

Company number 00109244

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

OF

THE ARSENAL FOOTBALL CLUB PLC (the "Company")

Passed on 23 February 2011

The following resolutions were duly passed as special resolutions on 23 February 2011 by way of resolution under Chapter 3 of Part 13 of the Companies Act 2006

A copy of the resolution is attached

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

That

- A the Articles of Association of the Company be amended by deleting all the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association which, by virtue of section 28 Companies Act 2006, are to be treated as provisions of the Company's Articles of Association, and
- B the regulations contained in the document attached to this Resolution and marked "A" for the purposes of identification be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association

Signed by D Miles

Company secretary

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The Arsenal Football Club PLC

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Adopted by special resolution passed

on 23/02/2011)

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Part 1

Interpretation and Limitation of Liability

1. Exclusion of other regulations and defined terms

- (1) No regulations or model articles contained in any statute or subordinate legislation, including those contained in the Model Articles, apply to the company
- (2) In the articles, unless the context requires otherwise
 - "alternate director" has the meaning given in article 27,
 - "appointor" has the meaning given in article 27,
 - "articles" means the company's articles of association,
 - ◆ "bankruptcy" includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy,
 - "capitalised sum" has the meaning given in article 48,
 - "chairman" has the meaning given in article 14,
 - "chairman of the meeting" has the meaning given in article 51,
 - "Companies Acts" means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the company,
 - "Conflict" has the meaning given in article 17,
 - "conflicts of interest" include a conflict of interest and duty and a conflict of duties and "interest" includes both direct and indirect interests,
 - "contract" in article 15 includes any transaction or arrangement (whether or not constituting a contract),
 - "director" means a director of the company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called,
 - "distribution recipient" has the meaning given in article 42,
 - "document" includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form,

"fully paid" in relation to a share, means that the nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in respect of that share have been paid to the company,

"group company" means a subsidiary undertaking or parent undertaking of the company or a subsidiary undertaking of any parent undertaking of the company,

"holder" in relation to shares means the person whose name is entered in the register of members as the holder of the shares,

"instrument" means a document in hard copy form,

"Model Articles" means the model articles for private companies limited by shares contained in Schedule 1 of the Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 (SI 2009/3229) as amended prior to the adoption of these articles,

"paid" means paid or credited as paid,

"participate", in relation to a directors' meeting, has the meaning given in article 10,

"Permitted Situation" has the meaning given in article 17,

"persons entitled" has the meaning given in article 48,

"proxy notice" has the meaning given in article 57,

"shareholder" means a person who is the holder of a share,

"shares" means shares in the company,

"transmittee" means a person entitled to a share by reason of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder or otherwise by operation of law, and

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

- (3) Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in the articles bear the same meaning as in Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when the articles become binding on the company

2. Liability of members

The liability of the members is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares held by them

3 Rule and Regulations of the Football Association Limited

- (1) The Rules and Regulations of the Football Association Limited for the time being shall be deemed to be incorporated herein and shall prevail in the event of any conflict with the provisions set out herein
- (2) No proposed alteration to the provisions set out herein shall be effective unless the proposed alteration has been approved in writing by the Football Association Limited 14 days or more before the day on which the alteration is proposed to take place
- (3) The office of a Director shall be vacated if such person is subject to a decision of The Football Association Limited that such person be suspended from holding office or from taking part in any football activity relating to the administration or management of a football club

4. Objects of the Company

The objects for which the company is established include, without limitation, the following

- (1) To adopt and carry into effect with such (if any) modifications or alterations as may be agreed upon an agreement dated the 15th day of April 1910, and expressed to be made between The Woolwich Arsenal Football and Athletic Company Limited (incorporated in 1893) and Charles Brannan, its liquidator, of the one part and George Hiram Leavey, Charles Henry Evans, Henry William Grant, Thomas Matthew Coombes, William Craib, Albert Harry Titlow, Francis Walter Lamley and Walter Bailey of the other part
- (2) To drain, lay out, level, plant, build upon, or otherwise improve, fit up, and adapt and maintain all or any part of any lands of the company as recreation or pleasure grounds, and for all or any of the purposes hereinafter named
- (3) To carry on or promote the business of any ground of the company for the purpose of a football ground, cricket ground, bicycle ground, bowling green, croquet, tennis, gymnastics, athletic sports, or any of them, or any other recreation, game, pastime, or object whatsoever as may from time to time be determined upon by the directors
- (4) To provide and arrange for football, cricket, and other matches, contests, exhibitions, concerts, and such other entertainments and amusements as may be deemed expedient, and in particular to hold football matches in the towns of Woolwich and Plumstead or elsewhere, and for that purpose to engage, establish, and maintain teams of football players, whether composed of amateur or professional players or partly of one and partly of the other, and in holding athletic sports to give at such sports prizes in money or in kind, and to become a member of and subscribe to the English Football Association, or any other association, league or alliance, having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company, and also to insure the players of the company, against accident for their own benefit, and also to set apart any match or other entertainment or the profits or portion of the profits arising from any match or entertainment for the benefit of charity or charitable institution or purpose or for the benefit of any player engaged by the company or for the benefit of any other person or

persons as the directors may from time to time determine, and also to recompense any player who shall receive injury while engaged in playing football for the company, or in the case of the decease of any player owing to such injury, to recompense any person or persons whom the directors shall consider has or have suffered pecuniary loss by his death, and also out of the balance of profits for any year after payment of such dividend as shall from time to time be allowed by the Football Association, to give to any charitable institution or for charitable purpose such amount as shall be determined upon by resolution of a General Meeting

