# CONSTITUTION

# **BIR FINANCIAL LIMITED**

(ACN: 074 009 091)

[Formerly named "BIRRABONG CORPORATION LIMITED"]

# **CONTENTS**

1.	DEFINITIONS	0
2.	SECURITIES	2
2A.	REDUCTION OF CAPITAL	3
3.	CALLS	4
4.	FORFEITURE AND LIEN	5
5.	PAYMENTS BY THE COMPANY	7
6.	TRANSFER OF SECURITIES	8
7.	TRANSMISSION OF SECURITIES	10
8.	MINIMUM SHAREHOLDING	10
9.	GENERALMEETINGS	12
10.	PROCEEDINGS ATGENERAL MEETINGS	14
11.	THE DIRECTORS	19
12.	POWERS OF THE BOARD	22
13.	PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS	23
14.	MANAGING DIRECTOR	25
15.	DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES	25
16.	CAPITALISATION	28
17.	NOTICES	29
18.	WINDING-UP	29
19.	INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE	30
20.	CONSISTENCY WITH LISTING RULES	31
21.	PROPORTIONAL TAKEOVER PLEBISCITES	32
22.	INSPECTION OF RECORDS	33
23.	RESTRICTED SECURITIES	33

# Corporations Act 2001 Public Company Limited by Shares

# CONSTITUTION

# BIR FINANCIAL LIMITED ACN 074 009 091

#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

#### 1.1 General definitions

In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Corporations Act 2001;

**ASX** means ASX Limited or Australian Securities Exchange as the context requires;

**Board** means the Directors for the time being of the Company;

Business Day means a day which is a business day for the purposes of the Listing Rules;

**call** includes any instalment of a call and any amount due on allotment of any share;

**Chairman** and **Deputy Chairman** means the persons elected by the Board to the office of Chairman and Deputy Chairman from time to time in accordance with rule 13.9 or as otherwise elected in accordance with rule 10.4;

**Company** means BIR Financial Limited (ACN 074 009 091), as that name may be changed from time to time.

**Constitution** means this Constitution as altered or added to from time to time;

**Corporations Regulations** means the Corporations Regulations 2001;

CS Facility has the same meaning as prescribed "clearing and settlement facility" in the Act;

CS Facility Operator means the operator of the CS Facility;

**Director** means a person appointed or elected from time to time to the office of director of the Company in accordance with this Constitution and includes any alternate Director duly acting as a Director;

Escrow Period has the meaning as prescribed in the Listing Rules;

**Executive Director** means a Director appointed in accordance with rule 14.1 to an office of, or otherwise employed by, the Company;

**Listing Rules** means the Listing Rules of ASX and any other rules of ASX which are applicable while the Company is admitted to the Official List of ASX, each as amended or replaced from time to time, except to the extent of any written waiver by ASX;

**Managing Director** means a Director appointed as a managing director of the Company in accordance with rule 14.1;

**Member** means a person registered in the Register as the holder of one or more shares and includes any person who is a member of the Company in accordance with or for the purposes of the Act:

**Members present** means Members present at a general meeting of the Company in person or by duly appointed Representative, proxy or attorney;

Official List means the official list of entities that ASX has admitted and not removed;

**Operating Rules** means the operating rules of a CS Facility regulating the settlement, clearing and registration of uncertified shares as amended, varied or waived (whether in respect of the Company or generally) from time to time;

**Prescribed Rate** means the rate of 12% per annum or such other rate as may from time to time be fixed by the Directors;

**Register** means the register of members kept by the Company in accordance with section 169 of the Act;

**Registered Office** means the registered office of the Company;

**Related Body Corporate** means a body corporate which by virtue of the provisions of section 50 of the Act is deemed to be related to the Company and 'related' has a corresponding meaning;

**Representative** means a person authorised to act as a representative of a corporation under section 250D of the Act:

**Restricted Securities** has the same meaning as prescribed in the Listing Rules;

**Restriction Agreement** means a restriction agreement within the meaning and for the purposes of the Listing Rules;

**Seal** means the common seal of the Company (if any);

Secretary means any person appointed to perform the duties of a secretary of the Company;

**shares** means shares in the capital of the Company.

#### 1.2 Corporations Act 2001 definitions

Unless otherwise defined in rule 1.1 or unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) any word or expression defined in or for the purposes of the Act has the same meaning when used in this Constitution; and
- (b) the rules of interpretation specified in or otherwise applicable to the Act apply in the interpretation of this Constitution.

## 1.3 Application of Listing Rules

A reference to the Listing Rules or the Operating Rules is to have effect if, and only if, at the relevant time, the Company is admitted to the Official List but is otherwise to be disregarded.

# 1.4 Listing Rules Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, any word or expression defined in or for the purposes of the Listing Rules or the Operating Rules has the same meaning when used in this Constitution.

# 1.5 Headings

Headings are inserted in this Constitution for convenience only, and do not affect the interpretation of this Constitution.

#### 1.6 Reference

Reference to a statute, ordinance, code, rule or other law includes regulations and other instructions under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of it.

# 1.7 Replaceable rules

The replaceable rules in the Act do not apply to the Company.

#### 2. SECURITIES

## 2.1 Issue of securities

Without affecting any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares, the Company may issue shares or any other securities with preferred, deferred or other special rights, obligations or restrictions, whether in regard to dividends, voting, return of capital, payment of calls, rights of conversion or otherwise, as and when the Board may determine and on any other terms the Board considers appropriate.

#### 2.2 Joint holders of shares

Where two or more persons are registered as the holders of a share they hold it as joint tenants with rights of survivorship subject to the following provisions:

- (a) they and their respective legal personal representatives are liable severally as well as jointly for all payments, including calls, which ought to be made in respect of the share;
- (b) subject to rule 2.3(a), on the death of any one of them the survivor or survivors are the only person or persons the Company will recognise as having any title to the share;
- (c) any one of them may give effectual receipts for any dividend, interest or other distribution or payment in respect of the share;
- (d) except where otherwise required under the Operating Rules, the Company is not bound to register more than three persons as joint holders of the share.

#### 2.3 Equitable and other claims

- (a) Except as otherwise required by law or provided by this Constitution, the Company is entitled to treat the registered holder of a share as the absolute owner of that share and is not:
  - (i) compelled in any way to recognise a person as holding a share upon any trust, even if the Company has notice of that trust; or
  - (ii) compelled in any way to recognise, or bound by, any equitable, contingent,

future or partial claim to or interest in a share on the part of any other person except an absolute right of ownership in the registered holder, even if the Company has notice of that claim or interest.

- (b) With the consent of the Directors, shares held by a trustee may be marked in the Register in such a way as to identify them as being held subject to the relevant trust.
- (c) Nothing in rule 2.3(b) limits the operation of rule 2.3(a).

#### 2.4 Certificates

The Board may determine to issue certificates for shares or other securities of the Company, to cancel any certificates on issue and to replace lost, destroyed or defaced certificates on issue on the basis and in the form it thinks fit.

## 2.5 Computerised share transfer system

Without limiting rule 2.4, if the Company participates, or to enable the Company to participate, in any computerised or electronic share transfer system introduced by or acceptable to the ASX, the Board may:

- (a) provide that shares may be held in certificated or uncertificated form and make any provision it thinks fit, including for the issue or cancellation of certificates, to enable Members to hold shares in uncertificated form and to convert between certificated and uncertificated holdings;
- (b) provide that some or all Members are not to be entitled to receive a share certificate in respect of some or all of the shares which the Members hold in the Company;
- (c) accept any instrument of transfer, transfer document or other method of transfer in accordance with the requirements of the share transfer system; and
- (d) despite any other provision in this Constitution, do all things it considers necessary, required or authorised by the Act, the Listing Rules or the Operating Rules in connection with the share transfer system.

## 2A. REDUCTION OF CAPITAL

#### 2A.1 Reduction of capital

The Company may, subject to the Act, reduce its share capital in any way including, but not limited to, distributing securities of any other body corporate to Members and for the Members to be bound by the constitution of that body corporate.

#### 2A.2 Distributing securities

Without limiting rule 2A.3, if the Company reduces its share capital under rule 2A.1 by distributing paid up shares or other securities in a body corporate, whether by issue or transfer, then:

- (a) the Members are deemed to have agreed to become members of that body corporate and to be bound by the constitution of that body corporate; and
- (b) each Member appoints each Director as its agent to execute any transfer of shares or other securities, or any other document required to give effect to the distribution of shares or other securities to that Member.

