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OF

Golden Triangle P.L.C.

### 1. Name of Company

Golden Triangle P.L.C.

## 2. Registered Office

The registered office of the company shall be situated in MALTA at address 22 EUROPA CENTRE, TRIQ JOHN LOPEZ, FLORIANA, FRN 1400 or any other address as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

The company's contact email address is info@goldentriangleplc.com

### 3. Classification

The Company is being formed and registered as a public limited liability company under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1995.

### 4. Objects

The objects for which the Company is constituted are as follows:

- a. to carry on the business of a finance company and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the financing or re-financing of the funding requirements of the business of the companies in the group of companies of which the Company forms part and, or of any subsidiary, affiliate or related company thereof;
- b. to open, manage and close bank accounts of the Company in any jurisdiction;
- c. to give loans, advances and credit facilities to companies, firms or partnerships of the group of companies of which the Company forms part and, or of any subsidiary, affiliate or related company and/or partnership thereto or lend any of the monies of the Company in relation to its business in such a manner and on such terms as the Board of Directors may determine;
- d. to enter into any agreement or make any arrangement in connection with the Company's business, with any government department or other authority, corporation, company or person, which is in the interest of the Company;
- e. to borrow and raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit and to secure the repayment of the money borrowed by hypothecation or other charge upon the whole or part of the movable and immovable assets or property of the Company present and future and to draw, make, accept, endorse,

discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments;

f. to issue bonds, commercial paper or other instruments creating or acknowledging indebtedness;

g. to enter into partnerships, conduct any joint venture, or enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, enter into any union of interests, reciprocal concession, or co-operation with any person or company carrying on, or engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in, any business or transaction which the Company is authorised to carry on or engage in, and to take, or otherwise acquire, and hold, shares or stock in, or securities of, any such company, and to subsidise or otherwise assist any such person or company;

h. to guarantee the payment of monies or the performance of any contract or obligation in which the Company may be interested even by the hypothecation of the Company's property, present or future;

i. to receive and grant royalty, rental rights, license or similar property of any kind and to enter into arrangements for this purpose;

j. to promote any other company or companies for the purpose of its or their acquisition of all or any property, rights, undertaking of any business of this Company and to pay all the expenses of and incidental to such promotion;

k. to sell, lease, charge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose, of the whole or any part of the property, assets or undertakings of the Company;

I. to do all such other things which are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the Company's objects.

It is hereby declared that the objects of the Company shall not be restrictively construed, and the widest interpretation shall be given thereto. None of the above-described objects and powers shall be deemed to be subsidiary or ancillary to any other object or power mentioned therein. The Company shall have full authority to exercise all or any of the powers and to achieve or to endeavour to achieve all or any of the Company's objects.

Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed as empowering or enabling the company to carry out any activity or service which requires a notification, licence or other authorisation under any law in force in Malta without such notification, licence or other appropriate authorisation from the relevant competent authority and the provisions of Article 77(3) of the Companies Act shall apply.

### 5. Share Capital

#### 5.1 Authorised

The Authorised Share Capital of the company is EUR 1000000 divided into:

- 750000 Ordinary Class "A" Shares of EUR 1 each.
- 250000 Ordinary Class "B" Shares of EUR 1 each.

#### 5.2 Issued

The Issued Share Capital of the company is EUR 250000 divided into:

| Subscriber   | Number of Shares                    | Percentage Paid<br>Up |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| GILDED TRIUMVIRATE LP<br>Virgin Islands (British) REGISTRATION NUMBER<br>3782  |                                     |                       |
| 171<br>MAIN STREET ROAD TOWN<br>TORTOLA<br>VG 1110<br>Virgin Islands (British) | 187500 Ordinary Class "A"<br>Shares | 100%                  |
| IHI Bond Issuer BH Limited<br>MALTA REGISTRATION NUMBER C 111493               |                                     |                       |
| 22 EUROPA CENTRE<br>TRIQ JOHN LOPEZ<br>FLORIANA<br>FRN 1400<br>MALTA           | 62500 Ordinary Class "B" Shares     | 100%                  |

### 5.3 Rights Attached to Shares

**A**: All Ordinary "A" shares in the Company shall have the right to vote and to receive dividends declared and/or paid by the Company in accordance with its Articles of Association and to the distribution of assets on winding up. **B**: All Ordinary "B" shares in the Company shall have the right to vote but shall not have the right to receive dividends declared and/or paid by the Company in accordance with its Articles of Association and to the distribution of assets on winding up. The members' liability is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares respectively held by each of them

### 6. Directors

The business and affairs of the company shall be managed and administered by a board of directors consisting of not less than two (2) and not more than nine (9) directors.

The first directors of the company are:

| Full Name                    | Identification Document Number/Country of Issue | Address   | Nationality |
|------------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| MR. SIMON NAUDI              | Malta IDENTITY CARD: 499467M                    | TAL-MEKK TRIQ IL-<br>MADLIENA<br>SWIEQI<br>Malta                            | Maltese     |
| MR. CHARLES BORG             | Malta IDENTITY CARD: 140461M                    | 51, TRIQ TAL-FRANCIZ,<br>SWIEQI<br>Malta                                    | Maltese     |
| MR. ABDULAZIZ AL<br>HUMAIDHI | Kuwait PASSPORT: P05374324                      | 6000<br>BLOCK 7 AL-SIDDIQ<br>STREET 705<br>22007<br>Kuwait                  | Kuwaiti     |
| MR. RAVI RAGHUNATHAN         | United States of America PASSPORT: 566667023    | APT 421<br>150 BROAD ST<br>STAMFORD<br>CT 06902<br>United States of America | American    |
| MR. MICHAEL<br>WARRINGTON    | Malta IDENTITY CARD: 180462M                    | 43, SHIVAN,<br>TRIQ TAL- FRANCIZ<br>SWIEQI<br>SWQ 2132<br>Malta             | Maltese     |

## 7. Company Secretary

The first secretary of the company is:

| Full Name             | Identification Document Number/Country of<br>Issue | Address  | Nationality |
|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| MR. STEPHEN<br>BAJADA | Malta IDENTITY CARD: 0207570M                      | 22, EUROPA CENTRE, 4<br>FLOOR,<br>TRIQ JOHN LOPEZ<br>FLORIANA<br>FRN 1400<br>Malta | Maltese     |

### 8. Representation

- 8.1 The legal and judicial representation of the Company shall vest in the following directors: (i) Simon Naudi, holder of Maltese passport number 499467M; (ii) Abdulaziz Al Humaidhi, holder of Kuwait passport number P05374324; and (iii) Ravi Raghunathan, holder of American passport number 566667023, acting collectively.
- 8.2 Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding clause 8.1, the Board of Directors may from time to time, appoint any director or any other person or persons to be the attorney of the Company for such purposes and with such powers (including the judicial and, or legal representation of the Company), authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in them) and for such periods and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the



### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

**OF** 

## Golden Triangle P.L.C.

#### **PRELIMINARY**

1. The following regulations shall be the sole Articles of Association of the Company, and the regulations contained in Part I and Part II of the First Schedule to the Act shall not apply to the Company.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

- 2. In these Articles, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) "**Act**" means the Companies Act, Cap. 386 of the laws of Malta, and any modification thereto or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force.
  - (b) "**Articles**" means these Articles of Association as currently applicable or as may from time to time be in force.
  - (c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company;
  - (d) "Capital Markets Rules" shall mean the capital markets rules issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority in terms of the Financial Markets Act as may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time.
  - (e) "Company" means this company; and the word "company" shall include any other commercial partnership.
  - (f) "CSD" means the central securities depository of the Exchange, established pursuant to article 24 of the Financial Markets Act (Chapter 345 of the laws of Malta), and situated at Garrison Chapel, Castille Place, Valletta, VLT 1063, Malta.
  - (g) "**Debt Securities**" means debentures, including, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds and other instruments creating or otherwise acknowledging indebtedness, but excluding such instruments that are issued as debt securities but have an option or right to be converted into Equity Securities of the Company.
  - (h) "Directors" means the directors of the Company from time to time.

