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Subject to, *inter alia*, the passing of the Resolutions at the General Meeting, it is expected that admission of the Subscription Shares will become effective and dealings in the Subscription Shares will commence on AlM at 8.00 a.m. on 20 October 2020. The Subscription Shares, when issued and fully paid, will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Existing Ordinary Shares, including as regards the right to receive all dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid after Admission.

# DIGITALBOX PLC

(a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 04606754)

# Proposed Subscription of 24,489,795 Ordinary Shares at 4.9 pence per share Proposed Replacement of Existing Share Issuance Authorities and

# **Notice of General Meeting**

You are recommended to read the whole of this document but your attention is drawn, in particular, to the letter from the Chairman of the Company which is set out on pages 9 to 13 (inclusive) of this document. This letter recommends that you vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting. The Directors of Digitalbox plc accept individual and collective responsibility for the information contained in this document including individual and collective responsibility for compliance with the AIM Rules. The Company and the Directors, whose names appear on page 8 of this document, accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and this document makes no omission likely to affect the import of such information.

Notice convening a General Meeting of the Company, to be held at 2-4 Henry Street, Bath, England, BA1 1JT on 19 October 2020 at 2.00 p.m., is set out at the end of this document.

The action to be taken by Shareholders in respect of the General Meeting is set out on page 10 of this document. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Directors strongly encourage all Shareholders to vote on the Resolutions by proxy or online. Any Shareholders seeking to attend the General Meeting in person will likely be refused entry.

If you hold your Existing Ordinary Shares in certificated form, whether or not you plan to attend the General Meeting, you are encouraged to complete the accompanying Form of Proxy and return it in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible, but in any event so as to be received by post or, during normal business hours only, by hand, at Share Registrars Limited, The Courtyard, 17 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7DR by no later than 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the case of an adjournment of the General Meeting, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the adjourned meeting (excluding any part of a day that is not a Business Day)).

If you hold your Existing Ordinary Shares in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST) you may vote using the CREST Proxy Voting service in accordance with the procedures set out in the CREST Manual (please also refer to the accompanying notes to the Notice of the General Meeting set out at the end of this document). Proxies submitted via CREST must be received by the Company's agent (CREST ID: 7RA36 by no later than 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the case of an adjournment, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the adjourned meeting (excluding any part of a day that is not a Business Day)). The completion and return of the Form of Proxy will not prevent you from attending and voting in person at the General Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, should you wish to do so.

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# **EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS**

2020

1 October 2020

Announcement of the Subscription Publication of this document and Form of Proxy 1 October 2020 Latest time and date for receipt of Forms of Proxy 2.00 p.m. on 15 October General Meeting 2.00 p.m. on 19 October

Admission and commencement of dealings in the Subscription

8.00 a.m. on 20 October

Shares on AIM

CREST account credited with Subscription Shares in uncertificated form

8.00 a.m. on 20 October

#### Notes:

- 1. Each of the times and dates above are indicative only and are subject to change. If any of the above times and/or dates change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified by the Company to Shareholders by announcement through a regulatory information
- 2. All of the above times refer to London time unless otherwise stated.
- 3. The admission and commencement of dealings in the Subscription Shares on AIM are conditional on, inter alia, the passing of the Resolutions at the General Meeting.

# **SUBSCRIPTION STATISTICS**

Issue Price	4.9 pence
Number of Existing Ordinary Shares	91,842,662
Number of Subscription Shares to be issued	24,489,795
Proceeds of the Subscription (before expenses)	£1.2 million
Enlarged Share Capital following Admission	116,332,457
Percentage of Enlarged Share Capital represented by the Subscription Shares	21.05 per cent.

## **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this document (including the Notice of General Meeting) and the Form of Proxy unless the context requires otherwise:

"Acquisition" the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Tab Media

"Admission" the admission of the Subscription Shares to trading on AIM

becoming effective in accordance with the AIM Rules

"Announcement" the announcement issued by the Company on 1 October 2020.