# 2A.3 Directors may resolve

- (a) If a difficulty arises in regard to a distribution of specific assets under rule 2A.1, the Directors may:
  - (i) settle the matter as they consider expedient;
  - (ii) fix the value for distribution of the specific assets or any part of those assets;
  - (iii) determine that cash payments will be made to, or at the direction of, any Members on the basis of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties; and
  - (iv) vest any such specific assets in trustees as the Directors consider expedient.
- (b) If a distribution of specific assets to, or at the direction of, a particular Member or Members is illegal or, in the Directors' opinion, impracticable the Directors may make a cash payment to the Member or Members on the basis of the cash amount of the reduction in share capital instead of the distribution of specific assets.

## 3. CALLS

#### 3.1 Power to make calls

Subject to the terms upon which any shares may have been issued, the Board may make calls from time to time upon the Members in respect of all money unpaid on their shares. Each Member must pay the amount of each call in the manner, at the time and at the place specified by the Board. Calls may be made payable by instalments.

## 3.2 Obligation for calls

The Company may make arrangements on the issue of shares for a difference between the holders of those shares in the amount of calls to be paid and the time of payment of the calls.

#### 3.3 When a call is made

A call is deemed to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising the call was passed. The call may be revoked or postponed at the discretion of the Board at any time prior to the date on which payment in respect of the call is due.

# 3.4 Interest on the late payment of calls

If any sum payable in respect of a call is not paid on or before the date for payment, the Member from whom the sum is due must pay interest at the Prescribed Rate on the unpaid amount from the due date to the date of payment. The Board may waive the whole or part of any interest paid or payable under this rule.

#### 3.5 Instalments

If, by the terms of an issue of shares, any amount is payable in respect of any shares by instalments, every instalment is payable as if it is a call duly made by the Board of which due notice had been given, and all provisions of this Constitution with respect to the payment of calls and of interest or to the forfeiture of shares for non-payment of calls or with respect to liens or charges apply to the instalment and to the shares in respect of which it is payable.

#### 3.6 Payments in advance of calls

If the Board thinks fit, it may receive from any Member all or any part of the money unpaid on all or any part of the shares held by that Member beyond the amount actually called up and then due and payable either as a loan repayable or as a payment in advance of calls. The Company may pay interest on the money advanced at the rate and on the terms agreed by the Board and the Member paying the money in advance.

## 3.7 Non receipt of notice of any call

The non-receipt of a notice of any call by, or the accidental omission to give notice of any call to, any Member does not invalidate the call.

# 3.8 Proceedings for recovery of calls

In an action or other proceedings for the recovery of a call, or interest or costs or expenses incurred in relation to the non-payment or late payment of a call, proof that:

- (a) the name of the defendant is entered in the Register as the holder or one of the holders of the share in respect of which the call is claimed;
- (b) the resolution making the call is recorded in the minute book; and
- (c) notice of the call was given to the defendant in accordance with this Constitution,

is conclusive evidence of the debt and it is not necessary to prove the appointment of the Directors who made the call or any other matter.

# 4. FORFEITURE AND LIEN

## 4.1 Failure to pay money

If a Member fails to pay any money payable on or in respect of any shares, either for allotment money, calls or instalments, on or before the day for payment, the Board may, at any time after the day specified for payment whilst any part of the money remains unpaid, serve a notice on the Member requiring that Member to pay the money together with interest accrued and all expenses incurred by the Company by reason of the non-payment.

#### 4.2 Time and place for payment

The notice referred to in rule 4.1 must name a day on or before which the money, interest and expenses (if any) are to be paid and the place where payment is to be made. The notice must also state that, in the event of non-payment at or before the time and at the place specified, the shares in respect of which the money is payable will be liable to be forfeited.

# 4.3 Forfeiture on non-compliance with notice

If there is non-compliance with the requirements of any notice given under rule 4.1, any shares in respect of which notice has been given may, at any time after the day specified in the notice for payment whilst any part of allotment money, calls, instalments, interest and expenses (if any) remains unpaid, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board. The forfeiture includes all dividends, interest and other money payable by the Company in respect of the forfeited shares and not actually paid before the forfeiture.

#### 4.4 Notice of forfeiture

When any share is forfeited, notice of the resolution of the Board must be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture and the date of forfeiture must be made in the Register. Failure to give notice or make an entry as required by this rule does not invalidate the forfeiture.

## 4.5 Disposal of forfeited shares

Any forfeited share is deemed to be the property of the Company and the Board may sell or otherwise dispose or deal with the share in any manner it thinks fit and with or without any money paid on the share by any former holder being credited as paid up.

#### 4.6 Annulment of forfeiture

The Board may, at any time before any forfeited share is sold or otherwise disposed of, annul the forfeiture of the share upon any condition it thinks fit.

## 4.7 Liability despite forfeiture

Any Member whose shares have been forfeited is, despite the forfeiture, liable to pay and must immediately pay to the Company all money, interest and expenses owing upon or in respect of the forfeited shares at the time of forfeiture, together with expenses and interest from that time until payment at the Prescribed Rate. The Board may enforce the payment or waive the whole or any part of the money paid or payable under this rule as it thinks fit.

## 4.8 Company's lien or charge

The Company has a first and paramount lien or charge for unpaid calls, instalments, interest due in relation to any calls or instalments and any amounts the Company is called upon by law to pay in respect of the shares of a Member upon shares registered in the name the Member in respect of which the calls, instalments and interest are due and unpaid (whether presently payable or not) or in respect of which the amounts are paid and upon the proceeds of sale of the shares. The lien or charge extends to all dividends and bonuses from time to time declared in respect of the shares. If the Company registers a transfer of any shares upon which it has a lien or charge without giving the transferee notice of any claim it may have at that time, the shares are freed and discharged from the lien or charge of the Company in respect of that claim.

#### 4.9 Sale of shares to enforce lien

For the purpose of enforcing a lien or charge, the Board may sell the shares which are subject to the lien or charge in any manner it thinks fit and with or without giving any notice to the Member in whose name the shares are registered.

#### 4.10 Title of shares forfeited or sold to enforce lien

The following provisions apply in connection with a sale or re-allotment of shares that have been forfeited or sold to enforce a lien or charge.

(a) In a sale or a re-allotment of forfeited shares or in the sale of shares to enforce a lien or charge, an entry in the Board's minute book that the shares have been forfeited, sold or re-allotted in accordance with this Constitution is sufficient evidence of that fact as against all persons entitled to the shares immediately before the forfeiture, sale or re-allotment of the shares. The Company may receive the purchase money or consideration (if any) given for the shares on any sale or re-allotment.

- (b) In a re-allotment, a certificate signed by a Director or the Secretary to the effect that the shares have been forfeited and the receipt of the Company for the price of the shares constitutes a good title to them.
- (c) In a sale, the Company may appoint a person to execute, or may otherwise effect, a transfer in favour of the person to whom the shares are sold.
- (d) Upon the issue of the receipt or the transfer being executed or otherwise effected the person to whom the shares have been re-allotted or sold must be registered as the holder of the shares and is discharged from all calls or other money due in respect of the shares prior to the re-allotment or purchase. The person is not bound to see to the regularity of the proceedings or to the application of the purchase money or consideration. The person's title to the shares is not affected by any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings relating to the forfeiture, sale or re-allotment.
- (e) The net proceeds of any sale or re-allotment must be applied first in payment of all costs of or in relation to the enforcement of the lien or charge or the forfeiture (as the case may be) and of the sale or re-allotment, next in satisfaction of the amount in respect of which the lien exists as is then payable to the Company (including interest) and the residue (if any) paid to, or at the direction of, the person registered as the holder of the shares immediately prior to the sale or re-allotment or to the person's personal representative or assign upon the production of any evidence as to title required by the Board.

