

**DANCE  
CORK  
FIRKIN  
CRANE**

CONSTITUTION [DRAFT]

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**COMPANIES ACTS 2014 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE CONSTITUTION OF FIRKIN CRANE**

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**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

1. The name of the Company is Firkin Crane CLG, trading as Dance Cork Firkin Crane.
2. This is a company limited by Guarantee registered under Part 18 of the Companies Act 2014.
3. The main object for which the Company is established is:
  - a. To be Ireland's leading venue for dance performance, choreography, and professional development.
  - b. To promote and engage in the study, research, education and performance of choreography and dance as an art form, and such other artistic and cultural activities as may be thought appropriate by the Directors from time to time, in all of their respective forms.
  - c. To uphold the objectives and values set out in the mission statement:

Dance Cork Firkin Crane, located in the Shandon area of Cork City, is a venue dedicated to dance. Our mission is to provide the support and resources for people to make, see, and join in great dance. We promote an ethos of inclusiveness and diversity, making Dance Dork Firkin Crane a welcoming space for professional dance artists and for dance lovers of all ages, abilities, and mobility. We provide access to dance training and education from beginner to professional level, supporting current and future generations of dance makers and performers. We provide professional facilities and expertise for all stages in the creation of new dance works, from research through to performance. We bring the best in local, Irish and international dance to Cork audiences, building awareness and appreciation of dance as an art form. We are the home of professional and youth dance companies, long and short-term dance artist residencies, and dance schools. Rooted in our local community, Dance Cork Firkin Crane works on a local, national and inter- national scale.

4. The company shall in addition to the powers conferred on it by law have the following powers which are exclusively subsidiary and ancillary to the Main Object and which powers may only be exercised in promoting the Main Object. Any income generated by the exercise of these powers is to be applied to the promotion of the Main Object:
- 1)
    - a. To furnish and provide the Company's property with such furniture implements, machinery and conveniences as the Company may think desirable.
    - b. To provide gardens, greenhouses and grounds for recreation and amusement.
    - c. To raise funds and help raise funds for any charitable purpose.
    - d. To carry on any business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above main object or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the Company's property, rights or interests.
  - 2) To make, draw, accept, endorse, issue, discount, and otherwise deal with promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques, letters of credit, circular notes and other mercantile instruments.
  - 3) To acquire by purchase, exchange, lease, fee farm grant or otherwise, either for an estate in fee simple or for any less estate or interest, whether immediately or reversionary, and whether vested or contingent: any lands, tenements or hereditaments of any tenure, whether subject or not to any charges or encumbrances and to hold and farm and work or manage or to sell, let, alienate, mortgage, lease or charge land, house property, shops, flats, maisonettes, reversions, interests, annuities, life policies and any other property real or personal, movable or immovable, either absolutely or conditionally and either subject to or not to any mortgage, charge, ground rent or other rents or encumbrances and to pay for any lands, tenements, hereditaments or assets acquired by the Company in cash or debentures or obligations of the Company, whether fully paid or otherwise, or in any other manner.
  - 4) To guarantee, support or secure, whether by personal covenant or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future) of the Company, or all such methods, the performance of the obligations of and the repayment or payment of the principle

amounts and interest of any person, firm or Company or the dividends or interest of any securities, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company which is the Company's holding company or a subsidiary or associated company.

- 5) To carry on any other business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the main object(s).
- 6) To purchase or otherwise acquire and carry on the whole or any part of the business property, goodwill and assets of any company carrying on or proposing to carry on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on or which can be conveniently carried on in connection with the same, or may seem calculated directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of the Company, and as part of the consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such company or to acquire an interest therein, amalgamated with or enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for limiting competition or for mutual assistance with any such company and to give, issue or accept cash or any shares, debentures or other securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures or securities so received.
- 7) To promote any company for the purpose of acquiring all or any of the property or liabilities of the Company, or if undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of or render more profitable any property, assets or business of the Company, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company.
- 8) To accumulate capital for any purposes of the Company, and to appropriate any of the Company's assets to specific purposes, either conditionally or unconditionally. Prior permission to be obtained from Revenue where it is intended to accumulate funds for a period in excess of two (2) years.
- 9) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, or company that may seem conducive to the Company's main object(s), and to obtain from any such government authority or company, any charters, contracts, decrees, rights, privileges and concessions and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, charters, contracts, decrees, rights, privileges and concessions.
- 10) To raise or borrow money, and to secure the payment of money by the issue of or upon debentures or debenture stock, perpetual, terminable or otherwise, or bonds or other obligations, charged or not charged upon, or by mortgage, charge, hypothecation, lien or pledge of the whole or any part of the undertaking, property, assets and rights of the Company, both present and future, and generally in such other manner and on such terms as may seem expedient, and to issue any of the Company's securities, for such consideration and on such terms as may be thought fit, including the power to pay interest on any money so raised or borrowed: and also by a similar mortgage, charge, hypothecation, lien or pledge, to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company of any obligation or liability it may undertake, and to redeem or pay off any such securities.