- (5) To carry on the business of refreshment contractors, restaurant keepers, refreshment room proprietors, provision merchants, licensed victuallers, wine and spirit merchants, tobacco and cigar merchants, and for that purpose to buy and sell comestibles, wines, spirits and beverages of all kinds and tobacco and either conduct the same under the immediate control of the company or otherwise
- (6) To conduct and carry on in all its branches the business or trade of billposting and general advertising contractors, experts, agents and general publicity specialists, advisers, and the like, and, generally, to undertake and perform all or any of the operations, functions, and services which are ordinarily undertaken and carried out by persons engaged in such business, or which can conveniently or advantageously be combined therewith, including the inventing, devising and designing of schemes, plans, methods, systems, and means for effective and up-to-date advertising, whether in connection with the company's recreative undertakings or otherwise
- (7) To carry on any other business which may seem to the company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with any of the above, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable the company's business or any of the company's property rights
- (8) To purchase and acquire by lease, exchange, hire or otherwise erect, construct, establish, maintain, alter, or keep, sell, release, mortgage, adapt, utilise or otherwise deal with or dispose of any lands, tenements, hereditaments, easements, buildings, shops, warehouses, bowling alleys, stores, or works, stock-in-trade, plant, and effects, machinery, or privileges, concessions, and the like, and generally, any property whatsoever of any kind, whether real or personal, or any estate or interest therein, which the company may consider necessary or convenient for the purpose of its business or desirable in the interests of the company, on such terms and conditions in all respects as may be agreed, and the directors are hereby empowered to enter into, adopt, and carry into effect any agreement or agreements or other documents necessary or desirable to give full effect to this clause, with full authority to agree to any modification at any time and from time to time in any such agreement or agreements or other documents
- (9) To acquire and undertake all or any part of the business, assets, and liabilities of any present company carrying on any business which this company is authorised to carry on, or possessed of property suitable for the purpose of this company

- (10) To sell the undertaking of the company, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of this company
- (11) To amalgamate or to be amalgamated with and to enter into partnership or into any joint purse or other arrangement for sharing profits, for the union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession, or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company, and to hold, in the names of others or in the name of the company, any property which the company is authorised to acquire and carry on
- (12) To borrow or raise money in such a manner as the company shall think fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures, debenture stock, mortgages, or charges, perpetual or otherwise, or by a banker's overdraft, and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised, or owing by mortgage, charge, or lien upon the whole or any part of the company's property or assets (whether present or future), including its uncalled capital, and also by a similar mortgage, charge, or lien to secure and guarantee the performance by the company of any obligation or liability it may undertake
- (13) To make, accept, endorse, discount and execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments for all purposes in connection with the business of the company
- (14) Promote or form or assist in the promotion or formation of any other company or companies, association or associations, either for the purpose of acquiring, working, or otherwise dealing with all or any of the property, rights and liabilities of this company, or any property in which this company is interested, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this company with power to assist such companies or associations by paying or contributing towards the preliminary expenses, or providing the whole or part of the capital thereof, or by taking, subscribing, or underwriting for shares preferred, ordinary, deferred, or otherwise therein, and to hold any shares so taken, subscribed, or underwritten, or by lending money to any such company or association upon debentures or otherwise, and further to pay out of the funds of the company, or in shares or securities of this or any other company, any or all expenses of or incident to the formation, registration, advertising and establishment of this or any other company, and to the issue and subscription of the share or loan capital, including brokerage, and commissions, subject to Section 89 of The Companies Consolidation Act, 1908, and to remunerate any Director, employee, person, firm, or company for any services rendered in consideration of his or their subscribing or agreeing to subscribe, whether absolutely or conditionally, or for obtaining applications for or placing or guaranteeing the placing of, whether absolutely or conditionally, the shares or any debentures, debenture stock, or other securities of this or any other company, and also any or all expenses attending the issue of any circular or notice or the printing, stamping, and circulating of proxies or forms to be filled up by the shareholders of this or connected with this or any other company

- (15) To give to any person, firm or company subscribing or procuring subscriptions for the capital of or rendering financial or other assistance to this or any other company or undertaking, any remuneration and in addition the right to subscribe for and receive an allotment of any of the shares or other securities for the time being unissued of this company, upon such terms as the company may think expedient
- (16) To employ any company or companies, person or persons, to manage and carry on the business of the company, or any part of department thereof, at such remuneration in cash or shares, and cash and shares, or shares alone, for such services, as the directors of the company may think fit, and to delegate all or any of the powers of the directors to any such company, companies, person or persons
- (17) To distribute among the Members and/or employees in specie or otherwise, by way or remuneration, dividend or bonus, or upon a return of capital, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made except with the sanction for the time being required by law, any profits or property of the company or any proceeds of sales or disposal of any property of the company, save as the company may be restricted by contract, and to carry on or do any business, acts, and things by this Memorandum of Association, authorised in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, or trustees, or by or through trustees, agents, or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others, and to do all such other things as may seem expedient
- (18) From time to time, subject as hereinafter mentioned, by Special Resolution to modify the conditions contained in the articles so as to consolidate and divide the capital of the company into shares of larger or smaller amounts hereby fixed, or to convert the paid-up shares into stock, or to reduce the capital to such an extent and in such manner as may by Special Resolution be determined
- (19) To levy tolls, rates, or other charges, and to issue season or other tickets for admission to and use of or otherwise in respect of the company's football recreation and other premises, and other privileges and conveniences, and to make bye-laws and regulations for the proper management of the company's premises and for the conduct of persons using the same
- (20) To lend money to such persons and upon such terms as may seem expedient, and in particular to customers and others having dealings with the company, and to guarantee the performance of contracts, including the payment of money, by any such persons, and to invest the moneys of the company not immediately required for the purpose of its business upon such securities or in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the directors
- (21) To engage and appoint such managers, instructors, professional and other assistants, billposters, employees, caretakers, stewards, or other servants as may be deemed expedient, and from time to time, if thought desirable, to remove as aforesaid, and to appoint others in their stead
- (22) To effect and keep on foot insurances against every kind of risk affecting the property of the company, and against any injury, damage or loss to arise or occur or to be

occasioned by or through any agents, servants, or other employees in the employ of the company or acting on their behalf, or by or through any other means whatsoever, and to effect and keep on foot insurances on the life or health of or against accident to the company's directors, servants, or agents, and to effect and keep on foot insurances against any risk or liability of any description to which the company may or might be or become in anywise subject

