the particular shares, in the amount of calls to be paid and in the times of payment.
33. The Directors may, if they think fit, receive from any Member willing to advance the same all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid upon any partly paid shares held by him, and upon all or any of the moneys so advanced may (until the same would, but for such advance, become presently payable) pay interest at such rate (not exceeding without the sanction of an Ordinary Resolution, eight per cent. per annum) as may be agreed upon between the Member paying the sum in advance and the Directors.

### **FORFEITURE OF SHARES**

34. If a Member fails to pay any call or instalment of a call in respect of partly paid shares on the day appointed for payment, the Directors may, at any time thereafter during such time as any part of such call or instalment remains unpaid, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued.
35. The notice shall name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of 14 days from the date of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall state that in the event of non-payment at or before the time appointed the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.
36. If the requirements of any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any share in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Directors to that effect.
37. A forfeited share may be sold or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Directors think fit, and at any time before a sale or disposition the forfeiture may be cancelled on such terms as the Directors think fit.

38. A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited shares, but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Company all moneys which at the date of forfeiture were payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares forfeited, but his liability shall cease if and when the Company receives payment in full of the amount unpaid on the shares forfeited.
39. A statutory declaration in writing that the declarant is a Director, and that a share has been duly forfeited on a date stated in the declaration, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts in the declaration as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share.
40. The Company may receive the consideration, if any, given for a share on any sale or disposition thereof pursuant to the provisions of these Articles as to forfeiture and may execute a transfer of the share in favour of the person to whom the share is sold or disposed of and that person shall be registered as the holder of the share, and shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money, if any, nor shall his title to the shares be affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings in reference to the disposition or sale.
41. The provisions of these Articles as to forfeiture shall apply in the case of non-payment of any sum which by the terms of issue of a share becomes due and payable, whether on account of the amount of the share, or by way of premium, as if the same had been payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.

#### **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

42. The instrument of transfer, if any, must be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and, in the case of a partly paid share, by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor will be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register of Members in respect of it.
43. The Directors may in their absolute discretion refuse to register any transfer of shares when the Company, or the Members of the Company, in general, are, in the opinion of the Board, likely to suffer a legal, regulatory, tax, pecuniary or material administrative disadvantage or where the holding of shares in the Company by any person is in breach of the law or requirements of any country or government.
44. Subject to and in addition to Article 43 the Directors may, in their absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to register any transfer of shares unless:
- (a) it is in respect of a fully paid share;
  - (b) it is duly stamped, is deposited at the office or 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;
  - (c) it is in respect of only one class of share;
  - (d) it is in favour of not more than four transferees except in the case of executors or trustees of a deceased Member; and
  - (e) it is in respect of a share on which the Company does not have a lien in respect of which the Company has served a notice pursuant to Article 14.
45. In exceptional circumstances, where necessary approved by the London Stock Exchange or such other Recognised Investment Exchange as shall be relevant, the Directors may refuse to register any transfer of shares to which Articles 43 and/or 44 would otherwise apply, provided that their refusal does not disturb the market.

46. If the Directors refuse to register a transfer of any shares, they must, within two months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to the transferor and the transferee notice of the refusal.
47. The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may, in their absolute discretion, from time to time determine, provided always that such registration shall not be suspended for more than 30 days in any year.
48. All instruments of transfer which are registered shall be retained by the Company, but any instrument of transfer which the Directors decline to register shall (except in any case of fraud) be returned to the person depositing the same.
49. Nothing in these Articles precludes the Directors from recognising a renunciation of the allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.
50. Nothing in these Articles shall require title to any shares or other securities to be evidenced by a certificate if the International Business Companies Act and the rules (as defined in the CREST Regulations) permit otherwise. If within the discretion of the Board a certificate is issued it shall be issued under Seal or in such other manner as the Board may authorise. The Board may by resolution of the Directors determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificate need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificate by some mechanical or electronic means or may be printed thereon or that such certificate need not be signed by any person.
51. If a share certificate for certificated shares is defaced, worn out, lost or destroyed it may be replaced without fee but on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and to payment of any exceptional out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in investigating such evidence and preparing such indemnity as the Board may think fit and, in the case of defacement or wearing out, on delivery up of the old certificate to the Company.
52. Any Member receiving a share certificate for certificated shares shall indemnify and hold the Company and its Directors and officers harmless from any loss or liability which it or they may incur by reason of any wrongful or fraudulent use or representation made by any person by virtue of the possession thereof.
53. If several persons are registered as joint holders of any shares, any one of such persons may give an effectual receipt for any Distribution.
54. Subject to the International Business Companies Act, the Board, without further consultation with the holders of any shares or other securities, have power to implement and/or approve any arrangements the Board, may in its absolute discretion, think fit in relation to (without limitation) the evidencing of title to and transfer of interests in shares in the form of depositary interests or similar interests, instruments or securities and may resolve that any class of shares or other securities or interests in shares from time to time in issue or to be issued may be issued, held, registered, converted to, transferred or otherwise dealt with in uncertificated form in accordance with the CREST Regulations and practices instituted by the operator of the relevant systems and no provision of these Articles will apply to any uncertificated share, other securities or interests in shares to the extent that they are inconsistent with the holding of such shares, other securities or interests in shares in uncertificated form or the transfer of title to any such shares, other securities or interests in shares by means of a relevant system or any provision of CREST Regulations.
55. Conversion of shares held in certificated form into shares held in uncertificated form, and vice versa, may be made in such manner as the Board may, in its absolute discretion, think fit (subject always to the CREST Regulations and the requirements of the relevant system concerned). The Company shall enter on the relevant Register of Members how many shares are held by each Member in uncertificated form and in certificated form and

shall maintain each Register of Members in each case as is required by the CREST Regulations and the relevant system concerned. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles, a class or series of shares shall not be treated as two classes by virtue only of that class or series comprising both certificated shares and uncertificated shares or as a result of any provision of these Articles or the CREST Regulations which apply only in respect of certificated or uncertificated shares.

56. If the Directors are satisfied that an instrument of transfer relating to shares has been signed but that the instrument has been lost or destroyed, they may resolve by resolution of Directors:
- (a) to accept such evidence of the transfer of shares as they consider appropriate; and
  - (b) that the transferee's name should be entered in the Register of Members notwithstanding the absence of the instrument of transfer.
57. Subject to these Articles, the personal representative of a deceased shareholder may transfer a share even though the personal representative is not a shareholder at the time of the transfer.