- (i) "Equity Securities" means shares in the Company of whatever class or any other securities that can be converted or exchanged into, or which carry the right to subscribe for, share/s of whatever class in the Company.
- (j) "Exchange" means the Malta Stock Exchange p.l.c., as originally constituted in terms of the Financial Markets Act having its registered office at Garrison Chapel, Castille Place, Valletta VLT 1063, Malta and bearing company registration number C 42525.
- (k) "Financial Markets Act" means the Financial Markets Act, Cap. 345 of the laws of Malta.
- (I) "Listed" means admitted to listing and trading on the Exchange, or on such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, as the case may be, that allows trading in debt securities and on which the Debt Securities of the Company, or class/es thereof, as the case may be, are admitted to trading from time to time.
- (m) "Malta" has the same meaning as assigned to it by article 124 of the Constitution of Malta.
- (n) "Malta Financial Services Authority" means the Malta Financial Services Authority, established in terms of the Malta Financial Services Authority Act (Cap. 330 of the laws of Malta) in its capacity as the competent authority, in terms of the Financial Markets Act, to approve prospectuses and admissibility to listing and to monitor and supervise local regulated markets and participants thereof falling within the regulatory and supervisory remit of the Malta Financial Services Authority.
- (o) "**Member**" means a holder of Equity Securities of the Company whose name is registered in the register of members.
- (p) "Office" means the registered office of the Company.
- (q) "Official List" means the list prepared and published by the Exchange as its official list in accordance with the Exchange Bye-Laws.
- (r) "person" means any natural persons, trusts, firms or partnerships, companies, corporations or other entities which are given, or are recognised as having, legal personality by the law of any country or territory, unincorporated bodies and associations (including, without limitation, joint ventures and consortia), any emanation of a sovereign state or its government, whether national, provincial, local or otherwise, any international organisation or body or any other juridical entity, in each case wherever resident, incorporated or formed.
- (s) "Record Date" shall be the date falling thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date set for the general meeting of the Members to which it relates. A Person shall, subject to applicable class rights as specified in the Memorandum of Association, be entitled to:
  - i. receive notice of, participate in and attend at the general meeting;

- ii. be paid dividends and/or other benefits declared by the general meeting (to extent the rights attaching to the shares held by such person so permit);
- iii. appoint Directors or vote at the election of Directors pursuant to the provisions of these Articles.

in all cases, if such person is entered as a Member on the register of Members on the Record Date, and any change to an entry on the said register after the Record Date shall be disregarded in determining the right of any person in respect of (i) to (iii) above.

- (t) "Securities" means Equity Securities and, or Debt Securities.
- 3. Defined terms may be used in the singular or plural as required by the context.

#### **ISSUE OF SECURITIES**

- 4. Issues of new shares in the Company shall be made by ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting.
- 5. Without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any of the existing Equity Securities or class thereof, any Equity Security in the Company may be issued with such preferred, deferred, or other special rights or such restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine.
- 6. On a fresh issue of Equity Securities of any class, such Equity Securities shall be offered in the first place to a Member or Members holding shares of that class as closely as possible in the same proportion as the number of Equity Securities already held by them respectively. The offer shall be made by notice in writing specifying the number of Equity Securities offered and their value and stating a time, being not less than twenty-eight (28) days, within which the offer, if not accepted, shall be deemed to have been declined.
- 7. Any Equity Securities offered in terms of the preceding Article which are not taken up by a Member to whom they were initially offered shall then be subsequently offered to the other Member or Members holding Equity Securities of the same class in respect of which the fresh issue is proposed to take place provided that such Member or Members shall have taken up their whole offer and, if the requests for Equity Securities from such Members shall exceed the number of Equity Securities on offer and not taken up, they shall be allotted as closely as possible in proportion to the number of Equity Securities held by them respectively prior to the said fresh issue of Equity Securities.

For the purposes of this Article, the subsequent offer shall be made by notice in writing specifying the number of Equity Securities offered and their value and stating a time, being not less than twenty-eight (28) days, within which the offer, if not accepted, shall be deemed to have been declined.

- 8. Any Equity Securities offered pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Article which are not taken up by a Member or Members as aforesaid shall then be offered to all the other Members of the Company holding Equity Securities in a class or classes other than that in respect of which the fresh issue is proposed to take place and, if the requests for Equity Securities from such Members shall exceed the number of Equity Securities on offer and not taken up, they shall be allotted as closely as possible in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively prior to the said fresh issue of Equity Securities.
- 9. If a number of shares are not taken up by any Member or Members on a fresh issue of Equity Securities, the remaining shares may be offered for subscription to the general public under the same or other conditions which however cannot be more favourable than an offer made under the preceding Articles.
- 10. No Director shall be eligible to participate in the issue or allotment of Equity Securities offered to the employees of the Company without prior approval of the Members in the general meeting.
- 11. In respect of an Equity Security or a Debt Security held jointly by several persons, the joint holders may nominate one of them as their representative and his/her name will be entered in the register of Members or register of Debt Securities, as applicable. Such Person shall, for all intents and purposes, be deemed *vis-à-vis* the Company to be the registered holder of the Equity Security or the Debt Security so held. In the absence of such nomination, and until such nomination is made, the person first named on the register of Members in respect of such Equity Security, or the register of Debt Securities in respect of such Debt Security shall, for all intents and purposes, be deemed to be the registered holder of the same.
- 12. Every fresh issue of Equity Securities of any class shall be made in a manner so as to preserve, as nearly as possible, the existing proportions between the holders of Equity Securities in that class, unless consented to by an extraordinary resolution of the Members. The Company shall not issue or allot any Equity Securities such that such issue or allotment would dilute a substantial interest in the Company without the prior approval of the Members in general meeting.
- 13. The Board may, if it deems fit, cause Debt Securities of the Company, irrespective of their class, whether issued or to be issued pursuant to these Articles, to be quoted and listed on the Official List or such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, as the case may be. The Board may not cause any of the Equity Securities of the Company irrespective of their class, whether issued or to be issued pursuant to these Articles, to be quoted and listed on the Official List or such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, as the case may be.
- 14, Subject to the provisions of article 115 of the Act, any preference shares may, with the sanction of an ordinary resolution, be issued on the terms that they are, or at the option of the Company, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as the Company before the issue of the shares may by ordinary resolution determine.