"AIM" AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange

"AIM Rules" the AIM Rules for Companies published by the London Stock

Exchange from time to time

"Board" or "Directors" the directors of the Company whose names are set out on page 8

of this document

"Business Day" any day on which banks are usually open in England and Wales for

the transaction of sterling business, other than a Saturday, Sunday

or public holiday

"certificated" or "in certificated

form"

a share or other security not held in uncertificated form (that is, not

in CREST)

"Company" or "Digitalbox" Digitalbox plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales with

registered number 04606754

"CREST" a relevant system (as defined in the CREST Regulations) in respect

of which Euroclear is the Operator (as defined in the CREST

Regulations)

"CREST Regulations" the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/3755) as

amended from time to time

"Downing" or "Subscriber" Downing Strategic Micro-Cap Investment Trust plc

"Enlarged Share Capital" the issued ordinary share capital of the Company immediately after

the issue and allotment of the Subscription Shares

**"Existing Ordinary Shares"** the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of this

document, being 91,842,662 Ordinary Shares

"Financial Conduct Authority" or

"FCA"

the Financial Conduct Authority in its capacity as the competent

authority for the purposes of Part VI of FSMA

"Form of Proxy" the enclosed form of proxy for use by Shareholders in connection

with the General Meeting

"FSMA" the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended)

"General Meeting" the general meeting of the Company to be held at 2.00 p.m. on

19 October 2020 (or any reconvened meeting following any adjournment of the general meeting) at 2-4 Henry Street, Bath, England, BA1 1JT, notice of which is set out at the end of this

document

"IPO" the initial public offering of the Company's Ordinary Shares on AIM

by way of a reverse takeover on 28 February 2019

"Issue Price" 4.9 pence per share

"London Stock Exchange" London Stock Exchange plc

"Notice" or "Notice of General

Meeting"

the notice of the General Meeting set out at the end of this document

"Ordinary Shares" ordinary shares of £0.01 each in the share capital of the Company

"Panmure Gordon" Panmure Gordon (UK) Limited, financial adviser and joint broker to

the Company, a limited company registered in England and Wales (No. 04915201), with registered office at One New Change, London,

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"Registrar" or "Share registrars" Share Registrars Limited, a limited company registered in England

and Wales (No. 04715037) with its registered office at 27-28

Eastcastle Street, London, W1W 8DH

"Resolutions" the resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as set out in

the Notice of General Meeting

"Securities Act" the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended

"Shareholders" holders of Ordinary Shares

"Subscription" the conditional subscription of the Subscription Shares at the Issue

Price on the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the

Subscription Agreement

"Subscription Agreement" the conditional agreement dated 30 September 2020 between the

Company and the Subscriber relating to the Subscription

"Subscription Shares" the 24,489,795 new Ordinary Shares to be issued to Subscribers

pursuant to the Subscription

"Tab Media" Tab Media Limited, a limited company registered in England and

Wales (No. 08125470) with registered offices at 15 Bonhill Street,

London, England, EC2A 4DN

"uncertificated" or "in recorded on the register of members of the Company as being held uncertificated form" in uncertificated form in CREST and title to which, by virtue of the

in uncertificated form in CREST and title to which, by virtue of the CREST Regulations, may be transferred by means of CREST

"United Kingdom" or "UK" the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

"UK Listing Authority" the FCA acting in its capacity as the competent authority for the

purposes of Part VI of FSMA

"United States" or "US" the United States of America

"WH Ireland" WH Ireland Limited, nominated adviser and joint broker to the

Company, a limited company registered in England and Wales (No. 02002044) with its registered office at 24 Martin Lane, London,

England, EC4R 0DR

"£", "pounds sterling", "penny" or

"pence"

UK pounds sterling, the lawful currency of the United Kingdom

# **DIRECTORS, COMPANY SECRETARY AND ADVISERS**

**Directors** Robin Miller (Non-Executive Chairman)

James Alexander Carter (Chief Executive Officer)
James ("Jim") Robert Douglas (Chief Operating Officer)

David Joseph (Chief Financial Officer)

Dr. Nigel John Burton (Non-Executive Director)
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# **LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

# DIGITALBOX PLC

(a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 04606754)

Directors: Registered Office:

Robin Miller (Non-Executive Chairman)

2-4 Bath Street

James Carter (Chief Executive Officer)

