

**MCB STRUCTURED SOLUTIONS LTD  
CONSTITUTION**

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**OF**  
**MCB STRUCTURED SOLUTIONS LTD**  
  
**A PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES**

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# 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

## 1.1 Definitions

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions have the meanings given to them in this Article:

- 1.1.1 **Act** means the Companies Act 2001 as amended from time to time.
- 1.1.2 **Alternate Director** means a Director appointed pursuant to Article 22.8
- 1.1.3 **Annual Meeting** means a meeting of Shareholders held pursuant to Section 115 of the Act.
- 1.1.4 **Balance Sheet Date** means the date adopted by the Company as the end of its financial year for the purpose of its annual financial statements.
- 1.1.5 **Board** means the Directors numbering not less than the required quorum acting together as the Board of Directors of the Company, and where the Company has only one Director or where one Director is a quorum, that Director.
- 1.1.6 **Call** means a resolution of the Board under Article 15 requiring Shareholders to pay all or part of the unpaid amount of the issue price of any Shares and, where the context requires, means the obligation of a Shareholder to meet the amount due pursuant to such a resolution.
- 1.1.7 **Class of Shares** means a Class of Shares having attached to them identical rights, privileges, limitations, and conditions.
- 1.1.8 **Company** means “MCB Structured Solutions Ltd”
- 1.1.9 **Constitution** means this Constitution of the Company and all amendments to it made from time to time.
- 1.1.10 **Director** means, subject to Section 128 of the Act, a person appointed and continuing in office for the time being, in accordance with this Constitution, as a Director of the Company.
- 1.1.11 **General Meeting** means any meeting of Shareholders, other than an Interest Group meeting.
- 1.1.12 **Interest Group** in relation to any action or proposal affecting rights attached to Shares, means a group of Shareholders whose affected rights are identical; and whose rights are affected by the action or proposal in the same way; and who comprises the holders of one or more Classes of Shares. For the purposes of this definition one or more Interest Groups may exist in relation to any action or proposal; and if action is taken in relation to some

holders of Shares in a Class and not others; or a proposal expressly distinguishes between some holders of Shares in a Class and other holders of Shares of that Class, holders of Shares in the same Class may fall into two (2) or more Interest Groups.

- 1.1.13 Interests Register** means a register kept by the Company at its registered office as required by Section 190(2)(c) of the Act
- 1.1.14 Ordinary Resolution** means a resolution approved by a simple majority of the votes of those Shareholders entitled to vote and voting on the matter which is the subject of the resolution.
- 1.1.15 Share** means a share in the share capital of the Company.
- 1.1.16 Shareholder** means a person:
- (a) whose name is entered in the Share Register as the holder for the time being of one or more Shares; or
  - (b) until the person's name is entered in the Share Register, a person named as a Shareholder in the application for registration of the Company at the time of incorporation of the Company; or
  - (c) until the person's name is entered in the Share Register, a person who is entitled to have his name entered in the Share Register under a registered amalgamation proposal, as a shareholder in an amalgamated company.
- 1.1.17 Share Register** means the register of Shares required to be maintained by Article 12 of this Constitution and Section 91 of the Act.
- 1.1.18 Solvency Test** has the meaning set out in Section 6 of the Act.
- 1.1.19 Special Meeting** means any meeting (other than an Annual Meeting) of the Shareholders entitled to vote on an issue, called at any time by the Board, or by any other person who is authorised by this Constitution or by the Act to call Special Meetings of Shareholders.
- 1.1.20 Special Resolution** means a resolution of Shareholders approved by a majority of seventy five (75) per cent of the votes of those Shareholders entitled to vote and voting on the question.
- 1.1.21 Unanimous Resolution** means a resolution which has the assent of every Shareholder entitled to vote on the matter which is the subject of the resolution in accordance with Section 106 of the Act.

## 1.2 Interpretation

- 1.2.1 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- 1.2.2 A reference to a person includes any firm, company or group of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate.
- 1.2.3 Words importing one gender include the other gender.
- 1.2.4 Subject to this Article 1.1, expressions contained in this Constitution bear the same meaning as specified in the Act at the date on which this Constitution becomes binding on the Company.
- 1.2.5 A reference to an Article means an article of this Constitution.
- 1.2.6 The article headings are included for convenience only and do not affect the construction of this Constitution.

## 2 **NAME OF THE COMPANY**

The name of the Company shall be **MCB Structured Solutions Ltd.**

## 3 **OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY**

The objects of the Company shall be:

- (a) to offer, structure or engineer any type of structured products ; and
- (b) do all such other things as are necessary, ancillary or incidental to, or as the Company may think conducive for, the conduct, promotion or attainment of its business.