#### **TRANSMISSION OF SHARES**

58. The legal personal representative of a deceased sole holder of a share shall be the only person recognised by the Company as having any title to the share. In the case of a share registered in the name of two or more holders, the survivors or survivor, or the legal personal representatives of the deceased survivor, shall be the only person recognised by the Company as having any title to the share.
59. The Directors shall, subject always to the International Business Companies Act and any other applicable laws and regulations and the facilities and requirements of any relevant system concerned and these Articles, have power to implement and/or approve any arrangements they may, in their absolute discretion, think fit in relation to the evidencing of title to and transfer of interests in shares in the form of depositary interests or similar interests, instruments or securities, and to the extent such arrangements are so implemented, no provision of these Articles shall apply or have effect to the extent that it is in any respect inconsistent with the holding or transfer thereof or the shares represented thereby. The Directors may from time to time take such actions and do such things as they may, in their absolute discretion, think fit in relation to the operation of any such arrangements.
60. Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member shall upon such evidence being produced as may from time to time be required by the Directors, have the right either to be registered as a Member in respect of the share or, instead of being registered himself, to make such transfer of the share as the deceased or bankrupt person could have made; but the Directors shall, in either case, have the same right to decline or suspend registration as they would have had in the case of a transfer of the share by the deceased or bankrupt person before the death or bankruptcy.
61. A person becoming entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of the holder shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the share, except that he shall not, before being registered as a Member in respect of the share, be entitled in respect of it to exercise any right conferred by membership in relation to meetings of the Company.

#### **COMPANY INVESTIGATIONS**

62. Disclosure Notice

- (a) The Company may by notice in writing (“**Disclosure Notice**”) require a person whom the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe to be or, at any time during the 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the notice is issued, to have been interested in shares comprised in the Company’s relevant share capital:
    - (i) to confirm that fact or (as the case may be) to indicate whether or not it is the case; and
    - (ii) where he holds or has during that time held an interest in shares so comprised, to give such further information as may be required in accordance with the following Article 62(b).
  - (b) A Disclosure Notice may require the person to whom it is addressed:
    - (i) to give particulars of his own past or present interest in shares comprised in relevant share capital of the Company (held by him at any time during the 3-year period immediately preceding the date on which the notice is issued);
    - (ii) where the interest is a present interest and any other interest in the shares subsists or, in any case, where another interest in the shares subsisted during that 3-year period at any time when his own interest subsisted, to give (so far as lies within his knowledge) such particulars with respect to that other interest as may be required by the Disclosure Notice;
    - (iii) where his interest is a past interest, to give (so far as lies within his knowledge) particulars of the identity of the person who held that interest immediately upon his ceasing to hold it.
  - (c) The particulars referred to in Article 62(b) include particulars of the identity of persons interested in the shares in question and of whether persons interested in the same shares are or were parties to any agreement relating to the acquisition of shares or to any agreement or arrangement relating to the exercise of any rights conferred by the holding of the shares.
  - (d) A Disclosure Notice shall require any information given in response to the notice to be given in writing within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice.
  - (e) This Article 62 applies in relation to a person who has or previously had, or is or was entitled to acquire, a right to subscribe for shares in the company which would on issue be comprised in relevant share capital of the company as it applies in relation to a person who is or was interested in shares so comprised; and references above in this Article 62 to an interest in shares so comprised and to shares so comprised are to be read accordingly in any such case as including respectively any such right and shares which would on issue be so comprised.
63. If a Disclosure Notice is given to a person appearing to be interested in any shares, a copy will at the same time be given to the holder of those shares but the accidental omission to do so or the non-receipt by the member will not prejudice the operation of Articles 64 to 67 which are without prejudice to the provisions of Article 64.
64. Subject to Article 59, if a Member or any person appearing to be interested in any shares held by a Member has been duly served with a Disclosure Notice and fails fully to comply with it after 14 days from the date of service of the Disclosure Notice:
- (a) unless the Directors otherwise determine, a Member who has a holding of less than 0.25 per cent. of any class of shares, will not be entitled in respect of the

shares held by him, whether or not referred to in the Disclosure Notice, to attend and vote at a general meeting either personally or by proxy;

- (b) unless the Directors otherwise determine, a Member who has a holding of at least 0.25 per cent. of any class of shares will not be entitled in respect of the shares held by him, whether or not referred to in the Disclosure Notice:
  - (i) to attend and vote at a general meeting either personally or by proxy;
  - (ii) to receive any dividend payable in respect of such shares; or
  - (iii) subject to Article 65, to transfer or agree to transfer any of such shares, or any rights in them.

65. The restrictions imposed in accordance with Article 64:

- (a) are without prejudice to the right of either the Member holding the shares concerned or, if different, the beneficial owner of those shares, to sell or agree to sell them pursuant to an arm's length transfer, as defined in Article 67(a);
- (b) will continue in relation to any shares until a relevant event occurs in relation to those shares and will cease immediately it does so. For this purpose, a relevant event is either of the following:
  - (i) the default is remedied to the satisfaction of the Company; or
  - (ii) the shares are registered in the name of the purchaser or offeror, or that of his nominee, pursuant to an arm's length transfer, as defined in Article 67(a); and
- (c) will apply to the withholding of dividends provided that any dividends withheld must be paid to the Member as soon as practicable after the restrictions contained in Article 64 lapse.

66. Where a Disclosure Notice is served on a Depositary, and the Depositary fails, through no fault of its own, to comply for any reason with the Disclosure Notice, the provisions of Articles 63 to 65 will only be implemented by the Company in relation to those shares in the Company in respect of which there has been a failure, and will not be implemented in relation to any other shares in the Company held by the Depositary and:

- (a) the Company will not apply to any court for an order preventing the shares held by the Depositary in respect of which there has been a failure from being transferred by the Depositary to the relevant beneficial holder or holders of such shares in the Company; and
- (b) the Depositary may transfer or agree to transfer the shares in respect of which there has been a failure, or any rights in them to the relevant beneficial holder or holders of such shares in the Company.

67. For the purposes of Articles 62 to 66:

- (a) an arm's length transfer in relation to any shares is a transfer pursuant to:
  - (i) a sale of those shares to a bona fide unconnected third party on a recognised investment exchange, or on any stock exchange on which the shares are normally traded; or
  - (ii) a takeover offer for the Company, being an offer to acquire all the shares, or all the shares of any class or classes in the Company (other

than the shares which are the date of the offer are already held by the offeror); and

- (b) the Company will be entitled to treat any persons as appearing to be interested in any shares if:
  - (i) the Member holding such shares or any person who is or may be interested in such shares either fails to respond to a Disclosure Notice or has given to the Company a notification pursuant to a Disclosure Notice which in the opinion of the Directors fails to establish the identities of those interested in the shares and if, after taking into account such notification and any other relevant notification pursuant to a Disclosure Notice, the Company knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the person in question is or may be interested in the shares; or
  - (ii) that person, not being the member, is interested in those shares for the purposes of Article 62.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN SHARES**

