

Set out below is a summary of certain provisions of the memorandum of association and Bye-laws of the Company and of certain aspects of Bermuda company law.

## **1. MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

The memorandum of association states, among other matters, that the liability of members of the Company is limited to the amount, if any, for the time being unpaid on the Shares respectively held by them and that the Company is an exempted company as defined in the Companies Act, the memorandum of association also sets out the objects for which the Company was formed, including acting as a holding and investment company, and its powers, including the powers set out in the First Schedule to the Companies Act, excluding paragraph 8 thereof. As an exempted company, the Company will be carrying on business outside of Bermuda for a place of business in Bermuda.

In accordance with and subject to section 42A of the Companies Act, the memorandum of association of the Company empowers it to purchase its own Shares and, pursuant to its bye-laws, this power is exercisable by the directors of the Company (the “Directors”) upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit.

## **2. BYE-LAWS**

The Bye-laws of the Company (the “Bye-laws”) were adopted on 4 March, 2011. The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Bye-laws.

### **(a) Directors**

#### *(i) Power to allot and issue shares*

Without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attaching to any shares or any class of shares, any share may be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such preferred, deferred or other special rights, or such restrictions, whether as regards dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise, as the Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution determine (or, in the absence of any such determination or so far as the same may not make specific provision, as the Directors may determine) and any preference shares may, subject to the Companies Act and with the sanction of a special resolution, be issued on terms that they are liable to be redeemed upon the happening of a specified event or upon a given date and either at the option of the Company or, if so authorised by the memorandum of association of the Company, at the option of the holder. The Directors may subject to the approval of the members in general meeting, issue warrants to subscribe for any class of shares or securities of the Company on such terms as they may from time to time determine.

All unissued shares in the Company shall be at the disposal of the Directors, who may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, for such consideration and generally on such terms they shall in their absolute discretion think fit, but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount.

#### *(ii) Power to dispose of the assets of the Company or any subsidiary*

There are no specific provisions in the Bye-laws relating to the disposal of the assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries although the Directors may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done or approved by the Company and which are not required by the Bye-laws or relevant statutes of Bermuda to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting.

*(iii) Compensation or payments for loss of office*

Payments to any Director or past Director of any sum by way of compensation for loss of office or as consideration for or in connection with his retirement from office (not being a payment to which the Director is contractually entitled) must be approved by the Company in general meeting.

*(iv) Loans and the giving of security for loans to Directors*

Save as described in sub-paragraph (vi) below, there are no provisions in the Bye-laws relating to the making of loans or the giving of security for loans to Directors. However, the Companies Act contains restrictions on companies making loans and giving security for loans to their directors, the relevant provisions of which are summarised in paragraph 4(l) below.

*(v) Financial assistance to purchase shares of the Company or its holdings company*

- (aa) subject to the provisions of all relevant statutes of Bermuda (see paragraph 4(b) below regarding the relevant provisions of the Companies Act), the Company may in accordance with an employees' share scheme provide money on such terms as the Directors think fit for the acquisition of fully or partly paid shares in the Company or its holding company. For the purposes of the Bye-law in this regard, an employees' share scheme is a scheme for encouraging or facilitating the holding of shares or debentures in the Company by or for the benefit of bona fide employees of the Company (including any such bona fide employee or former employee who is or was a Director), the Company's subsidiary or holding company or a subsidiary of the Company's holding company, or the wives, husbands, widows, widowers or children or step-children under the age of twenty-one (21) of such employees or former employees;
- (bb) subject to the provisions of all relevant statutes of Bermuda, the Company may make loans to persons (including Directors) employed or formerly employed in good faith by the Company with a view to enabling those persons to acquire fully or partly paid shares in the Company or its holding company to be held by them by way of beneficial ownership; and
- (cc) the conditions subject to which money and loans may be provided under the provisions of the Bye-laws summarised in paragraphs (aa) or (bb) above may include a provision to the effect that when an employee ceases to be employed by the Company, a subsidiary or holding company of the Company or a subsidiary of the holding company of the Company, the shares acquired with such money or loans shall or may be sold to the Company or any other company on such terms as the Directors think fit.

*(vi) Disclosure of interests in contracts with the Company or any of its subsidiaries*

Subject to the Companies Act, a Director may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of an auditor) in conjunction with his office of Director for such period and upon such terms as the Directors may determine, and may be paid such extra remuneration therefor (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the Directors may determine. A Director may be or become a director or other officer of, or be otherwise interested in, any company promoted by the Company or any other company in which the Company may be interested, and shall not be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefit received by him as a director or officer of or from his

interest in such other company. The Directors may also cause the voting power conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company to be exercised in such manner in all respects as they think fit, including the exercise thereof in favour of any resolution appointing the Directors or any of them to be directors or officers of such other company, or voting or providing for the payment of remuneration to the directors or officers of such other company. A Director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum on any resolution of the Directors concerning his own appointment or the appointment of any of his associates as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested (including the arrangement or variation of the terms thereof, or the termination thereof).

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and the Bye-laws, no Director or proposed or intended Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or place of profit or as vendor, purchaser or in any other manner whatsoever, nor will any contract with regard thereto or any other contract or arrangement in which any Director is in any way interested be liable to be avoided, nor shall any Director so contracting or being so interested be liable to account to the Company or the members for any remuneration, profit or other benefits realised by any such contract or arrangement by reason of such Director holding that office or the fiduciary relationship thereby established. If to the knowledge of a Director, he or any of his associates, is in any way, whether directly or indirectly, interested in a contract or arrangement or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company, he must declare the nature of his or, as the case may be, his associates' interest at the meeting of the Directors at which the question of entering into the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if he knows his interest or that of his associates then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Directors after he knows that he or his associates is or has become so interested.