- (23) To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, and conveniences calculated to benefit any of the employees or ex-employees of the company, or the dependants or connections of such persons, and to grant pensions and allowances, and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any exhibition, or for any public, general, or useful object, and for the providing of prizes at any football or other exhibition or competition
- (24) To enter into any guarantee, contract of indemnity or suretyship and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) to guarantee, support or secure, with or without consideration, whether by personal obligation or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) and uncalled capital of the company or by both such methods or in any other manner, the performance of any obligations or commitments of, and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts of and any premiums, interest, dividends and other moneys payable on or in respect of any securities or liabilities of, any person, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company which is at the relevant time a subsidiary or a holding company of the company or another subsidiary of a holding company of the company or otherwise associated with the company
- (25) To do all such things as shall be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects above mentioned or any of them

And so that the words "company" and "Association" in this clause shall be deemed to include any partnership or other body of persons (whether incorporated or not incorporated, and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere), and the intention is that the objects specified in each paragraph of this clause shall, except so far as otherwise expressed, be in nowise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph

Part 2

Directors

Directors' Powers and Responsibilities

5 Directors' general authority

Subject to the articles, the directors are responsible for the management of the company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the company

6. Shareholders' reserve power and effect of altering the articles

- (1) The shareholders may, by special resolution, direct the directors to take, or refrain from taking, specified action
- (2) No such special resolution invalidates anything which the directors have done before the passing of the resolution
- (3) No alteration of the articles invalidates anything which the directors have done before the alteration was made

7. Directors may delegate

- (1) Subject to the articles, the directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the articles
 - (a) to such person or committee,
 - (b) by such means (including by power of attorney),
 - (c) to such an extent,
 - (d) in relation to such matters or territories, and
 - (e) on such terms and conditions,
as they think fit
 - (2) If the directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated
 - (3) Where a provision in the articles refers to the exercise of a power, authority or discretion by the directors and that power, authority or discretion has been delegated by the directors to a committee, the provision shall be construed as permitting the exercise of the power, authority or discretion by the committee
 - (4) The directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions
- 8. Committees**
- (1) Committees to which the directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors
 - (2) The directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the articles if they are not consistent with them

Decision-Making by Directors

9. Directors to take decisions collectively

(1) The general rule about decision-making by directors is that any decision of the directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with article 10

(2) If

(a) the company only has one director, and

(b) no provision of the articles requires it to have more than one director,

the general rule does not apply, and the director may (for so long as he remains the sole director) take decisions without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making. For the purpose of article 13, the quorum for the transaction of business by a sole director is one, and all other provisions of the articles apply with any necessary modification (unless a provision expressly provides otherwise)

(3) If only one director is eligible to vote on any authorisation required under article 15, the general rule does not apply, and the eligible director may take decisions in relation to the relevant matter without regard to any of the provisions of the articles relating to directors' decision-making

10. Unanimous decisions

(1) A decision of the directors is taken in accordance with this article when all eligible directors indicate to each other by any means that they share a common view on a matter. If an alternate director indicates that he shares the common view, his appointor need not also indicate his agreement

(2) Such a decision may take the form of a resolution in writing, at least one copy of which has been signed by each eligible director or to which each eligible director has otherwise indicated agreement in writing. A resolution signed by an alternate director need not also be signed by or agreed to by his appointor

(3) References in this article to eligible directors are to directors who would have been entitled to vote on the matter and whose vote would have been counted had it been proposed as a resolution at a directors' meeting

(4) A decision may not be taken in accordance with this article if the eligible directors would not have formed a quorum at such a meeting

11. Calling a directors' meeting

(1) Any director may call a directors' meeting by giving notice of the meeting to the directors or by authorising the company secretary (if any) to give such notice

- (2) Notice of any directors' meeting must indicate
 - (a) its proposed date and time,
 - (b) where it is to take place, and
 - (c) if it is anticipated that directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting
- (3) Notice of a directors' meeting must be given to each director, but need not be in writing
- (4) Notice of a directors' meeting need not be given to directors who waive their entitlement to notice of that meeting, by giving notice to that effect to the company either before or after the date on which the meeting is held. Where such notice is given after the meeting has been held, that does not affect the validity of the meeting, or of any business conducted at it

12. Participation in directors' meetings

- (1) Subject to the articles, directors "**participate**" in a directors' meeting, or part of a directors' meeting, when
 - (a) the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the articles, and
 - (b) they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting
- (2) In determining whether directors are participating in a directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any director is or how they communicate with each other
- (3) If all the directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

13. Quorum for directors' meetings

- (1) At a directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting
- (2) Subject always to articles 9(2) and 9(3), the quorum for directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is two
- (3) Subject always to article 9(2), if the total number of directors for the time being in office is less than the quorum required, the directors must not take any decision other than a decision

- (a) to appoint further directors, or
- (b) to call a general meeting so as to enable the shareholders to appoint further directors

14. Chairing of directors' meetings

- (1) The directors may appoint a director to chair their meetings
- (2) The person so appointed for the time being is known as the "**chairman**"
- (3) The directors may terminate the chairman's appointment at any time
- (4) If the chairman is not participating in a directors' meeting within ten minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating directors may appoint one of themselves to chair it