68. For the purposes of Article 62:

- (a) A person must notify the Company of the percentage of voting rights held if the percentage of voting rights which he holds directly as shareholder or indirectly as a holder of interests in shares or through his direct or indirect holding of Qualifying Financial Instruments (or a combination of such holdings):
  - (i) reaches, exceeds or falls below 3 per cent and each 1 per cent threshold thereafter up to 100 per cent (each a “**Threshold**”); or
  - (ii) reaches, exceeds or falls below a Threshold as a result of events changing the breakdown of voting rights and on the basis of information disclosed by the Company in accordance with Article 68(d).
- (b) A notification under Article 68(a) is to be made to the Company without delay and in any event before the end of the second business day on which the obligation arises.
- (c) Where the Company’s shares are listed on a Recognised Investment Exchange, the Company shall, on receipt of a notice pursuant to Article 68(a), notify a Regulatory Information Service without delay.
- (d) Where the Company’s shares are listed on a Recognised Investment Exchange, at the end of each calendar month during which an increase or decrease has occurred, the Company must notify to a Regulatory Information Service for distribution to the public:
  - (i) the total number of voting rights in respect of each class of share which it issues; and
  - (ii) the total number of voting rights attaching to shares of the Company which are held by it in treasury.
- (e) If the total number of voting rights in respect of any class of shares issued by the Company increases or decreases by 1 per cent or more following completion of a transaction by the Company, then, notwithstanding Article 68(d), where the Company’s shares are listed on a Recognised Investment Exchange, the Company must notify a Regulatory Information Service without delay.

- (f) A notification given by (i) a person to the Company in accordance with Article 68(a), or (where appropriate) (ii) the Company to a Regulatory Information Service in accordance with Article 68(c) to (e) (inclusive), shall include the following information:
- (i) the resulting situation in terms of voting rights and the date on which the relevant Threshold was reached or crossed;
  - (ii) if applicable, the chain of controlled undertakings through which voting rights are effectively held;
  - (iii) so far as known, the identity of the shareholder, even if that shareholder is not entitled to exercise voting rights and of the person entitled to exercise voting rights on behalf of that shareholder;
  - (iv) the price, amount and class of shares concerned;
  - (v) in the case of a holding of Qualifying Financial Instruments, the following information must also be disclosed:
    - (A) for the Qualifying Financial Instruments with an exercise period, an indication of the date or time period where shares will or can be acquired, if applicable;
    - (B) the date of maturity or expiration of the Qualifying Financial Instruments;
    - (C) the identity of the holder;
    - (D) the name of the underlying company; and
    - (E) the detailed nature of the Qualifying Financial Instruments, including full details of the exposure to shares; and
  - (vi) any other information required by the Company.
- (g) If the Company determines that the person upon whom a notification obligation has occurred pursuant to Article 68(a) has not notified the Company as required, the Company shall have the right, but not the obligation, to serve the person in default a direction notice in accordance with Article 64.

#### *REGISTER OF SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS*

- (h) The Directors shall keep a register for the purposes of Articles 68(a) to (g) (inclusive) (in this Article, hereafter referred to as the “**Register of Substantial Interests**”) and shall procure that, whenever the Company receives information from a person in consequence of the fulfilment of an obligation imposed on him by Article 68(a), that information is within three business days thereafter written up in the Register of Substantial Interests against that person’s name, together with the date of the inscription.
- (i) The Register of Substantial Interests shall be kept by the Registrar at its registered office or at any other place determined by the Directors.

#### *INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLES 68(a) to 68(i) (INCLUSIVE)*

- (j) In Articles 68(a) to 68(i) (inclusive):



- (i) a person's percentage interest in voting rights is to be calculated on the basis of all the shares to which voting rights are attached even if the exercise of such rights is suspended. The number of voting rights to be considered when calculating whether a threshold has been reached, exceeded or fallen below is the number of voting rights in existence according to the Company's most recent disclosure made in accordance with Articles 68(c) or (d);
- (ii) "Qualifying Financial Instruments" means transferable securities and options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts provided that they result in an entitlement to acquire, on the holder's own initiative alone, under a formal agreement, shares to which voting rights are attached, already issued by the Company;
- (iii) "Regulatory Information Service" means a service approved by the London Stock Exchange for the distribution to the public of announcements; and
- (iv) a person will be treated as having an "**interest**" in shares if:
  - (A) he owns them;
  - (B) he has the right (whether conditional or absolute) to exercise or direct the exercise of the voting rights attaching to them or has general control of them;
  - (C) by virtue of any agreement to purchase, option or derivative he has the right or option to acquire them or call for their delivery; or he is under an obligation to take delivery of them, whether the right, option or obligation is conditional or absolute;
  - (D) he is party to any derivative whose value is determined by reference to their price and which results, or may result, in his having a long position in them; or
  - (E) he has received an irrevocable commitment in respect of them;
- (k) For the purposes of Articles 68(a) to 68(i) (inclusive), voting rights attaching to the following shares are to be disregarded for the purposes of determining whether a person has a notification obligation:
  - (i) shares acquired for the sole purpose of clearing and settlement within a settlement cycle not exceeding the period beginning with the transaction and ending at the close of the third trading day following the day of the execution of the transaction (irrespective of whether the transaction is conducted on-exchange);
  - (ii) shares held by a custodian (or nominee) in its custodian (or nominee) capacity (whether operating from an establishment in the UK or elsewhere) provided such a person can only exercise the voting rights attached to such shares under instructions given in writing or by electronic means;
  - (iii) shares held by a market maker acting in that capacity subject to the percentage of such shares not being equal to or in excess of 10%;
  - (iv) shares held or shares underlying financial instruments to the extent that such financial instruments are held by a credit institution or investment firm provided that:

- (A) the shares, or financial instruments, are held within the trading book of the credit institution or investment firm;
  - (B) the voting rights attached to such shares do not exceed 5%; and
  - (C) the credit institution, or investment firm, ensures that the voting rights attached to shares in, or related to financial instruments in, the trading book are not exercised or otherwise used to intervene in the management of the Company;
- (v) shares held by a collateral taker under a collateral transaction which involves the outright transfer of securities provided the collateral taker does not declare any intention of exercising (and does not exercise) the voting rights attaching to such shares; and
  - (vi) shares acquired by a borrower under a stock lending agreement provided that:
    - (A) such shares (or equivalent stock) are on-lent or otherwise disposed of by the borrower by not later than close of business on the next trading day; and
    - (B) the borrower does not declare any intention of exercising (and does not exercise) the voting rights attaching to the shares.

#### **ALTERATION OF CAPITAL**

- 69. The Company may from time to time by Ordinary Resolution increase the share capital by such sum, to be divided into shares of such classes and amount, as the resolution shall prescribe.
- 70. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution:
  - (a) consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of a larger amount than its existing shares;
  - (b) convert all or any of its paid up shares into stock and reconvert that stock into paid up shares of any denomination;
  - (c) subdivide its existing shares, or any of them into shares of a smaller amount provided that in the subdivision the proportion between the amount paid and the amount, if any, unpaid on each reduced share shall be the same as it was in case of the share from which the reduced share is derived; and
  - (d) cancel any shares which, at the date of the passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.
- 71. The Company may by Special Resolution reduce its share capital and any capital redemption reserve in any manner authorised by law.

