The Companies Act 1985 to 1989 Company Limited by Shares

Articles of Association of AO Ltd (Company Number 06861978)

Adopted by special resolution dated 31 March 2020

Preliminary

- The Company is a Private Company within the meaning of Section 1(3) of the *Companies Act* 1985. Accordingly the Company shall not offer to the public (whether for cash or otherwise) any shares in or debentures of the Company or allot or agree to allot (whether for cash or otherwise) any shares in or debentures of the Company with a view to all or any of the shares or debentures being offered for sale to the public. Subject as hereinafter provided the Regulations set out in Table "A" in the *Companies (Tables A to F) Regulations* 1985 shall apply to this Company.
- The following Articles of Table "A" shall not apply to this Company, videliCet:- 24, 37,40,46.50,53,73,74,75,81,94 and the last sentence of Article 79.

Share Capital

The Directors of the Company shall within a period of five years from the date of incorporation of the Company be entitled to exercise the Company's power to allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of the entire amount of the original share capital of the Company. The Members of the Company shall have power from time to time by Ordinary Resolution to renew or revoke the Directors' exercise of the Company's power to allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of any shares in the capital of the Company.

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- (a) Sections 89(1), 90(1) to (5) and Section 90(6) of the *Companies Act 1985* shall not apply in relation to the issue of any equity securities by the Company but in substitution therefor the provisions of subparagraph (b) of this Article shall apply,
- (b) Save as otherwise directed by the Company in General Meeting, any new shares from time to time to be created shall before they are issued be offered to the Members in proportion as nearly as possible to the numbers of shares held by them. Any such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of shares offered and limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted, will be deemed to be declined and after the expiration of such time any shares not accepted and any shares which, by reason of the ratio which the shares to be issued bear to the shares held by persons entitled to an offer thereof, cannot, in the opinion of the Directors, conveniently be offered under this Article, shall be at the disposal of the Directors who may allot, grant options over, or otherwise dispose of the same to such persons at such time and on such terms as they think proper.
- Subject to the provisions of the *Companies Act 1985* including Sections 159 and 171 thereof, the Company shall have power to issue shares which are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company or the shareholder on such terms and in such manner as may be prescribed by these Articles.
- Subject to the provisions of the *Companies Act 1985* including Sections 162 and 171 to 175 thereof, the Company may purchase Its own shares including any redeemable shares.



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Share Certificates

Figure 2. Every share certificate may, if the Company has a seal, be sealed with the seal, and shall otherwise be signed by a Director and the Secretary, or by two Directors and be expressed to be executed by the Company and shall specify the number, class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates and the amount or respective amounts paid up thereon, and Article 6 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.

Lien

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- (a) The lien conferred by Article 8 in Table A shall also attach to fully paid up shares and dividends and to all shares registered in the name of any person indebted or under liability to the Company whether .he shall be the sale registered holder thereof or one of two or more joint holders thereof.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, the Company shall have no present or future lien on any share, dividend or moneys payable in respect of shares which have been mortgaged, charged or pledged by way of security to a Secured Party and any lien conferred pursuant to these Articles shall not apply in respect of any such share, dividend or moneys payable.

Transfer Of Shares

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- A Member desiring to transfer shares other than to the Company pursuant to (a) Article 6 hereof shall give notice .in writing handed personally or sent by registered or recorded delivery post to their correct and last known address of such intention to the Company, the Directors and all the shareholders of the Company giving particulars of the shares in question. The Directors as agent for the Member giving such notice may dispose of such shares or any of them to Members of the Company in a direct and pro rata proportion to their existing holdings at a price to be agreed between the Transferor and the Directors, or failing agreement at a price fixed by the Auditors of the Company as a fair value thereof. If within twenty-eight days of the date of the said notice the Directors are unable to find a Member or Members Wiling to purchase all such shares on such conditions the Transferor may dispose of so many of such shares as shall remain undisposed of in any manner he may think fit within three months from the date of the Said notice but the Directors may in their absolute discretion and Without assigning any reason therefor decline to register any such transfer whether or not it is in respect of a fully paid up share or shares.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, where a transfer of shares in the Company is or is proposed to be:
 - executed by a Secured Party by way of the exercise of any power of sale or other enforcement power under any relevant security interest;
 - executed by a receiver or manager or similar officer appointed by or on behalf of any Secured Party under any relevant security interest;
 or
 - (iii) made to any Secured Party pursuant to any relevant security interest, each being a "Secured Party Transfer",

- (iv) the directors (or director if there is only one) of the Company may not decline to register (or suspend the registration of) such a Secured Party Transfer;
- (v) a holder of shares in the Company shall not be required to comply with any provision of the Articles which restricts the transfer of shares or which requires any such shares to be first offered to all or any shareholders for the time being of the Company before any such Secured Party Transfer may take place; and
- (vi) a holder of shares in the Company shall not have any right under the Articles or otherwise to require any shares that are the subject of a Secured Party Transfer to be transferred to them,

and, for the avoidance of doubt, regulations 70 of Table A *Companies Act* 1985 shall not apply insofar as it would otherwise prevent or restrict any Secured Party Transfer (or the recognition of any Secured Party Transfer).