- 15. Whenever there are preference shares in issue, the holders thereof, shall have the same rights as holders of Ordinary shares in receiving notices, reports, balance sheets and in attending general meetings.
- 16. Without prejudice to any rights that may be granted to preference shareholders in the relative terms of issue, preference shareholders shall have the right to attend but not to vote at general meetings except on a resolution:
  - (a) for the purpose of reducing the capital of the Company;
  - (b) for the purpose of winding up of the Company;
  - (c) for the purpose of any proposal submitted to the meeting which directly affects their rights and privileges; or
  - (d) for the purpose of affecting the dividend on preference shares when the dividend on their shares is in arrears for more than six (6) months.
- 17. Unless otherwise provided in the terms of issue of preference shares, on any resolution where, in terms of the provisions of Article 16 preference shareholders are entitled to vote, each preference share shall carry one (1) vote.
- 18. In respect of Equity Securities held subject to usufruct, the names of the bare owner and the usufructuary shall be entered in the register of Members. The usufructuary shall for all intents and purposes be deemed *vis-à-vis* the Company to be the registered holder of the Equity Securities so held and shall be entitled to all the rights and advantages conferred by membership of the Company, including the right to receive dividends and to attend and to vote at meetings of the company but shall not have the right to dispose of the Equity Securities so held without the consent of the bare owner. In the event that there is more than one usufructuary, the provisions of the preceding Articles shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 19. The Company may exercise the power of paying commissions or of making discounts or allowances provided it complies with the requirements of article 113 of the Act. Such commission/s may be satisfied by the payment of cash or the allotment of fully or partly paid Equity Securities or partly in one way and partly in the other.
- 20. All facilities and information necessary for holders of Securities to exercise their rights shall be available in Malta, while preserving data integrity and authenticity.
- 21. Every Person whose name is entered as a Member in the register of Members shall be entitled without payment to receive one certificate or several certificates each for one or more of his Equity Securities upon payment of one Euro (€1.00) for every certificate after the first or such less sum as the Board shall from time to time determine. In the case of joint holders, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate, and delivery of one certificate to any one of the several joint holders thereof shall be sufficient delivery to all. Every certificate shall be signed by the secretary or some other

person designated by the Board for such purpose and shall specify and denote the number of Equity Securities and class thereof, if any, to which it relates, and the nominal value thereof. If a certificate be defaced, lost or destroyed, it may be renewed on payment of a fee of one Euro (€1.00) or such less sum and on such terms, if any, as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the Company on investigating evidence as the Board deems fit.

22. For Listed Debt Securities of the Company, the holder thereof shall be entitled to receive from the CSD, or the relevant registrar, a statement or other document evidencing such holder's registration as a Member or the holder of Debt Securities of the Company, or such other evidence as may from time to time be prescribed by or under the applicable rules and regulations.

Unless otherwise provided for in any rule or regulation, the register of Members for Listed Debt Securities, shall be kept by the CSD or the relevant registrar appointed for such purpose. The register of Members Debt Securities, other than for Listed Debt Securities, shall be kept by the Company at Office. Either register shall be available for inspection in terms of applicable law.

#### **VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS**

23. If at any time the share capital is divided into different classes of Equity Securities, the change of any Equity Securities from one class into another or the variation of the rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the Equity Securities of that class which is to be changed or the rights attached to which are to be varied, according to the case) may, whether or not the Company is being wound up, be made with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths of the issued Equity Securities of that class, and the holders of three-fourths (3/4) of the issued Equity Securities of any other class affected hereby. Such change or variation may also be made with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the issued Equity Securities of that class and of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the issued Equity Securities of any other class affected thereby. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these regulations relating to general meetings shall apply.

#### **CALLS ON EQUITY SECURITIES**

24. The Board may from time to time make calls upon the Members in respect of any moneys unpaid on their Equity Securities (whether on account of the nominal value of the Equity Securities or by way of premium) and not by the conditions of allotment thereof made payable at fixed times, provided no call shall exceed one-fourth of the nominal value of the Equity Security or be payable at less than one month from the date fixed for the payment of the last preceding call, and each Member shall (subject to receiving at least fourteen (14) days' notice specifying the time or times and place of payment) pay to the Company, at the time or times and place so specified, the amount called on his Equity Securities.

25. A call shall be deemed, unless otherwise specified, to have been made at the time when the resolution of the Board authorising such call was passed and may be required to be paid in instalments. A call may

be revoked or postponed as the Board may determine.

- 26. The joint holders of an Equity Security shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 27. If a sum called in respect of an Equity Security is not paid before or on the date appointed for payment thereof, the person from whom the sum is due shall pay annual interest thereon from the day appointed for payment thereof to the time of actual payment at such rate not exceeding two percentage points over the European Central Bank minimum discount rate as the Board may determine, but the Board shall be at liberty to waive payment of such interest wholly or in part.
- 28. Any sum which by the terms of issue of an Equity Security becomes payable on allotment or at any fixed date, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall for the purposes of these regulations be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date on which, by the terms of issue, the same becomes payable, and in case of non-payment, all the relevant provisions of these regulations as to payment of interest and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 29. The Board may, on the issue of Equity Securities, differentiate between the holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment.
- 30. The Board may, in its absolute discretion, receive from any Member willing to advance the same, all or any part of the moneys uncalled and unpaid upon any Equity Securities held by him.
- 31. The entitlement to receive any dividend and/or the right to exercise any privilege as a Member including the right to vote at general meetings, shall be suspended until the said Member shall have paid all calls for the time being due and payable on every Equity Security held by him, together with interests and expenses, if any.

#### TRANSFER OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEBT SECURITIES

- 32. All transfers of Listed Debt Securities shall be freely transferable, subject to the terms and conditions of their issuance under the applicable admission or offering document, and subject further to the rules and regulations of the Exchange or such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable.
- 33. All transfers of Equity Securities shall be restricted in the manner and to the extent prescribed in these Articles. All transfers of Equity Securities shall be subject to the prior written approval of the holder/s of the Ordinary "A" shares.
- 34. The Board shall not register a transfer of Equity Securities in the Company unless a proper instrument of transfer or an authentic copy thereof has been delivered to the Company, which instrument shall be in writing in any usual or common form or any other form which the Board may approve. The instrument of transfer of any Equity Security shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and transferee and the

transferor shall be deemed to remain a holder of the Equity Security until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of Members in respect thereof. In no case may a part of an Equity Security constitute the object of a transfer.

- 35. The registration of transfers may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Board may from time to time determine.
- 36. The Board may in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, decline to register any transfer of any Equity Security whether or not it is a fully paid Equity Security. In the event that the Board refuses to register a transfer of Equity Securities the Board shall, within two (2) months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to the transferee notice of refusal together with a copy of the relevant resolution of the Board declining the approval of the registration of such Equity Security transfer. If no such communication is made by the Board to the transferee within the two (2) month period as aforesaid it shall be deemed that there is no objection to the registration of the Equity Security transfer, which shall then become effective.

Provided that, in the cases contemplated in these Articles, where no restriction applies to the transfer of Equity Securities the Board may not decline to register such transfer.

37. The names, addresses of Members and a statement of the Equity Securities held by each of them, the amount paid up, and the date at which each person became and ceased to be a Member shall be entered in a register to be kept at the Office of the Company and certificates of Equity Securities held by each shareholder shall be issued by the Board.

#### TRANSMISSION OF EQUITY SECURITIES CAUSA MORTIS

- 38. In the case of the death of a Member, his Equity Securities shall devolve upon his successors by will or by operation of law as the case may be, but nothing herein contained shall release the person or persons to whom the Equity Securities shall devolve, whether sole or joint, from any liability in respect of any Equity Security solely or jointly held by him.
- 39. Any person becoming entitled to an Equity Security by reason of the death of the holder shall, upon producing such evidence of his title as the Board may from time to time require, have the right to be registered himself as the holder of the Equity Security or to make such transfer thereof as the deceased Member would have himself been entitled.