Save as otherwise provided by the Bye-laws, a Director may not vote (nor be counted in the quorum for the voting) on any resolution of the Directors approving any contract or arrangement in which he or any of his associates is to his knowledge materially interested, and if he does so his vote will not be counted, but this prohibition will not apply to any of the following matters, namely:

- (aa) any contract or arrangement for the giving to the Director or his associates of any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of them or obligations undertaken by him for the benefit of the Company;
- (bb) any contract or arrangement for the giving by the Company of any security to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any company in which the Company has an interest for which the Director or his associates has himself/themselves guaranteed or secured in whole or in part;
- (cc) any contract or arrangement by a Director or his associate(s) to subscribe for shares or debentures or other securities of the Company to be issued pursuant to any offer or invitation to the members or debenture or other securities holders or to the public which does not provide the Director and his associates any privilege not accorded to any other members or debenture or other securities holders or to the public;
- (dd) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of the shares, debentures or other securities of or by the Company for subscription or purchase where the Director or his associates is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the

underwriting or sub underwriting of the offer and/or for the purposes of making any representations, the giving of any covenants, undertakings or warranties or assuming any other obligations in connection with such offer;

- (ee) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his associates is/are interested as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company and/or his/their being the offeror or one of the offerors or is interested in one of the offerors for the purchase or effective acquisition of such shares, debentures or other securities;
- (ff) any contract or arrangement concerning any other company in which the Director or his associates is/are interested directly or indirectly whether as an officer and/or executive and/or a member, other than a company in which the Director or his associates owns five per cent. (5%) or more of the voting equity capital or voting rights of any class of shares of such company (or of any third company through which his interest is derived), excluding shares which carry no voting rights at general meetings and no or nugatory dividend and return of capital rights;
- (gg) any proposal or arrangement for the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefit scheme or personal pension plan under which a Director or his associates and employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries may benefit and which has been approved by or is subject to and conditional on approval by the relevant tax authorities for taxation purposes or relates both to Directors, associates of Directors and employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not give the Director or his associates any privilege not accorded to the relevant class of officers of which the Director is a member and to whom such scheme or fund relates;
- (hh) any proposal concerning the adoption, modification or operation of any share scheme involving the issue or grant of options over shares or other securities by the Company to, or for the benefit of, the employees of the Company or its subsidiaries under which the Director or his associates may benefit; and
- (ii) any contract, agreement, transaction or proposal concerning the purchase and/or maintenance of any insurance policy for the benefit of any Director, his associates, officer or employee pursuant to the Bye-laws.

*(vii) Remuneration*

The Directors shall be entitled to receive by way of ordinary remuneration for their services such sum as is from time to time determined by the Company in general meeting, such sum (unless otherwise directed by the resolution by which it is voted) to be divided amongst the Directors in such proportions and in such manner as they may agree, or failing agreement, equally, except that in such event any Director holding office for less than the whole of the relevant period in respect of which the remuneration is paid shall only rank in such division in proportion to the time during such period for which he has held office. The foregoing provisions shall not apply to a Director who holds any salaried employment or office in the Company except in the case of sums paid in respect of Directors' fees. The Directors shall also be entitled to be repaid all travelling, hotel and other expenses reasonably incurred by them respectively in or about the performance of

their duties as Directors, including their expenses of travelling to and from Directors' meetings, committee meetings or general meetings, or otherwise incurred whilst engaged on the business of the Company or in the discharge of their duties as Directors.

The Directors may grant special remuneration to any Director who performs any special or extra services to or at the request of the Company. Such special remuneration may be made payable to such Director in addition to or in substitution for his ordinary remuneration as a Director, and may be made payable by way of salary, commission or participation in profits or otherwise as may be arranged. Notwithstanding the foregoing the remuneration of chairman, deputy chairman, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director or an executive Director or a Director appointed to any other office in the management of the Company may be fixed from time to time by the Directors and may be by way of salary, commission or participation in profits or otherwise or by all or any of those modes and with such other benefits (including pension and/or gratuity and/or other benefits on retirement) and allowances as the Directors may from time to time decide. Such remuneration is in addition to his ordinary remuneration as a Director.

The Directors also have power to establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of any contributory or non contributory pension or superannuation funds for the benefit of, or to give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to, any persons who are or were at any time in the employment or service of the Company, or of any company which is a subsidiary of the Company, or is allied or associated with the Company or with any such subsidiary company, or who are or were at any time directors or officers of the Company or of any such other company as aforesaid, and holding or who have held any salaried employment or office in the Company or such other company, and the spouses, widows, widowers, families and dependants of any such persons and may make payments for or towards the insurance of any such persons. Any Director holding any such employment or office is entitled to participate in and retain for his own benefit any such donation, gratuity, pension, allowance or emolument.

*(viii) Retirement, appointment and removal*

At each annual general meeting one third of the Directors for the time being (or if their number is not three (3) or a multiple of three (3), then the number nearest but not exceeding one third) will retire from office save for any chairman, deputy chairman, managing director or joint managing director. The Directors to retire in every year will be those who have been longest in office since their last election but as between persons who became Directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree between themselves) be determined by lot.

A Director is not required to retire upon reaching any particular age.

The Directors are entitled to attend and speak at all general meetings.

The number of Directors shall not be fewer than two (2). A Director may be removed by an ordinary resolution of the Company before the expiration of his period of office (but without prejudice to any claim which such Director may have for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Company) provided that the notice of any general meeting convened for the purpose of removing a Director shall contain a statement of the intention to do so and be served on such Director fourteen (14) days before the meeting and at such meeting the Director shall be entitled to be heard on the motion for his removal. The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as

an additional Director. In addition, the Directors may appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed the maximum number determined from time to time by the members in general meeting. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting of Shareholders after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

The Directors may from time to time entrust to and confer upon the chairman, managing director, joint managing director, deputy managing director or executive director of the Company all or any of the powers of the Directors that they may think fit, provided that the exercise of all powers by such Director shall be subject to such regulations and restrictions as the Directors may from time to time make and impose. The Directors may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of their body and such other persons as they think fit, and they may from time to time revoke such delegation or revoke the appointment of and discharge any such committees either wholly or in part, and either as to persons or purposes, but every committee so formed shall in the exercise of the powers so delegated conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Directors.

*(ix) Borrowing powers*

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, the Directors may from time to time at their discretion exercise all the powers of the Company to raise or borrow or to secure the payment of any sum or sums of money for the purposes of the Company and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof. The Directors may raise or secure the payment or repayment of such sum or sums in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as they think fit and in particular, but subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, by the issue of debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities of the Company, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

*Note:* The provisions summarised above, in common with the Bye-laws in general, may be varied with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company.