## 4 **REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the Company shall be in the place specified in the application made for the incorporation of the Company, or in such other place as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

## 5 **ACCOUNTING PERIOD**

The accounting period shall begin and end on such dates as the Board shall determine from time to time, provided that the first accounting period shall start as from the date of incorporation of the Company and shall end on such date as the Board shall determine.

## 6 **TYPE OF COMPANY**

The Company shall be a public company limited by shares.

## **7 DURATION**

The duration of the Company is unlimited.

## **8 ISSUE OF SHARES**

### **8.1 Existing Shares**

The Company has in issue 1,000 ordinary Shares amounting to MUR 10,000 in aggregate.

### **8.2 Board may issue Shares**

8.2.1 Subject to the Act, this Constitution and the terms of issue of any existing Shares, the Board may issue Shares (and rights or options to acquire Shares) of any Class at any time, to any person and in such numbers as the Board thinks fit.

8.2.2 Notwithstanding Section 55 of the Act and unless the terms of issue of any Class of Shares specifically provide otherwise, the Board may, if authorised by the Shareholders by Ordinary Resolution, issue Shares that rank (as to voting, distribution or otherwise) equally with or in priority to, or in subordination to the existing Shares without any requirement that the Shares be first offered to existing Shareholders.

### **8.3 Consideration for issue of Shares**

8.3.1 Subject to Article 8.3.2, before the Board issues Shares (other than Shares issued upon incorporation), it must:

- (a) determine the amount of the consideration for which the Shares will be issued and the terms on which they will be issued;
- (b) if the Shares are to be issued for consideration other than cash, determine the reasonable present cash value of the consideration for the issue and ensure that the present cash value of that consideration is fair and reasonable to the Company and is not less than the amount to be credited in respect of the Shares; and
- (c) resolve that, in its opinion, the consideration for the Shares and their terms of issue are fair and reasonable to the Company and to all existing Shareholders.

8.3.2 Article 8.3.1 shall not apply to the issue of Shares on the conversion of any convertible securities or the exercise of any option to acquire Shares in the Company.

### **8.4 Amount owing on issue of Shares**

Where money or other consideration is due at a fixed time to the Company on Shares in accordance with their terms of issue, that amount shall not be treated as a Call and no notice shall be required to be given to the Shareholder (or other person liable under the terms of issue) before the Company may enforce payment of the amount due.

### **8.5 Shares issued in lieu of dividend**

The Board may issue Shares to any Shareholders who have agreed to accept the issue of Shares, wholly or partly, in lieu of a proposed dividend or proposed future dividends in accordance with Section 64 of The Act.

## 8.6 Variation of rights

If, at any time, the share capital of the Company is divided into different Classes of Shares, the Company shall not take any action which varies the rights attached to a Class of Shares unless that variation is approved by a Special Resolution, or by consent in writing of the holders of seventy-five (75%) of the Shares of that Class.

## 8.7 Fractional Shares

The Company may issue fractions of Shares which shall have corresponding fractional liabilities, limitations, preferences, privileges, qualifications, restrictions, rights and other attributes as those which relate to the whole Share of the same Class of Shares.

## **9 PURCHASE BY COMPANY OF ITS SHARES**

The Company may purchase or otherwise acquire its Shares in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of the Act. Such Shares acquired or redeemed by the Company are to be cancelled immediately on acquisition. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the Company may hold the acquired Shares in accordance with Section 72 of the Act and/or reissue any Share which it holds in itself in accordance with Section 74 of the Act.

## **10 TRANSFER OF SHARES**

### 10.1 Execution of transfer

The instrument of transfer of any Share or debenture shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and the transferee, and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the Share or debenture (as the case may be) until the transferee is entered in the register in respect thereof.

### 10.2 Board's right to refuse or delay registration of transfer

The Board may, subject to compliance with Section 87 to 89 of the Act, refuse or delay the registration of any transfer of any Share to any person, whether that person be an existing Shareholder or not, where:

- (a) so required by law;
- (b) registration would impose on the transferee a liability to the Company and the transferee has not signed the transfer;
- (c) a holder of any such Share has failed to pay on the due date any amount payable thereon either in terms of the issue thereof or in accordance with the Constitution (including any Call made thereon);
- (d) the transfer is not accompanied by such proof as the Board reasonably requires of the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- (e) the pre-emptive provisions contained in Article 11 have not been complied with; or
- (f) the Board acting in good faith decides in its sole discretion that registration of the transfer would not be in the best interests of the Company and/or any of its Shareholders.



## **11 RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFER OF SHARES**

Save and except when a Share is purchased by the Company, every change in the ownership of Shares in the capital of the Company shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions.

### **11.1 Pre-emptive provisions**

Save and except when the Share is purchased by the Company, no Share in the capital of the Company shall be sold or transferred by any Shareholder unless and until the rights of pre-emption hereinafter conferred have been exhausted.

### **11.2 Transfer notice and fair price**

11.2.1 Every Shareholder who intends to sell or transfer any Share shall give notice in writing to the Board of such intention.