In the case of Equity Securities, if a person so becoming entitled shall elect to be registered himself, he shall deliver or send to the Company a notice in writing signed by him stating that he so elects. If he shall elect to have another person registered, he shall testify his election by executing to that person a transfer of the Equity Security. All the provisions relating to the transfer of Equity Securities in these Articles shall be applicable to such transfer.

PROVIDED that the Board in the case of Equity Securities, may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the Equity Security, and if the notice is not complied with within ninety (90) days, the Board may thereafter withhold payments of all dividends, bonuses or other moneys payable in respect of the Equity Security until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

- 40. A person becoming entitled to an Equity Security by reason of the death of the holder shall be entitled to the same dividends and other advantages to which he would be entitled if he were the registered holder of the Equity Security except that he shall not, before being registered as a Member in respect of the Equity Security, be entitled in respect of it to exercise any right conferred by membership in relation to the meetings of the Company.
- 41. Any person becoming entitled to a Listed Debt Security shall, upon producing such evidence of entitlement as may be required by the rules and regulations of the Exchange, or such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Listed Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable, have the right to be registered as the holder of such Debt Security.

#### FORFEITURE OR SURRENDER OF EQUITY SECURITIES

- 42. If a Member fails to pay any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for payment thereof, the Board may, at any time thereafter during such time as any call or part thereof remains unpaid, require payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued, by means of a notice which shall also name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of fourteen (14) days from the date of service of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and shall state that in the event of non-payment at or before, the time appointed, the Equity Securities in respect of which the call was made will be liable to forfeiture.
- 43. If the requirements of specified in any such notice as aforesaid are not complied with, any Equity Security in respect of which the notice has been given may at any time thereafter, before the payment required by the notice has been made, be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect, or otherwise by surrendered in favour of the Company by the Member to whom the said notice is addressed, if the Board accepts such surrender. The Member shall however retain the right to all dividends declared before the call was made and which have not been paid, as well as the right to dividends declared after the call but before the date of forfeiture in which latter case however, his right shall only extend proportionately up to the amount actually paid by him. This without prejudice to any subtraction, from such dividend/s due to him, of all sums of money payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to Equity Securities of the Company as provided in these Articles.
- 44. When any Equity Security has been forfeited in accordance with these Articles, notice of the forfeiture shall forthwith be given to the holder of the Equity Security or to the person entitled to the Equity Security by transmission, as the case may be, and an entry of such notice having been given and of the forfeiture

with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register of Members relating to the Equity Security; but the provisions of this Article are directory only and no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or to make such entry as aforesaid.

45. A forfeited or a surrendered Equity Security may be sold or otherwise disposed of on such terms and in such manner as the Board deems fit, and the Company may receive the consideration, if any, given for the Equity Security on any sale or disposal thereof and may execute a transfer in favour of the person to whom the Equity Security is sold or disposed of, who shall thereupon be registered as a holder of the Equity Security. At any time before a sale or disposal, the forfeiture or surrender may be cancelled on such terms as the Board deems fit.

**PROVIDED** that while forfeited or surrendered Equity Securities remain with, or under the control of, the Company they shall carry no voting rights, and shall be subject to the provisions of article 109 of the Act.

46. A person whose Equity Securities have been forfeited or who has surrendered his Equity Securities to the Company shall cease to be a Member in respect of the forfeited or surrendered Equity Securities, but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Company all the moneys which, at the date of the forfeiture or surrender, were due and payable by him to the Company in respect of the Equity Securities. His liability shall however cease if and when the Company shall have received payment in full of all such moneys in respect of the Equity Securities.

#### **CONVERSION OF EQUITY SECURITIES INTO STOCK**

- 47. The Company may by ordinary resolution convert any paid-up Equity Securities into stock, and reconvert any stock into paid-up Equity Securities of any denomination.
- 48. The holders of stock may transfer the same, or any part thereof, in the same manner and subject to the same regulations, as and subject to which the shares from which the stock arose might previously to conversion have been transferred, or as near thereto as circumstances permit; and the Board may from time to time fix the minimum amount of stock transferable but so that such minimum shall not exceed the nominal amount of the shares from which the stock arose.
- 49. The holders of stock shall, according to the amount of stock held by them, have the same rights, privileges and advantages as regards dividends, voting at meetings of the Company and other matters as if they held the shares from which the stock arose, but no such privilege or advantage (except participation in the dividends and profits of the Company and in the assets upon a winding up) shall be conferred by any amount of stock which would not, if existing in shares have conferred that privilege or advantage.
- 50. Such of the Articles as are applicable to paid up Equity Securities shall apply to stock, and the words "share", and "shareholder" therein shall include "stock" and "stockholder".

#### **OWN SHARES**

51. The Company may, subject to such restrictions, limitations and conditions contained in the Act, acquire its own Equity Securities.

#### PLEDGING OF SECURITIES

52. Subject to the provisions of the Act and the applicable terms of issue, Debt Securities of the Company may be pledged by the registered holder thereof in favour of any person as security for any obligation. Equity Securities of the Company may not be pledged by the registered holder thereof in favour of any person as security for any obligation unless the prior written approval of the holder/s of the Ordinary "A" Shares is obtained.

#### ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 53. An ordinary resolution shall be passed by a Member or Members having the right to attend and vote holding in the aggregate Equity Securities entitling the holder/s thereof to more than fifty per cent (50%) in nominal value of the Equity Securities represented and entitled to vote at the meeting.
- 54. A resolution shall be an extraordinary resolution where:
  - (a) it has been taken at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the text of the resolution as an extraordinary resolution and the principal purpose thereof has been duly given; and
  - (b) it has been passed by a Member or Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting holding in the aggregate not less than seventy-five per cent (75%) in nominal value of the Equity Securities represented and entitled to vote at the meeting and at least fifty-one per cent (51%) in nominal value of all the Equity Securities entitled to vote at the meeting:

Provided that, if one of the aforesaid majorities is obtained, but not both, another meeting shall be convened within thirty (30) days in accordance with the provisions for the calling of meetings to take a fresh vote on the proposed resolution. At the second meeting the resolution may be passed by a Member or Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting holding in the aggregate not less than seventy-five percent (75%) in nominal value of the Equity Securities represented and entitled to vote at the meeting.

Provided further that, if more than half in nominal value of all the Equity Securities having the right to vote at the meeting is represented at such second meeting, a simple majority in nominal value of such Equity Securities so represented shall suffice.

55. A resolution in writing signed by all the Members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at the general meetings of the Company shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held. Such a resolution in writing may consist of several instruments in the like form each executed by or on behalf of one or more

Members being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at the general meetings of the Company as aforesaid.

56. Annual general meetings of the Company may be held in accordance with Article 55.

Provided that a resolution in writing as aforesaid shall be void if it purports to remove a Director or an auditor before the expiration of his term of office, or otherwise purports to deprive the auditors of the right granted to them by virtue of the provisions of article 155 of the Act.

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 57. The Company shall hold a general meeting once in every year as its annual general meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it.
- 58. All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be extraordinary general meetings.
- 59. Subject to the provisions of the Act, general meetings of the Company shall be held at such time and place as the Directors shall appoint: provided that all general meetings shall be held in Malta.
- 60. The Directors may, whenever they may deem fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting.
- 61. The Directors shall, on the requisition of a Member or Members of the Company holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the paid up issued share capital of the Company carrying the right to vote at general meetings of the Company as at such date, forthwith proceed duly to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company in accordance with the provisions of article 129 of the Act.
- 62. If at any time there are not in Malta sufficient Directors capable of acting to form a quorum for the purposes of convening an extraordinary general meeting of the Company, any Director or any two (2) Members of the Company may convene an extraordinary general meeting in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which meetings may be convened by the Directors.