James ("Jim") Robert Douglas (Chief Operating Officer)

Bath
BA1 1JT

David Joseph (Chief Financial Officer)

Dr. Nigel John Burton (Non-Executive Director)

Martin Higginson (Non-Executive Director)

1 October 2020

To holders of Ordinary Shares and, for information only, to holders of options over Ordinary Shares

Dear Shareholder,

# Proposed Subscription of 24,489,795 Ordinary Shares at 4.9 pence per share Proposed replacement of existing share issuance authorities and

# **Notice of General Meeting**

# 1. Introduction

On 1 October 2020, the Company announced that it had conditionally raised £1.2 million before expenses through the Subscription of 24,489,795 new Ordinary Shares at a price of 4.9 pence per share.

The Issue Price represents a discount of 2 per cent. to the closing price of 5 pence on 30 September 2020. The Subscription Shares represent 26.66 per cent. of the Company's existing issued share capital at the date of this announcement and will represent 21.05 per cent. of the Company's enlarged issued share capital immediately following the issue of the Subscription Shares.

The Board has also determined that it is appropriate for the Company to replace its existing authorities to issue and allot Ordinary Shares for cash with a new authority that will allow the Directors, in line with recent guidance from the Pre-Emption Group, to issue and allot up to 20 per cent. of Enlarged Issued Share Capital on a non-pre-emptive basis (the "**Proposed Replacement of Existing Share Issuance Authorities**").

The purpose of this letter is to outline the background to, and reasons for, the Subscription and explain why the Board consider the Subscription and the Proposed Replacement of Existing Share Issuance Authorities to be in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole, and why the Directors recommend that you vote in favour of the Resolutions required, amongst other things, to implement the Subscription, as they intend to do themselves in respect of the Existing Ordinary Shares beneficially held by them.

A notice convening the General Meeting to approve the Resolutions is set out at the end of this document.

Please see the important notice set out in paragraph 10 of this document concerning the implications that COVID-19 will have on attendance at the General Meeting and the measures that the Company is putting in place in respect of the same.

## 2. Background and reasons for the Subscription

In its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2020, the Company reported that as at 30 June 2020 it had net cash of £1.2 million. Furthermore, on 25 September 2020, the Company announced that, in order

to strengthen the balance sheet and aid liquidity, it has secured a £450,000 five year term loan facility under the British Business Bank's Coronavirus Business Interruption Loans Scheme (CBILS) from its bankers, National Westminster Bank plc.

On 1 October 2020, the Company announced that it had acquired, via Digitalbox Publishing Limited, a wholly owned member of its group (the "Group"), the entire issued share capital of Tab Media for a cash consideration of £750,000, which is being funded from the Group's existing resources. The Acquisition is not conditional on the Subscription or on Shareholders' approval. Further information on the Acquisition is set out in paragraph 4 "Information on the Acquisition" below.

The Subscription will replenish the Group's cash reserves after the Acquisition and provide additional working capital to strengthen the balance sheet and accelerate the Company's growth strategy through further acquisitions.

The Company is delighted to have secured the investment from an institution such as Downing, which the Board believes represents is a strong endorsement of the Company and its strategy.

# 3. Details of the Subscription

Under the Subscription, the Company has conditionally raised approximately £1.2 million (before expenses) by way of a subscription of 24,489,795 new Ordinary Shares at the Issue Price.

The Subscription is conditional upon (amongst other things) the Subscription Agreement not having been terminated, the passing of the Resolutions 1 and 2 at the General Meeting and Admission occurring on or before 8.00 a.m. on 20 October 2020 (or such later date and/or time as Downing and the Company may agree, being no later than 8.00 a.m. on 2 November 2020).

As part of the Subscription, the Company and the Subscriber have entered into a relationship agreement (the "Relationship Agreement"), which will be conditional on, and take effect from, Admission and remain in force for so long as the Subscriber, together with its affiliates, holds at least 10 per cent. of the voting rights in of the issued share capital of the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the Relationship Agreement, the Company has agreed, *inter alia*, to grant the Subscriber the right to appoint an observer to any meetings of the board of directors.