# 5. PAYMENTS BY THE COMPANY

## 5.1 Payments by the Company

If any law of any place imposes or purports to impose any immediate or future or possible liability on the Company to make any payment or empowers any government or taxing authority or government official to require the Company to make any payment in respect of any securities held either jointly or solely by any holder or in respect of any transfer of those securities or in respect of any interest, dividends, bonuses or other money due or payable or accruing due or which may become due or payable to the holder by the Company on or in respect of any securities or for or on account or in respect of any holder of securities, whether in consequence of:

- (a) the death of the holder:
- (b) the non-payment of any income tax or other tax by the holder;
- (c) the non-payment of any estate, probate, succession, death, stamp or other duty by the holder or the holder's personal representative or by or out of the holder's estate;
- (d) any assessment of income tax against the Company in respect of interest or dividends paid or payable to the holder; or
- (e) any other act or thing,

the Company in each case:

(f) must be and is fully indemnified from all liability by the holder or the holder's personal representative and by any person who becomes registered as the holder of the securities on the distribution of the deceased holder's estate;

- (g) has a lien or charge upon the securities for all money paid by the Company in respect of the securities under or in consequence of any law;
- (h) has a lien upon all dividends, bonuses and other money payable in respect of the securities registered in the Register as held either jointly or solely by the holder for all money paid by the Company in respect of the securities under or in consequence of any law, together with interest at the Prescribed Rate from the date of payment to the date of repayment, and may deduct or set off against any dividend, bonus or other money payable any money paid by the Company together with interest;
- (i) may recover as a debt due from the holder or the holder's personal representative or any person who becomes registered as the holder of the securities on the distribution of the deceased holder's estate, any money paid by the Company under or in consequence of any law which exceeds any dividend, bonus or other money then due or payable by the Company to the holder together with interest at the Prescribed Rate from the date of payment to the date of repayment;
- (j) except in the case of a transfer under a CS Facility, may, if any money is paid by the Company under any law, refuse to register a transfer of any securities by the holder or the holder's personal representative until the money and interest is set off or deducted or, in case the money and interest exceeds the amount of any dividend, bonus or other money then due or payable by the Company to the holder, until the excess is paid to the Company.

#### 5.2 Rights not prejudiced

Nothing in this rule 5 prejudices or affects any right or remedy which any law confers on the Company. As between the Company, each holder and that holder's personal representative any right or remedy which the law confers on the Company is enforceable by the Company.

## 6. TRANSFER OF SECURITIES

#### 6.1 Forms of instrument of transfer

- (a) Subject to rule 6.1(b), this Constitution and the Listing Rules, a share in the Company is transferable:
  - (i) as provided by the Operating Rules of a CS Facility if applicable; or
  - (ii) by any other method of transfer which is required or permitted by the Act and Listing Rules.
- (b) Notwithstanding rule 6.1(a), while the Company is not admitted to the Official List of the ASX, subject to rule 6.1(c), a share in the Company is only transferrable with the prior written approval of the Board.
- (c) The Board may resolve at any time that the restriction on transferability of shares in the Company under rule 6.1(b) will no longer apply.

#### 6.2 Execution and delivery of transfer

If a duly completed instrument of transfer:

(a) is used to transfer a share in accordance with rule 6.1(a)(ii); and

(b) is left for registration at the share registry of the Company, accompanied by any information that the Directors properly require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer,

the Company must, subject to the powers vested in the Directors by this Constitution, register the transferee as the holder of the share.

#### 6.3 Effect of registration

Except as provided by any applicable Operating Rules of a CS Facility, a transferor of a share remains the holder of the share transferred until the transfer is registered and the name of the transferee is entered in the Register in respect of the share.

#### 6.4 Company to register forms without charge

The Company must register all registrable transfer forms, split certificates, renunciations and transfers, issue certificates and transmission receipts and mark or note transfer forms without imposing a charge except where a charge is permitted by the Listing Rules.

## 6.5 Power to refuse to register

If permitted by the Listing Rules, the Directors may:

- (a) request any applicable CS Facility Operator to apply a holding lock to prevent a transfer of shares in the Company from being registered on the CS Facility's sub register; or
- (b) refuse to register a transfer of shares in the Company to which rule 6.5(a) does not apply.

## 6.6 Obligation to refuse to register

The Directors must:

- (a) request any applicable CS Facility Operator to apply a holding lock to prevent transfer of shares in the Company from being registered on the CS Facility's sub register; or
- (b) refuse to register any transfer of shares in the Company to which rule 6.6 (a) does not apply,

if:

- (c) the Listing Rules require the Company to do so; or
- (d) the transfer is in breach of the Listing Rules or a Restriction Agreement.

#### 6.7 Written notice to security holder

If in the exercise of their rights under rules 6.5 and 6.6 the Directors request application of a holding lock to prevent a transfer of shares in the Company or refuse to register a transfer of shares they must give written notice of the request or refusal to the holder of the shares, the transferee and any broker lodging the transfer. Failure to give notice does not invalidate the decision of the Directors.

#### 6.8 Company to retain instrument of transfer

The Company must retain every instrument of transfer which is registered for the period required by any applicable law.

# 7. TRANSMISSION OF SECURITIES

# 7.1 Transmission upon death

The personal representative of a deceased Member (who is not one of several joint holders) is the only person recognised by the Company as having any title to securities registered in the name of the deceased Member. However, the Board may, subject to compliance by the transferee with this Constitution, register any transfer signed by a Member prior to the Member's death despite the Company having notice of the Member's death.

#### 7.2 Transmission by operation of law

A person (a **transmittee**) who establishes to the satisfaction of the Board that the right to any securities has devolved on the transmittee by will or by operation of law may be registered as a Member in respect of the securities or may (subject to the provisions in this Constitution relating to transfers) transfer the securities. However, the Board has the same right to refuse to register the transmittee as if the transmittee was the transferee named in an ordinary transfer presented for registration.

## 8. MINIMUM SHAREHOLDING

#### 8.1 Definitions

In this rule 8:

**Authorised Price** means the price per share equal to the weighted average of the last sale prices of the shares quoted on the ASX for each of the five Business Days immediately preceding the date of any offer received by the Company pursuant to rule 8.3;

**Date of Effect** means a date specified in a notice from the Company to a Minority Member referred to in rule 8.10 prior to which a Minority Member must notify the Company that the Minority Member wishes to retain the Minority Member's shares, being a date that is more than six weeks after the date on which the Minority Member receives or is deemed by this Constitution to receive the notice;

**Minimum Shareholding** means a number of shares equal to a "marketable parcel" of shares within the meaning of the Listing Rules;

**Minority Member** means a member holding less than the Minimum Shareholding on or at any time after the Date of Effect;

**Purchaser** means any person whose offer to purchase shares is accepted by the Company.

#### 8.2 Sale of shares of Minority Member

Subject to rules 8.10 and 8.11, on and from the Date of Effect, each Minority Member is deemed to have irrevocably appointed the Company as the Minority Member's agent:

- (a) to sell all the shares held by the Minority Member at a price not less than the Authorised Price and without any cost being incurred by the Minority Member; and
- (b) to deal with the proceeds of the sale of those shares in accordance with this rule 8.

#### 8.3 Acceptance of offer

Where the Company receives an offer for the purchase of all the shares of a Minority Member to

whom rule 8.2 applies at the date of the offer at a price not less than the Authorised Price, then the Company may accept the offer on behalf of the Minority Member.

## 8.4 Appointment of attorney

The Company may appoint a person to act as the attorney of a Minority Member to whom rule 8.2 applies to execute a transfer of the Minority Member's shares to the Purchaser.

#### 8.5 Proceeds of sale

- (a) The Company must receive the proceeds of the sale of the shares of a Minority Member to whom rule 8.2 applies and must:
  - (i) immediately cause the name of the Purchaser to be entered in the Register as the holder of the shares sold; and
  - (ii) within 10 Business Days of:
    - (A) if the shares are in a certificated holding receipt from the Minority Member of any certificate relating to the shares or evidence satisfactory to the Company that the certificate has been lost or destroyed; or
    - (B) otherwise the date the proceeds of sale are received by the Company,

cause the proceeds of sale to be sent to the Minority Member by cheque mailed to the address of the Minority Member in the Register (or in the case of joint holders, to the address of the holder whose name is shown first in the Register), such cheque to be made payable to the Minority Member (or, in the case of joint holders, to them jointly).

#### (b) If:

- (i) a Minority Member's whereabouts are unknown; or
- (ii) the shares are in a certificated holding and the Minority Member fails to furnish to the Company the certificate or evidence satisfactory to the Company that the certificate has been lost or destroyed,

the proceeds of sale must be applied in accordance with the applicable laws dealing with unclaimed money.

#### 8.6 Receipt of proceeds

The receipt by the Company of the proceeds of sale of shares of a Minority Member is a good discharge to the Purchaser of all liability in respect of the purchase of the shares.

#### 8.7 Registration of purchaser

Upon entry of the name of the Purchaser in the Register as the holder of the shares of a Minority Member to whom rule 8.2 applies:

- (a) the Purchaser is not bound to see to the regularity of the actions and proceedings of the Company pursuant to this rule 8 or to the application of the proceeds of sale; and
- (b) the validity of the sale may not be impeached by any person.