15. Casting vote

- (1) If the numbers of votes at a meeting of directors for and against a proposal are equal (ignoring any votes which are to be discounted in accordance with the articles or the Companies Acts), the chairman or other director chairing the meeting has a casting vote
- (2) Article 15(1) does not apply in respect of a particular meeting (or part of a meeting) if, in accordance with the articles, the chairman or other director is not to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum or voting purposes

16. Transactions or arrangements with the company

- (1) Provided that he has disclosed to the directors the nature and extent of any interest of his in accordance with and to the extent required by the Companies Acts, a director notwithstanding his office
 - (a) may be a party to, or otherwise interested in, any contract with the company or in which the company is otherwise interested,
 - (b) may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any contract with, or otherwise interested in, any group company or in any body corporate promoted by the company or any group company or in which the company or any group company is interested,
 - (c) may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the company (otherwise than as auditor)
- (2) For the purposes of this article

- (a) a director shall be deemed to have disclosed the nature and extent of an interest which consists of him being a director, officer or employee of any group company, and
 - (b) a general notice given to the directors that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any contract in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the director has an interest in any such contract of the nature and extent so specified
- (3) Where a director is a director or other officer of, or employed by, a group company, he
- (a) may in exercising his independent judgement take into account the success of other group companies as well as the success of the company, and
 - (b) shall in the exercise of his duties, where that other group company is a parent company, have a duty of confidentiality to the parent company in relation to confidential information of the parent company, but he shall not be restricted by any duty of confidentiality to the company from providing information to any parent company
- 17. Conflicts of interest requiring board authorisation**
- (1) The directors may, subject to the quorum and voting requirements set out in the articles, authorise any matter which would otherwise involve a director breaching his duty under the Companies Acts to avoid conflicts of interest ("Conflict")
 - (2) Any director (including the relevant director) may propose that the relevant director be authorised in relation to any matter the subject of a Conflict. Such proposal and any authority given by the directors shall be effected in the same way that any other matter may be proposed to and decided upon by the directors under the provisions of the articles save that the relevant director shall not count towards the quorum nor vote on any resolution giving such authority and save further that if there are insufficient directors eligible to vote and therefore to form a quorum, article 9(3) will apply
 - (3) Where the directors give authority in relation to a Conflict
 - (a) the terms of the authority shall be recorded in writing (but the authority shall be effective whether or not the terms are so recorded), and
 - (b) the directors may revoke or vary such authority at any time but this will not affect anything done by the relevant director prior to such revocation in accordance with the terms of such authority
 - (4) Where the directors give authority in relation to a Conflict or where any of the situations referred to in article 16(1) ("Permitted Situation") applies

- (a) the directors may (whether at the relevant time or subsequently) (i) require that the relevant director is excluded from the receipt of information, the participation in discussion and/or the making of decisions (whether at meetings of the directors or otherwise) related to the Conflict or Permitted Situation, and (ii) impose upon the relevant director such other terms for the purpose of dealing with the Conflict as it may determine,
 - (b) the relevant director will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms imposed by the board in relation to the Conflict or Permitted Situation, and
 - (c) the directors may provide that where the relevant director obtains (otherwise than through his position as a director of the company) information that is confidential to a third party, the director will not be obliged to disclose that information to the company, or to use or apply the information in relation to the company's affairs, where to do so would amount to a breach of that confidence
- (5) A director shall not, by reason of his office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established, be liable to account to the company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefit realised by reason of his having any type of interest in a Conflict authorised under this article or in any Permitted Situation and no contract shall be liable to be avoided on the grounds of a director having any such interest

18. Directors May Vote When Interested

- (1) Subject where applicable to disclosure in accordance with the Companies Acts or the articles and subject to any terms imposed by the directors in relation to any Conflict or Permitted Situation, a director shall be entitled to vote in respect of any matter in which he is interested directly or indirectly and if he shall do so his vote shall be counted and, whether or not he does, his presence at the meeting he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), 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
- (3) 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

19. Records of decisions to be kept

The directors must ensure that the company keeps a record, in writing, for at least 10 years from the date of the decision recorded, of every unanimous or majority decision taken by the directors

20. Directors' discretion to make further rules

Subject to the articles, the directors may make any rule which they think fit about how they take decisions, and about how such rules are to be recorded or communicated to directors

21 Change of name

The company may change its name by a decision of the directors

Appointment of Directors

22. Methods of appointing directors

- (1) Any person who is willing to act as a director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a director--
 - (a) by ordinary resolution,
 - (b) by a decision of the directors, or
 - (c) by a notice of his appointment given in accordance with Article 24
- (2) In any case where, as a result of death, bankruptcy or other events, the company has no shareholders and no directors, the transmittee(s) of the last shareholder have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint one or more persons to be a director
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), where 2 or more shareholders die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger shareholder is deemed to have survived an older shareholder

23. Termination of director's appointment

A person ceases to be a director as soon as

- (a) that person ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Act 2006 or is prohibited from being a director by law,
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person,
- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,
- (d) a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months,

- (e) by reason of that person's mental health, a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have,
- (f) notification is received by the company from the director that the director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms,
- (g) that person has for more than six consecutive months been absent without permission of the directors from meetings of directors held during that period and the directors resolve that that person should cease to be director, and
- (h) notice of his removal is given in accordance with Article 24

24. Appointment and removal of directors by majority shareholders

A shareholder or shareholders holding a majority in nominal value of the issued shares may by notice in writing signed by or on behalf of him or them and delivered to the registered office or tendered at a meeting of the directors or at a general meeting of the company at any time and from time to time appoint any person who is willing to act, and is permitted by law to do so, to be a director (either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director) or remove any director from office (no matter how he was appointed). The appointment or removal takes effect immediately on deposit of the notice or on such later date (if any) specified in the notice.