# 4. Information on the Acquisition

Pursuant to its stated buy and build strategy to acquire highly engaged digital media brands and integrate them onto the Digitalbox platform, the Company has announced the acquisition of Tab Media for consideration of £750,000 on a cash-free debt-free basis, subject to an adjustment for working capital. The Acquisition is being effected via Digitalbox Publishing Limited, a wholly owned member of the Group.

Tab Media runs an online news website (The Tab) covering youth culture and student culture for University students across the UK. Tab Media operates a national website as well as 32 sub-sites individually focused on specific universities across the UK. Content is produced by a professional team for the national site with student journalists adding to this via their local sites. Founder Jack Rivlin will remain in place on a consultancy basis to ensure a smooth transition of the business into Digitalbox plc and the editorial team will remain unchanged as the Company integrates the business to benefit from the Digitalbox model.

In the financial year ended 31 December 2019, Tab Media's revenue was approximately  $\mathfrak{L}1.2$  million, with gross profit of  $\mathfrak{L}0.9$  million and loss before tax of  $\mathfrak{L}0.4$  million. Gross assets as at 31 December 2019 were  $\mathfrak{L}0.6$  million.

The Acquisition is expected to be marginally accretive to earnings per share as enlarged by the Subscription in the first full year and significantly accretive in the second full year following the Acquisition.

# 5. Current trading

In its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2020 announced on 8 September 2020, the Company reported revenue of  $\mathfrak{L}1.0$  million, up 38 per cent. year on year, and an adjusted operating profit of  $\mathfrak{L}0.05$  million. The adjusted operating profit is stated before depreciation, amortisation and share based payments.

As at 30 June 2020, the Company had net cash of £1.2 million (31 December 2019: £0.4 million). The interim results are available on the Company's website www.digitalbox.com/investors.

# 6. Board update

On 1 October 2020, the Company announced that Robin Miller, Chairman of the Company, has indicated his intention to resign as Chairman and step down from the Board. Robin will remain in his role and oversee a smooth transition of his responsibilities until a successor is appointed.

The Company will immediately commence a search process for independent non-executive chairman candidates, and a further update in this regard will be made in due course.

# 7. Settlement and dealings

The Subscription Shares, when issued, will be fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Existing Ordinary Shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the date of issue.

Application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the Subscription Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM. Admission of the Subscription Shares to trading on AIM is expected to occur at 8.00 a.m. on or around 20 October 2020.

# 8. Replacement of Existing Share Issuance Authorities

The Board has also determined that it is appropriate for the Company to replace its existing authorities to issue and allot Ordinary Shares for cash with a new authority that will allow the Directors, in line with recent guidance from the Pre-Emption Group, to issue and allot up to 20 per cent. of Enlarged Issued Share Capital on a non-pre-emptive basis.

The Board believes this will provide more flexibility to the Company to take advantage of the pipeline of attractive acquisition opportunities to scale up the Digitalbox business.

# 9. General Meeting

The Directors do not currently have sufficient authority to allot all of the Subscription Shares and, accordingly, the Board is seeking the approval of Shareholders to allot the Subscription Shares at the General Meeting, together with approval to disapply pre-emption rights in respect of the proposed issue.

Shareholders approval to Resolutions 1 and 2 detailed below is required in order for the Subscription to proceed. Resolutions 3 and 4 are being proposed to refresh the Company's standard share authorities in light of the Enlarged Share Capital and replace the existing authorities.

The Company has received irrevocable undertakings from certain shareholders and Directors of the Company in respect of 33,208,692 ordinary shares representing 36.16 per cent. of the existing issued share capital to vote in favour of all the Resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting.