11.2.2 Where the notice under Article 11.2.1 includes several Shares, it shall not operate as if it were a separate notice in respect of each such Share, and the proposing transferor shall be under no obligation to sell or transfer some only of the Shares specified in such notice.

11.2.3 The notice under Article 11.2.1 shall subject to Article 11.2.4, be irrevocable and shall be deemed to appoint the Board as the proposing transferor's agent to sell such Shares in one or more lots to any Shareholder or Shareholders of the Company, even if such Shareholder is also a Director or other officer of the Company.

11.2.4 The price of the Shares to be sold shall be the price agreed upon between the party giving such notice and the Board; or failing any agreement between them within twenty eight (28) days of the Board receiving such notice, such fair price as shall be determined by a person appointed jointly by the parties.

11.2.5 In the absence of an agreement under Article 11.2.4, either party may apply to the Judge in Chambers to appoint an arbitrator.

11.2.6 The person appointed under Article 11.2.4 or 11.2.5 shall certify the sum which, in his opinion, is the fair price for the Shares.

### **11.3 Offer to Shareholders and consequent sale**

11.3.1 Where the price for the Shares offered for sale is agreed upon or determined, as the case may be, the Board shall immediately give notice to each of the Shareholders, other than the person intending to sell or transfer such Shares.

11.3.2 A notice under Article 11.3.1 shall state the number and price of such Shares and shall request each of the Shareholders to whom the notice is given to state in writing to the Board within twenty one (21) days of the date of the notice whether he is willing to purchase any and, if so, what maximum number of such Shares.

11.3.3 At the expiration of twenty one (21) days from the date of the notice, the Board shall:

- (a) apportion such Shares amongst the Shareholders (if more than one) who have expressed an intention to purchase the Shares and, as far as possible, on a pro rata basis, according to the number of Shares already held by them respectively, or

- (b) if there is only one Shareholder, all the Shares shall be sold to that Shareholder, provided that no Shareholder shall be obliged to take more than the maximum number of Shares stated in that Shareholder's response to such notice.

11.3.4 Where the apportionment has been made or where only one Shareholder has notified his willingness to purchase, the proposing transferor shall, on payment of the said price, transfer such Share or Shares to the Shareholder or respective Shareholders who has or have agreed to purchase the Shares, without prejudice however to the right of the proposing transferor to refuse to transfer such Share or Shares at the price fixed in accordance with Article 11.2.4 or 11.2.5, thus revoking the notice given under Article 11.2.1, and, in default thereof, the Board may receive and give a good discharge for the purchase price on behalf of the party intending to sell and enter the name of the purchaser or purchasers in the Share Register as holder or holders of the Share or Shares sold.

#### 11.4 Shares on offer not taken up by Shareholders

11.4.1 Where Shares remain unsold under Article 11.3.4 at the expiry of the period of sixty (60) days of the Board receiving a notice under Article 11.2.1, the person intending to sell or transfer the Shares, may, subject to Article 11.4.2, within a further period of thirty (30) days, sell all the Shares not sold, (but not some only), to any person who is not a Shareholder.

11.4.2 The person intending to sell the Shares shall not sell the Shares for a price less than the price at which the Shares have been offered for sale to the Shareholders under this Article 11.

#### 11.5 Transfer approved by all Shareholders

Any Share may be transferred by a Shareholder to any person if the transfer is approved in writing, by all Shareholders. The restrictions in Articles 11.1 to 11.4 do not apply to any transfer authorised by this Article 11.5.

#### 11.6 Transfer in the event of death or winding up of a Shareholder

If any Shareholder is wound up or dissolved, save in the context of a reconstruction, or if any Shareholder being an individual dies, such event shall automatically constitute a notice that its Shares are for sale and that the Company is its agent for the transfer of the Shares at a price to be determined by an independent appraiser appointed jointly by all the parties (including the successors of the deceased Shareholder), in which case Articles 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply.

## 12 **SHARE REGISTER**

The Company shall maintain a Share Register and a register of substantial shareholders in accordance with Section 91 of the Act.

## 13 **SHARE CERTIFICATES**

### 13.1 Issue of share certificates

The Company shall, at the request of a shareholder and on payment of the prescribed fee, send, within twenty-eight days after receiving such request, a share certificate relating to some or all of the shareholder's shares in the Company by complying with the provisions of Section 97 of the Act.

### 13.2 Loss or destruction of share certificates

Where a certificate relating to a Share or debenture is lost or destroyed, The Company shall, on application being made by the owner and on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a duplicate thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Act.

## 14 PLEDGE OF SHARES

### 14.1 Inscription and effect of pledge

14.1.1 The Company shall keep a register in which pledges of Shares or debentures shall be inscribed stating that the pledgee holds the Shares or debentures not as owner but in pledge of a debt, the amount of which shall be mentioned. A pledge shall be sufficiently proved by the inscription in that register.