#### **REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES**

- 72. Subject to the provisions of the International Business Companies Act, the Company may:
  - (a) issue shares on terms that they are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the Member on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may, before the issue of such shares, determine;

- (b) purchase its own shares (including any redeemable shares) on such terms and in such manner as the Directors may determine and agree with the Member; and
  - (c) make a payment in respect of the redemption or purchase of its own shares otherwise than out of profits or the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares.
73. Any share in respect of which notice of redemption has been given shall not be entitled to participate in the profits of the Company in respect of the period after the date specified as the date of redemption in the notice of redemption.
74. The redemption or purchase of any share shall not be deemed to give rise to the redemption or purchase of any other share.
75. The Directors may when making payments in respect of redemption or purchase of shares, if authorised by the terms of issue of the shares being redeemed or purchased or with the agreement of the holder of such shares, make such payment either in cash or in specie.

#### **FIXING RECORD DATE**

76. The Directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for any determination of those Members that are entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of the Members and for the purpose of determining those Members that are entitled to receive payment of any dividend the Directors may, at or within 90 days prior to the date of declaration of such dividend fix a subsequent date as the record date for such determination.
77. If no record date is fixed for the determination of those Members entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of Members or those Members that are entitled to receive payment of a dividend, the date on which notice of the meeting is posted or the date on which the resolution of the Directors declaring such dividend is adopted, as the case may be, shall be the record date for such determination of Members. When a determination of those Members that are entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at a meeting of Members has been made as provided in this Article 77, such determination shall apply to any adjournment thereof.

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

78. An annual general meeting will be held at such time and place or places as the Directors may determine.
79. All general meetings other than annual general meetings are called extraordinary general meetings.
80. The Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene a general meeting of the Company.
81. General meetings shall also be convened on the written requisition of any Member or Members entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company who hold not less than 10 per cent of the paid up voting share capital of the Company deposited at the registered office of the Company specifying the objects of the meeting for a date no later than 21 days from the date of deposit of the requisition signed by the requisitionists, and if the Directors do not convene such meeting for a date not later than 45 days after the date of such deposit, the requisitionists themselves may convene the general meeting in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which general meetings may be convened by the Directors, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionists as a result of the failure of the Directors to convene the general meeting shall be reimbursed to them by the Company.
82. If at any time there are no Directors, any two Members (or if there is only one Member then that Member) entitled to vote at general meetings of the Company may convene a

general meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Directors.

### **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

83. An annual general meeting must be called by at least 21 days' notice, and all other general meetings must be called by at least 14 days' notice. The notice is exclusive of the day on which it is served, or deemed to be served, and of the day for which it is given.
84. Every notice must be in writing and specify the principal place, the day and the time of meeting, and, in the case of special business, the general nature of such business, and in the case of an annual general meeting, must specify the meeting as such.
85. In the case of any general meeting the Board of Directors may (notwithstanding the specification in the notice of the general meeting) make arrangements for simultaneous attendance and participation at other places by Members and proxies entitled to attend the general meeting but excluded from the principal place. Such arrangements for simultaneous attendance at the meeting may include arrangements regarding the level of attendance at the other places but they must operate so that any Members and proxies excluded from attendance at the principal place are able to attend at one of the other places. For the purpose of all other provisions of these Articles any such meeting will be treated as being held and taking place at the principal place. So as to facilitate the organisation and administration of any general meeting to which such arrangements apply, the Board of Directors may arrange for the issue of tickets, on a basis intended to afford to all Members and proxies entitled to attend the meeting an equal opportunity of being admitted to the principal place, or impose some other random means of selection or otherwise as it, in its absolute discretion, considers appropriate. The Board of Directors may from time to time vary any such arrangements or make new arrangements in their place and the entitlement of any Member or proxy to attend a general meeting at the principal place will be subject to such arrangements as are, for the time being, in force whether stated in the notice of the meeting to apply to that meeting or notified to the Members concerned subsequent to the despatch of the notice of the meeting.
86. Notices must be given in the manner stated in these Articles to all the Members, other than those who under the provisions of these Articles or under the rights attached to the shares held by them are not entitled to receive the notice, and to the Auditors.
87. Notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in Article 83, a meeting of the Company is deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:
  - (a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote at it; or
  - (b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95 per cent. in nominal value of the shares giving that right.
88. If the Board of Directors, in its absolute discretion, considers that it is impractical or unreasonable for any reason to hold a general meeting on the date or at the time or place specified in the notice calling the general meeting, it may postpone the general meeting to another date, time and/or place. In that event notice of the date, time and place of the postponed meeting will be placed in at least two national newspapers in the United Kingdom. Notice of the business to be transacted at such postponed meeting will not be required.
89. 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 will not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

90. In every notice calling a meeting of the Company or any class of the Members of the Company, there will appear with reasonable prominence a statement that a Member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him, and that a proxy need not also be a Member.

#### **PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

91. The Board of Directors may direct that Members or proxies wishing to attend any general meeting must submit to such searches or other security arrangements or restrictions as the Board of Directors considers appropriate in the circumstances and may, in its absolute discretion, refuse entry to, or eject from, such general meeting any Member or proxy who fails to submit to such searches or otherwise to comply with such security arrangements or restrictions.
92. All business transacted at an extraordinary general meeting is deemed special.
93. All business carried out at a general meeting shall be deemed special with the exception of sanctioning a dividend, the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets, and any report of the Directors or of the Company's auditors, the appointment and removal of Directors and the fixing of the remuneration of the Company's auditors. No special business shall be transacted at any general meeting without the consent of all Members entitled to receive notice of that meeting unless notice of such special business has been given in the notice convening that meeting.
94. No business may be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, two persons entitled to vote at the meeting each being a Member or a proxy for a Member or a representative of a corporation which is a Member, duly appointed as such, are a quorum for all purposes.
95. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the 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, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the Member or Members present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.
96. The chairman, if any, of the Board of Directors, or in his absence some other Director nominated by the chairman in writing, will preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Company, but if at any meeting neither the chairman nor such other Director is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if neither of them is willing to act as chairman, the Directors present may choose some Director present to be chairman, or if no Director is present, or if all the Directors present decline to take the chair, the Members present may choose some Member present to be chairman.
97. The chairman may with the consent of any general meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
98. At any general meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting is decided on a show of hands, unless before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded:
- (a) by the chairman; or