*(x) Qualification shares*

Directors of the Company are not required under the Bye-laws to hold any qualification shares.

*(xi) Indemnity to Directors*

The Bye-laws contain provisions that provide indemnity to, among other persons, the Directors from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them may incur or sustain by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty or supposed duty in their respective offices or trusts, except such (if any) as they shall incur or sustain through their own fraud or dishonesty.

**(b) Alterations to constitutive documents**

The memorandum of association of the Company may be altered by the Company in general meeting. In certain circumstances, consent to the alteration must be obtained from the Minister of Finance of Bermuda. The Bye-laws may be amended by the Directors subject to the approval of the Company in general meeting. As more fully described in paragraph 3 below, the Bye-laws provide that a special resolution is required to alter the memorandum of association, to approve any alteration to the Bye-laws and to change the name of the Company.

**(c) Alterations of capital**

The Company may from time to time by ordinary resolution:

- (i) increase its share capital;
- (ii) consolidate or divide all or any of its share capital into shares of larger or smaller amount than its existing shares; on any consolidation of fully paid shares into shares of larger amount, the Board may settle any difficulty which may arise as it thinks expedient and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) may, as between the holders of the shares to be consolidated, determine which particular shares are to be consolidated into a consolidated share, and if it shall happen that any person shall become entitled to fractions of a consolidated share or shares, such fractions may be sold by some person appointed by the Directors for that purpose and the person so appointed may transfer the shares so sold to the purchaser thereof and the validity of such transfer shall not be questioned, and so that the net proceeds of such sale (after deduction of the expenses of such sale) may either be distributed among the persons who would otherwise be entitled to a fraction or fractions of a consolidated share or shares rateably in accordance with their rights and interests or may be paid to the Company for the Company's benefit;
- (iii) divide its shares into several classes and attach thereto respectively any preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges or conditions;
- (iv) cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of the resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled;
- (v) sub-divide its shares or any of them into shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the memorandum of association, subject nevertheless to the Companies Act, and so that the resolution whereby any shares are sub-divided may determine that, as between the holders of the shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the shares may have any such preferred or other special rights over, or may have such deferred rights or be subject to any such restrictions as compared with the others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new shares;
- (vi) change the currency of denomination of its share capital; and
- (vii) make provision for the issue and allotment of shares which do not carry any voting rights.

The Company may by special resolution reduce its authorised or issued share capital, any capital redemption reserve fund or any share premium account or other undistributable reserve in any manner authorised and subject to any conditions prescribed by law. The Company may apply its share premium account in any manner permitted by law.

**(d) Variation of rights of existing shares or classes of shares**

If at any time the capital is divided into different classes of shares, all or any of the special rights (unless otherwise provided for by the terms of issue of that class) attached to any class may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, be varied or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of the Bye-laws relating to general meetings will mutatis mutandis apply, save as to the provisions regarding the quorum of meetings, as to which see paragraph 2(s) below.

**(e) Special resolutions-majority required**

A special resolution of the Company must be passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast by such members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of such members as are corporations, by their respective duly authorised representatives or, where voting is by poll, by proxy, at a general meeting of which notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been duly given. However, except in the case of an annual general meeting, if it is so agreed by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at such meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the shares giving that right, a resolution may be proposed and passed as a special resolution at a meeting of which notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days has been given.

**(f) Voting rights**

Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at any general meeting on a poll every member present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder which is fully paid or credited as fully paid (but so that no amount paid or credited as paid on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid on the share). On a poll, a member entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all his votes in the same way. At all times during the Relevant Period (as defined in the Bye-laws) (but not otherwise), whereby any member is, under the Listing Rules, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution, any votes cast by or on behalf of such member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by way of a poll.



So far as permitted by the Companies Act, where a shareholder is a clearing house (as defined in the Bye-laws) or a nominee of a clearing house and, in each case, being a corporation, it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of shareholders provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of the Bye-laws shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and shall be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee) in respect of the number and class of shares specified in the relevant authorisation.

**(g) Requirements for annual general meetings**

An annual general meeting must be held once in every year and within not more than fifteen (15) months after the last preceding annual general meeting or, as the case may be, its statutory meeting or such longer period as is permissible or not prohibited under the rules of the stock exchange of the Relevant Territory (as defined in the Bye-laws).

**(h) Accounts and audit**

The Directors shall cause true accounts to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of the property, assets, credits and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by Companies Act affecting the Company or are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and to show and explain its transactions.

The books of accounts are to be kept at the principal office of the Company or at such other place as the Directors think fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the Directors provided that such records as are required by the Companies Act shall also be kept at the registered office. No member (not being a Director) or other person has any right to inspect any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by Companies Act or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorised by the Directors or by the Company in general meeting.

The Directors shall from time to time cause to be prepared and laid before the Company at its annual general meeting such profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts (if any) and reports as are required by the Companies Act. Every balance sheet of the Company shall be signed on behalf of the Directors by two (2) Directors and a copy of every balance sheet (including every document required by law to be comprised therein or attached or annexed thereto) and profit and loss account which is to be laid before the Company at its annual general meeting, together with a copy of the Directors' report and a copy of the auditors' report, shall not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the meeting, be sent to every member of, and every holder of debentures of, the Company and every other person entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Company under the Companies Act or of the Bye-laws. If all or any of the shares or debentures of the Company are for the time being (with the consent of the Company) listed or dealt in on any stock exchange, there shall be forwarded to such stock exchange such number of copies of such documents as may for the time being be required under its regulations or practice. However, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, including the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange (as defined in the Bye-laws), the Company may send to such persons a summary financial statement derived from the

Company's annual accounts and the directors' report instead provided that any such person may by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to a summary financial statement, a complete printed copy of the Company's annual financial statement and the directors' report thereon.

Auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Companies Act. Save as otherwise provided by such provisions the remuneration of the auditors shall be fixed by or on the authority of the Company at each annual general meeting, but in respect of any particular year, the Company in general meeting may delegate the fixing of such remuneration to the Directors.