14.1.2 If the pledgee so requires, there shall be delivered to him a certificate, signed by the Company's secretary, which shall enumerate the number of Shares given in pledge and the amount and nature of the debt in respect of which the pledge was constituted.

14.1.3 Subject to the terms and conditions of the pledge, the owner of the Shares given in pledge shall continue to be the party entitled to attend General Meetings of the Company and to vote with respect to such Shares and to cash all dividends in respect thereof.

### 14.2 Sale of Shares given in pledge

14.2.1 In the event of Shares so given in pledge being sold by public sale or being attributed by a Judge or Court, according to the provisions of article 2087 of the Civil Code of Mauritius ( the "Civil Code" ) and following of the Civil Code for non-payment of the sums due for which the said Shares were given in pledge, the Shares thus put to sale or to be attributed shall, before the final adjudication or order, be offered to the Shareholders who may be present at the sale and it is only in case of refusal by them to purchase the said Shares at the price offered, that the adjudication or order shall be made; in the case of an attribution by a Judge or a Court, the valuation to be carried out by virtue of article 2087 of the Civil Code shall be deemed to be the purchase price.

14.2.2 If more than one Shareholder were to avail themselves of the right to purchase the Shares thus offered to them, one of the Directors or the secretary, if present at the sale, or in default the broker or the auctioneer shall divide them amongst the purchasing Shareholders in proportion to the number of Shares held by them at the time of the sale.

14.2.3 If the adjudication has been made to a person who is not a Shareholder, such adjudication shall be provisional only and the following provisions shall apply:

(a) the broker or the auctioneer in charge of the sale shall notify the Company's secretary by way of registered letter posted to the registered office of the Company that the adjudication has taken place and shall, in the same notice, give the name and address of the purchaser as well as the price fetched at the adjudication. Immediately on receipt by the secretary of the broker's or auctioneer's letter, all the provisions of Article 11 shall take effect and shall apply "*mutatis mutandis*" to the transfer of the Shares.

(b) however, if within sixty (60) days of the date of notice given pursuant to Article 14.2.3(a), no reply has been received from the secretary in respect of the transfer of

the Shares, the adjudication shall be final and conclusive, save and except the provisions of Article 11.2.

## **15 PROCEDURE FOR MAKING CALLS**

The Board may, from time to time, make such Calls as it thinks fit in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Act.

## **16 FORFEITURE OF SHARES**

The procedure for the forfeiture of Shares in the event any person fails to pay any Call or any instalment of a Call for which such person is liable at the time appointed for payment shall be in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Act.

## **17 SUSPENSION OF RIGHT TO DIVIDENDS AND LIEN**

### **17.1 Notice of suspension of right to dividends**

17.1.1 If a Shareholder fails to pay any Call (or instalment of a Call) on the day appointed for payment, the Board may at any time after that date, while any part of the Call or instalment payable by the Shareholder remains unpaid, suspend payment of any dividends payable to the Shareholder.

17.1.2 The amount owing under the Call for the purposes of Articles 17.1, 17.2 and 17.3 may include any interest which may have accrued and all expenses which may have been incurred by the Company by reason of non-payment by the Shareholder of the amount owing under the Call.

### **17.2 Application of suspended dividends**

All dividends suspended pursuant to Article 17.1 may be applied by the Company to reduce the amount owing under the Call. Dividends so applied will be deemed to have been paid in full.

### **17.3 Lifting suspension of right to dividends**

When the total dividends withheld and applied under Article 17.2 equal the total amount owing under the Call, including amounts owing under Article 17.1, the suspension of the right to dividends will be lifted and all rights to be paid dividends on the Shares will resume.

### **17.4 Lien**

The Company shall have a first and paramount lien, independently and without the necessity for inscription, upon every Share, not being a fully paid up Share and upon the proceeds of sale of those Shares.

### **17.5 Sale on exercise of lien**

The Company may sell in such a manner as the Board thinks fit any Shares on which the Company has a lien in accordance with Section 85 of the Act.

## **18 DISTRIBUTIONS AND DIVIDENDS**

### **18.1 Solvency Test**

18.1.1 Notwithstanding Section 61(1)(b) of the Act but subject to Article 18.2, the Board may, if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the Company will satisfy the Solvency Test immediately after the distribution, authorise a distribution by the Company to Shareholders of any amount and to any Shareholders as it thinks fit.

18.1.2 The Directors who vote in favour of a distribution shall sign a certificate stating that, in their opinion, the Company will satisfy the Solvency Test immediately after the distribution.

18.2 Financial assistance on acquisition of shares

The Company may, subject to and in accordance with, Section 81 of the Act give financial assistance (whether directly or indirectly) to a person for the purpose of, or in connection with, the purchase of Shares issued (or to be issued) by the Company.