- 11) To create, maintain, invest and deal with any reserve or sinking funds for redemption of obligations of the Company, or for depreciation of works or stock, or any other purpose to advance the main object(s) of the Company.
- 12) To grant pensions, gratuities, allowances or charitable aid to any person who may have served the Company as an employee, or to the spouses, children or other dependents of such person provided that such pensions, gratuities, allowances or charitable aid shall be no more than that provided by a pension scheme covered by Part 30 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and provided that such pension scheme has been operated by the company and the beneficiary of the pensions, gratuities, allowances or charitable aid, or their spouse or parent, has been a member of the pension scheme while employed by the company; and to make payments towards insurance and to form and contribute to provident and benefit funds for the benefit of any persons employed by the Company and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable objects.
  - a. To promote freedom of contact and to resist, insure against, counteract and discourage interference therewith to join any lawful federation, union, association or party and to contribute to the funds thereof, or do any other lawful act or thing with a view to preventing or resisting directly or indirectly any interruption of or interference with the Company or any other trade or business or providing or safeguarding against the same, or resisting or opposing any strike movement or organisation which may be thought detrimental to the interest of the Company or its employees and to subscribe to any association or fund for any such purposes.
  - b. To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any foreign country, colony, dependency or place.
- 13) To pay all or any expenses of, incidental to or incurred in connection with the formation and incorporation of the Company and the raising of its loan capital, or to contract with any person or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling or guaranteeing the subscription of any debentures or securities of the Company.
- 14) To do all or any of the above things on any part of the world, and as principals, agents, contractors, trustees or otherwise, and either by or through trustees, agents, sub-contractors or otherwise and either alone in partnership or conjunction with any person or company, and to contract for the carrying on of any operation connected with the Company's main object by any person or company.
- 15) To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above main object(s).

And it is hereby declared that in the construction of this Clause, the word "company", except where used in reference to this Company, shall be deemed to include any person or partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated and whether domiciled in Ireland or elsewhere, and words denoting the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa.

## LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

5. The liability of the members is limited.
6. Every member if the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while they are a member or within one year afterwards, for payment of debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before they cease to be a member and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding not exceeding EUR 6.43869.

## WINDING UP

7. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main object(s) of the Company and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as imposed on the company under or by virtue of the income and property clause. Members of the company shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object with the agreement of the charities regulator. Final accounts will be prepared and submitted that will include a section that identifies and values any assets transferred along with the details of the recipients and the terms of the trans- fer.

## INCOME AND PROPERTY

8. The income and property of the Company shall be applied solely towards the pro-motion of its main object(s) as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the Company's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of the Company. No charity trustee shall be appointed to any office of the Company paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company.

However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the company of:

- a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the company or to any member of the company (sample: not being a charity trustee) for any services rendered to the Company;
- b) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the company (including any charity trustee) to the company;
- c) reasonable and proper out of pocket expenses incurred by any charity trustee in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the Company;
- d) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which a charity trustee may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company;
- e) payment by the company to a person pursuant to an agreement entered into in compliance with section 89 of the charities Act 2009 (as for the time being amended, extended or replaced).

## ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS

9. The organisation must ensure that the Charities Regulator has a copy of its most recent governing instrument. If it is proposed to make an amendment to the Governing Instrument of the organisation which requires the prior approval of the Charities Regulator, advance notice in writing of the proposed changes must be given to the Charities Regulator for approval, and the amendments shall not take effect until such approval is received.

## KEEPING ACCOUNTS

10. The Company, provided it satisfies the requirements of the revenue and the act relating to exemption from the requirement to have its accounts audited including members rights, shall not be required to appoint an auditor and if the Company so resolves, then any reference to an auditor in any regulation shall be deleted accordingly.

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Regulations contained the Act shall apply to the Company and together with the regulations hereinafter contained shall constitute the regulations of the Company save in so far as they are excluded or verified.

11. In this Constitution:

"The Act" means the Companies Act, 2014;

"Directors" means the Directors for the time being of the Company or the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors and includes any person occupying the position of Director by whatever name called;

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

"the Seal" means the Common Seal of the Company;

"the Office" means the registered office for the time being and from time to time of the Company.

Expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including reference to printing, lithography, photography and any other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form. Unless the contrary intention appears, words or expressions contained in these Regulations shall bear the same meaning as in the Act, or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date at which these regulations become binding on the Company.

Expressions in these Articles referring to execution of any document shall include any mode of execution whether under seal or under hand.

### MEMBERS

12. The number of members with which the Company proposed to be registered is ten (10) but the Directors may from time to time register an increase or decrease of members.
13. The subscribers to the Constitution and such other persons as the Directors in their absolute discretion shall admit to membership shall be members of the Company.
14. The Directors may from time to time determine the terms and conditions on which persons shall be admitted to membership of the Company and the classes (if more than one) of members and the privileges, rights and obligations of the member of each such class.



15. The entry of a member's name in the Register shall be evidence of membership but no member shall be entitled to a certificate of membership.
16. The rights and privileges of a member as such shall be personal and accordingly shall not be transferable and shall cease on his death.
17. The rights and liabilities attaching to any Members of the Company may be varied from time to time by a Special Resolution of the Company.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

18. All general meetings of the Company shall be held in the State.
19. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Company shall in each year hold a general meeting as its Annual General Meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meetings as such in the notices calling it; and not more than 15 months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting of the Company and that of the next.  
  
(2) So long as the Company holds its first Annual General Meeting within 18 months of its incorporation, it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year. Subject to Regulation 15, the Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and at such place in the State as the Directors shall appoint.
20. All general meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
21. The Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition or in default may be convened by such requisitionists as provided by the Act.

If at any time there are not within the state sufficient members of the Governing body capable of acting to form a quorum any governing body member or any seven members of the company convene an extraordinary general meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Governing Body.

#### NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

22. An annual General Meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by 21 days' notice in writing at the least and a meeting of the Company shall be called by 14 days' notice in writing at the least. 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 is given and shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and in the case of special business the general nature of that business, and shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons as are under the constitution entitled to receive notices from the Company.
23. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of notices of a meeting by any person entitled to receive the notice shall not invalidate the proceeding at that meeting.

## PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

24. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting, and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the accounts, balance sheets and the reports of the Directors and Auditors, the election of Directors in the place of those retiring, the re-appointment of the retiring Auditors and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors.
25. Business shall not be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save as herein otherwise provided, four members present in person shall be a quorum.
26. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved: in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, 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 members present shall be a quorum.
27. The Chairperson, if any, of the Directors shall preside as chairperson at every general meeting of the Company, or if there is no such chairperson, or if they are not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting, or is unwilling to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to be the Chair of the meeting.
28. If at any meeting no Director is willing to act as the Chair or if no Director is present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be the Chair of the meeting.
29. The Chairperson 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 unfinished at the meeting at 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 the 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.

30. 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:
- (a) by the Chairperson, or
  - (b) by at least three members present in person or by proxy, or
  - (c) by any member or members present in person and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at the meeting.

Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson 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 proceedings of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of, or against, such resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

31. Except as provided in Regulation 30, if a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such a manner as the Chairperson directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
32. Where there is an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairperson 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.
33. A poll demanded in relation to the election of a Chairperson or an adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other questions shall be taken at such time as the Chairperson 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.
34. A resolution in writing signed by all members for the time being entitled to attend and vote on such resolution at a General Meeting (or being bodies corporate by their duly authorised representatives) shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as if the resolution had been passed at a general meeting of the Company duly convened and held, and if described as a special resolution shall be deemed to be a special resolution within the meaning of the Act.

#### VOTES OF MEMBERS

35. Every member shall have one vote.
36. A member of unsound mind, or in respect of whom an order has been made by any Court having jurisdiction in lunacy, may vote, whether on a show of hands or in a poll by his committee, receiver, guardian, or other person appointed by that Court, and any such committee, receiver, guardian, or other person may vote by proxy on a show of hands or on a poll.
37. No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies immediately

payable by them to the Company have been paid.

38. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the voter objected to is given or tendered, any 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 Chairperson of the meeting whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
39. Votes may be given either personally or by proxy.
40. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or of his attorney duly authorised in writing, or, if the appointer is a body corporate, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
41. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
42. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power or authority shall be deposited at the office or at such other place within the State as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting not less than 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 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.
43. An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or a form as near thereto as circumstances permit:

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I/We , being a member/members of the above named Company, hereby  
appoint  
of  
or failing them  
of  
as my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf at the (annual or  
extraordinary, as the case may be) general meeting of the Company to  
be held on the [ ] day of [ ] 20[ ] and any adjournment thereof.