#### 8.8 Remedies limited

The remedy of any Minority Member to whom rule 8.2 applies in respect of the sale of the shares of the Minority Member is limited to a right of action in damages against the Company to the exclusion of any other right, remedy or relief against any other person.

## 8.9 Cost of sale of shares

The Company must bear all the costs of the sale of the shares of a Minority Member under this rule 8.

## 8.10 Exemption from rule 8.2

The Company must give written notice to a Minority Member requiring the Minority Member to dispose of the Minority Member's shares prior to the Date of Effect, failing which the Company intends to sell the Minority Member's shares under this rule 8 on and from the Date of Effect. If prior to the Date of Effect the Company receives written notice from the Minority Member that the Minority Member wishes to retain the Minority Member's shares, then rule 8.2 does not apply to the Minority Member and the Company must not sell the Minority Member's shares.

#### 8.11 Reinstatement of sale authorisation

Where a Minority Member has given written notice to the Company under rule 8.10 that the Minority Member wishes to retain the Minority Member's shares, the Minority Member may at any time revoke or withdraw that notice by notice in writing to the Company and rule 8.2 then applies to the Minority Member.

#### 8.12 Takeover announcement

This rule 8 ceases to have any effect following the announcement of a takeover in respect of shares in the Company. However, the procedures in this rule 8 may be started again after the close of the offers made under the takeover.

## 8.13 Use by Company of this rule

This rule 8 may be invoked by the Company only:

- (a) if the Company is admitted to the Official List; and
- (b) once in any 12 month period.

# 9. GENERAL MEETINGS

# 9.1 Annual general meeting

Annual general meetings of the Company are to be held in accordance with the Act.

## 9.2 Convening a general meeting

The Directors may convene and arrange to hold a general meeting of the Company whenever they think fit and must do so if required to do so under the Act.

# 9.3 Use of technology at general meetings

The Company may hold a meeting of its members at two or more venues using any technology that gives the members as a whole a reasonable opportunity to participate.

## 9.4 Notice of general meeting

Notice of a general meeting must be given in accordance with rule 17, the Act and the Listing Rules.

## 9.5 Calculation of period of notice

In computing the period of notice under rule 9.4, both the day on which the notice to Members is given or taken to be given and the day of the meeting convened by it are to be disregarded.

## 9.6 Cancellation or postponement of a meeting

- (a) Where a general meeting (including an annual general meeting) is convened by the Directors they may by notice, whenever they think fit, cancel the meeting or postpone the holding of the meeting to a date and time determined by them or change the place for the meeting.
- (b) This rule 9.6 does not apply to a meeting convened in accordance with the Act by a single Director, by Members, by the Directors on the request of Members or to a meeting convened by a court.

#### 9.7 Notice of cancellation or postponement of a meeting

Notice of cancellation or postponement or change of place of a general meeting must state the reason for cancellation or postponement and be:

- (a) published in a daily newspaper circulating in Australia; or
- (b) subject to the Act and the Listing Rules, given in any other manner determined by the Directors.

#### 9.8 Contents of notice of postponement of meeting

A notice of postponement of a general meeting must specify:

- (a) the postponed date and time for the holding of the meeting;
- (b) a place for the holding of the meeting which may be either the same as or different from the place specified in the notice convening the meeting; and
- (c) if the meeting is to be held in two or more places, the technology that will be used to facilitate the holding of the meeting in that manner.

# 9.9 Number of clear days for postponement of meeting

The number of clear days from the giving of a notice postponing the holding of a general meeting to the date specified in that notice for the holding of the postponed meeting must not be less than the number of clear days' notice of the general meeting required to be given by the Act.

## 9.10 Business at postponed meeting

The only business that may be transacted at a general meeting the holding of which is postponed is the business specified in the original notice convening the meeting.

# 9.11 Proxy, attorney or Representative at postponed meeting

Where by the terms of an instrument appointing a proxy or attorney or an appointment of a Representative:

- (a) the appointed person is authorised to attend and vote at a general meeting or general meetings to be held on or before a specified date; and
- (b) the date for holding the meeting is postponed to a date later than the date specified in the instrument of proxy, power of attorney or appointment of Representative,

then, by force of this article, that later date is substituted for and applies to the exclusion of the date specified in the instrument of proxy, power of attorney or appointment of Representative unless the Member appointing the proxy, attorney or Representative gives to the Company at its Registered Office notice in writing to the contrary not less than 48 hours before the time to which the holding of the meeting has been postponed.

## 9.12 Non-receipt of notice

The non-receipt of notice of a general meeting or cancellation or postponement of a general meeting by, or the accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting or cancellation or postponement of a general meeting to, a person entitled to receive notice does not invalidate any resolution passed at the general meeting or at a postponed meeting or the cancellation or postponement of a meeting.

# 9.13 Director entitled to notice of meeting

A Director is entitled to receive notice of and to attend all general meetings and all separate meetings of the holders of any class of shares in the capital of the Company and is entitled to speak at those meetings.

## 10. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

#### 10.1 Quorum

- (a) No business may be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the meeting. A quorum is two Members present.
- (b) For the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present:
  - (i) if a Member has appointed more than one Representative, proxy or attorney, only one of those persons may be counted; and
  - (ii) if an individual is attending both as a Member and as a Representative, proxy or attorney, the individual may only be counted once.
- (c) If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for a general meeting, the general meeting, if called upon a requisition, is dissolved, but in any other case, is adjourned to the date, time and place the Directors specify, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time specified (or otherwise determined under this paragraph (c)) for holding the meeting, the meeting is dissolved.

If the Directors do not specify one or more of those things, the meeting is adjourned to:

- (i) if the date is not specified the same day in the next week;
- (ii) if the time is not specified the same time; and
- (iii) if the place is not specified the same place.

#### 10.2 Business at general meetings

The business of an annual general meeting is to receive and consider the accounts and reports required by the Act to be laid before each annual general meeting, to elect Directors in the place of those retiring under this Constitution, when relevant to appoint an auditor, and to transact any other business which, under this Constitution, is required to be transacted at any annual general meeting. All other business transacted at an annual general meeting and all business transacted at other general meetings is deemed to be special. Except with the approval of the Board or of the Chairman or pursuant to the Act, no person may move at any meeting any resolution or any amendment of any resolution of which notice has not been given under rule 9.2.

#### 10.3 Persons entitled to attend a general meeting

The persons entitled to attend a general meeting are:

- (a) Members;
- (b) the Directors and the Secretary;
- (c) the Company's auditor; and
- (d) any other person approved by the Chairman.

#### 10.4 Chairman

If the Directors have elected one of their number as Chairman of Directors' meetings that Director must if willing preside as Chairman at every general meeting. Where a general meeting is held and a Chairman has not been so elected, or the Chairman is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the general meeting or is unwilling to act, the Directors present must elect one of their number to be Chairman of the general meeting, but failing an election by the Directors, the Members present must elect one of their number to be Chairman of the general meeting.

# 10.5 Casting vote

In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the general meeting has a second or casting vote.

# 10.6 Adjournment

The Chairman may, with the consent of the general meeting, and must, if so directed by the general meeting, adjourn the general meeting from time to time and from place to place. No business may be transacted on the resumption of any adjourned general meeting other than the business left unfinished at the general meeting from which the adjournment took place.

## 10.7 Notice of resumption of adjourned general meeting

When a general meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the resumption of the meeting must be given in the same manner as for the original general meeting. When a general meeting is adjourned for less than 30 days, notice of any adjournment or of the business to be transacted on the resumption of the adjourned general meeting need not be given.

#### 10.8 Voting rights

Subject to restrictions on voting from time to time affecting any class of shares, at general meetings of Members:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), on a show of hands, each Member present has one vote;
- (b) where a Member has appointed more than one person as Representative, proxy or attorney for that Member, none of the Representatives, proxies or attorneys is entitled to vote on a show of hands;
- (c) where a person is entitled to vote by virtue of paragraph (a) in more than one capacity, that person is entitled to only one vote on a show of hands;
- (d) on a poll, each Member present:
  - (i) has one vote for each fully paid share held; and
  - (ii) for each other share held has a fraction of a vote equivalent to the proportion which the amount paid (not credited) bears to the total amounts paid and payable (excluding amounts credited) for the share. When calculating this proportion, amounts paid in advance of a call are to be ignored.

#### 10.9 Voting - show of hands

At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is demanded in accordance with rule 10.11.