**(i) Notices of meetings and business to be conducted thereat**

An annual general meeting shall be called by notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than twenty (20) clear business days and any special general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days. All other special general meetings may be called by notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days. The notice must specify the place, the day and the hour of meeting and particulars of the resolutions to be considered at the meeting, in the case of special business, the general nature of that business.

**(j) Transfer of shares**

All transfers of shares must be effected by transfer in writing in the usual or common form or so long as any shares in the Company are listed on the Stock Exchange, such standard form prescribed by the Stock Exchange or in any other form acceptable to the Board and may be under hand only or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand, by machine imprinted signature or by such other means of execution as the Directors may approve from time to time; and an instrument of transfer must be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and by or on behalf of the transferee and the transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the share until the name of the transferee is entered in the register of members in respect thereof, provided that the Directors may in their absolute discretion dispense with the execution of the instrument of transfer by the transferor or the transferee of a share.

The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, at any time and from time to time transfer or agree to transfer any share upon the principal register to any branch register or any share on any branch register to the principal register or any other branch register.

Unless the Directors otherwise agree, no shares on the principal register shall be transferred to any branch register nor shall shares on any branch register be transferred to the principal register or any other register. All transfers and other documents of title must be lodged for registration and registered, in the case of shares on a branch register, at the relevant registration office and, in the case of shares on the principal register, at the transfer office in Bermuda.

The Directors may in their absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor, refuse to register any transfer of any shares (not being fully paid shares) to a person of whom they do not approve and they may refuse to register the transfer of any shares (not being fully

paid shares) on which the Company has a lien. The Directors may also refuse to register a transfer of shares (whether fully paid or not) in favour of more than four (4) persons jointly or where the transfer is to an infant or a person of unsound mind or under other legal disability. If the Directors refuse to register a transfer, they must within two (2) months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company send to the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal and (if the shares concerned are fully paid shares) the reasons(s) for such refusal.

The Directors may, if applicable, decline to recognise an instrument of transfer unless the instrument of transfer is properly stamped, is in respect of only one class of share and is lodged at the relevant registration or transfer office accompanied by the relevant share certificate(s) and such other evidence as they may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer (and if the instrument of transfer is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person so to do). Where applicable, the permission of the Bermuda Monetary Authority with respect thereto shall be obtained.

The registration of transfers may, on giving notice by advertisement in an appointed newspaper in Bermuda and in one English and one Chinese newspaper circulating in Hong Kong, be suspended at such times and for such periods as the Directors may from time to time determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares. The register of members shall not be closed for periods exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year.

**(k) Power for the Company to purchase its own shares**

The Bye-laws supplement the Company's memorandum of association (which empowers the Company to purchase its own shares) by providing that the power is exercisable by the Directors upon such term and conditions as they think fit.

**(l) Power of any subsidiary to own securities in the Company**

There are no provisions in the Bye-laws relating to ownership of securities in the Company by a subsidiary.

**(m) Dividends and other methods of distribution**

The Company in general meeting may declare dividends in any currency but no dividend may exceed the amount recommended by the Directors. The Company may also make a distribution out of contributed surplus (as to the meaning of this term, see paragraph 4(d) below).

Unless and to the extent that the rights attached to any shares or the terms of issue thereof otherwise provide, all dividends will be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid or credited as paid on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. No amount paid on a share in advance of calls will for this purpose be treated as paid on the shares. The Directors may retain any dividends or other moneys payable on or in respect of a share upon which the Company has a lien, and may apply the same in or towards satisfaction of the debts, liabilities or engagements in respect of which the lien exists. The Directors may deduct from any dividend or bonus payable to any member all sums of money (if any) presently payable by him to the Company on account of calls, instalments or otherwise.

Whenever the Directors or the Company in general meeting have resolved that a dividend be paid or declared on the share capital of the Company, the Directors may further resolve either (a) that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid, provided that the members entitled thereto will be entitled to elect to receive such dividend (or part thereof) in cash in lieu of such allotment, or (b) that the members entitled to such dividend will be entitled to elect to receive an allotment of shares credited as fully paid in lieu of the whole or such part of the dividend as the Directors may think fit.

The Company may also upon the recommendation of the Directors by an ordinary resolution resolve in respect of any particular dividend of the Company that it may be satisfied wholly in the form of an allotment of shares credited as fully paid without offering any right to members to elect to receive such dividend in cash in lieu of such allotment.

Whenever the Directors or the Company in general meeting have resolved that a dividend be paid or declared the Directors may further resolve that such dividend be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets of any kind.

All dividends, bonuses or other distributions or the proceeds of the realisation of any of the foregoing unclaimed for one (1) year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed and the Company shall not be constituted a trustee in respect thereof. All dividends, bonuses or other distributions or proceeds as aforesaid unclaimed for six (6) years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Directors and, upon such forfeiture, shall revert to the Company and, in the case where any of the same are securities in the Company, may be re-allotted or re-issued for such consideration as the Directors think fit.

**(n) Proxies**

Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company or a meeting of the holders of any class of shares in the Company is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two (2) or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him to vote on his behalf at a general meeting of the Company or at a class meeting. At any general meeting where voting is by poll, votes may be given either personally (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy. Proxies need not be members of the Company.

A proxy or proxies representing either an individual or a corporate member shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the member whom he or they represent as such member could exercise.

**(o) Corporate representatives**

A corporate member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of the Company is entitled to appoint any person as its representative to attend and vote on its behalf. A corporate member represented by its representative is deemed to be present in person at the relevant meeting and its representative may vote on a poll on any resolution put at such meeting.

**(p) Calls on shares and forfeiture of shares**

The Directors may from time to time make such calls as it may think fit upon the members in respect of any monies unpaid on the shares held by them respectively (whether on account of the nominal value of the shares or by way of premium) and not by the conditions of allotment thereof made payable at fixed times. A call may be made payable either in one sum or by instalments. If the sum payable in respect of any call or instalment is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment thereof, the person or persons from whom the sum is due shall pay interest on the same at such rate not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum as the Directors shall fix from the day appointed for the payment thereof to the time of actual payment, but the Directors may waive payment of such interest wholly or in part. The Directors may, if they think fit, receive from any member willing to advance the same, either in money or money's worth, all or any part of the money uncalled and unpaid or instalments payable upon any shares held by him, and in respect of all or any of the monies so advanced the Company may pay interest at such rate (if any) not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum as the Directors may decide.