A notice convening the General Meeting, which is to be held at 2.00 p.m. at 2-4 Henry Street, Bath, England, BA1 1JT on 19 October 2020, is set out at the end of this document. At the General Meeting, the following Resolutions will be proposed:

- Resolution 1, which is an ordinary resolution to specifically authorise the Directors to allot relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £244,897.95, being equal to 24,489,795 Ordinary Shares (i.e. the number of Subscription Shares to be issued);
- Resolution 2, which is conditional on the passing of Resolution 1 and is a special resolution, disapplies statutory pre-emption rights to specifically authorise the Directors to issue and allot the Subscription Shares referred to in Resolution 1, pursuant to the Subscription on a non-pre-emptive basis;
- Resolution 3, which is conditional on the passing of Resolutions 1 and 2, is an ordinary resolution to generally authorise the Directors to allot relevant securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £387,774.86, being equal to approximately 33.3 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital; and

• Resolution 4, which is conditional on the passing of Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 and is a special resolution to authorise the Directors to disapply statutory pre-emption rights to issue and allot Ordinary Shares equal to 20 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital on a non-pre-emptive basis.

The authorities to be granted pursuant to Resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall expire on the date which is 15 months from the date of each Resolution or if earlier the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (unless renewed varied or revoked by the Company prior to or on that date).

#### 10. Actions to be taken

# In respect of the General Meeting

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Board strongly encourages all Shareholders to vote on the Resolutions by proxy or online before the deadline of 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020. The most recent COVID-19 "Stay at Home" measures adopted by the UK Government prohibit, unless essential for work purposes, public gatherings of more than two people. The Company's view, which is supported by the Chartered Governance Institute ("ICSA") is that attendance at a general meeting by a shareholder, other than one specifically required to form the quorum for that meeting, is not essential for work purposes. The Company has arranged for a quorum to be present in person at the General Meeting. Accordingly, we hereby notify Shareholders that anyone seeking to attend the General Meeting in person will be refused entry and there are no facilities currently available to allow Shareholders to dial-in or participate online. Shareholders are strongly urged to vote by proxy in advance of the deadline by completing their form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed on the form of proxy. This measure is designed to promote the health and wellbeing of the Company's Shareholders, its employees and the wider community, which is of upmost importance.

Please check that you have received a Form of Proxy for use in respect of the General Meeting with this document:

In light of the above, you are strongly encouraged to complete, sign and return your Form of Proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible, but in any event so as to be received, by post or, during normal business hours only, by hand, at Share Registrars Limited, The Courtyard, 17 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7DR, by no later than 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the case of an adjournment of the General Meeting, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the adjourned meeting (excluding any part of a day that is not a Business Day)).

If you hold your shares in the Company in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST) you may vote using the CREST Proxy Voting service in accordance with the procedures set out in the CREST Manual (please also refer to the accompanying notes to the Notice of the General Meeting set out at the end of this document). Proxies submitted via CREST must be received by the Company's agent (CREST ID: 7RA36 by no later than 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the case of an adjournment, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the adjourned meeting (excluding any part of a day that is not a Business Day)).

Alternatively, Shareholders can also return a completed Form of Proxy by email to voting@shareregistrars.uk.com.

Appointing a proxy in accordance with the instructions set out above will enable your vote to be counted at the General Meeting in the event of your absence. The completion and return of the Form of Proxy, the use of the CREST Proxy Voting service or voting online will not prevent you from attending and voting at the General Meeting, or any adjournment thereof, in person should you wish to do so however, as noted above, it is highly likely that in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic you will be refused entry to the General Meeting.

Should Shareholders wish to ask any questions in relation to the Subscription or the Resolutions, which they may otherwise have asked at the General Meeting had they been in attendance, they are encouraged to contact the Company prior to the General Meeting by email to shareholders@digitalbox.com. We will consider all questions received and, if appropriate, provide a written response or publish answers on our

website (<u>www.digitalbox.com/investors</u>) as soon as practical to do so following the completion of the General Meeting. Any questions should be submitted via email by 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020.

#### Recommendation

The Directors believe that the Resolutions being proposed at the General Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole, and unanimously recommend that Shareholders vote in favour of the Resolutions. Shareholders should be aware that if any of the Resolutions 1 and 2 are not passed, the Subscription will not proceed, which will inhibit the growth of the Company and deployment of its strategy.

Each of the Directors holding Ordinary Shares at the time of the Subscription, has irrevocably undertaken to vote in favour of the Resolutions in respect of, in aggregate, 23,421,143 Existing Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 25.50 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital as at the date of this document.