18.3 Deduction of unpaid calls

The Board may deduct from any dividend payable to any Shareholder any sums of money, if any, presently payable by such Shareholder to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to the Shares on which such dividends are payable.

18.4 Payment by cheque or warrant

Any dividend, interest or other money payable in cash in respect of Shares may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post directed to the registered address of the holder, or, in the case of joint holders, to the registered address of that one of the joint holders who is first named in the share register or to such person and to such address as the holder or joint holders may in writing direct. Every such cheque or warrant shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent. Any one of two or more joint holders may give effectual receipts for any dividends, bonuses or other money payable in respect of the shares held by them as joint holders.

18.5 No interest

No dividend shall bear interest against the Company.

18.6 Unclaimed dividends

All dividends unclaimed for one year after having been authorised may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Board for the benefit of the Company until claimed, and all dividends unclaimed for five years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Board for the benefit of the Company. The Board may, however, annul any such forfeiture and agree to pay a claimant who produces evidence of entitlement to the Board's satisfaction of the amount due to such claimant unless in the opinion of the Board such payment would embarrass the Company.

18.7 Dividends on Shares not fully paid up to be paid pro rata

Subject to the rights of persons, if any, entitled to Shares with special rights as to dividends, all dividends on Shares not fully paid up shall be authorised and paid in proportion to the amount paid to the Company in satisfaction of the liability of the Shareholder to the Company in respect of the Shares either under this Constitution of the Company or pursuant to the terms of issue of the Shares. No amount paid or credited as paid on a Share in advance of calls shall be treated for these purposes as paid on the Share. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid or credited as paid on the Shares

during any 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.

## **19 ISSUE OF STATEMENT OF RIGHTS TO SHAREHOLDER**

The Company shall issue to any Shareholder on request, a statement of rights in accordance with Section 84 of the Act.

## **20 EXERCISE OF POWERS RESERVED TO SHAREHOLDERS**

### **20.1 Powers reserved to Shareholders**

20.1.1 Powers reserved to Shareholders of the Company by the Act or by this Constitution may be exercised:

- (a) at a General Meeting; or
- (b) by a Unanimous Resolution.

20.1.2 Unless otherwise specified in the Act, this Constitution or any subsequent agreement between the Shareholders, a power reserved to Shareholders may be exercised by an Ordinary Resolution.

### **20.2 Special Resolutions**

When Shareholders exercise a power to approve any of the items set out in Section 105(1) of the Act, that power may only be exercised by a Special Resolution. Any decision made by Special Resolution pursuant to this Article may be rescinded only by a Special Resolution, provided that a resolution to put the Company into liquidation cannot be rescinded.

### **20.3 Management review by Shareholders**

Resolutions of shareholders which make recommendations to the Board on matters affecting the management of the Company as provided for by Section 107(2) of the Act are binding on the Board only if carried as Special Resolutions.

## **21 GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **21.1 Annual Meetings**

21.1.1 The Board shall call an Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held:

- (a) not more than once in each year;
- (b) not later than six (6) months after the Balance Sheet Date of the Company; and
- (c) not later than fifteen (15) months after the previous Annual Meeting.

21.1.2 The Company shall hold its first Annual Meeting within eighteen (18) months of its incorporation.

21.1.3 The business to be transacted at an Annual Meeting shall, unless already dealt with by the Company, include:

- (a) the consideration and approval of the financial statements;
- (b) the receiving of any auditor's report;
- (c) the consideration of the annual report;
- (d) the appointment of any Directors including those whose annual appointment is required by the Act;
- (e) the appointment of any auditor pursuant to Section 195 of The Act; and
- (f) the remuneration of any Director and of the auditor.

## 21.2 Special Meetings

A Special Meeting may be called at any time by the Board and shall be so called on the written request of Shareholders holding Shares carrying together not less than five (5) per cent of the voting rights entitled to be exercised on the issue.

## 21.3 Proceedings at meetings of Shareholders

The provisions specified in the Fifth Schedule to the Act shall govern the proceedings at meetings of Shareholders of the Company, save and except as modified and/or added hereinafter:

- (a) Copies of, and extracts from, minutes of meetings may be certified correct and delivered by the secretary;
- (b) In case of Shares conferring the right to vote burdened with an usufruct, the bare owner thereof shall be the only person entitled to vote;
- (c) No proxy shall be effective in relation to a General Meeting unless a copy of the notice of appointment is produced not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the General Meeting;
- (d) The legal administrator or guardian of a minor, as well as the guardian of a lunatic Shareholder or of an interdicted Shareholder and all other legal representatives of a Shareholder holding Shares conferring the right to vote and who according to applicable laws is not entitled to act personally may vote at any General Meeting either personally or by proxy in respect of the Share or Shares belonging to the minor or to the lunatic or interdicted Shareholder or other incapacitated Shareholder he represents as aforesaid in the same manner as if he were the registered holder of the Share or Shares provided that forty-eight (48) hours at least before the time of holding the General Meeting at which he proposes to vote, he shall have satisfied the Board that he is such legal administrator or guardian or legal representative or that the Board has previously admitted his right to vote in respect of those Shares;
- (e) The right to vote at a General Meeting by casting a postal vote is hereby prohibited.