If a member fails to pay any call or instalment of a call on the day appointed for payment thereof, the Directors may, at any time thereafter during such time as any part of the call or instalment remains unpaid, serve a notice on him requiring payment of so much of the call or instalment as is unpaid, together with any interest which may have accrued and which may still accrue up to the date of actual payment. The notice will name a further day (not earlier than the expiration of fourteen (14) days from the date of the notice) on or before which the payment required by the notice is to be made, and it will also name the place where payment is to be made. The notice shall also state that, in the event of non payment at or before the time appointed, the shares in respect of which the call was made will be liable to be forfeited.

If the requirements of any such notice are not complied with, any share 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 Directors to that effect. Such forfeiture will include all dividends and bonuses declared in respect of the forfeited share and not actually paid before the forfeiture.

A person whose shares have been forfeited shall cease to be a member in respect of the forfeited shares but shall, notwithstanding, remain liable to pay to the Company all moneys which, at the date of forfeiture, were payable by him to the Company in respect of the shares together with (if the Directors shall in their discretion so require) interest thereon from the date of forfeiture until payment at such rate not exceeding twenty per cent. (20%) per annum as the Board may prescribe.

**(q) Inspection of register of members**

There are no provisions in the Bye-laws relating to inspection of the register of members as the matter is dealt with in the Companies Act (as to which see paragraph 4(m) below).

**(r) Inspection of register of Directors**

There are no provisions in the Bye-laws relating to the inspection of the register of Directors of the Company, as the matter is dealt with in the Companies Act (as to which see paragraph 4(m) below).

**(s) Quorum for meetings and separate class meetings**

For all purposes the quorum for a general meeting shall be two (2) members present in person and entitled to vote (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy and entitled to vote. In respect of a separate class meeting convened to sanction the modification of class rights, the necessary quorum shall not be less than two (2) persons holding or representing by proxy one third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and, where such meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, the quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be any two (2) members present in person and entitled to vote or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them).

**(t) Rights of the minorities in relation to fraud or oppression**

There are no provisions in the Bye-laws relating to rights of minority members in relation to fraud or oppression. However, certain remedies are available to members of the Company under Bermuda company law as summarised in paragraph 4(e) below.

**(u) Procedures on liquidation**

A resolution for a court or voluntary winding up of the Company must be passed by way of a special resolution.

If the Company shall be wound up, the surplus assets remaining after payment to all creditors are to be divided among the members in proportion to the capital paid up on the shares held by them respectively, and if such surplus assets shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid up capital, they are to be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the members in proportion to the capital paid up on the shares held by them respectively, all subject to the rights of any shares issued on special terms and conditions.

If the Company shall be wound up (whether the liquidation is voluntary or by the court), the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution, divide among the members in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and whether the assets consist of property of one kind or properties of different kinds and the liquidator may, for such purposes, set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division is to be carried out as between the members or different classes of members and the members within each class. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest any one or more class or classes of property and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the members or different classes of members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of members as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other assets upon which there is a liability.

**(v) Untraceable members**

The Company may sell the shares of any member if: (i) dividends or other distributions have been declared by the Company on at least three (3) occasions during a period of twelve (12) years and these dividends or distributions have been unclaimed on such shares; (ii) the Company has published an advertisement of its intention to sell such shares in English and in Chinese in one leading English and (unless unavailable) one leading Chinese newspaper

circulating in the territory of the stock exchange on which the ordinary share capital of the Company is listed and a period of three (3) months has elapsed since the date of the first publication of such notice; (iii) the Company has not at any time during the said periods of twelve (12) years and three (3) months received any indication of the existence of the member who is the holder of such shares or of a person entitled to such shares by death, bankruptcy or operations of law; and (iv) the Company has notified the stock exchange on which the ordinary share capital of the Company is listed of its intention to sell such shares. The net proceeds of any such sale will belong to the Company and upon the receipt of such net proceeds by the Company, the Company will become indebted to the former holder of such shares for an amount equal to the amount of such net proceeds.

**(w) Stock**

Subject to the provisions of the relevant statutes of the Company may by ordinary resolution convert any fully paid shares into stock, and may from time to time by like resolution reconvert any stock into fully paid shares of any denominations. 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 prior to conversion have been transferred or as near thereto as circumstances admit, but the Directors may from time to time, if they think fit, fix the minimum amount of stock transferable and restrict or prohibit the transfer of fractions of that minimum, but so that such minimum shall not exceed the nominal amount of the shares from which the stock arose. No warrants to bearer shall be issued in respect of any stock. The holders of stock shall, according to the amount of the stock held by them, have the same rights, privileges and advantages as regards dividends, participation in assets on a winding up, voting at meetings, and other matters, as if they held the shares from which the stock arose, but no such privilege of the Company shall be conferred by an amount of stock which would not, if existing in shares, have conferred such privilege or advantage. All such of the provisions of the Bye-laws as are applicable to paid up shares shall apply to stock, and the words “share”, “shareholder” and “member” therein shall include “stock” and “stockholder”.

**(x) Other provisions**

The Bye-laws provide that, to the extent that it is not prohibited by and is in compliance with Bermuda law, if any rights attaching to any warrants which the Company may issue after the date of this prospectus shall remain exercisable and the Company does any act which would result in the subscription price under such warrants being reduced below the par value of a Share, a subscription right reserve shall be established and applied in paying up the shortfall between the subscription price and the par value of a Share on any exercise of the warrants.

### **3. VARIATION OF MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION AND BYE-LAWS**

The memorandum of association of the Company may be altered by the Company in general meeting. In certain circumstances, consent to the amendment must be obtained from the Minister of Finance of Bermuda. The Bye-laws may be amended by the Directors subject to the confirmation of the Company in general meeting. The Bye-laws state that a special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the memorandum of association or to confirm any amendment to the Bye-laws or to change the name of the Company. For these purposes, a resolution is a special resolution if it has been passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast by such members of the Company as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or, in the case of such members as are

corporations, by their respective duly authorised representatives or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given. Except in the case of an annual general meeting, the requirement of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days' notice and not less than ten (10) clear business days' notice may be waived by a majority in number of the members having the right to attend and vote at the relevant meeting, being a majority together holding not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) in nominal value of the shares giving that right.