A certificate by any officer of a Secured Party that the shares were so charged, mortgaged or pledged and the transfer was or will be so executed shall be conclusive evidence of such facts.

(c) If there is any inconsistency between any provision of this Article 9.(b) and any provision of any other Article, the provision of this Article 9.(b) shall apply.

Secured Party means, in respect of any shares, any bank, institution or other entity or person to which such shares have been mortgaged, charged or pledged (or in favour of which any other security interest in such shares has been created) and any nominee, agent or trustee for any such entity or person."

General Meetings

- The Directors may call General Meetings and, on the requisition of Members pursuant to the provision of the *Companies Act 1985*, shall forthwith proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for a date not more than twenty-eight days after the date of the notice convening the Meeting. If there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient Directors to call a General Meeting, any Director or any Member of the Company may call a General Meeting.
- Article 38 of Table A shall be read and construed as if the words "ninety-five per cent" were followed by the words "(or such lesser percentage, not being less than ninety per cent, as may be determined by Resolution of the Company in General Meeting in accordance with Section 379A of the *Companies Act 1985*)".

Proceeding At General Meetings

At any General Meeting a Resolution put to the vote of the Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the Chairman or any Member in person or by proxy. Unless a poll is so demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a Resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such Resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall not have a second or casting vote.

Directors

- Article 64 of Table A shall apply. with the exception of the words "but shall not be less than two", and accordingly there may be a sole Director. If and so long as there is a sole Director. such Director may act alone in exercising all the powers and authorities by Table A or those Articles vested in the Directors generally. The first Directors of the Company shall be the person or persons named in the Statement delivered to the Registrar of Companies prior to the formation of the Company pursuant to Section 10(2) of the *Companies Act 1985* and deemed to be appointed Directors accordingly. No Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation.
- The Company shall not be subject to Section 293 of the *Companies Act 1985* and accordingly any person may be appointed or elected as a Director whatever his age and no Director shall be required to vacate his office of Director by reason of his attaining or having attained the age of seventy years or any other age.
- In the case of any equality of votes at any Director's Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting shall not have a second or casting vote and Article 88 of Table A shall be modified accordingly.
- Subject to the provisions of Section 317 of the *Companies Act 1985*, a Director may contract with the Company and participate in the profits of any contracts or arrangements as if he were not a Director. A Director shall also be capable of voting in respect of such contracts or arrangements, where he has previously disclosed his interest to the Company, or in respect of his appointment to any office or place of profit under the Company, or in respect of the tenns there of and may be counted in the quorum at any Meeting at which any such matter is considered.

Secretary

17 The first Secretary of the Company shall be the person or persons named as Secretary in the Statement delivered under Section 10(2) of the *Companies Act 1985* and deemed to be appointed accordingly.

Borrowing Power Of The Directors

The Directors of the Company may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money whether in excess of the nominal amount of the share capital of the Company for the time being issued or not and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property or uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and, subject to Section 80 of the *Companies Act 1985*, 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.

Alternate Directors

Any Director may in writing appoint any person to be his alternate to act in his place at any meeting of the Directors at which he is unable to be present. Every such alternate shall be entitled to notice of meetings of the Directors and to attend and vote thereat as a Director when the person appointing him is not personally present and where he is a Director to have a separate vote on behalf of the Director he is representing in addition to his owl vote. A Director may at any time in writing revoke the appointment of an alternate appointed by him. Every such alternate shall be an officer of the Company and shall nol be deemed to be the agent of the Director appointing him. The remuneration of such an alternate shall be payable out of the remuneration payable to the Director appointing him and the proportion thereof shall be agreed between them. An alternate need not hold any share qualification.

The Seal

Article 101 of Table A shall be read and construed as if the words "The Seal' were followed by the words "if any".

Indemnity

Subject to Section 310 of the *Companies Act 1985* and in addition to such indemnity as is contained in Clause 118 of Table A, every Director, Officer or Official of the Company shall be indemnified out of the funds of the Company against all costs, charges, losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto.

Disqualification Of Directors

- The office of a Director shall be vacated:
 - 22.1 If by notice in writing to the Company he resigns the office of Director.
 - 22.2 If he ceases to be a Director by virtue of Section 291 of the Companies Act 1985.
 - 22.3 If he becomes bankrupt or insolvent or enters into any arrangements with his creditors.
 - 22.4 If he becomes of unsound mind.
 - 22.5 If he is prohibited from being a Director by an order made under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986.
 - 22.6 If he is removed from office by a Resolution duly passed under Section 303 of the *Companies Act 1985*.

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