## **22 APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

### **22.1 Number of Directors**

The Board shall consist of a maximum number of 7 Directors, and a minimum of 2.

### **22.2 First Directors**

The first Directors shall be the persons named as the Directors in the application for incorporation of the Company.

### **22.3 Appointment of Directors by notice**

22.3.1 Subject to Articles 22.2, 22.4 and 22.5, the Directors shall be the persons appointed from time to time as Directors by a notice in writing signed by the holders of the majority of the ordinary Shares and who have not resigned or been removed or disqualified from office under this Constitution.

22.3.2 A notice given under Article 22.3.1 shall take effect upon receipt of it at the registered office of the Company (including the receipt of a facsimile copy) unless the notice specifies a later time at which the notice will take effect. The notice may comprise one or more similar documents separately signed by the Shareholders giving the notice.

22.3.3 A Director shall hold office until his resignation, disqualification or removal in accordance with this Constitution.

### **22.4 Appointment of Directors by resolution**

22.4.1 In addition to the appointment of Directors under Articles 22.2 and 22.5, a Director may be appointed by an Ordinary Resolution.

22.4.2 A resolution to appoint two or more Directors may be voted on one resolution without each appointment being voted individually.

### **22.5 Directors may fill up Casual Vacancy**

22.5.1 Notwithstanding Articles 22.2, 22.3 and 22.4, the Directors shall 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 addition to the existing Directors but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with this Constitution. The Director appointed to fill up the vacancy shall hold office only until the next following annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

22.5.2 The continuing Directors shall act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Board. If their number is reduced below the number fixed by, or pursuant to, this Constitution as the minimum number of Directors, the continuing Directors will act only for the purpose of summoning a General Meeting of the Company.

### **22.6 Disqualification and removal of Directors**

A person will be disqualified from holding the office of Director if he:

- (a) is removed by Ordinary Resolution passed at a General Meeting called for that purpose;



- (b) resigns in writing and is not reappointed in accordance with this Constitution;
- (c) becomes disqualified from being a Director pursuant to Section 133 of the Act; or
- (d) dies.

#### 22.7 Shareholding qualification

A Director shall not be required to hold Shares.

#### 22.8 Alternate Directors

- 22.8.1 Every Director may, by notice given in writing to the Company, appoint any person (including any other Director) to act as an Alternate Director in the Director's place, either generally, or in respect of a specified meeting or meetings at which the Director is not present.
- 22.8.2 The appointing Director may, at his discretion, by notice in writing to the Company, remove his Alternate Director.
- 22.8.3 An Alternate Director may, while acting in the place of the appointing Director, represent, exercise and discharge all the powers, rights, duties and privileges (but not including the right of acting as Chairperson) of the appointing Director. The Alternate Director shall be subject, in all respects, to the same terms and provisions as those regarding the appointment of his appointing Director, except as regards remuneration and the power to appoint an Alternate Director under this Constitution.
- 22.8.4 A Director who is also an Alternate Director shall be entitled, in addition to his own vote, to a separate vote on behalf of the Director he is representing.
- 22.8.5 An Alternate Director's shall lapse upon his appointing Director ceasing to be a Director.
- 22.8.6 The notice of appointment of an Alternate Director shall include an address for service of notice of meetings of the Board. Failure to give an address will not invalidate the appointment, but notice of meetings of the Board need not be given to the Alternate Director until an address is provided to the Company.
- 22.8.7 An Alternate Director shall not be the agent of his appointor, and shall exercise his duties as a Director independently of his appointor.

### **23 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

#### 23.1 Powers of the Board

- 23.1.1 Subject to any restrictions in the Act or this Constitution, the business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by or under the direction or supervision of the Board.
- 23.1.2 The Board shall have all the powers necessary for managing and for directing and supervising the management of the business and affairs of the Company except to the extent that this Constitution or the Act expressly requires those powers to be exercised by the Shareholders or any other person.
- 23.1.3 The Board shall moreover have all the powers of the Company as expressed in Section 27 of the Act and Article 8 of this Constitution, including, but not limited to, the power to purchase

and sell property, to borrow money and to mortgage, pledge or create charges on its assets and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability, or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

### 23.2 Delegation by Board

There are no restrictions on the ability of the Board to delegate its powers other than those set out in the Seventh Schedule to the Act.

### 23.3 Directors to act in good faith and in best interests of Company

The Directors of the Company shall carry out their duties in accordance with Section 143 of the Act.