#### **4. BERMUDA COMPANY LAW**

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda and, therefore, operates subject to Bermuda law. Set out below is a summary of certain provisions of Bermuda company law, although this does not purport to contain all applicable qualifications and exceptions or to be a complete review of all matters of Bermuda company law and taxation, which may differ from equivalent provisions in jurisdictions with which interested parties may be more familiar.

##### **(a) Share capital**

The Companies Act provides that where a company issues shares at a premium, whether for cash or otherwise, a sum equal to the aggregate amount or value of the premiums on those shares shall be transferred to an account, to be called the "share premium account", to which the provisions of the Companies Act relating to a reduction of share capital of a company shall apply as if the share premium account were paid up share capital of the company of except that the share premium account may be applied by the company:

- (i) in paying up unissued shares of the company to be issued to members of the company as fully paid bonus shares;
- (ii) in writing off:
  - (aa) the preliminary expenses of the company; or
  - (bb) the expenses of, or the commission paid or discount allowed on, any issue of shares or debentures of the company; or
- (iii) in providing for the premiums payable on redemption of any shares or of any debentures of the company.

In the case of an exchange of shares the excess value of the shares acquired over the nominal value of the shares being issued may be credited to a contributed surplus account of the issuing company.

The Companies Act permits a company to issue preference shares and subject to the conditions stipulated therein to convert those preference shares into redeemable preference shares.

The Companies Act includes certain protections for holders of special classes of shares, requiring their consent to be obtained before their rights may be varied. Where provision is made by the memorandum of association or bye-laws for authorising the variation of rights



attached to any class of shares in the company, the consent of the specified proportions of the holders of the issued shares of that class or the sanction of a resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of those shares is required, and where no provision for varying such rights is made in the memorandum of association or bye-laws and nothing therein precludes a variation of such rights, the written consent of the holders of three-fourths of the issued shares of that class or the sanction of a resolution passed as aforesaid is required.

**(b) Financial assistance to purchase shares of a company or its holding company**

A company is prohibited from providing financial assistance for the purpose of an acquisition of its own or its holding company's shares unless there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company is, and would after the giving of such financial assistance be, able to pay its liabilities as they become due. In certain circumstances, the prohibition from giving financial assistance may be excluded such as where the assistance is only an incidental part of a larger purpose or the assistance is of an insignificant amount such as the payment of minor costs.

**(c) Purchase of shares and warrants by a company and its subsidiaries**

A company may, if authorised by its memorandum of association or bye-laws, purchase its own shares. Such purchases may only be effected out of the capital paid up on the purchased shares or out of the funds of the company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose. Any premium payable on a purchase over the par value of the shares to be purchased must be provided for out of funds of the company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the company's share premium account. Any amount due to a shareholder on a purchase by a company of its own shares may (i) be paid in cash; (ii) be satisfied by the transfer of any part of the undertaking or property of the company having the same value; or (iii) be satisfied partly under (i) and partly under (ii). Any purchase by a company of its own shares may be authorised by its board of directors or otherwise by or in accordance with the provisions of its bye-laws. Such purchase may not be made if, on the date on which the purchase is to be effected, there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company is, or after the purchase would be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due. The shares so purchased' may either be cancelled or held as treasury shares. Any purchased shares that are cancelled will, in effect, revert to the status of authorised but unissued shares. If shares of the company are held as treasury shares, the company is prohibited to exercise any rights in respect of those shares, including any right to attend and vote at meetings, including a meeting under a scheme of arrangement, and any purported exercise of such a right is void. No dividend shall be paid to the company in respect of shares held by the company as treasury shares; and no other distribution (whether in cash or otherwise) of the company's assets (including any distribution of assets to members on a winding up) shall be made to the company in respect of shares held by the company as treasury shares. Any shares allotted by the company as fully paid bonus shares in respect of shares held by the company as treasury shares shall be treated for the purposes of the Companies Act as if they had been acquired by the company at the time they were allotted.

A company is not prohibited from purchasing and may purchase its own warrants subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant warrant instrument or certificate. There is no requirement under Bermuda law that a company's memorandum of association or its bye-laws contain a specific provision enabling such purchases.

Under Bermuda law, a subsidiary may hold shares in its holding company and in certain circumstances, may acquire such shares. The holding company is, however, prohibited from giving financial assistance for the purpose of the acquisition, subject to certain circumstances provided by the Companies Act. A company, whether a subsidiary or a holding company, may only purchase its own shares if it is authorised to do so in its memorandum of association or bye-laws pursuant to section 42A of the Companies Act.

**(d) Dividends and distributions**

A company may not declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that (i) the company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or (ii) the realisable value of the company's assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts. Contributed surplus is defined for purposes of section 54 of the Companies Act to include the proceeds arising from donated shares, credits resulting from the redemption or conversion of shares at less than the amount set up as nominal capital and donations of cash and other assets to the company.

**(e) Protection of minorities**

Class actions and derivative actions are generally not available to shareholders under the laws of Bermuda. The Bermuda courts, however, would ordinarily be expected to permit a shareholder to commence an action in the name of a company to remedy a wrong done to the company where the act complained of is alleged to be beyond the corporate power of the company or is illegal or would result in the violation of the company's memorandum of association and bye-laws. Furthermore, consideration would be given by the court to acts that are alleged to constitute a fraud against the minority shareholders or, for instance, where an act requires the approval of a greater percentage of the company's shareholders than actually approved it.

Any member of a company who complains that the affairs of the company are being conducted or have been conducted in a manner oppressive or prejudicial to the interests of some part of the members, including himself, may petition the court which may, if it is of the opinion that to wind up the company would unfairly prejudice that part of the members but that otherwise the facts would justify the making of a winding up order on just and equitable grounds, make such order as it thinks fit, whether for regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in future or for the purchase of shares of any members of the company by other members of the company or by the company itself and in the case of a purchase by the company itself, for the reduction accordingly of the company's capital, or otherwise. Bermuda law also provides that the company may be wound up by the Bermuda court, if the court is of the opinion that it is just and equitable to do so. Both these provisions are available to minority shareholders seeking relief from the oppressive conduct of the majority, and the court has wide discretion to make such orders as it thinks fit.