Signed this day of 20[ ]

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

\*Strike out whichever is not desired.

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44. A vote in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid

notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, if no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation or transfer as aforesaid is received by the Company at the office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.

#### BODIES CORPORATE ACTING BY REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETINGS.

45. Any body corporate which is a member of the Company may by resolution of its directors or other governing body authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company, and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the body corporate which they represent as that body corporate could exercise if it were an individual member of the Company.

#### DIRECTORS

46. The number of Directors and the names of the first Directors shall be determined in writing by the subscribers to the Constitution or a majority of them. At a minimum the company must have three directors who are not related and who are independent of each other.

#### RESIGNATION, CESSATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERSHIP

47. (a) A member of any class may by notice in writing to the Secretary of the Company resign their membership of the Company.
- (b) Membership of the Company shall automatically cease on any member's death.
- (c) If any member shall refuse or willfully neglect to comply with any of this Constitution or shall have been guilty of such conduct as in the opinion of the Directors either shall have rendered them unfit to remain a member of the Company or shall be injurious to the Company or if the Directors shall for any other good reason require that a member shall be expelled such members may by a Resolution of the Directors be expelled from membership provided that they shall have been given notice of the intended resolution for their expulsion and shall have been afforded an opportunity of giving orally or in writing to the Directors any explanation or defense as they may think fit.

Notice under this Regulation shall be deemed to have been served if it is sent in accordance with the provisions set out in Regulation 22 of this constitution whether or not it is actually received by the member intended to be served with such notice.

#### BORROWING POWERS

48. The Directors may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property or any part thereof, and to issue

debentures, debenture stock and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

49. The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by the Directors, who may pay all expenses incurred in promoting and registering the Company, and exercise all such powers of the Company as are not by the Act or Regulation required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting subject nevertheless to the provision of the Act and these regulations and to such directions, being not inconsistent with the aforesaid provisions, as may be given by the Company in general meeting, but no direction given by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that direction has not been given.

The Directors may from time to time, and at any time, by power of attorney appoint any company, firm or person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors to be the attorney or attorneys of the Company for such purposes and with powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Directors and under these Regulations) and for such period and subject to such conditions as they may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Directors may think fit, and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions vested in them.

50. A Director may vote in respect of any contract appointment or arrangement in which they are interested and they shall be counted in the quorum present at the meeting.
51. All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by such person or persons and in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine.
52. The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in books provided for the purpose:
- (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
  - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Directors and of any committee of the Directors;
  - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company, and the Directors and of committees of Directors.

#### DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

53. The Office of Director shall be vacated if the Director:
- (a) holds any office or place of profit under the Company; or

- (b) is adjudged bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with their creditors generally; or
- (c) becomes prohibited from being a Director by reason of any order made under the Act; or
- (d) becomes of unsound mind; or
- (e) resigns their office by notice in writing to the Company; or
- (f) is convicted of an indictable offence, unless the Directors otherwise determine; or
- (g) if they be absent from meetings of the Directors for six consecutive months without leave of the Directors, and their alternate (if any) shall not during such period have attended in their stead and the Directors resolve that their office be vacated; or
- (h) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract with the Company and fails to declare the nature of their interest in manner required by the Act.

#### VOTING ON CONTRACTS

54. A Director may not vote in respect of any contract in which they are interested or any matter arising thereout.

## ROTATION OF DIRECTORS

55. At the first Annual General Meeting of the Company, all the Directors shall retire from office and at the Annual General Meeting in every subsequent year one-third of the Directors for the time being, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office.
56. The Directors to retire in every year shall be those who have been longest in office since the last election, but as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree amongst themselves) be determined by lot.
57. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.
58. The Company, at the meeting at which a Director retires in manner aforesaid, may fill the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring Director shall, if offering himself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or unless a resolution for the re-election of such Director has been put to the meeting and not passed.
59. No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors, be eligible for re-election to the office of Director at any general meeting unless not less than three nor more than 21 days before the date appointed for the meeting, there has been left at the office in writing, signed by a Member duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which notice is given, of their intention to propose such a person for election, and also notice in writing signed by that person of their willingness to be elected.
60. The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors, and may also determine in what rotation the increased or reduced number is to go out of office.
61. The Directors shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with this Constitution. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election, but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
62. The Company may by ordinary resolution of which extended notice given in accordance with the Act remove any Director before the expiration of their period of office, notwithstanding anything in this Constitution or in any agreement between the Company and such Director. Such removal shall be without prejudice to any claim such Director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between them and the Company.
63. The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint another person in place of a Director removed from office under Regulation 63. Without prejudice to the powers of the Directors under Regulation 62 the Company in general meeting may appoint any person to be a Director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as additional Director. A person appointed in place of a director so removed or to fill such a vacancy shall be subject to retirement at the same time as if they had become Director on the day on which the Director in whose place they are appointed was last elected a Director.



## PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

64. The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. Where there is any equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote except upon a vote to elect a new Chairperson (in which case the existing Chairperson shall not have a second or casting vote). A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of Directors.

If the Directors so resolve it shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting of Directors to any Director who being resident in the State is for the time being absent from the State.

65. The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors may be fixed by the Directors, and unless so fixed shall be four (4).
66. The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed by or pursuant to the Constitution of the Company as the necessary quorum of Directors, the continuing Directors or Director may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number, or of summoning a general meeting of the Company, but for no other purpose.
67. The Directors may elect one of their number to be Chairperson of their meetings and one of its number to be deputy chairperson of its meetings and may determine the period for which they are to hold office, but, if no such Chairperson or deputy chairperson is elected, or if at any meeting neither the Chairperson or deputy chairperson is present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be Chairperson of the meeting.
68. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Board as they think fit; any committee so formed shall, in exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the Directors.
69. A committee may elect a Chair of its meetings; if no such Chair is elected, or if at any meeting the Chair is not present within 5 minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the members present may choose one of their number to be Chair of the meeting.
70. A committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Questions arising at any meetings shall be determined by a majority of votes of the members present, and when there is an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.
71. All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors, or by any person acting as a Director, shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such Director or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.
72. 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 as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly convened and held.

73. (1) For the purpose of these Articles, the contemporaneous linking together by telephone or other means of audio communication of a number of Directors not less than the quorum shall be deemed to constitute a meeting of the Directors, and all the provisions in these Articles as to meetings of the Directors shall apply to such meetings.
- (2) Each of the Directors taking part in the meeting must be able to hear each of the other Directors taking part.
- (3) At the commencement of the meeting each Director must acknowledge their presence and that they accept that the conversation shall be deemed to be a meeting of the Directors.
- (4) A Director may not cease to take a part in the meeting by disconnecting their telephone or other means of communication unless they have previously obtained the express consent of the chairperson of the meeting, and a Director shall be conclusively presumed to have been present and to have formed part of the quorum at all times during the meeting unless they have previously obtained the express consent of the chairperson of the meeting to leave the meeting as aforesaid.
- (5) A minute of the proceedings at such meeting by telephone or other means of communication shall be sufficient evidence of such proceedings and of the observance of all necessary formalities if certified as a correct minute by the chairperson of the meeting.

#### SECRETARY

74. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Directors for such term and at such remuneration (if any) and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Directors.
75. A provision of the Act or this constitution requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of, the Secretary.

#### THE SEAL

76. The seal shall be used only by the authority of the Directors or of a committee of Directors authorised by the Directors in that behalf, and every instrument to which the seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a Director and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or by a second Director or by some other person appointed by the Director for that purpose.

#### ACCOUNTS

77. Directors shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept relating to:
- (a) all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
  - (b) all sales and purchases of goods by the Company; and

- (c) the assets and liabilities of the company.

Proper books shall not be deemed to be kept if there are not kept such books of account as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and to explain its transactions.

- 78. The books shall be kept at the office or at such other place as the Directors think fit, and shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the Directors.
- 79. The Directors shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Company or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being Directors, and no member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in general meeting.
- 80. The Directors shall from time to time in accordance with the Act cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Company such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts and reports as are required by those Sections to be prepared and laid before the Annual General Meeting of the Company.
- 81. A copy of every balance sheet and profit and loss account which is to be laid before a general meeting of the Company (including every document required by law to be annexed thereto) together with a copy of the Directors' report shall, not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, be sent to every person entitled under the provisions of the Act to receive them/be sent to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company and to every other person who is entitled to receive notices from the Company under the provisions of the Acts of these Articles.

#### AUDITORS

- 82. Auditors shall be appointed and their duties will be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

#### NOTICES

- 83. A notice may be given by the Company to any member either personally or by sending it by post to them to their registered address. Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice, and to have been effected in the case of the notice of a meeting at the expiration of 24 hours after the letter containing the same is posted, and in any other case at which the letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post and electronic mail.
- 84. Notice of every general meeting shall be given in any manner hereinbefore authorised to:
  - (a) every member;
  - (b) the Auditor for the time being of the Company;

(c) every Director.

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