## **24 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD**

The provisions specified in the Eight Schedule to the Act shall govern the proceedings of the Board of the Company, save and except as modified and/or added hereinafter:

- (a) Unless otherwise specified by a resolution of the Board, the quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be two Directors.
- (b) If within fifteen (15) minutes past the time appointed for any meeting of Board, the quorum is not present, such meeting shall stand adjourned to the next day at the same time and place provided such day is a working day and otherwise to the next following working day; if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, the Directors present not being less than two (2) shall form a quorum and may transact the business standing to the order of the day.
- (c) A resolution of the Board shall be passed if it is agreed to by a majority of the Directors present.

## **25 REMUNERATION AND OTHER INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS**

### 25.1 Authority to remunerate Directors

25.1.1 The Shareholders by Ordinary Resolution, or the Board if it is satisfied that to do so is fair to the Company, shall approve:

- (a) the payment of remuneration (or the provision of other benefits) by the Company to a Director for his services as a Director, or the payment of compensation for loss of office; and
- (b) the making of loans and the giving of guarantees by the Company to a Director in accordance with Section 159 (6) of the Act.

25.1.2 The Board shall ensure that, forthwith after authorising any payment under Article 25.1.1(a) particulars of such payment are entered in the Interests Register, where there is one.

25.1.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, the Shareholders of the Company may, by Unanimous Resolution or by Unanimous Shareholder's Agreement, approve any payment, provision, benefit, assistance or other distribution referred to in Section 159 of the Act

provided that there are reasonable grounds to believe that, after the distribution, the Company is likely to satisfy the Solvency Test.

## 25.2 Other offices with Company held by Director

25.2.1 Any Director may act by himself, or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company; and the Director or the Director's firm will be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if the Director were not a Director. Nothing in this Article shall authorise a Director or a Director's firm to act as auditor for the Company.

25.2.2 A Director may hold any other office in the Company (other than the office of auditor), for such period and on such terms (as to remuneration and otherwise) as the Board shall determine.

25.2.3 Other than as provided in Article 25.3 a Director shall not be disqualified by virtue of his office from entering into any transaction with the Company. Any such transaction will be valid and enforceable to the same extent as if he was not a Director and not in a fiduciary relationship with the Company. No such Director shall be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by the transaction by reason of the Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established.

## 25.3 Notice of interest to be given

25.3.1 A Director shall, forthwith after becoming aware of the fact that he is interested in a transaction or proposed transaction with the Company, cause to be entered in the Interests Register and where the Company has more than one Director, disclose to the Board of the Company:

- (a) where the monetary value of the Director's interest is able to be quantified, the nature and monetary value of that interest; or
- (b) where the monetary value of the Director's interest cannot be quantified, the nature and extent of that interest.

25.3.2 A Director shall not be required to comply with Article 25.3.1(a) where:

- (a) the transaction or proposed transaction is between the Director and the Company; and
- (b) the transaction or proposed transaction is or is to be entered into the ordinary course of the Company's business and on usual terms and conditions.

25.3.3 For the purposes of Article 25.3.1(a), a general notice entered in the Interests Register, where there is one, or disclosed to the Board to the effect that a Director is a Shareholder, Director, officer or trustee of another company or other person and is to be regarded as interested in any transaction which may, after the date of the entry or disclosure, be entered into with that Company or person, is a sufficient disclosure of interest in relation to that transaction.

25.3.4 A Director who, within the meaning of Section 147 of the Act, is interested in a transaction entered into, or to be entered into, by the Company, shall: (i) not vote on any matter relating to the transaction, and if he does vote, his vote shall not be counted; (ii) not attend a

meeting of Directors at which a matter relating to the transaction arises; (iii) not sign a document relating to the transaction on behalf of the Company; (iv) not be entitled to receive or take cognizance of any board papers or other documents relating to the transaction; and (v) not do any other thing in his capacity as a director in relation to the transaction.

25.3.5 A failure by a Director to comply with Article 25.3.1(a) shall not affect the validity of a transaction entered into by the Company or the Director.

## **26 INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

### **26.1 Indemnity of Directors and employees**

26.1.1 The Board shall cause the Company to indemnify a Director or employee of the Company or a related company for costs incurred by him in any proceedings:

- (a) that relates to liability for any act or omission in his or her capacity as a Director or employee; and
- (b) in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or which is discontinued.

26.1.2 The Board shall cause the Company to indemnify a Director or an employee of the Company or a related company in respect of:

- (a) liability to any person other than the Company or a related company for any act or omission in his capacity as a Director or employee; or
- (b) costs incurred by the Director or employee in defending or settling any claim or proceedings relating to any liability under Article 26.1.2(a) above; not being criminal liability or liability for the breach of Section 143(1)(c) of the Act.