Except as mentioned above, claims against a company by its shareholders must be based on the general laws of contract or tort applicable in Bermuda.

A statutory right of action is conferred on subscribers of shares in a company against persons, including directors and officers, responsible for the issue of a prospectus in respect of damage suffered by reason of an untrue statement therein, but this confers no right of action

against the company itself. In addition, such company, as opposed to its shareholders, may take action against its officers including directors, for breach of their statutory and fiduciary duty to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the company.

**(f) Management**

The Companies Act contains no specific restrictions on the power of directors to dispose of assets of a company although it specifically requires that every officer of a company, which includes a director, managing director and secretary, in exercising his powers and discharging his duties must do so honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the company and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Furthermore, the Companies Act requires that every officer should comply with the Companies Act, regulations passed pursuant to the Companies Act and the bye-laws of the company. The directors of a company may, subject to the bye-laws of the company, exercise all the powers of the company except those powers that are required by the Companies Act or the bye-laws to be exercised by the members of the company.

**(g) Accounting and auditing requirements**

The Companies Act requires a company to cause proper records of accounts to be kept with respect to (i) all sums of money received and expended by the company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place; (ii) all sales and purchases of goods by the company and (iii) the assets and liabilities of the company.

Furthermore, it requires that a company keeps its records of account at the registered office of the company or at such other place as the directors think fit and that such records shall at all times be open to inspection by the directors or the resident representative of the company. If the records of account are kept at some place outside Bermuda, there shall be kept at the office of the company in Bermuda such records as will enable the directors or the resident representative of the company to ascertain with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company at the end of each three (3) month period, except that where the company is listed on an appointed stock exchange, there shall be kept such records as will enable the directors or the resident representative of the company to ascertain with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company at the end of each six (6) month period.

The Companies Act requires that the directors of the company must, at least once a year, lay before the company in general meeting financial statements for the relevant accounting period. Further, the company's auditor must audit the financial statements so as to enable him to report to the members. Based on the results of his audit, which must be made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the auditor must then make a report to the members. The generally accepted auditing standards may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda or such other generally accepted auditing standards as may be appointed by the Minister of Finance of Bermuda under the Companies Act; and where the generally accepted auditing standards used are other than those of Bermuda, the report of the auditor shall identify the generally accepted auditing standards used. All members of the company are entitled to receive a copy of every financial statement prepared in accordance with these requirements, at least five (5) days before the general meeting of the company at which the financial statements are to be tabled. A company the shares of which are listed on an appointed stock exchange may send to its members summarised financial statements instead. The summarised financial statements must be derived from the company's financial statements for

the relevant period and contain the information set out in the Companies Act. The summarised financial statements sent to the company's members must be accompanied by an auditor's report on the summarised financial statements and a notice stating how a member may notify the company of his election to receive financial statements for the relevant period and/or for subsequent periods.

The summarised financial statements together with the auditor's report thereon and the accompanied notice must be sent to the members of the company not less than twenty-one (21) days before the general meeting at which the financial statements are laid. Copies of the financial statements must be sent to a member who elects to receive the same within seven (7) days of receipt by the company of the member's notice of election.

**(h) Auditors**

At each annual general meeting, a company must appoint an auditor to hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting; however, this requirement may be waived if all of the shareholders and all of the directors, either in writing or at the general meeting, agree that there shall be no auditor.

A person, other than an incumbent auditor, shall not be capable of being appointed auditor at an annual general meeting unless notice in writing of an intention to nominate that person to the office of auditor has been given not less than twenty-one (21) days before the annual general meeting. The company must send a copy of such notice to the incumbent auditor and give notice thereof to the members not less than seven (7) days before the annual general meeting. An incumbent auditor may, however, by notice in writing to the secretary of the company waive the requirements of the foregoing.

Where an auditor is appointed to replace another auditor, the new auditor must seek from the replaced auditor a written statement as to the circumstances of the latter's replacement. If the replaced auditor does not respond within fifteen (15) days, the new auditor may act in any event. An appointment as auditor of a person who has not requested a written statement from the replaced auditor is voidable by a resolution of the shareholders at a general meeting. An auditor who has resigned, been removed or whose term of office has expired or is about to expire, or who has vacated office is entitled to attend the general meeting of the company at which he is to be removed or his successor is to be appointed; to receive all notices of, and other communications relating to, that meeting which a member is entitled to receive; and to be heard at that meeting on any part of the business of the meeting that relates to his duties as auditor or former auditor.

**(i) Exchange control**

An exempted company is usually designated as "non-resident" for Bermuda exchange control purposes by the Bermuda Monetary Authority. Where a company is so designated, it is free to deal in currencies of countries outside the Bermuda exchange control area which are freely convertible into currencies of any other country. The permission of the Bermuda Monetary Authority is required for the issue of shares and securities by the company and the subsequent transfer of such shares and securities. In granting such permission, the Bermuda Monetary Authority accepts no responsibility for the financial soundness of any proposals or for the correctness of any statements made or opinions expressed in any document with regard

to such issue. Before the company can issue or transfer any further shares and securities in excess of the amounts already approved, it must obtain the prior consent of the Bermuda Monetary Authority.

The Bermuda Monetary Authority has granted general permission for the issue and transfer of shares and securities to and between persons regarded as resident outside Bermuda for exchange control purposes without specific consent for so long as any equity securities, including shares, are listed on an appointed stock exchange (as defined in the Companies Act). Issues to and transfers involving persons regarded as “resident” for exchange control purposes in Bermuda will be subject to specific exchange control authorisation.

**(j) Taxation**

Under present Bermuda law, no Bermuda withholding tax on dividends or other distributions, nor any Bermuda tax computed on profits or income or on any capital asset, gain or appreciation will be payable by an exempted company or its operations, nor is there any Bermuda tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax applicable to shares, debentures or other obligations of the company held by non-residents of Bermuda. Furthermore, a company may apply to the Minister of Finance of Bermuda for an assurance, under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act 1966 of Bermuda, that no such taxes shall be so applicable until 28 March, 2016, although this assurance will not prevent the imposition of any Bermuda tax payable in relation to any land in Bermuda leased or let to the company or to persons ordinarily resident in Bermuda.