# 10.10 Results of voting

Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### 10.11 Poll

A poll may be demanded before a vote is taken or before or immediately after the declaration of the result of a resolution decided on a show of hands by:

- (a) the Chairman of the general meeting;
- (b) at least five Members entitled to vote on the resolution; or
- (c) any one or more Members who are together entitled to at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on the resolution.

#### 10.12 Manner of taking poll

If a poll is duly demanded, it must be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the Chairman directs, and the result of the poll must be the resolution of the general meeting at which the poll was demanded. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately.

#### 10.13 Meeting may continue

A demand for a poll does not prevent the continuation of the general meeting for the transaction of other business.

#### 10.14 Voting by joint holders

In the case of joint holders of shares, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or Representative, proxy or attorney must be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority is determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register.

# 10.15 Member under disability

If a Member is of unsound mind or is a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health, the Member's personal representative or such other person as properly has the management of the Member's estate may exercise any rights of the Member in relation to a general meeting as if the personal representative or other person were the Member.

#### 10.16 Payment of calls

A Member is not entitled to any vote at a general meeting in relation to shares in the Company with respect to which all calls and other sums presently payable by the Member have not been paid. Nothing in this rule prevents such a Member from voting at a general meeting in relation to any other shares held by that Member provided all calls and other sums payable by the Member have been paid on those other shares.

#### 10.17 Objection to voting

An objection may be raised to the qualification of a voter only at the general meeting or adjourned general meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered. Any such objection must be referred to the Chairman of the general meeting, whose decision is final. A vote not disallowed pursuant to such an objection is valid for all purposes.

# 10.18 Proxies

- (a) A Member who is entitled to attend and cast a vote at a general meeting of the Company may appoint a person as a proxy to attend and vote for the Member in accordance with the Act but not otherwise. A proxy appointed to attend and vote in accordance with the Act may exercise the rights of the Member on the basis and subject to the restrictions provided in the Act but not otherwise.
- (b) A form of appointment of a proxy is valid if it is in accordance with the Act or in any form (including electronic) which the Board may prescribe or accept.
- (c) Any appointment of proxy under rule 10.18(b) which is incomplete may be completed by the Secretary on the authority of the Board and the Board may authorise completion of the proxy by the insertion of the name of any Director as the person in whose favour the proxy is given.

- (d) The Board may issue with any notice of general meeting of Members or any class of Members forms of proxy for use by the Members. Each form may include the names of any of the Directors or of any other persons as suggested proxies. The forms may be worded so that a proxy may be directed to vote either for or against each or any of the resolutions to be proposed.
- (e) Voting instructions given by a Member to a Director or employee of the Company who is held out by the Company in material sent to Members as willing to act as proxy and who is appointed as proxy (Company Proxy) are valid only if contained in the form of appointment of the Company Proxy. If a Member wishes to give a Company Proxy appointed by the Member new instructions or variations to earlier instruction, the new instructions or variations are only valid if received at the Registered Office at least 24 hours before the meeting or adjourned meeting by a notice in writing signed by the Member or validated by the Member in a form acceptable to the Board.

# 10.19 Validity and revocation of proxies

- (a) The validity of any resolution is not affected by the failure of any proxy or attorney to vote in accordance with instructions (if any) of the appointing Member.
- (b) A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy or power of attorney is valid despite, prior to the relevant meeting, the death or mental incapacity of the appointing Member, revocation of the proxy or power of attorney or transfer of the shares in respect of which the vote is given, unless notice in writing of the death, mental incapacity, revocation or transfer has been received at the Registered Office at least 48 hours before the relevant meeting or adjourned meeting.
- (c) A proxy is not rendered ineffective by reason only of the adjournment of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (d) A proxy is not revoked by the appointing Member attending and taking part in the meeting, unless the appointing Member votes at the meeting on the resolution for which the proxy is proposed to be used.

#### 10.20 Attorneys of Members

By properly executed power of attorney, any Member may appoint an attorney to act on the Member's behalf at all or certain specified meetings of the Company. Before the attorney is entitled to act under the power of attorney, the power of attorney or proof of the power of attorney to the satisfaction of the Board must be produced for inspection at the Registered Office or any other place the Board may determine together, in each case, with evidence of the due execution of the power of attorney as required by the Board. The attorney may be authorised to appoint a proxy for the Member granting the power of attorney.

#### 10.21 Special meetings

All the provisions of this Constitution as to general meetings apply to any special meeting of any class of Members which may be held under the operation of this Constitution or the Act.

#### 10.22 Disruption and termination of general meeting

(a) The Chairman may require any person who wishes to attend the general meeting to comply with searches, restrictions or other security arrangements as the Chairman considers appropriate. The chairman may refuse entry to any person who does not comply with the arrangements, any person who possesses a recording or broadcasting

device without the consent of the Chairman or any person who possesses an article which the Chairman considers to be dangerous, offensive or liable to cause disruption.

- (b) If any general meeting becomes so unruly or disorderly, whether or not accompanied by any violence or threats of violence, that in the opinion of the Chairman the business of the general meeting cannot be conducted in a proper and orderly manner, the Chairman may in the Chairman's sole and absolute discretion and without giving any reason for doing so either adjourn or terminate the general meeting. If any general meeting is, in the opinion of the Chairman, unduly protracted, the Chairman may in the Chairman's sole and absolute discretion and without giving any reason for doing so, implement such procedural rules as the Chairman deems appropriate or adjourn the general meeting.
- (c) If any general meeting is to be terminated by the Chairman under rule 10.22(b), the Chairman must put any incomplete items of business of which notice was given in the notice convening the general meeting and which required a vote at that general meeting, to the vote by poll either without discussion then and there or at such other time, at such place and in such manner as the Chairman directs. The results of any such poll on each such item of business is deemed for all purposes to be a resolution or special resolution (as the case may be) of the general meeting and be recorded in the minutes of that general meeting accordingly.
- (d) After the chairman of a general meeting declares the meeting to be adjourned, terminated or over, no business or question may be brought forward, discussed or decided.

# 11. THE DIRECTORS

#### 11.1 Number of Directors

The number of Directors (not including alternate Directors) must be the number, not being less than three nor more than ten, as may be determined by the Board. The Board may not reduce the number below the number of Directors in office at the time of reduction. All Directors must be natural persons.

## 11.2 Rotation of Directors

Subject to rules 11.4 and 11.5(b), at every annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being (other than any Managing Director), or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the whole number nearest to but not less than one-third, must retire from office. A Director (other than any Managing Director) must retire from office at the conclusion of the third annual general meeting after which the Director was elected or re-elected. A Director who is required to retire under this rule retains office until the dissolution or adjournment of the meeting at which the retiring Director retires. The Directors to retire at an annual general meeting are those who have been longest in office since their last election, but, as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire must (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by ballot. A retiring Director is eligible for re-election.

#### 11.3 Election of Directors

(a) No person (other than a retiring Director seeking re-election) is eligible for election to the office of Director at a general meeting unless the person or some Member intending to nominate the person has given notice in writing signed by the nominee giving consent to the nomination and signifying either candidature for the office or the intention of the Member to nominate the nominee. To be valid, the notice must be left at the Registered Office not less than 30 Business Days nor more than 40 Business Days before the meeting unless the nominee has been recommended by the Board for election, in which

case the notice is required to be left at the Registered Office at least 28 days before the meeting.

(b) Where the number of nominations for election as a Director exceeds the number of Directors who have or are to resign at the general meeting, the order in which the nominations are to be voted on must be determined by ballot and once the relevant vacancies have been filled, no further nominations may be voted on.

#### 11.3A Director elected at general meeting

The Company may, at a general meeting at which a Director retires or otherwise vacates office, by resolution fill the vacated office by electing a person to that office.

#### 11.4 Casual vacancies and additional Directors

The Directors may at any time appoint a 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 does not at any time exceed the maximum number specified by this Constitution. Any Director so appointed holds office only until the next following general meeting and is then eligible for re-election but must not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at that meeting.

#### 11.5 Termination of office of Director

- (a) The office of a Director is terminated if the Director:
  - (i) ceases to be a Director by virtue of section 203B or any other provision of the Act;
  - (ii) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (iii) becomes prohibited from being a Director by reason of any order made the Act;
  - (iv) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is administered under laws relating to mental health;
  - (v) resigns the Director's office by notice in writing to the Company;
  - (vi) is removed from office under the Act; or
  - (vii) is absent for more than 6 months, without permission of the Board, from meetings of the Board held during that period.
- (b) A Director whose office is terminated under rule 11.5(a) must not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at any annual general meeting.