### **26.2 Insurance of Directors and employees**

26.2.1 The Board may cause the Company to effect insurance for Directors and employees of the Company or a related company in respect of:

- (a) liability not being criminal liability for any act or omission in his capacity as a Director or employee; or
- (b) costs incurred by such Directors or employees in defending or settling any claim or proceedings relating to any such liability; or
- (c) costs incurred by a Director or employee in defending any criminal proceedings that have been brought against the Director or employee in relation to any act or omission in that person's capacity as Director or employee, in which he is acquitted or in relation to which a *nolle prosequi* is entered.

26.2.2 The Directors who vote in favour of a decision to effect insurance under Article 26.2.1(a) shall sign a certificate stating that, in their opinion, the cost of effecting the insurance is fair to the Company.

26.2.3 The Board shall ensure that particulars of any indemnity given to, or insurance effected for, any Director or employee of the Company or related Company are forthwith entered in the Interests Register, where there is one.

### 26.3 Definitions

For the purpose of this Article 26, "Director" includes a former Director and "employee" includes a former employee.

## 27 **SECRETARY**

The Board shall appoint one or more secretaries in accordance with Sections 163 and 164 of the Act, for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and any secretary so appointed may be removed by it. The Board may, during any period that the office of secretary is vacant, authorise any officer of the Company to carry out all or any of the duties of secretary.

## 28 **WINDING UP**

### 28.1 Distribution of surplus assets

Subject to the terms of issue of any Shares, upon the liquidation of the Company, any assets of the Company remaining after payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company and the costs of liquidation shall be distributed among the holders of Shares in proportion to their shareholding, provided however that a holder of Shares not fully paid up shall receive only a proportionate share of his entitlement being an amount which is in proportion to the amount paid to the Company in satisfaction of the liability of the Shareholder to the Company in respect of the Shares.

### 28.2 Division in kind

28.2.1 When assets are distributed, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a Special Resolution, divide in kind amongst the Shareholders the assets of the Company, whether they consist of property of the same kind or not, and may for that purpose set such value as he shall deem fair upon any property to be divided and may determine how the division shall be carried out as between the Shareholders or different Classes of Shareholders.

28.2.2 The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest any such assets in such persons for the benefit of contributories as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no Shareholder shall be compelled to accept any Share or other security on which there is a liability.

## 29 **REMOVAL FROM THE MAURITIUS REGISTER**

In the event that:

- (a) The Company has ceased to carry on business, has discharged in full its liabilities to all its known creditors, and has distributed its surplus assets in accordance with this constitution and The Act; or

- (b) The Company has no surplus assets after paying its debts in full or in part, and no creditor has applied to the Court under Section 312 of The Act for an order putting the Company into liquidation;
- (c) The Board may in the prescribed form request the Registrar to remove the Company from the Register.

### **30 COMMON SEAL, AUTHENTICATION OF DEEDS AND DOCUMENTS**

- 30.1 The Company shall have a seal which shall be deposited at the office of the Company and shall be affixed to any document only by the authority of a resolution of the Board or of a committee of directors, authorised by the Board on that behalf. Every instrument to which the seal of the Company is so affixed shall be signed either by two directors or by one Director and by the secretary or by such persons as the Board may appoint from time to time. Every instrument to which the seal of the Company is so affixed and which is so signed shall be binding on the Company.
- 30.2 All instruments, deeds, acts and documents executed on behalf of the Company may be in such form and contain such powers, provisos, conditions, covenants, articles and agreements as the Board shall think fit, and shall be signed either by two Directors or by one Director and one of the secretaries or by such other person or persons as the Board may from time to time appoint.
- 30.3 All bills of exchange, promissory notes or other negotiable instruments shall be accepted, made, drawn or endorsed for and on behalf of the Company and all cheques or orders for payment shall be signed either by two Directors or by one Director and one of the secretaries or by such other person or persons as the Board may from time to time appoint.
- 30.4 Cheques or other negotiable instruments paid to the Company's bankers for collection and requiring the endorsement of the Company, shall be endorsed on its behalf by one of the Directors or by one of the secretaries or by such other officer as the Board may from time to time appoint.
- 30.5 All moneys belonging to the Company shall be paid to such bankers as the Directors shall from time to time appoint and all receipts for money paid to the Company shall be signed by one of the Directors or by one of the secretaries or by such other officer as the Board may from time to time appoint and such receipt shall be an effectual discharge for the money therein stated to be received.

### **31 ACCOUNTS**

The Board shall cause proper accounting and other records to be kept as required by the Act, and shall make available such accounting and other records for inspection in accordance with Sections 225 to 228 of the Act.

### **32 AUDIT**

Auditors shall be appointed and removed and their duties and remuneration regulated in accordance with Sections 195 to 209 of the Act.

### **33 SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS**

The service of documents on or by the Company shall be regulated in accordance with Sections 323 to 328 of the Act.