- (b) by not fewer than five Members present in person or by proxy and entitled 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 of the Company 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.
99. Unless a poll is so 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 book containing the minutes of the proceedings of general meetings of the Company is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.
100. The instrument appointing a proxy to vote at a meeting is deemed also to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll and to vote on a poll on the election of a chairman and on a motion to adjourn a meeting. For the purposes of Article 99 a demand by a person as proxy for a Member is the same as a demand by the Member.
101. If any votes are counted which ought not to have been counted or might have been rejected, or if any votes are not counted which ought to have been counted, the error will not vitiate the result of the voting unless it is pointed out at the same meeting, or at any adjournment of it, and it is in the opinion of the chairman of the meeting of sufficient magnitude to vitiate the result of the voting.
102. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as a Special Resolution no amendment, other than an amendment to correct a patent error, may be considered or voted upon. In the case of a resolution duly proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, no amendment, other than an amendment to correct a patent error, may be considered or voted upon unless, either at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which such Ordinary Resolution is to be proposed notice in writing of the terms of the amendment and intention to move it is lodged at the office, or the chairman, in his absolute discretion, decides that it may be considered or voted upon. If an amendment is proposed to any resolution under consideration but is ruled out of order by the chairman of the meeting the proceedings on the substantive resolution will not be invalidated by any error in such ruling.
103. Subject to the provisions of Article 104, if a poll is duly demanded, it will be taken in such manner as the chairman may direct, including the use of ballot or voting papers or tickets, and the result of a poll will be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The chairman may, in the event of a poll, appoint scrutineers, who need not be Members, and may fix some place and time for the purpose of declaring the result of the poll.
104. A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately. A poll demanded on any other question must be taken immediately or at such time and place as the chairman directs, not being more than 30 days from the date of the meeting or the adjourned meeting at which the poll was demanded. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately 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 days' notice must be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
105. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

106. The demand for a poll will not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll has been demanded.
107. A 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 will not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn with the consent of the chairman, the meeting will continue as if the demand had not been made.
108. If the Directors wish to make this facility available to Members for a specific or all general meetings of the Company, a Member may participate in any general meeting of the Company, by means of a telephone or similar communication equipment by way of which all persons participating in such meeting can hear each other and such participation shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at the meeting.

### **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

109. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, on a show of hands every Member present in person and every person representing a Member by proxy shall at a general meeting of the Company have one vote and on a poll every Member and every person representing a Member by proxy shall have one vote for each share of which he or the person represented by proxy is the holder.
110. 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 joint holders and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.
111. A Member of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his committee, or other person in the nature of a committee appointed by that court, and any such committee or other person may vote by proxy.
112. No Member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all calls or other sums presently payable by him in respect of shares carrying the right to vote held by him have been paid.
113. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
114. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy need not be a Member.
115. An instrument appointing a proxy may be in any usual or common form or such other form as the Directors may approve.
116. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
117. A resolution in writing signed by all the Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at general meetings (or being corporations by their duly authorised representatives) shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held.

### **CORPORATIONS ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETINGS**

118. Any corporation which is a Member or a Director may by resolution of its Directors or other governing body authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of any class of Members or of the Board of Directors or of a committee of Directors, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member or Director.

### **DIRECTORS**

119. The name of the first Director(s) shall either be determined in writing by a majority (or in the case of a sole subscriber that subscriber) of, or elected at a meeting of, the subscribers of the Memorandum of Association.
120. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution appoint any person to be a Director.
121. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, a Director shall hold office until such time as he is removed from office by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.
122. The Company may by Ordinary Resolution from time to time fix the maximum and minimum number of Directors to be appointed but unless such number is fixed as aforesaid the number of Directors shall be unlimited.
123. The remuneration of the Directors may be determined by the Board of Directors or by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.
124. There shall be no shareholding qualification for Directors unless determined otherwise by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.
125. The Directors shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint a person as Director, either as a result of a casual vacancy or as an additional Director, subject to the maximum number (if any) imposed by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.

### **ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

126. Any Director may in writing appoint another person to be his alternate to act in his place at any meeting of the Directors at which he is unable to be present. Every such alternate shall be entitled to notice of meetings of the Directors and to attend and vote thereat as a Director when the person appointing him is not personally present and where he is a Director to have a separate vote on behalf of the Director he is representing in addition to his own vote. A Director may at any time in writing revoke the appointment of an alternate appointed by him. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, an alternate Director is deemed for all purposes to be an officer of the Company and is alone responsible to the Company for his own acts and defaults, and he is not deemed to be the agent of or for the Director appointing him. An alternate Director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the Company for his services as such but his remuneration is payable out of the remuneration payable to the Director appointing him, and will consist of such part, if any, of the latter's remuneration as is agreed between them.
127. Any Director may appoint any person, whether or not a Director, to be the proxy of that Director to attend and vote on his behalf, in accordance with instructions given by that Director, or in the absence of such instructions at the discretion of the proxy, at a meeting or meetings of the Directors which that Director is unable to attend personally. The instrument appointing the proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointing Director and shall be in any usual or common form or such other form as the Directors may approve, and must be lodged with the chairman of the meeting of the Directors at which such proxy is to be used, or first used, prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS**



128. Subject to the provisions of the International Business Companies Act, these Articles and to any resolutions made in a general meeting, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors, who may pay all expenses incurred in setting up and registering the Company and may exercise all powers of the Company. No resolution made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that resolution had not been made.
129. The Directors may from time to time appoint any person, whether or not a Director to hold such office in the Company as the Directors may think necessary for the administration of the Company, including but not limited to, the office of president, one or more vice-presidents, treasurer, assistant treasurer, manager or controller, and for such term and at such remuneration (whether by way of salary or commission or participation in profits or partly in one way and partly in another), and with such powers and duties as the Directors may think fit. Any person so appointed by the Directors may be removed by the Directors. The Directors may also appoint one or more of their number to the office of managing director upon like terms, but any such appointment shall ipso facto determine if any managing director ceases from any cause to be a Director, or if the Company by Ordinary Resolution resolves that his tenure of office be terminated.
130. The Directors may appoint a Secretary (and if need be an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Secretaries) who shall hold office for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions and with such powers as they think fit. Any Secretary or Assistant Secretary so appointed by the Directors may be removed by the Directors.
131. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of their body as they think fit; any committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Directors.
132. The Directors may from time to time and at any time by power of attorney appoint any Company, firm or person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretion (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretion vested in him.
133. The Directors may from time to time provide for the management of the affairs of the Company in such manner as they shall think fit and the provisions contained in the three next following Articles shall not limit the general powers conferred by this Article 133.
134. The Directors from time to time and at any time may establish any committees, local boards or agencies for managing any of the affairs of the Company and may appoint any persons to be members of such committees or local boards and may appoint any managers or agents of the Company and may fix the remuneration of any such persons.
135. The Directors from time to time and at any time may delegate to any such committee, local board, manager or agent any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in the Directors and may authorise the members for the time being of any such local board, or any of them to fill any vacancies therein and to act notwithstanding vacancies and any such appointment or delegation may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the Directors may think fit and the Directors may at any time remove any person so appointed and may annul or vary any such delegation, but no person dealing in good faith and without notice of any such annulment or variation shall be affected thereby.

136. Any such delegates as aforesaid may be authorised by the Directors to subdelegate all or any of the powers, authorities, and discretion for the time being vested in them.
137. The Directors shall be under a general common law duty to act in the best interests of the Company. The Directors shall in addition have a specific duty to present business opportunities to the Company if (i) the Company can financially afford the opportunity, (ii) the opportunity is within the Company's current line of business at the relevant time and (iii) it would not be fair to the Company and the Members for such opportunity not to be brought to the attention of the Company.