25. Directors' remuneration

- (1) Directors may undertake any services for the company that the directors decide
- (2) Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the directors determine
 - (a) for their services to the company as directors, and
 - (b) for any other service which they undertake for the company
- (3) Subject to the articles, a director's remuneration may take any form
- (4) Unless the directors decide otherwise, directors' remuneration accrues from day to day
- (5) Directors are not accountable to the company for any remuneration which they receive as directors or other officers or employees of the company, any group company or any other body corporate in which the company is interested, and the receipt of such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being a director of the company
- (6) The directors may provide benefits, whether by the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuities, or any death, sickness or disability benefits or by insurance or otherwise, for any director or former director who holds or has held any office or employment with the company, predecessor in business of the company or with any undertaking which is or

has been a group company and for any member of his family (including a spouse or former spouse) or any person who is or was dependent on him, and may (before as well as after he ceases to hold such office or employment) contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such benefit

26. Directors' expenses

- (1) The company may pay any reasonable expenses which the directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at
 - (a) meetings of directors or committees of directors,
 - (b) general meetings, or
 - (c) separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares or of debentures of the company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the company

- (2) Subject to the Companies Acts, the directors shall have power to make arrangements to provide a director with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him for the purpose of the company or for the purpose of enabling him properly to perform his duties as an officer of the company or to avoid him incurring any such expenditure

Alternate Directors

27. Appointment and removal of alternate directors

- (1) Any director (other than an alternate director) (the "appointor") may appoint as an alternate any other director, or any other person approved by resolution of the directors, to
 - (a) exercise that director's powers, and
 - (b) carry out that director's responsibilities,

in relation to the taking of decisions by the directors in the absence of the alternate's appointor (such person known as an "**alternate director**")

- (2) Any appointment or removal of an alternate must be effected by notice in writing to the company signed by the appointor, or in any other manner approved by the directors
- (3) The notice must
 - (a) identify the proposed alternate, and

- (b) in the case of a notice of appointment, contain a statement signed by the proposed alternate that the proposed alternate is willing to act as the alternate of the director giving the notice

28. Rights and responsibilities of alternate directors

- (1) An alternate director has the same rights, in relation to any directors' meeting and all meetings of committees of directors of which his appointor is a member or directors' written resolutions, as the alternate's appointor
- (2) Except as the articles specify otherwise, alternate directors
 - (a) are deemed for all purposes to be directors,
 - (b) are liable for their own acts and omissions,
 - (c) are subject to the same restrictions as their appointor, and
 - (d) are not deemed to be agents of or for their appointor
- (3) Subject to the articles, a person who is an alternate director but not also a director
 - (a) may be counted as participating for the purposes of determining whether a quorum is participating (but only if that person's appointor is not participating), and
 - (b) may sign or otherwise indicate his agreement to a written resolution (but only if it is not signed or to be signed or otherwise agreed by that person's appointor)

No alternate may be counted as more than one director for such purposes

- (4) Subject to the articles, a director who is also an alternate director has an additional vote on behalf of each appointor who
 - (a) is not participating in a directors' meeting, and
 - (b) would have been entitled to vote if he was participating in it
- (5) An alternate director is not entitled to receive any remuneration from the company for serving as an alternate director except such part of the alternate's appointor's remuneration as the appointor may direct by notice in writing made to the company

29. Termination of alternate directorship

An alternate director's appointment as an alternate terminates

- (a) when the alternate's appointor revokes the appointment by notice to the company in writing specifying when it is to terminate,

- (b) on the occurrence in relation to the alternate of any event which, if it occurred in relation to the alternate's appointor, would result in the termination of the appointor's appointment as a director,
- (c) on the death of the alternate's appointor, or
- (d) when the alternate's appointor's appointment as a director terminates

Part 3

Shares and Distributions

Shares

30. All shares to be fully paid

- (1) No share is to be issued for less than the aggregate of its nominal value and any premium to be paid to the company in consideration for its issue
- (2) This does not apply to shares taken on the formation of the company by the subscribers to the company's memorandum

31. Powers to issue different classes of share

- (1) Subject to the articles, but without prejudice to the rights attached to any existing share, the company may issue further classes of shares with such rights or restrictions as may be determined by ordinary resolution or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the directors may decide
- (2) The company may issue shares which are to be redeemed, or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the holder, and the directors may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such shares
- (3) The rights, restrictions, terms and conditions attached to any shares issued pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of this article shall apply as if the same were set out in the articles

32. Preference Shares

- (1) Any preference shares may be issued on the terms that they are, or at the option of the company, are liable, to be redeemed
- (2) Preference shares may be issued with a cumulative preference dividend not exceeding 5 25 per cent for a period not exceeding three years
- (3) The company shall not issue more preference shares than its subscribed ordinary shares

33. Payment of commissions on subscription for shares

- (1) The company may pay any person a commission in consideration for that person
 - (a) subscribing, or agreeing to subscribe, for shares, or
 - (b) procuring, or agreeing to procure, subscriptions for shares
- (2) Any such commission may be paid
 - (a) in cash, or in fully paid shares or other securities, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and
 - (b) in respect of a conditional or an absolute subscription

34. Company not bound by less than absolute interests

Except as required by law, no person is to be recognised by the company as holding any share upon any trust, and except as otherwise required by law or the articles, the company is not in any way to be bound by or recognise any interest in a share other than the holder's absolute ownership of it and all the rights attaching to it