#### 11.6 Remuneration

As remuneration for services as a Director, each Director (other than the Managing Director and any Executive Director) may be paid out of the funds of the Company an amount determined by the Board payable at the time and in the manner determined by the Board. The aggregate remuneration paid to all the Directors (other than the Managing Director and any Executive Director) in any one year must not exceed an amount fixed by the Company in general meeting from time to time. The expression "remuneration" in this rule does not include any amount which may be paid by the Company under rules 11.7, 11.8, 11.9 or 11.10.

#### 11.7 Expenses

The Directors are entitled to be paid reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending meetings of the Company or of the Board or of any committee of the Board, or in connection with the Company's business.

#### 11.8 Remuneration for extra services

Any Director who serves on any committee, or who devotes special attention to the business of the Company, or who otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the Board are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director, may be paid extra remuneration as determined by the Board.

#### 11.9 Retirement benefits

Any Director may be paid a retirement benefit, as determined by the Board, in accordance with the Act. The Board may make arrangements with any Director with respect to the payment of retirement benefits in accordance with this rule.

## 11.10 Superannuation contributions

The Company may pay superannuation contributions for each Director to the extent necessary for the avoidance or minimisation of any penalty, charge, tax, or other impost on the Company under any applicable legislation which imposes a penalty, charge, tax or other impost on employers if a minimum level of superannuation contributions are not paid for an employee (within the meaning of the legislation).

#### 11.11 No Share qualification

A Director is not required to hold any shares in the capital of the Company.

# 11.12 Directors may hold other offices

A Director may:

- (a) hold any other office or position under the Company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with the office of Director, on terms and at a remuneration in addition to remuneration as a Director (if any), as the Board may approve; and
- (b) be or become a director of or hold any other office or position under any corporation promoted by the Company, or in which it may be interested, whether as a vendor or member or otherwise, and the Director is not accountable for any benefits received as a director or member of or holder of any other office or position under that corporation.

#### 11.13 Directors may contract with the Company

- (a) A Director is not disqualified by the office of Director from contracting or entering into any arrangement with the Company whether as vendor, purchaser or otherwise. No such contract or arrangement or contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested is avoided or prejudiced for that reason. No Director is liable to account to the Company for any profit arising from any such contract or arrangement by reason of holding the office of Director or of the fiduciary relationship established by the office.
- (b) Except where the Director is prohibited by the Act from voting, a Director may vote in respect of a matter in which the Director has a personal interest.

(c) A Director who is interested in a contract or arrangement may, despite that interest, sign or attest the affixing of the Seal to any document evidencing or otherwise connected with the contract or arrangement.

## 11.14 Exercise of voting power in other corporations

The Board may exercise the voting power conferred by the shares in any corporation held or owned by the Company as the Board thinks fit (including the exercise of the voting power in favour of any resolution appointing any Director a director of that corporation or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors of that corporation) and a Director may vote in favour of the exercise of those voting rights notwithstanding that the Director is, or may be about to be appointed, a director of that other corporation and may be interested in the exercise of those voting rights.

# 12. POWERS OF THE BOARD

#### 12.1 Management of the Company

Subject to the Act and to any other provision of this Constitution, the management and control of the business of the Company are vested in the Board, which may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not, by the Act or by this Constitution, required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting.

#### **12.2** Seal

The Company may have a Seal and a duplicate common seal which are to be used by the Company as determined by the Board.

## 12.3 Specific powers of Directors

Without limiting the generality of rule 12.1, the Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow or raise money, to charge any property or business of the Company or all or any of its uncalled capital and to issue debentures or give any other security for a debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any other person.

## 12.4 Appointment of attorney

The Directors may, by power of attorney, appoint any person or persons to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for the purposes and with the powers, authorities and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Directors for such period and subject to such conditions as they think fit.

## 12.5 Provisions in power of attorney

A power of attorney granted under article 12.4 may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with the attorney as the Directors think fit and may also authorise the attorney to delegate (including by way of appointment of a substitute attorney) all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in the attorney.

# 12.6 Delegation of Directors' powers

(a) The Directors may delegate any of their powers, to the extent permitted by law, to any persons they select for any period, to be exercised for any objects and purposes on any terms and subject to any conditions and restrictions as they think fit, and may revoke, withdraw, alter or vary the delegation of any of those powers.

(b) The powers of delegation expressly or impliedly conferred by this Constitution on the Directors are conferred in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the power conferred by section 198D of the Act.

## 13. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

#### 13.1 Convening a meeting

A Director may at any time, and a Secretary must, whenever requested to do so by one or more Directors, call a Directors' meeting. At least 24 hours' notice of every such Directors' meeting must be given to each Director either by personal telephone contact or in writing by its convenor unless the Directors by unanimous resolution agree to shorter notice.

#### 13.2 Procedure at meetings

The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business and adjourn and, subject to this rule 13, otherwise regulate the Directors' meetings as they think fit.

#### 13.3 Ouorum

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, two Directors comprise a quorum.

## 13.4 Meetings by telephone or other means of communication

The Board may meet either in person or by telephone, audio visual link or by using any other technology consented to by all Directors. A consent may be a standing one. A meeting conducted by telephone or other means of communication is considered to be held at the place agreed on by the Directors attending the meeting if at least one of the Directors present at the meeting was at that place for the duration of the meeting.

#### 13.5 Majority decisions

Questions arising at any Board meeting must be decided by a majority of votes.

#### 13.6 Casting votes

In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting has a second or casting vote, but the Chairman has no casting vote where only two Directors are present or competent to vote on the question.

#### 13.7 Alternate Directors

A Director may appoint any person to be an alternate Director in the place of the Director during such period as the Director thinks fit, and the following provisions apply with respect to any alternate Director:

- (a) the alternate Director is entitled to notice of Directors' meetings and, if the alternate Director's appointor Director is not present at such a Directors' meeting, the alternate Director is entitled to attend and vote in the place of the absent Director;
- (b) the alternate Director may exercise any powers that the alternate Director's appointor Director may exercise, and the exercise of any such power by the alternate Director is deemed to be the exercise of the power by the alternate Director's appointor Director;
- (c) the alternate Director is not required to hold any shares in the capital of the Company;

- (d) the alternate Director's appointment may be terminated at any time by the alternate Director's appointor Director despite the period of the appointment of the alternate Director not having expired, and the appointment must terminate in any event if the alternate Director's appointor Director vacates office as a Director; and
- (e) the appointment or the termination of an appointment of an alternate Director must be effected by a written notice signed by the Director who made the appointment given to the Company.

## 13.8 Continuing Directors may act

In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Director, the remaining Directors may act but, if the number of remaining Directors is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of Directors, they may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to a number sufficient to constitute such a quorum, or in order to call a general meeting of the Company.

#### 13.9 Chairman

The Board may elect from among their number a Chairman and Deputy Chairman of their meetings and determine the period for which each is to hold office. If no Chairman or Deputy Chairman is elected or if at any meeting the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman are not present at the time specified for holding the meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.

#### 13.10 Committees

The Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee consisting of Directors or any other person as the Board thinks fit. A committee to which any powers have been so delegated must exercise the powers delegated in accordance with any directions of the Board, and a power so exercised is deemed to have been exercised by the Board. The members of such a committee may elect one of their number as chairman of their meetings. Questions arising at a meeting of a committee must be determined by a majority of votes of the members present and voting. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman has a casting vote.

#### 13.11 Written resolutions

A resolution in writing signed by a majority of the Directors for the time being (except those Directors who expressly indicate their abstention in writing to the Company and those who would not be permitted, by virtue of section 195 of the Act, to vote were the resolution to be put to a meeting of the Directors), is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly called and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more Directors. A facsimile transmission or other document produced by mechanical or electronic means under the name of a Director with the Director's authority is deemed to be a document in writing signed by the Director.

#### 13.12 Defective appointment

All acts done by any Board meeting or of a committee of the Board or by any person acting as a Director are, despite any defect in the appointment of a person to be, or to act as, a Director, or that a person so appointed was disqualified, as valid as if the person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director or to be a member of the committee.

#### 13.13 Wholly owned subsidiary

If the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of a body corporate then the Directors may in carrying out their duties act in the best interests of the holding company of the Company.