#### **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

63. A general meeting of the Company shall be deemed not to have been duly convened unless at least twenty-one (21) days' notice has been given in writing, to all those Members entitled to receive such notice.

Provided that a meeting of the Company shall notwithstanding that it is called by a shorter notice, be deemed to have been duly convened if it is so agreed by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat.

64. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it was given, and shall specify the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and in case of extraordinary business or special business, the general nature of the business, and shall be accompanied

by a statement regarding the effect and scope of any proposed resolution in respect of such extraordinary business.

- 65. By way of exception, the minimum notice period shall be reduced to fourteen (14) days if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (a) the general meeting in respect of which notice is given is not an annual general meeting;
  - (b) the Company offers the facility to holders of Equity Securities to vote by electronic means; and
  - (c) a resolution reducing the period of notice to not less than fourteen (14) days has been duly passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the nominal value of Equity Securities of the Company, which resolution shall be valid until the following annual general meeting.
- 66. Every Member of the Company shall specify his address in Malta or elsewhere. The posting by the Company of a registered letter to that address will be deemed sufficient notice to him for all intents and purposes.
- 67. Notice of every general meeting shall be given in the manner hereinbefore authorised to:
  - (a) every registered Member except those Members who, having no registered address in Malta, have not supplied the Company an address for the giving of notices to them, irrespective of the letter by which the Equity Securities are denominated and the nature or extent of the rights otherwise attaching to the said Equity Securities;
  - (b) the Directors of the Company; and
  - (c) the auditor or auditors for the time being of the Company.

No other persons shall be entitled to receive notice of general meetings.

68. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting, by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

69. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an extraordinary general meeting, and also that is transacted at an annual general meeting with the exception of declaring a dividend, the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets and the reports of the Directors and the auditors, the election of Directors, the appointment of auditors and the fixing of the remuneration of Directors and the auditors.

70. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a general meeting shall be one or more Members in person or by proxy holding not less than fifty-one (51%) of the

issued and paid-up share capital of the Company carrying the right to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company at the date of the holding of the meeting.

- 71. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting howsoever called, shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Member or Members present shall constitute a quorum.
- 72. A person shall be entitled to participate in and vote at a general meeting of the Company if such person is entered as a holder of Equity Securities on the register of Members on the Record Date, and any change to any entry on the said register after the Record Date shall be disregarded in determining the right of any person to attend and vote at the meeting.
- 73. The Directors may establish systems to:
  - (a) allow persons entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Company to do so by electronic means in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Capital Markets Rules; and
  - (b) allow for votes on a resolution on a poll to be cast in advance.

Should the Directors establish any such systems, any references in these Articles to attendance and voting at a general meeting shall apply mutatis mutandis to the attendance and voting by electronic means or to the casting of votes in advance, as applicable.

- 74. The Directors may require proof and may establish systems aimed at confirming the identity and the rights of a person to attend and cast votes at general meetings; provided that such proof shall be proportionate to the achievement of the aforesaid objectives.
- 75. Any Member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company or at a meeting of any class of Members of the Company shall be entitled to appoint another person, whether a Member or not, as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him, and a proxy so appointed shall have the same rights as the Member to participate in the general meeting as those which the Member thus represented would be entitled.
- 76. Where a person whose details are entered into the register of Members is holding Equity Securities for and on behalf of third parties, such Member shall be entitled to grant a proxy to each of his underlying clients, or to any third party designated by the underlying client/s. The said Member shall be entitled to cast votes attaching to some of the Equity Securities differently from the others.
- 77. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and shall be deposited at the registered office of the Company, or such other place in Malta as may be specified for such purpose in the notice convening the meeting, or by electronic means in accordance with the Capital Markets Rules, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting, at which the person named

in the instrument proposes to vote or in the case of a poll, not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and, in default, the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid the provisions of this Article shall apply mutatis mutandis to the revocation of the appointment of a proxy.

78. In no case may a Member of the Company appoint more than one proxy. Any person acting as a proxy holder may, however, hold a proxy from more than one Member, and where a proxy holder holds proxies from several Members, such proxy may cast votes for a certain Member differently from votes cast for another Member.

79. In the case of a show of hands, a proxy who has been mandated by several Members and instructed to vote by some Members in favour of a resolution and by others against the same resolution shall have one vote for and one vote against the resolutions.

80. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:

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This form is to be used in favour of /against \* the resolution. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy will vote as he thinks fit."

<sup>\*</sup>Strike out whichever is not desired.

- 81. The instrument appointing the proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
- 82. Where a Member specifies in the proxy form how his proxy is to vote, the proxy form itself shall constitute the vote.
- 83. The chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Company, or if there is no such chairman, or if he shall not be present within fifteen (15) minutes from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number, to be chairman of the meeting.
- 84. The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, (and shall if so, directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unattended or unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 85. At the commencement of any general meeting, whether annual or extraordinary, the Chairman may set the procedure which shall be adopted for the proceedings of that meeting, and such procedure shall be binding on the Members.
- 86. At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by:
  - (a) the Chairman; or
  - (b) at least two (2) Members present in person or by proxy; or
  - (c) any Member or Members present in person or by proxy and representing not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the total voting rights of all the Members having the right to vote at the meeting; or
  - (d) a Member or Members holding Equity Securities in the Company conferring a right to vote at the meeting being Equity Securities on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the total sum paid up on all the Equity Securities conferring that right.

Unless a poll be 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 and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution:

Provided that where a resolution requires a particular majority in value, the resolution shall not be deemed to have been carried on a show of hands by the required majority unless there be present at that meeting, whether in person or by proxy, a number of Members holding in the aggregate the required majority as aforesaid.

- 87. Except as provided in Article 86 of these Articles, if a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 88. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded, shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 89. A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the Chairman of the meeting directs, and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.

#### **VOTES OF MEMBERS**

- 90. Subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any class or classes of Equity Securities, and unless otherwise provided in the terms of issue, on a show of hands every Member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote, and on a poll every Member shall have one vote for each Equity Security of which he is the holder. On a poll, votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
- 91. No Member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all calls or other sums currently payable by him in respect of Equity Securities in the Company have been paid.
- 92. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman of the meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

#### **DIRECTORS**

- 93. Subject to the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of the Company, the Directors of the Company shall be appointed by ordinary resolution of the Company in general meeting.
- 94. The Directors of the Company shall be natural persons, and no body corporate may be a director of the Company.
- 95. An election of Directors shall take place every year. All Directors, except a Managing Director, shall retire from office once at least in each three (3) years, but shall be eligible for re-election.

For the purposes of enabling Members to make nominations, the Company shall grant a period of at least fourteen (14) days to Members to nominate candidates for appointment as Directors. Such notice may be given by notice in writing to all Members. All such nominations, including the candidate's acceptance to be nominated as director, shall reach the Office not later than fourteen (14) days after delivery of the said notice (the "Submissions Date"). Provided that the Submission Date shall not be less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting appointed for such election.