35. Share certificates

- (1) The company must issue each shareholder, free of charge, with one or more certificates in respect of the shares which that shareholder holds
- (2) Every certificate must specify
 - (a) in respect of how many shares, of what class, it is issued,
 - (b) the nominal value of those shares,
 - (c) that the shares are fully paid, and
 - (d) any distinguishing numbers assigned to them
- (3) No certificate may be issued in respect of shares of more than one class
- (4) If more than one person holds a share, only one certificate may be issued in respect of it
- (5) Certificates must
 - (a) have affixed to them the company's common seal, or
 - (b) be otherwise executed in accordance with the Companies Acts

36. Replacement share certificates

- (1) If a certificate issued in respect of a shareholder's shares is
 - (a) damaged or defaced, or
 - (b) said to be lost, stolen or destroyed,that shareholder is entitled to be issued with a replacement certificate in respect of the same shares
- (2) A shareholder exercising the right to be issued with such a replacement certificate
 - (a) may at the same time exercise the right to be issued with a single certificate or separate certificates,
 - (b) must return the certificate which is to be replaced to the company if it is damaged or defaced, and
 - (c) must comply with such conditions as to evidence, indemnity and the payment of a reasonable fee as the directors decide

37. Share transfers

- (1) Shares may be transferred by means of an instrument of transfer in any usual form or any other form approved by the directors, which is executed by or on behalf of the transferor
- (2) No fee may be charged for registering any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share
- (3) The company may retain any instrument of transfer which is registered
- (4) The transferor remains the holder of a share until the transferee's name is entered in the register of members as holder of it
- (5) The directors may, subject to sub-paragraph (6) below, refuse to register the transfer of a share, and if they do so, the instrument of transfer must be returned to the transferee with the notice of refusal unless they suspect that the proposed transfer may be fraudulent
- (6) Notwithstanding anything contained in these articles, including but not limited to sub-paragraph (5) above, the directors shall not decline to register any transfer of shares where such transfer is executed by or in favour of any bank or institution to whom such shares have been charged or mortgaged (or by or in favour of any nominee of such bank or institution) or where such transfer is effected upon the enforcement of the charge or mortgage in favour of any such bank or institution, nor may the directors suspend registration of any member which is a bank or institution (or nominee thereof)

to whom such shares have been charged or mortgaged. A certificate by any official of such bank or institution that the relevant shares are so charged or mortgaged shall be conclusive evidence of such fact.

38. Transmission of shares

- (1) If title to a share passes to a transmittee, the company may only recognise the transmittee as having any title to that share
- (2) Subject to article 37(6)(3), a transmittee who produces such evidence of entitlement to shares as the directors may properly require
 - (a) may, subject to the articles, choose either to become the holder of those shares or to have them transferred to another person, and
 - (b) subject to the articles, and pending any transfer of the shares to another person, has the same rights as the holder from whom the transmittee derived such entitlement had
- (3) Transmittees do not have the right to attend or vote at a general meeting, or agree to a proposed written resolution, in respect of shares to which they are entitled, by reason of the event which gave rise to the transmission, unless they become the holders of those shares

39. Exercise of transmittees' rights

- (1) Transmittees who wish to become the holders of shares to which they have become entitled must notify the company in writing of that wish
- (2) If the transmittee wishes to have a share transferred to another person, the transmittee must execute an instrument of transfer in respect of it
- (3) Any transfer made or executed under this article is to be treated as if it were made or executed by the person from whom the transmittee has derived rights in respect of the share, and as if the event which gave rise to the transmission had not occurred

40. Transmittees bound by prior notices

If a notice is given to a shareholder in respect of shares and a transmittee (or any person nominated under article 38(2) is entitled to those shares, the transmittee (and any person nominated under article 38(2) is bound by the notice if it was given to the shareholder before the transmittee's name has been entered in the register of members.

Dividends and Other Distributions

41. Procedure for declaring dividends

- (1) The company may by ordinary resolution declare dividends, and the directors may decide to pay interim dividends
- (2) A dividend must not be declared unless the directors have made a recommendation as to its amount. Such a dividend must not exceed the amount recommended by the directors
- (3) No dividend may be declared or paid unless it is in accordance with shareholders' respective rights
- (4) Unless the shareholders' resolution to declare or directors' decision to pay a dividend, or the terms on which shares are issued, specify otherwise, it must be paid by reference to each shareholder's holding of shares in the class in respect of which the dividend is paid on the date of the resolution or decision to declare or pay it. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid, but if any share is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share shall rank for dividend accordingly
- (5) If the company's share capital is divided into different classes, no interim dividend may be paid on shares carrying deferred or non-preferred rights if, at the time of payment, any preferential dividend is in arrear
- (6) The directors may pay at intervals any dividend payable at a fixed rate if it appears to them that the profits available for distribution justify the payment
- (7) If the directors act in good faith, they do not incur any liability to the holders of shares conferring preferred rights for any loss they may suffer by the lawful payment of an interim dividend on shares with deferred or non-preferred rights

42. Payment of dividends and other distributions

- (1) Where a dividend or other sum which is a distribution is payable in respect of a share, it must be paid by one or more of the following means
 - (a) transfer to a bank or building society account specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide,
 - (b) sending a cheque made payable to the distribution recipient by post to the distribution recipient at the distribution recipient's registered address (if the distribution recipient is a holder of the share), or (in any other case) to an address specified by the distribution recipient either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide,

- (c) sending a cheque made payable to such person by post to such person at such address as the distribution recipient has specified either in writing or as the directors may otherwise decide, or
 - (d) any other means of payment as the directors agree with the distribution recipient either in writing or by such other means as the directors decide
- (2) In the articles, "**the distribution recipient**" means, in respect of a share in respect of which a dividend or other sum is payable
- (a) the holder of the share, or
 - (b) if the share has two or more joint holders, whichever of them is named first in the register of members, or
 - (c) if the holder is no longer entitled to the share by reason of death or bankruptcy, or otherwise by operation of law, the transmittee

43. No interest on distributions

The company may not pay interest on any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share unless otherwise provided by