## 14. MANAGING DIRECTOR

## 14.1 Appointment

Subject to rule 14.4, the Board may from time to time appoint one or more Directors to the office of managing director (Managing Director) of the Company or to any other executive office, except that of auditor, of employment under the Company, either for a fixed term or at will, but not for life and, subject to the terms of any agreement entered into in a particular case, may revoke any such appointment. A Director other than a Managing Director so appointed is referred to in this Constitution as an Executive Director. The appointment of a Managing Director or Executive Director so appointed automatically terminates if he ceases for any reason to be a Director.

#### 14.2 Remuneration

Subject to the terms of any agreement entered into in a particular case, a Managing Director or Executive Director receives such remuneration (whether by way of salary, commission or participation in profits, or partly in one way and partly in another) as the Board may determine. Any such remuneration shall not be included in the amount specified under rule 11.6.

#### 14.3 Powers

The Board may, upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as it thinks fit, confer upon a Managing Director or Executive Director any of the powers exercisable by it. Any powers so conferred may be concurrent with, or be to the exclusion of, the powers of the Board. The Board may at any time withdraw or vary any of the powers so conferred on a Managing Director or an Executive Director.

# 14.4 Rotation

A Managing Director (and where there is more than one Managing Director, then one only of the Managing Directors, as determined by the Board from time to time) does not retire by rotation in accordance with rule 11.2, but Executive Directors (and where there is more than one Managing Director, all Managing Directors except the one determined by the Directors from time to time) must retire by rotation in accordance with rule 11.2.

# 15. DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES

## 15.1 Payment of dividend

Subject to the Act, the Listing Rules, this Constitution and the rights of any person entitled to shares with special rights to dividend, the Directors may determine that a dividend is payable, fix the amount and the time for payment and authorise the payment or crediting by the Company to, or at the direction of, each Member entitled to that dividend.

#### 15.2 No interest on dividends

Interest is not payable by the Company on a dividend.

#### 15.3 Reserves and profits carried forward

(a) Subject to the Act, the Directors may:

- (i) before paying any dividend, set aside such sums as they think proper as a reserve, to be applied, at the discretion of the Directors, for any purpose for which such sums may be properly applied; and
- (ii) carry forward so much of the profits that are not included in the sums set aside under rule 15.3(a)(i) without transferring those profits to a reserve.
- (b) Pending application, any sum set aside as a reserve may, at the discretion of the Directors, be used in the business of the Company or be invested as the Directors think fit.

#### 15.4 Calculation and apportionment of dividends

- (a) Subject to the rights of any persons entitled to shares with special rights as to dividend and to the terms of issue of any shares to the contrary, all sums that the Company determines are to be distributed among Members as dividends are divisible among the Members so that, on each occasion on which a dividend is paid:
  - the same sum is paid on each share on which all amounts payable have been paid;
    and
  - (ii) the sum paid on a share on which all amounts payable have not been paid is the proportion of the sum referred to in rule 15.4(a)(i) that the amount paid on the shares bears to the total of the amounts paid and payable on the share.
- (b) To determine the amount paid on a share, exclude any amount:
  - (i) paid or credited as paid in advance of a call; and
  - (ii) credited as paid on a share to the extent that it exceeds the value (ascertained at the time of issue of the share) of the consideration received for the issue of the share.
- (c) All dividends are to be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid 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 will rank for dividend as from a particular date, that share ranks for dividend accordingly.

#### 15.5 Deductions from dividends

The Directors may deduct from any dividend payable to, or at the direction of, a Member any sums presently payable by that Member to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to shares in the Company.

#### 15.6 Distribution of specific assets

- (a) When resolving to pay a dividend, the Directors may:
  - (i) resolve that the dividend be satisfied either wholly or partly by the distribution of specific assets to some or all of the persons entitled to the dividend, including fully paid shares in or debentures of the Company or fully paid shares in or debentures of any other body corporate; and
  - (ii) direct that the dividend payable in respect of any particular shares be satisfied wholly or partly by such a distribution and that the dividend payable in respect of other shares be paid in cash.

- (b) Where a dividend is to be paid wholly or partly by the distribution of shares or other securities of another body corporate:
  - (i) the members are deemed to have agreed to become members of that body corporate and to be bound by the constitution of that body corporate; and
  - (ii) each member appoints each Director as its agent to execute any transfer of shares or other securities, or any other document required to give effect to the distribution of shares or other securities to that member.

#### 15.7 Resolution of distribution difficulties

- (a) If a difficulty arises in regard to a distribution under rule 15.6, the Directors may:
  - (i) settle the matter as they consider expedient;
  - (ii) fix the value for distribution of the specific assets or any part of those assets;
  - (iii) determine that cash payments will be made to, or at the direction of, any Members on the basis of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties; and
  - (iv) vest any such specific assets in trustees as the Directors consider expedient.
- (b) If a distribution of specific assets to, or at the direction of, a particular Member or Members is illegal or, in the Directors' opinion, impracticable the Directors may make a cash payment to the Member or Members on the basis of the cash amount of the dividend instead of the distribution of specific assets.

#### 15.8 Payments in respect of shares

A dividend, interest or other money payable in cash in respect of shares may be paid using any payment method chosen by the Company, including:

- (a) by cheque sent through the post directed to the address in the Register of the holder or, in the case of joint holders, to the address of the joint holder first named in the Register;
- (b) by cheque sent through the post directed to such other address as the holder or joint holder in writing directs; or
- (c) by some other method of direct credit determined by the Directors to the holder or holders shown on the Register or to such person or place directed by them.

## 15.9 Effectual receipt from one joint holder

Any one of two or more joint holders may give an effectual receipt for any dividend, interest or other money payable in respect of the shares held by them as joint holders.

#### 15.10 Election to reinvest dividend

Subject to the Listing Rules, the Directors may grant to Members or any class of Members the right to elect to reinvest cash dividends paid by the Company by subscribing for shares in the Company on such terms and conditions as the Directors think fit.

#### 15.11 Election to accept shares instead of dividends

Subject to the Listing Rules, the Directors may determine in respect of any dividend which it is proposed to pay on any shares of the Company that holders of the shares may elect:

- (a) to forego the right to share in the proposed dividend or part of such proposed dividend; and
- (b) to receive instead an issue of shares credited as fully paid on such terms as the Directors think fit.

#### 15.12 Unclaimed dividends

Unclaimed dividends may be invested by the Directors as they think fit for the benefit of the Company until claimed or until required to be dealt with in accordance with any law relating to unclaimed moneys.

# 16. CAPITALISATION

## 16.1 Capitalisation

The Board may resolve that the whole or any portion of any sum forming part of the undivided profits, any reserve or other account of the Company and which is available for distribution, be capitalised and distributed to Members in the same proportions in which they would be entitled to receive it if distributed by way of dividend or in accordance with either the terms of issue of any shares or the terms of any employee share plan and that all or any part of the sum be applied on their behalf either in paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any issued shares held by them, or in paying up in full unissued shares or other securities of the Company to be issued to them accordingly, or partly in one way and partly in the other.

## 16.2 Determining entitlements

The Board may specify the manner in which any fractional entitlements and any difficulties relating to distribution are to be dealt with and, without limitation, may specify that fractions are to be disregarded or that any fractional entitlements are to be increased to the next whole number or that payments in cash instead of fractional entitlements be made.

#### 16.3 Appropriations

The Board may make all necessary appropriations and applications of the amount to be capitalised under rule 16.1 and all necessary issues of fully paid shares or debentures.

#### 16.4 Contracts

Where required, the Board may appoint a person to sign a contract on behalf of the Members entitled on a capitalisation to any shares or debentures, which provides for the issue to them, credited as fully paid, of any further shares or debentures or for the payment by the Company on their behalf of the amounts or any part of the amounts remaining unpaid on their existing shares by the application of their respective proportions of the sum resolved to be capitalised.

#### 17.1 Notices

A notice may be given by the Company to any Member, or in the case of joint holders to the Member whose name appears first in the Register, personally, by leaving it at the Member's registered address or by sending it by prepaid post or facsimile transmission addressed to the Member's registered address or by other electronic means determined by the Board and previously notified to Members as otherwise provided in this rule. If the notice is signed, the signature may be original or printed.

#### 17.2 When notice taken to be served

- (a) Any notice sent by post is taken to have been served at the end of 24 hours after the envelope containing the notice is posted and, in proving service, it is sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and posted. Any notice served on a Member personally or left at the Member's registered address is taken to have been served when delivered. Any notice served on a Member by facsimile or other electronic transmission is taken to have been served when the transmission is sent.
- (b) Where a given number of days' notice or notice extending over any other period is required to be given the day of service and the day of the notified event are not to be counted in the number of days or other period.