Provided that all the holders of the ordinary shares may opt to convene their meeting prior to the lapse of this period if it is expeditious and in the interest of the Company to appoint a director as soon as possible.

- 96. A person shall not be qualified for appointment or to continue to hold office as Director of the Company, if:
  - (a) he is interdicted or incapacitated or becomes of unsound mind; or
  - (b) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
  - (c) he has been convicted of any of the crimes affecting public trust or theft or of fraud or knowingly receiving property obtained by theft or fraud, or any other crime which is punishable by imprisonment.
- 97. Any vacancy in the Board may be filled by the co-option of another person, and such person appointed by the Directors to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board will hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and will be eligible for re-election.
- 98. In the event that at any time and for any reason the number of Directors falls below the minimum established by the Memorandum of Association of the Company, then, notwithstanding the provisions of the Memorandum of Association regulating the quorum for meetings of Directors, the remaining Directors may continue to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body; provided that they shall, with all convenient expediency, and under no circumstances later than three (3) months form the date upon which the number of Directors has fallen below the minimum, convene a general meeting for the sole or principal purpose of appointing the required Director/s.
- 99. A Director is empowered to appoint another person in his stead as an alternate Director by means of a written instrument and such person so appointed shall enjoy all the powers and rights of the said Director including the right to attend and vote at meetings of the Board. That alternate Director shall have a vote or votes in addition to his own vote, if any. Written instrument includes electronic mail. The alternate director need not be a serving Director of the Company.
- 100. In accordance with article 140 of the Act, a Director may be removed before the expiration of his period of office by a resolution taken at a general meeting of the Company and passed by a Member or Members having the right to attend and vote, holding in the aggregate Equity Securities entitling the

holder/s thereof to more than fifty per cent (50%) of the voting rights attached to Equity Securities represented and entitled to vote at the meeting.

- 101. Without prejudice to Article 100, the office of a Director shall 'ipso facto' be vacated:
  - (a) if, by notice in writing to the Company, he resigns from the office of Director;
  - (b) if he absents himself from at least three (3) consecutive meetings of the Directors for a continuous period of twelve (12) calendar months without leave of absence from the Directors and the Directors pass a resolution that he is, by reason of such absence, deemed to have vacated office:
  - (c) if he violates the declaration of secrecy required of him under the Articles and the Directors pass a resolution that he has so violated the declaration of secrecy;
  - (d) he is prohibited by or under any law, decree, order or directive, from being a Director; or
  - (e) he is removed from office pursuant to the Articles or the Act.

A resolution of the Directors declaring that the events referred to this Article have taken place shall be evidence as to the fact and the grounds of vacation stated in the resolution.

- 102. The remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Company in a general meeting, where notice of the proposed aggregate emoluments and any increase shall be given in the notice convening such general meeting. Such remuneration shall be deemed to accrue from day to day. The Directors shall be paid all travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or any committee of the Directors or general meetings of the Company or in connection with the business of the Company. Such expenses shall not be deemed to form part of the Directors' emoluments.
- 103. The maximum annual aggregate emoluments as well as any increase in such emoluments of the Directors shall be established pursuant to a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Company.

Provided that remuneration paid to any Director by virtue of his holding a salaried office with the Company (whether permanent, temporary, direct or on secondment) shall not be deemed to form part of such Director's emoluments.

104. If any Director, being willing, shall be called upon to sit on any committee or working group of the Company or to perform other services related to the operations of the Company but which fall outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director, the Company may remunerate such Director, as may be determined by the Board, in addition to or in substitution of his remuneration as director, provided such payments fall within the limit of aggregate emoluments of Directors established by the general meeting pursuant to these Articles.

105. The Directors of the Company may hold such other office with the Company apart from the office of director, and be remunerated therefor, as the Directors may from time to time determine.

106. A Director shall not be required to have a shareholding qualification, but this notwithstanding, a Director who is not a Member shall be entitled to attend and speak at general meetings of the Company.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

107. The Board shall meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall not have a second or casting vote. The Chairman may at any time summon a meeting of the Directors. The company secretary shall, on the requisition of the three (3) Directors referred to in clause 8.1 of the Memorandum of Association, summon a meeting of the Board.

Without prejudice to the aforesaid, the Board may meet in any appropriate form or forum and including, without limitation, by means of telephone or video conferencing or by such other similar means of communication allowing, in either case, all the Directors participating in the meeting to hear and speak to each other. Where meetings of the Board are held by telephone or video conference or by such other similar means of communication as aforesaid such that the Directors are not present together in the same place, the Chairman of the meeting shall, in such cases, first verify the identity of the participating Directors, and shall make a record of such verification once he is satisfied of the identity thereof.

108. Saving the provisions of Article 107 of these Articles, a meeting of the Board shall be deemed not to be duly convened unless at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice thereof has been given.

Provided that a meeting of the Board shall notwithstanding that it is called by a shorter notice or by no notice, be deemed to have been duly convened if it; (i) is so agreed by all the Directors or alternate Directors entitled to attend and vote thereat; or (ii) is called by the Chairman as a matter of urgency, provided that the Chairman shall have noted the urgency of the meeting in the notice and the general nature of the urgent business to be discussed. A Director may give his consent to the waiver of notice by electronic means.

- 109. Every Director of the Board shall specify, where applicable, his telephone number and residential address in Malta, and his electronic mail address.
- 110. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting of the Board, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting of the Board by any person entitled to receive such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.
- 111. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board unless a quorum of Directors is present when the meeting proceeds to business. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be the three (3) Directors referred to in clause 8.1 of the Memorandum of Association. If within half an

hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or to such other day and time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not yet present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, two (2) Directors shall constitute a quorum provided that in any such instance the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

- 112. If at any time the Chairman is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for a meeting of the Directors, the Directors may choose one of their number to chair the meeting.
- 113. A Director may appoint any other person to act as his alternate to attend and vote for him in his absence at any meeting of the Board.
- 114. A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Directors, shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly convened and held. Several distinct copies, including scanned copies, of a resolution signed by Directors separately and received by the Company secretary, shall be deemed to constitute a valid and effective resolution for the purpose of this Article.

#### **BORROWING POWERS**

115. The Company shall have the unlimited power to borrow money and to hypothecate or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof including as security for its obligations and to issue Equity Securities or Debt Securities on such terms, and in such manner and for such consideration as they think fit, whether outright or as security for its liabilities or obligations or for those of any third party. Such power shall be exercised by the Board.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

- 116. The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board which may exercise all such powers of the Company which are not required by the Act, the Capital Markets Rules (or such other rules and regulations of such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable) or by the Memorandum and Articles of the Company, to be exercised by the Company in general meeting.
- 117. The Board shall exercise its powers subject to the provisions of these Articles, the provisions of the Act, and such rules and regulations relating to the conduct of activities of the Company, including the Capital Markets Rules and/or such other rules and regulations of such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid Articles or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in general meeting; but no regulation made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made.