**(k) Stamp duty**

An exempted company is exempt from all stamp duties except on transactions involving “Bermuda property”. This term relates, essentially, to real and personal property physically situated in Bermuda, including shares in local companies (as opposed to exempted companies). Transfers of shares and warrants in all exempted companies are exempt from Bermuda stamp duty.

**(l) Loans to directors**

Bermuda law prohibits the making of loans by a company to any of its directors or to their families or companies in which they hold more than a twenty per cent. (20%) interest, without the consent of any member or members holding in aggregate not less than nine-tenths of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at any meeting of the members of the company. These prohibitions do not apply to (a) anything done to provide a director with funds to meet the expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him for the purposes of the company, provided that the company gives its prior approval at a general meeting or, if not, the loan is made on condition that it will be repaid within six (6) months of the next following annual general meeting if the loan is not approved at or before such meeting, (b) in the case of a company whose ordinary business includes the lending of money or the giving of guarantees in connection with loans made by other persons, anything done by the company in the ordinary course of that business, or (c) any advance of moneys by the company to any officer or auditor under Section 98(2)(c) of the Companies Act which allows the company to advance moneys to an officer or auditor of the company for the costs incurred in defending any civil or criminal proceedings against them, on condition that the officer or auditor shall repay the advance if

any allegation of fraud or dishonesty is proved against them. If the approval of the company is not given for a loan, the directors who authorised it will be jointly and severally liable for any loss arising therefrom.

**(m) Inspection of corporate records**

Members of the general public have the right to inspect the public documents of a company available at the office of the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda which will include the company's certificate of incorporation, its memorandum of association (including its objects and powers) and any alteration to the company's memorandum of association'. The members of the company have the additional right to inspect the bye-laws of a company, minutes of general meetings and the company's audited financial statements, which must be presented to the annual general meeting. Minutes of general meetings of a company are also open for inspection by directors of the company without charge for not less than two (2) hours during business hours each day. The register of members of a company is open for inspection by members of the public without charge. The company is required to maintain its share register in Bermuda but may, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, establish a branch register outside Bermuda. Any branch register of members established by the company is subject to the same rights of inspection as the principal register of members of the company in Bermuda. Any person may on payment of a fee prescribed by the Companies Act require a copy of the register of members or any part thereof which must be provided within fourteen (14) days of a request. Bermuda law does not, however, provide a general right for members to inspect or obtain copies of any other corporate records.

A company is required to maintain a register of directors and officers at its registered office and such register must be made available for inspection for not less than two (2) hours in each day by members of the public without charge. If summarised financial statements are sent by a company to its members pursuant to section 87A of the Companies Act, a copy of the summarised financial statements must be made available for inspection by the public at the registered office of the company in Bermuda.

**(n) Winding up**

A company may be wound up by the Bermuda court on application presented by the company itself, its creditors or its contributors. The Bermuda court also has authority to order winding up in a number of specified circumstances including where it is, in the opinion of the Bermuda court, just and equitable that such company be wound up.

A company may be wound up voluntarily when the members so resolve in general meeting, or, in the case of a limited duration company, when the period fixed for the duration of the company by its memorandum or bye-laws expires, or the event occurs on the occurrence of which the memorandum or bye-laws provides that the company is to be dissolved. In the case of a voluntary winding up, such company is obliged to cease to carry on its business from the time of passing the resolution for voluntary winding up or upon the expiry of the period or the occurrence of the event referred to above. Upon the appointment of a liquidator, the responsibility for the company's affairs rests entirely in his hands and no future executive action may be carried out without his approval.

Where, on a voluntary winding up, a majority of directors make a statutory declaration of solvency, the winding up will be a members' voluntary winding up. In any case where such declaration has not been made, the winding up will be a creditors' voluntary winding up.

In the case of a members' voluntary winding up of a company, the company in general meeting must appoint one or more liquidators within the period prescribed by the Companies Act for the purposes of winding up the affairs of the company and distributing its assets. If the liquidator at any time forms the opinion that such company will not be able to pay its debts in full, he is obliged to summon a meeting of creditors.

As soon as the affairs of the company are fully wound up, the liquidator must make up an account of the winding up, showing how the winding up has been conducted and the property of the company has been disposed of, and thereupon call a general meeting of the company for the purposes of laying before it the account and giving an explanation thereof. This final general meeting requires at least one (1) month's notice published in an appointed newspaper in Bermuda.

In the case of a creditors' voluntary winding up of a company, the company must call a meeting of creditors of the company to be summoned on the day following the day on which the meeting of the members at which the resolution for winding up is to be proposed is held. Notice of such meeting of creditors must be sent at the same time as notice is sent to members. In addition, such company must cause a notice to appear in an appointed newspaper on at least two (2) occasions.

The creditors and the members at their respective meetings may nominate a person to be liquidator for the purposes of winding up the affairs of the company provided that if the creditors nominate a different person, the person nominated by the creditors shall be the liquidator. The creditors at the creditors' meeting may also appoint a committee of inspection consisting of not more than five (5) persons.

If a creditors' winding up continues for more than one (1) year, the liquidator is required to summon a general meeting of the company and a meeting of the creditors at the end of each year to lay before such meetings an account of his acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding up during the preceding year. As soon as the affairs of the company are fully wound up, the liquidator must make an account of the winding up, showing how the winding up has been conducted and the property of the company has been disposed of, and thereupon shall call a general meeting of the company and a meeting of the creditors for the purposes of laying the account before such meetings and giving an explanation thereof.

## **5. GENERAL**

Conyers Dill & Pearman, the Company's legal advisers as to Bermuda law, have sent to the Company a letter of advice summarising certain aspects of Bermuda company law. This letter, together with a copy of the Companies Act, is available for inspection as referred to in the paragraph headed "Documents available for inspection" in Appendix VI of this prospectus. Any person wishing to have a detailed summary of Bermuda company law or advice on the differences between it and the laws of any jurisdiction with which he is more familiar is recommended to seek independent legal advice.