### **BORROWING POWERS OF DIRECTORS**

138. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof, to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whenever money is borrowed or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
139. The Directors may secure or provide for the payment of any money to be borrowed or raised by a mortgage of or charge upon all or any part of the undertaking or property of the Company, both present and future, and upon any capital remaining unpaid upon the shares of the Company whether called up or not, or by any other security. The Directors may confer upon any mortgagees or persons in whom any debenture or security is vested such rights and powers as they think necessary or expedient. They may vest any property of the Company in trustees for the purpose of securing any money so borrowed or raised and confer upon the trustees, or any receiver to be appointed by them, or by any debenture holder, such rights and powers as the Directors may think necessary or expedient in relation to the undertaking or property of the Company or its management or realisation or the making, receiving, or enforcing of calls upon the Members in respect of unpaid capital, and otherwise. The Directors may make and issue debentures to trustees for the purpose of further security and the Company may remunerate any such trustees.
140. The Directors may give security for the payment of any money payable by the Company in the same manner as for the payment of money borrowed or raised.
141. The Directors must keep a register of mortgages and charges in accordance with the provisions of the International Business Companies Act.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

142. If a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, is concerned with an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company in which a Director is interested, that Director is not to be counted as participating in that meeting, or part of a meeting, for quorum or voting purposes.
143. But if Article 144 applies, a Director who is interested in an actual or proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company is to be counted as participating in a decision at a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, relating to it for quorum and voting purposes.
144. This Article 144 applies when:
- (a) the Company by Ordinary Resolution disapplies Article 142 which would otherwise prevent a Director from being counted as participating in a Directors' meeting, or part of a meeting, for quorum or voting purposes;
  - (b) the Director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
  - (c) the Director's conflict of interest arises from a permitted cause.

145. For the purposes of this Article 145, the following are “**permitted causes**”:
- (a) a guarantee given, or to be given, by or to a Director in respect of an obligation incurred by or on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;
  - (b) subscription, or an agreement to subscribe, for shares or other securities of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or to underwrite, sub-underwrite, or guarantee subscription for any such shares or securities; and
  - (c) arrangements pursuant to which benefits are made available to employees and Directors or former employees and Directors of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which do not provide special benefits for Directors or former Directors.
146. Subject to Article 147, if a question arises at a meeting of Directors or of a committee of Directors as to the right of a Director to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes, the question may, before the conclusion of the meeting, be referred to the chairman whose ruling in relation to any Director other than the chairman is to be final and conclusive.
147. If any question as to the right to participate in the meeting (or part of the meeting) should arise in respect of the chairman, the question is to be decided by a decision of the Directors at that meeting, for which purpose the chairman is not to be counted as participating in the meeting (or that part of the meeting) for voting or quorum purposes.

#### **APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS**

148. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, 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 but not exceeding one-third, must retire from office at the annual general meeting in every year. A Director retiring at a general meeting, if he is not re-appointed, retains office until the meeting appoints someone in his place or, if it does not do so, until the end of that meeting.
149. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Directors to retire in every year include, so far as necessary to obtain the required number, any Director who wishes to retire and not to offer himself for re-election. Any further Directors so to retire are those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment but, as between persons who became or were last re-appointed Directors on the same day, those to retire are determined by lot, unless they otherwise agree among themselves. A retiring Director is eligible for re-appointment, subject as set out in these Articles.
150. The Company at the meeting at which a Director retires in the manner set out in Article 149 may fill the vacated office and, in default, the retiring Director, if willing to act, is deemed to have been reappointed, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill the vacancy, or a resolution for the re-appointment of such Director is put to the meeting and lost.
151. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting, unless recommended by the Directors for appointment, is eligible for appointment to the office of a Director at any general meeting unless, not fewer than seven nor more than 42 clear days before the day appointed for the meeting, there is given to the Company notice in writing by some member duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for appointment stating the required particulars and, also, notice in writing signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be appointed.
152. At a general meeting, a motion for the appointment of two or more persons as Directors by a single resolution will be void, unless a resolution that it is so made has been first

agreed to by the meeting without any vote being given against it and, for the purpose of this Article 152, a motion for approving a person's appointment or for nominating a person for appointment is treated as a motion for his appointment.

153. The Company may from time to time by Ordinary Resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors and may also determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number is to go out of office. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 154, the Company may by Ordinary Resolution appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director, and remove a Director, including a Director holding executive office, before the expiry of his period of office.
154. The Directors and the Company in general meeting each have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director, but so that the total number of Directors does not at any time exceed the maximum number, if any, fixed by or in accordance with these Articles. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, any Director so appointed by the Directors holds office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting and is eligible for reappointment at that meeting. Any Director who retires under this Article 154 is not taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
155. Any contract of employment entered into by a Director with the Company may not include a term that it is to continue or may be continued, otherwise than at the instance of the Company, for a period exceeding five years during which the employment either cannot be terminated by the Company by notice or can be so terminated only in specified circumstances, unless such term is first approved by Ordinary Resolution of the Company.
156. [This article has been deleted as it was contrary to age discrimination principles].

#### **DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

157. The office of Director shall be vacated, if the Director:
- (a) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors;
  - (b) is found to be or becomes of unsound mind;
  - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Company;
  - (d) is removed from office by Ordinary Resolution; or
  - (e) is removed from office by notice addressed to him at his last known address and signed by all his co-Directors (not being less than two in number).
158. The Company may, by Ordinary Resolution, remove a Director before the expiry of his period of office and may, by Ordinary Resolution, appoint another person in his place. Such removal is without prejudice to any claim such Director may have for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company. The person so appointed is subject to retirement at the same time as if he had become a Director on the day on which the Director in whose place he is appointed was last appointed or reappointed a Director.

#### **PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS**

159. The Directors may meet together (either within or without St. Vincent) for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting are determined by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the chairman has a second or casting vote. A Director who is also an alternate Director is entitled, in the absence of the Director whom he is representing, to a separate

vote on behalf of such Director in addition to his own vote. A Director may, and the secretary on the requisition of a Director must, at any time call a meeting of the Directors.