- 118. The Board shall have the power to remove the company secretary provided the Board shall appoint another individual in his stead within fourteen (14) days from the date of his removal.
- 119. It shall be the duty of any Director of the Company who is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or any other proposal with the Company to declare the nature of his interest to the other Directors either at the meeting of the Board at which the question of entering into the contract is first taken into consideration, or, if the Director was not at the date of the meeting interested in the contract or proposed contract, at the next meeting of the Board held after he became so interested.
- 120. A Director shall not vote at a meeting of the Board in respect of any contract or arrangement or any other proposal in which he has a material interest, and if he shall do so his vote shall not be counted, nor shall he be counted in the quorum present at the meeting, but neither of these prohibitions shall apply to:
  - 120.1 any arrangement for giving any Director any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him to or obligations undertaken by him for the benefit of the Company; or
  - 120.2 any arrangement for the giving by the Company of any security to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company for which the Director himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the deposit of a security; or
  - 120.3 any contract by a Director to subscribe for or underwrite shares or debentures of the Company; or
  - 120.4 any contract or arrangement with any other company in which he is interested only as an officer of the Company or as a holder of shares or other securities,
  - and these prohibitions may at any time be suspended or relaxed to any extent, and either generally or in respect of any particular contract, arrangement or transaction, by the Company in general meeting.
- 121. Provided that a Director shall not vote on any matter whatsoever where his voting is precluded by the Capital Markets Rules or such other rules and regulations of such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable.
- 122. The Board on behalf of the Company may pay a gratuity or pension or allowance on retirement to any Director who has held any other salaried office or place of profit with the Company or to his widow or dependants and make contributions to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such gratuity, pension or allowance.
- 123. The Board shall cause proper accounting records to be kept in accordance with article 163 of the Act. The books of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Company or at such other place or places as the Board may decide from time to time.

- 124. The Board shall prepare, for each accounting period, individual accounts comprising the balance sheet as at the last day of the accounting period to which they refer, the profit and loss account for that period, the notes to the accounts and any other financial statements which may be required under Chapter X of Title I of Part V of the Act, the Capital Markets Rules, or such other rules and regulations of such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable. The Company's annual accounts shall be approved by the Board and shall be dated and signed on behalf of the Board by two (2) Directors of the Company.
- 125. The Directors shall cause a printed copy of the profit and loss account and balance sheet of the Company, together with any Directors' and auditors' report attached thereto, to be delivered or sent by post to every Member of the Company and other persons entitled to receive notices of general meetings, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual general meeting
- 126. In respect of each accounting period the Board shall lay before the Company in general meeting for its approval copies of the annual accounts of the Company for that period. There shall be annexed to the annual accounts, the auditors' report as specified in article 179 of the Act, and the Directors' report as specified in article 177 of the Act. Such annual accounts shall be laid and approved by the Company in general meeting within ten months after the end of the accounting reference period subject to the provisions of article 182 of the Act, unless such shorter or longer period applies under the Capital Markets Rules, or such other rules and regulations of such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable.
- 127. Without prejudice to article 180 of the Act, the annual accounts and accounting records of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of Members.

#### **DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS**

- 128. The Board may from time to time appoint a managing director or a Director or Directors holding any other executive office or offices from amongst themselves delegating to him or them any of their powers.
- 129. Each such appointment shall be for such period and on such terms as the Board deems fit, and, subject to the terms of any agreement entered into in any particular case, the Board may revoke such appointment. Any such appointment shall be automatically determined if the Director appointed ceases for any reason to be a Director.
- 130. A Managing Director or Director holding any other executive office shall receive such remuneration as the Board, subject to the approval of the Company in general meeting, may from time to time determine.
- 131. The Board may delegate to any Managing Director, or to any Director holding any other executive office, any of the powers exercisable by them upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions

as they may think fit, and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers and may from time to time revoke, withdraw or vary any of such powers.

- 132. The Board may also appoint a committee consisting of one or more persons selected from among themselves delegating to it any of their powers. Any such delegation may be made subject to any condition or requirement as the Board may impose and may be made either collaterally with or to the exclusion of their own powers, and the Board may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers. Any such committee shall, subject to any of the said conditions or requirements, regulate its own proceedings, in so far as possible in like manner as if its meetings were meetings of the Board.
- 133. The Directors may also appoint a Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Operations Officer (COO), or such other executive officer of the Company, for such period and on such terms and conditions as they deem fit, and subject to the terms of any agreement entered into in any particular case, may revoke such appointment.

#### **RESERVED MATTERS**

- 134. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Company shall not take any of the following actions (each a "Reserved Matter") without the prior written approval of the holder/s of the Ordinary "A" Shares:
  - a. Alteration of the share capital of the Company or the rights attaching to any class of shares;
  - b. Issuance, allotment, or transfer of any shares, or the grant of any option or right to subscribe for or convert any security into shares of the Company;
  - c. Declaration or payment of any dividend or other distribution;
  - d. Acquisition or disposal of any asset or business by the Company (or any subsidiary) with a value exceeding USD 25,000;
  - e. Entry into, variation, or termination of any material contract outside the ordinary course of business;
  - f. Incurrence of borrowings or, in each case exceeding USD 25,000;
  - g. Approval or material variation of the annual business plan or budget;
  - h. Appointment or removal of any director, or change in the terms of employment or remuneration of any director or key employee;
  - i. Commencement, settlement, or abandonment of any litigation, arbitration, or other legal proceedings (excluding debt collection in the ordinary course) where the amount in dispute exceeds USD 25,000;

- j. Amendment of these Articles;
- k. Winding-up, dissolution, or reorganisation of the Company, or the appointment of any receiver or administrator:
- I. Any other matter which the shareholders may from time to time resolve to designate as a Reserved Matter by special resolution.
- 135. Any resolution of the Company purporting to approve a Reserved Matter without the requisite approval specified in Article 134 shall be void and of no effect.

#### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

- 136. The Company shall cause minutes of all proceedings of general meetings and all proceedings at meetings of the Board to be entered in books kept for that purpose.
- 137. The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:
  - 137.1 of all appointments of officers made by the Board;
  - 137.2 of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Board and of any committee of the Board; and
  - 137.3 of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company, and of the Board, and of committees of Board.
- 138. Any such minutes, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be evidence of the proceedings.
- 139. The books containing the minutes of proceedings of any general meeting of the Company shall be kept at the registered office of the Company, and shall during business hours, subject to such reasonable restrictions as the Company may by these Articles or in general meeting impose, be open to the inspection of any Member of the Company without charge.

#### **SECRETARY**

- 140. A document or proceeding requiring authentication by the Company may be signed by a Director, the company secretary or other authorised officer of the Company.
- 141. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Act regulating the appointment and functions of the company secretary, the appointment or replacement of the company secretary and the conditions of holding office shall be determined by the Directors. The company secretary shall be responsible for keeping:

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- i. the minute book of general meetings of the Company;
- ii. the minute book of meetings of the Board;
- iii. the register of Members;
- iv. the register of Debt Securities; and
- v. such other registers and records as the company secretary may be required to keep by the Board.
- 142. The company secretary shall:
  - i. ensure that proper notices are given of all meetings; and
  - ii. ensure that all returns and other documents of the Company are prepared and delivered in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 143. Anything required or authorised to be done by or to the company secretary may, if the office is vacant, or if there is for any other reason no company secretary capable of acting, be done by or to any officer of the Company authorised generally or specifically in that behalf by the Board.

#### **DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES**

- 144. The Company in general meeting may declare dividends, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the Board.
- 145. The Board may from time to time pay to the Members such interim dividends as appear to the Board to be justified by the profits of the Company.
- 146. The Board may, before recommending any dividend, set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as they think proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, at the discretion of the Board, be applicable for any purpose to which the profits of the Company may be properly applied, and pending such application may, at the like discretion, either be employed in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments, other than shares of the Company, as the Board may from time to time think fit. The Board may also without placing the same to reserve carry forward any profits which they may think prudent not to divide.
- 147. Subject to the rights of persons, if any, entitled to Equity Securities with special rights as to dividend, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid or credited as paid on the Equity Securities in respect whereof the dividend is paid, but no amount paid or credited as paid on a share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Article as paid on the Equity Security. All dividends shall be apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid or credited as paid on the Equity Securities during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; but if

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any Equity Security is issued on terms providing that it shall rank for dividend as from a particular date such share shall rank for dividend accordingly.