- (a) the terms on which the share was issued, or
- (b) the provisions of another agreement between the holder of that share and the company

44 Unclaimed distributions

- (1) All dividends or other sums which are
- (a) payable in respect of shares, and
 - (b) unclaimed after having been declared or become payable,
- may be invested or otherwise made use of by the directors for the benefit of the company until claimed
- (2) The payment of any such dividend or other sum into a separate account does not make the company a trustee in respect of it
- (3) If-
- (a) twelve years have passed from the date on which a dividend or other sum became due for payment, and
 - (b) the distribution recipient has not claimed it,

the distribution recipient is no longer entitled to that dividend or other sum and it ceases to remain owing by the company

45. Non-cash distributions

- (1) Subject to the terms of issue of the share in question, the company may, by ordinary resolution on the recommendation of the directors or by a decision of the directors, decide to pay all or part of a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by transferring non-cash assets of equivalent value (including, without limitation, shares or other securities in any company)
- (2) For the purposes of paying a non-cash distribution, the directors may make whatever arrangements they think fit, including, where any difficulty arises regarding the distribution
 - (a) fixing the value of any assets,
 - (b) paying cash to any distribution recipient on the basis of that value in order to adjust the rights of recipients, and
 - (c) vesting any assets in trustees

46 Waiver of distributions

Distribution recipients may waive their entitlement to a dividend or other distribution payable in respect of a share by giving the company notice in writing to that effect, but if

- (a) the share has more than one holder, or
- (b) more than one person is entitled to the share, whether by reason of the death or bankruptcy of one or more joint holders, or otherwise,

the notice is not effective unless it is expressed to be given, and signed, by all the holders or persons otherwise entitled to the share

47 Distribution on a winding up

On the winding-up of the company the surplus assets shall be applied, first, in repaying to the shareholders the amount paid on their shares respectively. If such assets are insufficient to repay the said amount in full, they shall be applied rateably, so that the loss shall fall upon the shareholders in proportion to the amount called up on their shares respectively. No shareholder shall be entitled to have any call made upon other shareholders for the purpose of adjusting the shareholders' rights, but where any call has been made and has been paid by some of the shareholders such call be enforced against the remaining shareholders for the purpose of adjusting the rights of the shareholders between themselves. If the surplus assets shall be more than sufficient to pay the shareholders the whole amount paid up on their shares, the balance shall be given by the shareholders of the company to The Football Association Benevolent Fund,

or to some other club or institute within the area of the Greater London Authority having objects similar to those set out in these articles, or to any local charity, or charitable or benevolent institution situate within the area of the Greater London Authority. In default of any such decision or apportionment by the shareholders of the company the same to be decided upon and apportioned by a Judge of the High Court of Justice, having jurisdiction in such winding-up or dissolution and as he shall determine. Alternatively such balance may be disposed of in such other manner as the shareholders of the company with the consent of the Council of The Football Association, if then existing shall determine.

Capitalisation of Profits

- 48. Authority to capitalise and appropriation of capitalised sums**
 - (1) Subject to the articles, the directors may, if they are so authorised by an ordinary resolution
 - (a) decide to capitalise any profits of the company (whether or not they are available for distribution) which are not required for paying a preferential dividend, or any sum standing to the credit of any of the company's reserves or funds, including but not limited to the share premium account, capital redemption reserve, merger reserve or revaluation reserve, and
 - (b) appropriate any sum which they so decide to capitalise (a "**capitalised sum**") to the persons who would have been entitled to it if it were distributed by way of dividend (the "**persons entitled**") and in the same proportions
 - (2) Capitalised sums must be applied
 - (a) on behalf of the persons entitled, and
 - (b) in the same proportions as a dividend would have been distributed to them
 - (3) Any capitalised sum may be applied in paying up new shares of a nominal amount equal to the capitalised sum which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct
 - (4) A capitalised sum which was appropriated from profits available for distribution may be applied in paying up new debentures of the company which are then allotted credited as fully paid to the persons entitled or as they may direct
 - (5) Subject to the articles the directors may
 - (a) apply capitalised sums in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (4) partly in one way and partly in another,

- (b) make such arrangements as they think fit to deal with shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions under this article (including the issuing of fractional certificates or the making of cash payments), and
- (c) authorise any person to enter into an agreement with the company on behalf of all the persons entitled which is binding on them in respect of the allotment of shares and debentures to them under this article

Part 4

Decision-Making by Shareholders

Organisation of General Meetings

49. Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- (1) A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting
- (2) A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when--
 - (a) that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and
 - (b) that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting
- (3) The directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it
- (4) In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other
- (5) Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them

50. Quorum for general meetings

No business other than the appointment of the chairman of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum

51. Chairing general meetings

- (1) If the directors have appointed a chairman, the chairman shall chair general meetings if present and willing to do so

(2) If the directors have not appointed a chairman, or if the chairman is unwilling to chair the meeting or is not present within ten minutes of the time at which a meeting was due to start

- (a) the directors present, or
- (b) (if no directors are present), the meeting,

must appoint a director or shareholder to chair the meeting, and the appointment of the chairman of the meeting must be the first business of the meeting

(3) The person chairing a meeting in accordance with this article is referred to as "**the chairman of the meeting**"

52. Attendance and speaking by directors and non-shareholders

(1) Directors may attend and speak at general meetings, whether or not they are shareholders

(2) The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not

- (a) shareholders of the company, or
- (b) otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders in relation to general meetings,

to attend and speak at a general meeting

53. Adjournment

(1) If the persons attending a general meeting within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it

(2) The chairman of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if

- (a) the meeting consents to an adjournment, or
- (b) it appears to the chairman of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner

(3) The chairman of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting

(4) When adjourning a general meeting, the chairman of the meeting must

- (a) either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the directors, and
 - (b) have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting
- (5) If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the company must give at least 7 clear days' notice of it (that is, excluding the day of the adjourned meeting and the day on which the notice is given)
- (a) to the same persons to whom notice of the company's general meetings is required to be given, and
 - (b) containing the same information which such notice is required to contain
- (6) No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

Voting at General Meetings

54. Voting: general

A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles

55. Errors and disputes

- (1) No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid
- (2) Any such objection must be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision is final

56. Poll votes

- (1) A poll on a resolution may be demanded
 - (a) in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or
 - (b) at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared
- (2) A poll may be demanded by
 - (a) the chairman of the meeting,
 - (b) the directors,

- (c) two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution,
- (d) a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution, or
- (e) a person or persons holding shares in the company conferring a right to vote on the resolution, being shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than 10% of the total sum paid up on all the shares conferring that right

A demand for a poll by a proxy counts, for the purposes of paragraph (c) above, as a demand by a member, for the purposes of paragraph (d) above, as a demand by a member representing the voting rights that the proxy is authorised to exercise, and, for the purposes of paragraph (e) above, as a demand by a member holding the shares to which those rights are attached

- (3) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if
 - (a) the poll has not yet been taken, and
 - (b) the chairman of the meeting consents to the withdrawal
- (4) Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs

57. Content of proxy notices

- (1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which
 - (a) states the name and address of the shareholder appointing the proxy,
 - (b) identifies the person appointed to be that shareholder's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed,
 - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the shareholder appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine, and
 - (d) is delivered to the company in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting (or adjourned meeting) to which they relate
- (2) The company may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes
- (3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions
- (4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as

- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
- (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself

58. Delivery of proxy notices

- (1) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the company by or on behalf of that person
- (2) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the company a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates
- (4) The directors may require the production of any evidence which they consider necessary to determine the validity of any proxy notice

59. Amendments to resolutions

- (1) An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if
 - (a) notice of the proposed amendment is given to the company in writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chairman of the meeting may determine), and
 - (b) the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution
- (2) A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if
 - (a) the chairman of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed, and
 - (b) the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution
- (3) If the chairman of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chairman's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution

60. Class meetings

The provisions of the articles relating to general meetings shall apply, with any necessary modifications, to any separate general meeting of the holders of shares of a class. For this purpose, a general meeting at which no holder of a share other than an ordinary share may, in his capacity as a member, attend or vote shall also constitute a separate general meeting of the holders of the ordinary shares.

Part 5

Administrative Arrangements

61 Means of communication to be used

- (1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the company under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the company
- (2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being
- (3) A director may agree with the company that notices or documents sent to that director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within a specified time of their being sent, and for the specified time to be less than 48 hours

62. When notice or other communication deemed to have been received

- (1) Any notice, document or information sent or supplied by the company to the shareholders or any of them
 - (a) by post, shall be deemed to have been received 24 hours after the time at which the envelope containing the notice, document or information was posted unless it was sent by second class post, or there is only one class of post, or it was sent by air mail to an address outside the United Kingdom, in which case it shall be deemed to have been received 48 hours after it was posted. Proof that the envelope was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice, document or information was sent,
 - (b) by being left at a shareholder's registered address, or such other postal address as notified by the shareholder to the company for the purpose of receiving company communications, shall be deemed to have been received on the day it was left,
 - (c) by electronic means, shall be deemed to have been received 24 hours after it was sent. Proof that a notice, document or information in electronic form was

addressed to the electronic address provided by the shareholder for the purpose of receiving communications from the company shall be conclusive evidence that the notice, document or information was sent, and

- (d) by making it available on a website, shall be deemed to have been received on the date on which notification of availability on the website is deemed to have been received in accordance with this article or, if later, the date on which it is first made available on the website

63 Company seals

- (1) Any common seal may only be used by the authority of the directors
- (2) The directors may decide by what means and in what form any common seal is to be used
- (3) Unless otherwise decided by the directors, if the company has a common seal and it is affixed to a document, the document must also be signed by at least one authorised person in the presence of a witness who attests the signature
- (4) For the purposes of this article, an authorised person is
 - (a) any director of the company,
 - (b) the company secretary (if any), or
 - (c) any person authorised by the directors for the purpose of signing documents to which the common seal is applied

64 No right to inspect accounts and other records

Except as provided by law or authorised by the directors or an ordinary resolution of the company, no person is entitled to inspect any of the company's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a shareholder

65. Provision for employees on cessation of business

The directors may decide to make provision for the benefit of persons employed or formerly employed by the company or any of its subsidiaries (other than a director or former director or shadow director) in connection with the cessation or transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the company or that subsidiary

Directors' Indemnity and Insurance

66 Indemnity

- (1) Subject to paragraph (4), a relevant director may be indemnified out of the company's assets against

- (a) any liability incurred by that director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the company or an associated company,
 - (b) any liability incurred by that director in connection with the activities of the company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme,
 - (c) any other liability incurred by that director as an officer of the company or an associated company
- (2) The company may fund a relevant director's expenditure for the purposes permitted under the Companies Acts and may do anything to enable a relevant director to avoid incurring such expenditure as provided in the Companies Acts
- (3) No relevant director shall be accountable to the company or the members for any benefit provided pursuant to this article and the receipt of any such benefit shall not disqualify any person from being or becoming a director of the company
- (4) This article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law

67. Insurance

The directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the company, for the benefit of any relevant director in respect of any relevant loss

68 Definitions

In articles 66 and 67

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate,
- (b) a "relevant director" means any director or former director of the company or an associated company, and
- (c) a "relevant loss" means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant director in connection with that director's duties or powers in relation to the company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees' share scheme of the company or associated company