160. Notice of meetings of the Board of Directors is deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in writing to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose.
161. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors, and unless so fixed at any other number, is two. In the event that a meeting of Directors is attended by a Director who is acting as an alternate for one or more other Directors, the Director or Directors for whom he is the alternate will be counted in the quorum despite their absence, and if on this basis there is a quorum the meeting may be held despite the fact that only one Director is physically present. A meeting of the Directors for the time being at which a quorum is present is competent to exercise all powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors.
162. All or any of the Directors, including alternates, or members of any committee of the Directors may participate in a meeting of the Directors or that committee by means of a conference telephone or any communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other. A person so participating is deemed to be present in person at the meeting and may vote or be counted in a quorum. Accordingly, a meeting of the Directors or committee of the Directors may be held where each of those present or deemed to be present is in communication with the others only by telephone or other communication equipment. A meeting where those present or deemed to be present are in different locations is deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.
163. A Director who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or proposed contract with the Company shall declare the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Directors. A general notice given to the Board of Directors by any Director to the effect that he is a member of any specified company or firm and is to be regarded as interested in any contract which may thereafter be made with that company or firm shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of interest in regard to any contract so made. A Director may vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract or arrangement notwithstanding that he may be interested therein and if he does so his vote shall be counted and he may be counted in the quorum at any meeting of the Directors at which any such contract or proposed contract or arrangement shall come before the meeting for consideration.
164. A Director may hold any other office or place of profit under the Company (other than the office of auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and on such terms (as to remuneration and otherwise) as the Directors may determine and no Director or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company either with regard to his tenure of any such other office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, nor shall any such contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested, be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relation thereby established. A Director, notwithstanding his interest, may be counted in the quorum present at any meeting of the Directors where he or any other Director is appointed to hold any such office or place of profit under the Company or where the terms of any such appointment are arranged and he may vote on any such appointment or arrangement.
165. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body. If the number of the Directors is less than the prescribed minimum, the remaining Director or Directors must immediately appoint an additional Director or additional Directors to make up such minimum or will convene a general meeting of the Company for the

purpose of making such appointment. If there is no Director or Directors able or willing to act, any two Members may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing Directors. Any additional Director so appointed holds office, subject to the provisions of these Articles, only until the end of the annual general meeting of the Company next following such appointment, unless he is re-elected during such meeting. He is eligible for re-election at such meeting and does not retire by rotation at such meeting nor is taken into account in determining the rotation or retirement of Directors at such meeting.

166. The Directors may from time to time elect from their number, and remove, a chairman and one or more deputy chairmen or vice chairmen and determine the period for which he is to hold office. The chairman, or in his absence, the deputy chairman or vice chairman (to be chosen if, in each case, there are more than one by agreement amongst them, or failing agreement, by lot) or in the absence of any of them, some other Director nominated by a majority of the other Directors in writing, presides at all meetings of the Directors. If no such chairman, deputy chairman or vice chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the chairman or the deputy chairman or the vice chairman or such other Director is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding it, or if none of them is willing to act as chairman, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
167. A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Directors or of a committee of Directors, is as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors, duly convened and held, and may consist of several documents in the same form, each signed by one or more of the Directors. Any such resolution or document signed by an alternate Director is deemed to have been signed by a Director who has appointed that alternate Director. It need not be signed by the alternate Director in that capacity.
168. A meeting of the Directors for the time being at which a quorum is present is competent to exercise all powers and discretions for the time being exercisable by the Directors.
169. All acts done bona fide by any meeting of Directors, or of a committee of Directors, or by any person acting as Director, are as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed, was qualified, had continued to be a Director and had been entitled to vote, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or person acting as a Director, or that they or any of them were disqualified, or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote.
170. The Directors must ensure that minutes are made of:
  - (a) all appointments of officers and committees made by the Directors;
  - (b) the names of the Directors present at each meeting of Directors and of any committee of Directors and all business transacted at such meetings; and
  - (c) all orders, resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company, of the holders of any class of shares in the Company and of the Directors and of committees of Directors.
171. Any such minute, if purporting to be signed by the chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held, or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting, is prima facie evidence of the matters stated in such minutes without any further proof.
172. A committee appointed by the Directors may elect a chairman of its meetings. If no such chairman is elected, or if at any meeting the chairman is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present may choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

173. A committee appointed by the Directors may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the committee members present and in case of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

#### **SEAL AND AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

174. The Directors may provide a Seal for the Company and will have power from time to time to destroy any such Seal and to substitute a new Seal for it.
175. An instrument expressed to be executed and delivered as a deed by the Company signed by two Directors or by one Director and secretary by the authority of the Directors or a committee authorised by the Directors has effect as if executed under Seal.
176. The Directors must provide for the safe custody of the Seal and the Seal may never be used except by the authority of a resolution of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors authorised for that purpose by the Directors. The Directors may from time to time make such regulations as they think fit, subject to the provisions of these Articles in relation to share and debenture certificates, determining the persons and the number of such persons who may sign every instrument to which the Seal is affixed and, until otherwise so determined, every such instrument must be signed by one Director and must be countersigned by a second Director or by the secretary.
177. The Company may have official seals for use abroad. Wherever reference is made in these Articles to the Seal, the reference, when and so far as may be applicable, is deemed to include any such official seal.
178. Any Director or the secretary or any person appointed by the Directors for the purpose has power to authenticate any documents affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolutions passed by the Company or the Directors or any committee of the Directors, and any books, records, documents and accounts relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies of them or extracts from them as true copies or extracts. A document purporting to be a copy of a resolution, or a copy of or an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Company or of the Directors or any committee of the Directors, which is certified as stated, is conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith of any such copy that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that such copy or extract is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

179. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, the Directors may from time to time declare dividends (including interim dividends) and other distributions on shares in issue and authorise payment of the same out of the funds of the Company lawfully available therefor.
180. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, the Company by Ordinary Resolution may declare dividends, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Directors.
181. The Directors may, before recommending or declaring any dividend, set aside out of the funds legally available for distribution such sums as they think proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, in the absolute discretion of the Directors be applicable for meeting contingencies, or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose to which those funds may be properly applied and pending such application may in the absolute discretion of the Directors, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments (other than shares) as the Directors may from time to time think fit.

182. Any dividend may be paid by cheque sent through the post to the registered address of the Member or person entitled thereto, or in the case of joint holders, to any one of such joint holders at his registered address or to such person and such address as the Member or person entitled, or such joint holders as the case may be, may direct. Every such cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent or to the order of such other person as the Member or person entitled, or such joint holders as the case may be, may direct.
183. The Directors when paying dividends to the Members in accordance with the provisions of these Articles may make such payment either in cash or in specie.
184. Subject to any rights and restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid on the shares, but if and so long as nothing is paid up on any of the shares dividends may be declared and paid according to the par value of the shares. No amount paid on a share in advance of calls shall, while carrying interest, be treated for the purposes of this Article 184 as paid on the share.
185. If several persons are registered as joint holders of any share, any of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend or other moneys payable on or in respect of the share.
186. Any dividend unclaimed after a period of 12 years from the date of its declaration by the Directors will be forfeited and will revert to the Company. All dividends, interest or other sums payable and unclaimed for one year, after having been declared, may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company is not constituted a trustee in respect of them. No dividend will bear interest as against the Company.

#### **ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

187. The books of account relating to the Company's affairs shall be kept in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the Directors.
188. The books of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Company, or at such other place or places as the Directors think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the Directors.
189. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Members not being Directors, and no Member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by law or authorised by the Directors or by the Company by Ordinary Resolution.
190. The accounts relating to the Company's affairs shall only be audited if the Directors so determine, in which case the financial year end and the accounting principles will be determined by the Directors.