Yours sincerely

# **Robin Miller**

Chairman

# **Digitalbox PLC**

# **NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a general meeting of Digitalbox plc (the "**Company**") will be held at 2-4 Henry Street, Bath, England, BA1 1JT at 2.00 p.m. on 19 October 2020 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing resolutions 1 and 3 as ordinary resolutions and resolutions 2 and 4 as special resolutions.

## ORDINARY RESOLUTION - AUTHORITY TO ALLOT SUBSCRIPTION SHARES

1. **THAT**, in accordance with section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Act**") and in addition to the existing authorities, the directors of the Company from time to time (the "**Directors**") be generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of £244,897.95 (comprising 24,489,795 Subscription Shares (as such term is defined in the circular posted to Shareholders together with this notice (the "**Circular**")) provided that this authority will expire on the date which is fifteen months from the date of the resolution, or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (unless renewed varied or revoked by the Company prior to or on that date) but the Company may, before this authority expires, make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares in the Company or rights to be allotted or granted after this authority expires and that the Directors may allot shares in the Company or grant rights pursuant to such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.

# SPECIAL RESOLUTION – SUBSCRIPTION SHARES DISAPPLICATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

2. **THAT**, subject to and conditional upon the passing of resolution 1, in accordance with section 571(1) of the Act and in addition to existing authorities, the Directors be empowered to allot equity securities for cash (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 1 above, as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, up to an aggregate nominal value of £244,897.95 (comprising 24,489,795 Subscription Shares, (as such term is defined in the Circular)), provided that this authority will expire on the date which is fifteen months from the date of the resolution or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (unless renewed varied or revoked by the Company prior to or on that date) but the Company may, before this authority expires, make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares in the Company or rights to be allotted or granted after this authority expires and that the Directors may allot shares in the Company or grant rights pursuant to such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTION - GENERAL AUTHORITY TO ALLOT**

3. **THAT**, subject to and conditional upon the passing of resolutions 1 to 2 (inclusive), in accordance with section 551 of the Act and in addition to the existing authorities, the Directors be generally and unconditionally authorised to exercise all powers of the Company to allot shares in the Company or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of £387,774.86 (comprising approximately 33.3 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital (as such term is defined in the Circular)) provided that this authority will expire on the date which is fifteen months from the date of the resolution, or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (unless renewed varied or revoked by the Company prior to or on that date) but the Company may, before this authority expires, make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares in the Company or rights to be allotted or granted after this authority

expires and that the Directors may allot shares in the Company or grant rights pursuant to such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION - GENERAL DISAPPLICATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS

4. **THAT**, subject to and conditional upon the passing of resolutions 1, 2 and 3, in accordance with section 571(1) of the Act and in addition to existing authorities, the Directors be empowered to allot equity securities for cash (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 3 above, as if section 561 of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, up to an aggregate nominal value of £232,664.91 (comprising 20 per cent. of the Enlarged Share Capital (as such term is defined in the Circular)), provided that this authority will expire on the date which is fifteen months from the date of the resolution or, if earlier, the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (unless renewed varied or revoked by the Company prior to or on that date) but the Company may, before this authority expires, make an offer or agreement which would or might require shares in the Company or rights to be allotted or granted after this authority expires and that the Directors may allot shares in the Company or grant rights pursuant to such an offer or agreement as if the authority conferred by this resolution had not expired.

#### By order of the Board

David Joseph

Company Secretary

Registered Office: 2-4 Bath Street Bath BA1 1JT

Registered in England and Wales No.: 04606754

Date: 1 October 2020

#### Notes:

Your attention is drawn to note 15 below and the arrangements put in place by the Company set out on paragraph 7 of the Circular relating to the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Given that you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, it is strongly advised that you appoint the chairman of the meeting to act as your proxy in accordance with the procedure set out in the notes below.