148. The Board may deduct from any dividend payable to any Member all sums of money, if any, payable by him to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to the Equity Securities of the Company.

149. Any amount paid up in advance of calls on any share may carry interest but will not entitle the holder of the share to participate in respect of such amount in any dividend.

150. The Company shall pay any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security by electronic means directly to a bank account held with any bank in Malta, held or designated by the Person entitled to receive such payment or to make such designation. Where an Equity Security is held jointly by more than one Person, the first named joint Member appearing on the Register of Members shall be deemed to be the Person entitled to receive the payment and to designate a bank account for payment.

Where the Company is not duly notified in writing of a designated bank account for the payment of any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security, it shall be entitled to retain any payment of any dividend or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security until it is duly notified with a designated bank account where any such dividend or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security are to be transferred.

In the case of an Equity Security held by joint holders, any one of such holders may give an effective and valid receipt for all dividends or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security. The payment of dividends or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security to any account designated by one of the joint holders shall be deemed to be a good discharge by the Company.

Every such payment shall be effected at the risk of the Person entitled to the dividend or other moneys payable in respect of an Equity Security. The Company is not responsible for amounts lost or delayed in the course of making the payment as aforesaid.

151. No dividend shall bear interest against the Company.

#### **CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS**

152. The Company in general meeting may, upon the recommendation of the Board, resolve that it is desirable to capitalise any part of the amount for the time being standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts or to the credit of the profit and loss account or otherwise available for distribution, and accordingly that such sum be set free for distribution amongst the Members who would have been entitled thereto if distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions on condition that the same be not paid in cash but be applied either in or towards paying up any amounts for the time being unpaid on any Equity Securities held by such Members respectively or paying up in full unissued Equity Securities or Debt Securities of the Company to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up to and

amongst such Members in the proportion aforesaid, or partly in the one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution:

Provided that a share premium account and a capital redemption reserve may, for the purposes of this Article, only be applied in the paying up of unissued Equity Securities to be issued to Members of the Company as fully paid bonus Equity Securities:

Provided further that the Board may in giving effect to such resolution make such provision by payment in cash or otherwise as they think fit for the case of Equity Securities or Debt Securities becoming distributable in fractions.

#### NOTICE

153. Notices as required to be given by the Company to any Member in terms of these Articles, Capital Markets Rules, and/or such other rules and regulations of such other secondary market, trading facility or other trading venue or equivalent, on which the Debt Securities are Listed and admitted to trading thereon, as applicable, may be sent by registered mail or electronic mail. Where notice is sent by registered mail, it shall be deemed to have been served five (5) days following the date on which it was posted and in the case of notice sent by electronic mail, on the day of transmission. In providing such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice was addressed properly and posted or transmitted to such electronic mail address as may be notified by the Members or Directors of the Company.

154. A notice may be given to the joint holders of an Equity Security by giving notice to the holder of such Equity Security named in the register of Members.

155. Any notice required to be, or which may be, given by advertisement need be advertised not more than once in two (2) daily local newspapers.

156. If postal services in Malta shall be curtailed or suspended so that the Company is unable to give effective notice by post of a general meeting, notice may be given by advertisement as provided in Article 154 and shall be deemed to have been given on the day of publication thereof. In such event the Company shall, as soon as practicable, and only if able to do so prior to the date of the general meeting, send notice by post to all the Members entitled to receive the notice.

157. The signature to any notice to be given by the Company may be written or printed.

#### WINDING-UP

158. All holders of ordinary shares shall rank "pari passu", upon any distribution of assets in a winding-up. The holders of preference shares of the Company shall at all times rank prior to the holders of ordinary shares upon any distribution of assets in a winding-up. As between the holders of difference classes of ordinary shares and/or preference shares, holders thereof shall rank in accordance with the relative terms of issuance of such ordinary shares and/or preference shares, as the case may be.

159. If the Company shall be wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Act, divide amongst the Members "in specie" or in kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the numbers of different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in trusts for the benefit of the beneficiaries of the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no Member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other securities whereon there is any liability.

160. Provided where the Company opts to enter voluntary liquidation in accordance with the provisions of these Articles and the Act, any fees payable to a liquidator tasked with dissolution and consequential winding-up of the Company shall be sanctioned by a resolution of the shareholders, either pursuant to an extraordinary general meeting or by resolution in writing, provided that at least seven (7) days' prior notice of the proposed amount to be resolved upon at the general meeting shall be given to the shareholders.

#### **INDEMNITY**

161. Every Managing Director or other Director holding any directorship, any executive officer, and every agent, auditor or company secretary and in general any officer for the time being of the Company, shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings in which judgement is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted.

#### SECRECY

162. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Professional Secrecy Act (Chapter 377 of the laws of Malta), every Director, officer, secretary, auditor and employee of the Company shall observe strict secrecy with regard to all dealings, transactions and other matters of a confidential nature of and concerning the company, and with regard to all transactions of the Company with its customer or other stakeholders, the state of their accounts and matters relating thereto, except where required or authorised to disclosure particulars thereof by the Directors, the person/s to whom such matters relate, or by law, and except in so far as may be necessary to comply with any of the provisions of these Articles; and every Director, officer, secretary, auditor or employee shall sign a declaration to the above effect in such form as the Directors may from time to time prescribe.

#### MEETINGS BY VIDEO OR TELEPHONE

163. A person is entitled to participate at a meeting of the Board or at any general meeting by means of video conferences, telephone links or other similar means. In such instances, the chairman of the meeting shall sign on behalf of the person/s participating in such manner.

#### **GENERAL**

164. All the above Articles are subject to the overriding provisions of the Act and, in the event of any of the Company's Debt Securities which are Listed, the Capital Markets Rules, except in so far as any provisions contained in any one of these laws permits otherwise; and the generality of any of the above provisions shall, in its interpretation, be restricted as is necessary to be read in conformity with any and all of the provisions of any of these laws.

165. In the event that any of the Company's Debt Securities or Equity Securities are Listed, no deletion, amendment, or addition to any of these Articles shall have effect unless prior written approval has been sought and obtained from the Malta Financial Services Authority for such deletion, amendment, or addition.

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## **GOLDEN TRIANGLE PLC**

Malta Business Registry AM Business Centre Triq il-Labour Zejtun, ZTN 2401 Malta

<u>2 June</u> 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Incorporation of Golden Triangle p.l.c.

We, the undersigned, appearing hereon in our capacity as Directors of Golden Triangle p.l.c. (the "Company") hereby declare that:

- In terms of Article 69(2) of the Companies Act, it is estimated that all costs payable by the Company or chargeable to the Company by reason of its formation, up to the time it is authorised to commence business, and all costs relating to transactions leading such authorisation, amount to Eur 5,000.00; and
- 2. no special advantage has been granted prior to the time that the Company is authorised to commence business to anyone who has taken part in the formation of the Company or in transactions leading to such authorisation.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Naudi

Director

Michael Warrington

Director

Charles Borg Director

# **Digital Signatures**