#### **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

191. Subject to the International Business Companies Act, the Directors may, with the authority of an Ordinary Resolution:
- (a) resolve to capitalise an amount standing to the credit of reserves (including a share premium account, capital redemption reserve and profit and loss account), whether or not available for distribution;



(b) appropriate the sum resolved to be capitalised to the Members in proportion to the nominal amount of shares (whether or not fully paid) held by them respectively and apply that sum on their behalf in or towards:

- (i) paying up the amounts (if any) for the time being unpaid on shares held by them respectively, or
- (ii) paying up in full unissued shares or debentures of a nominal amount equal to that sum,

and allot the shares or debentures, credited as fully paid, to the 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 profits which are not available for distribution may, for the purposes of this Article 191, only be applied in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to Members credited as fully paid;

(c) make any arrangements they think fit to resolve a difficulty arising in the distribution of a capitalised reserve and in particular, without limitation, where shares or debentures become distributable in fractions the Directors may deal with the fractions as they think fit;

(d) authorise a person to enter (on behalf of all the Members concerned) into an agreement with the Company providing for either:

- (i) the allotment to the Members respectively, credited as fully paid, of shares or debentures to which they may be entitled on the capitalisation, or
- (ii) the payment by the Company on behalf of the Members (by the application of their respective proportions of the reserves resolved to be capitalised) of the amounts or part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares,

and any such agreement made under this authority being effective and binding on all those Members; and

(e) generally do all acts and things required to give effect to the resolution.

### **SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT**

192. The Directors shall in accordance with the International Business Companies Act establish a share premium account and shall carry to the credit of such account from time to time a sum equal to the amount or value of the premium paid on the issue of any share.

193. There shall be debited to any share premium account on the redemption or purchase of a share the difference between the nominal value of such share and the redemption or purchase price provided always that at the discretion of the Directors such sum may be paid out of the profits of the Company or, if permitted by the International Business Companies Act, out of capital.

### **NOTICES**

194. Any notice or document may be served by the Company or by the person entitled to give notice to any Member either personally, by facsimile, by email or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter or via a recognised courier service, fees prepaid, addressed to the Member at his address as appearing in the Register of Members. In the case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders 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. Where the Company holds the status of a private company and its shares are not listed on a Recognised Investment Exchange, notice may be given to all shareholders by posting a PDF document to a Notices to Shareholders section of the Company's website.

195. Any Member present, either personally or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company shall for all purposes be deemed to have received due notice of such meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which such meeting was convened.
196. Any notice or other document, if served by (a) post, shall be deemed to have been served two days after the time when the letter containing the same is posted, or, (b) facsimile, shall be deemed to have been served upon production by the transmitting facsimile machine of a report confirming transmission of the facsimile in full to the facsimile number of the recipient or (c) recognised courier service, shall be deemed to have been served 48 hours after the time when the letter containing the same is delivered to the courier service. In proving service by post or courier service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice or documents was properly addressed and duly posted or delivered to the courier service.
197. Any notice or document delivered or sent by post to or left at the registered address of any Member in accordance with the terms of these Articles shall notwithstanding that such Member be then dead or bankrupt, and whether or not the Company has notice of his death or bankruptcy, be deemed to have been duly served in respect of any share registered in the name of such Member as sole or joint holder, unless his name shall at the time of the service of the notice or document, have been removed from the Register of Members as the holder of the share, and such service shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service of such notice or document on all persons interested (whether jointly with or as claiming through or under him) in the share.
198. Notice of every general meeting of the Company shall be given to:
- (a) all Members holding shares with the right to receive notice and who have supplied to the Company an address for the giving of notices to them; and
  - (b) every person entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a Member, who but for his death or bankruptcy would be entitled to receive notice of the meeting.

No other person shall be entitled to receive notices of general meetings.

### **INDEMNITY**

199. Every Director (including, for the purposes of this Article 199, any alternate Director appointed pursuant to the provisions of these Articles), Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or other officer for the time being and from time to time of the Company (but not including the Company's auditors) and the personal representatives of the same shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and funds of the Company against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred or sustained by him in or about the conduct of the Company's business or affairs or in the execution or discharge of his duties, powers, authorities or discretions, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any costs, expenses, losses or liabilities incurred by him in defending (whether successfully or otherwise) any civil proceedings concerning the Company or its affairs in any court whether in St. Vincent or elsewhere.
200. No such Director, alternate Director, Secretary, Assistant Secretary or other officer of the Company (but not including the Company's auditors) shall be liable (a) for the acts, receipts, neglects, defaults or omissions of any other such Director or officer or agent of the Company or (b) for any loss on account of defect of title to any property of the Company or (c) on account of the insufficiency of any security in or upon which any

money of the Company shall be invested or (d) for any loss incurred through any bank, broker or other similar person or (e) for any loss occasioned by any negligence, default, breach of duty, breach of trust, error of judgement or oversight on his part or (f) for any loss, damage or misfortune whatsoever which may happen in or arise from the execution or discharge of the duties, powers authorities, or discretions of his office or in relation thereto, unless the same shall happen through his own dishonesty.

#### **NON-RECOGNITION OF TRUSTS**

201. No person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any share upon any trust and the Company shall not, unless required by law, be bound by or be compelled in any way to recognise (even when having notice thereof) any equitable, contingent or future interest in any of its shares or any other rights in respect thereof except an absolute right to the entirety thereof in each Member registered in the Register of Members.
202. The provisions of Article 201 shall be without prejudice to the ongoing efficacy of any contractual arrangement the Company may from time to time have with a Depositary.

#### **WINDING UP**

203. The Company may be wound up on such terms as may be promulgated from time to time in any listing document or offering circular as produced by the Company, and any Investment Management Trust Agreement (as defined therein) to which the Company is a party from time to time. Subject to such documentation, if the Company shall be wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of an Special Resolution of the Company divide amongst the Members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose set such value as he deems fair upon any property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of shares. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the contributories as the liquidator, with the like sanction shall think fit, but so that no Member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other securities whereon there is any liability.

#### **AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

204. Subject to the International Business Companies Act and the rights attaching to the various classes of shares, the Company may at any time and from time to time by Special Resolution alter or amend these Articles in whole or in part.

#### **REGISTRATION BY WAY OF CONTINUATION**

205. The Company may by Special Resolution resolve to be registered by way of continuation in a jurisdiction outside St. Vincent or such other jurisdiction in which it is for the time being incorporated, registered or existing. In furtherance of a resolution adopted pursuant to this Article 205, the Directors may cause an application to be made to the Registrar of Companies to deregister the Company in St. Vincent or such other jurisdiction in which it is for the time being incorporated, registered or existing and may cause all such further steps as they consider appropriate to be taken to effect the transfer by way of continuation of the Company.