- 1. Members are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and vote on their behalf at the meeting and at any adjournment of it. A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the meeting provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by that member. If a proxy appointment is submitted without indicating how the proxy should vote on any resolution, the proxy will exercise his discretion as to whether and, if so, how he votes.
- 2. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. However, members are encouraged to appoint the chairman of the meeting as their proxy. A proxy form which may be used to make such appointment and give proxy instructions accompanies this notice. If you do not have a proxy form and believe that you should have one, or if you require additional forms, please contact Share Registrars Limited at The Courtyard, 17 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7DR. Members may also appoint a proxy through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service as described in note 9 below.
- 3. To be valid any proxy form or other instrument appointing a proxy must be received by post or (during normal business hours only) by hand by Share Registrars Limited at Share Registrars Limited, The Courtyard, 17 West Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7DR no later than 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the event of any adjournment, no later than 2.00 p.m. on the date which is two days before the time of the adjourned meeting (weekends and public holidays excluded)), together with, if appropriate, the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a duly certified copy of that power or authority.
- 4. The return of a completed proxy form, other such instrument or any CREST proxy instruction (as described in note 9(a) below) will not prevent a member attending the meeting and voting in person if he/she wishes to do so (however, please refer to note 15 below).
- 5. A vote withheld option is provided on the form of proxy to enable you to instruct your proxy not to vote on any particular resolution, however, it should be noted that a vote withheld in this way is not a 'vote' in law and will not be counted in the calculation of the proportion of the votes 'for' and 'against' a resolution.
- 6. To be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting (and for the purpose of the determination by the company of the votes they may cast), members must be registered in the register of members of the Company by 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the event of any adjournment, 2.00 p.m. on the date which is two days before the time of the adjourned meeting (weekends and public holidays excluded)). Changes to the register of members after the relevant deadline shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the meeting.

- 7. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first-named being the most senior).
- 8. If a member submits more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.
- 9. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for this meeting by using the procedures described in the CREST manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf. You may appoint a proxy by completing and transmitting a CREST Proxy Instruction to the Registrars (Crest Participant ID: 7RA36) so that it is received no later than 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020. Please note the following:
  - (a) in order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a "CREST proxy instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or is an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in this notice. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST application host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means;
  - (b) CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST proxy instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred in particular to those sections of the CREST manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings; and
  - (c) the Company may treat as invalid a CREST proxy instruction in the circumstances set out in regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
- 10. Shareholders can return a completed Form of Proxy by email to voting@shareregistrars.uk.com to be received by 2.00 p.m. on 15 October 2020 (or, in the case of an adjournment, not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the holding of the adjourned meeting (excluding any part of a day that is not a business day)).
- 11. As at the close of business on the date immediately preceding this notice, the Company's issued share capital comprised 91,842,662 Ordinary Shares. Each Ordinary Share carries the right to vote at the meeting and, therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at close of business on the date immediately preceding this notice is 91,842,662.
- 12. Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
- 13. In order to revoke a proxy instruction you will need to inform the Company by sending a signed hard copy notice clearly stating your intention to revoke your proxy appointment to the Company's registrars. In the case of a member which is a company, the revocation notice must be executed in accordance with note 12 above. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the revocation notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the revocation notice and must be received by the Company's registrars not less than 48 hours (excluding any part of a day that is not a business day) before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting or any adjourned meeting (or in the case of a poll before the time appointed for taking the poll) at which the proxy is to attend, speak and to vote. If you attempt to revoke your proxy appointment but the revocation is received after the time specified then, subject to the paragraph directly below, your proxy appointment will remain valid.
- 14. Any shareholder attending the meeting has the right to ask questions (however please note 15 below). Pursuant to section 319A of the Act, the Company must cause to be answered at the meeting any question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting that is put by a shareholder attending the meeting, except in certain circumstances (for example if it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered or if to do so would involve the disclosure of confidential information).
- 15. Notwithstanding the information contained in notes 1 to 14 above and the rights of shareholders set out in the Act and the Company's articles of association, the Directors' strong recommendation is that members do not attend the meeting in person and, instead, submit proxy votes appointing the chairman of the meeting as your proxy as set out in this notice of general meeting. Moreover, the Directors would like to reiterate that, if any shareholder (or other proxy appointed by a shareholder other than the chairman of the meeting) does, nonetheless, travel to attend the meeting in person, it is highly likely that they will be denied access to it based on the prevailing circumstances and, as a result, will not be able to participate in the business to be transacted at the meeting.