## 17.3 Member not known at registered address

Where a Member does not have a registered address or where the Company has reason to believe that a Member is not known at the Member's registered address, all future notices are taken to be given to the Member if the notice is exhibited in the Registered Office for a period of 48 hours (and is taken to be served at the commencement of that period) unless and until the Member informs the Company of a registered place of address.

#### 17.4 Notice to transferor binds transferee

Every person who, by operation of law, transfers or by any other means becomes entitled to be registered as the holder of any shares is bound by every notice which, prior to the person's name and address being entered in the Register in respect of those shares, was properly given to the person from whom the person derives title to those shares.

#### 17.5 Service on deceased Members

A notice served in accordance with this Constitution is (despite the fact that the Member is then dead and whether or not the Company has notice of the Member's death) taken to have been properly served in respect of any registered shares, whether held solely or jointly with other persons by the Member, until another person is registered in the Member's place as the holder or joint holder. The service is sufficient service of the notice or document on the Member's personal representative and any person jointly interested with the Member in the shares.

## 18. WINDING-UP

#### 18.1 Distribution in kind

If the Company is wound up, whether voluntarily or otherwise, the liquidator may divide among all or any of the contributories as the liquidator thinks fit in specie or kind any part of the assets of the Company, and may vest any part of the assets of the Company in trustees on any trusts for

the benefit of all or any of the contributories as the liquidator thinks fit.

#### 18.2 Variation of rights of contributories

If thought expedient, any division may be otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the contributories and, in particular, any class may be given preferential or special rights or may be excluded altogether or in part, but in case any division otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the contributories is determined, any contributory who would be prejudiced by the division has a right to dissent and ancillary rights as if the determination were a special resolution passed under the Act relating to the sale or transfer of the Company's assets by a liquidator in a voluntary winding up.

#### 18.3 Liability to calls

If any shares to be divided in accordance with rule 18.1 involve a liability to calls or otherwise, any person entitled under the division to any of the shares may by notice in writing within ten business days after the passing of the special resolution, direct the liquidator to sell the person's proportion and pay the person the net proceeds and the liquidator is required, if practicable, to act accordingly

## 19. INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE

#### 19.1 Definitions

In this rule 19:

**officer** means a director, secretary or executive officer of the Company or a person who formerly held one of those positions.

duties of the officer includes, in any particular case where the Board considers it appropriate, duties arising by reason of the appointment, nomination or secondment in any capacity of an officer by the Company or, where applicable, a subsidiary of the Company to any other corporation.

#### to the relevant extent means:

- (a) to the extent the Company is not precluded by law from doing so;
- (b) to the extent and for the amount that the officer is not otherwise entitled to be indemnified and is not actually indemnified by another person (including, in particular, an insurer under any insurance policy); and
- (c) where the liability is incurred in or arising out of the conduct of the business of another corporation or in the discharge of the duties of the officer in relation to another corporation, to the extent and for the amount that the officer is not entitled to be indemnified and is not actually indemnified out of the assets of that corporation.

**liability** means all costs, charges, losses, damages, expenses, penalties and liabilities of any kind including, in particular, legal costs incurred in defending any proceedings (whether criminal, civil, administrative or judicial) or appearing before any court, tribunal, government authority or otherwise.

#### 19.2 Indemnities

The Company must indemnify each officer of the Company out of the assets of the Company to the relevant extent against any liability incurred by the officer in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of the officer.

#### 19.3 Documentary indemnity

Where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may execute a documentary indemnity in any form in favour of any officer of the Company.

#### 19.4 Insurance

Where the Board considers it appropriate, and to the extent to which the Company is not precluded by law from doing so, the Company may:

- (a) make payments of amounts by way of premium in respect of any contract effecting insurance on behalf or in respect of an officer of the Company against any liability incurred by the officer in or arising out of the conduct of the business of the Company or in or arising out of the discharge of the duties of the officer; and
- (b) bind itself in any contract or deed with any officer of the Company to make the payments.

## 19.5 Access to board papers

Where the Board considers it appropriate, the Company may:

- (a) give a Director or former Director access to certain papers, including documents provided or available to the Board and other papers referred to in those documents; and
- (b) bind itself in any contract with a Director or former Director to give the access.

# 20. CONSISTENCY WITH LISTING RULES

If and for so long as the Company is admitted to the Official List, the following rules apply:

- (a) notwithstanding anything contained in this Constitution, if the Listing Rules prohibit an act being done, the act shall not be done;
- (b) nothing contained in this Constitution prevents an act being done that the Listing Rules require to be done;
- (c) if the Listing Rules require an act to be done or not to be done, authority is given for that act to be done or not to be done (as the case may be);
- (d) if the Listing Rules require this Constitution to contain a provision and it does not contain such a provision, this Constitution is deemed to contain that provision;
- (e) if the Listing Rules require this Constitution not to contain a provision and the rules contain such a provision, this Constitution is deemed not to contain that provision;
- (f) if any provision of this Constitution is or becomes inconsistent with the Listing Rules, this Constitution is deemed not to contain that provision to the extent of the inconsistency.

# 21. PROPORTIONAL TAKEOVER PLEBISCITES

#### 21.1 Definitions

In this rule 21:

**offer period** has the meaning given to that expression in section 9 of the Act;

**relevant day** in relation to a takeover scheme, means the day that is the fourteenth day before the last day of the offer period;

**proportional takeover scheme** has the meaning given to that expression in section 9 of the Act;

a reference to **a person associated with** another person has the meaning given to the expression **associate reference** in sections 10, 11, 12 and 15 of the Act.

#### 21.2 Offers under a proportional takeover scheme

Where offers have been made under a proportional takeover scheme in respect of shares in a class of shares in the Company:

- (a) the registration of a transfer giving effect to a contract resulting from the acceptance of an offer made under the takeover scheme is prohibited unless and until a resolution (in this rule 21.2 referred to as an **approving resolution**) to approve the takeover scheme is passed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution;
- (b) a person (other than the offeror or an associate of the offeror) who, as at the end of the day on which the first offer under the takeover scheme was made, held shares included in that class is entitled to vote on an approving resolution and, for the purpose of so voting, is entitled to one vote for each of the last mentioned shares;
- (c) the offeror or an associate of the offeror is not entitled to vote on an approving resolution;
- (d) an approving resolution must be voted on at a meeting, called and conducted by the Company, of the persons entitled to vote on the resolution; and
- (e) an approving resolution that has been voted on, is taken to have been passed if the proportion that the number of votes in favour of the resolution bears to the total number of votes on the resolution is greater than one-half, and otherwise is taken to have been rejected.

## 21.3 Meeting procedures

All the provisions of this Constitution as to general meetings apply, with such modifications as the circumstances require, to a meeting that is convened under this rule 21.

#### 21.4 Board to ensure resolution is voted on

Where takeover offers have been made under a proportional takeover scheme then the Board must ensure that a resolution to approve the takeover scheme is voted on in accordance with this rule 21 before the relevant day in relation to the takeover scheme.

## 21.5 Deemed approval

Where as at the end of the day before the relevant day in relation to a proportional takeover scheme no resolution to approve the takeover scheme has been voted on in accordance with this

rule 21, a resolution to approve the takeover scheme is for the purposes of this rule 21 deemed to have been passed in accordance with this rule 21.

#### 21.6 When this rule ceases

Rule 21 ceases to have effect on the third anniversary of the adoption or last renewal of this rule 21.

# 22. INSPECTION OF RECORDS

#### 22.1 Inspection by Members

Subject to the Act, the Directors may determine whether and to what extent, and at what time and places and under what conditions, the accounting records and other documents of the Company or any of them will be open to the inspection of Members (other than Directors).

# 22.2 Right of a Member to inspect

A Member (other than a Director) does not have the right to inspect any document of the Company except as provided by law or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in general meeting.

## 23. RESTRICTED SECURITIES

## 23.1 Disposal during Escrow Period

- (a) Restricted Securities cannot be disposed of during the Escrow Period except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX.
- (b) The Company must not acknowledge a disposal (including by registering a transfer) of Restricted Securities during the Escrow Period except as permitted by the Listing Rules or ASX.

#### 23.2 Breach of Restriction Agreement or Listing Rules

During a breach of the Listing Rules relating to Restricted Securities, or a breach of a Restriction Agreement, the holder of the Restricted Securities is not entitled to any dividend or distribution, or voting rights, in respect of the Restricted Securities.