

## **RULES OF THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT SCHEME FOR PROVEN VCT**

1. Shareholders on the register of members at the close of business on the relevant record date may elect to receive Shares, credited as fully paid, instead of receiving the dividend in cash for the relevant financial period (“the full cash dividend”). The election may only be made by Shareholders in respect of the whole (and not part only) of their shareholdings and shall, subject to Condition 7, operate as a mandate in respect of the Interim Dividend to be paid on 2 February 2012 and all subsequent dividends unless and until the Shareholder gives notice to terminate his or her participation in the Scheme in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.
2. Shareholders may only join the Scheme in respect of any class of Shares if all dividends on all Shares in the Company registered in their name, of whatever share class, are mandated to the Scheme. The number of Shares held by such Shareholder (a “Participating Shareholder”) which are mandated to the Scheme shall be altered immediately following any change to the number of Shares in respect of which such Shareholder is the registered holder as entered onto the register of members of the Company from time to time.
3. The Company shall invest the monies held within the Scheme (being dividends paid on Shares by, or on behalf of, Participating Shareholders) in the subscription of Shares of the same class in the Company. The Company shall not have the discretion to vary such investments and Shareholders may not instruct the Company or the Scheme Administrator to make any other investments.
- 4.(a) On or as soon as practicable after a day on which any dividend is paid to Shareholders (a “Reinvestment Day”), the funds held by the Company on behalf of each Participating Shareholder shall be applied on behalf of that Shareholder in the subscription for the maximum number of Shares as can be acquired with those funds.  
  
(b) The number of Shares issued to a Participating Shareholder pursuant to condition 4(a) above shall be calculated by dividing the aggregate value of the dividends paid on the Shares to which the Participating Shareholder is entitled by the greater of (i) the most recently announced net asset value per Share; less the amount of the dividend and any related performance incentive (unless accounted for in the most recently announced net asset value per Share); and (ii) the nominal value per Share.  
  
(c) No fractions of Shares will be issued under the Scheme and subject to condition 4(d) below the election may only be made by Shareholders in respect of the whole and not part of their shareholdings. Any balance of cash remaining with the Company after the subscription shall be held by the Company on behalf of the Participating Shareholder to whom it relates and added to the cash available in respect of that Shareholder for the subscription of the relevant class of Shares on the next relevant Reinvestment Day. No interest shall accrue or be payable by the Company in favour of any Shareholder on any such cash balances.  
  
(d) The Scheme involves the reinvestment of the whole dividend paid on each shareholding each time a dividend is paid by the Company, together with any cash residue brought forward from the previous dividend. Partial reinvestment of dividends is only permitted by nominees, who need to lodge a Mandate Form for each Reinvestment Day quoting the number of Shares in respect of which their election is made. Shareholders will remain in the Scheme so that all future dividends will be reinvested in the same way, until they give notice in writing to the Scheme Administrator that they wish to terminate their participation in the Scheme.
5. The Scheme Administrator shall on the relevant Reinvestment Day take all necessary steps to ensure that the Participating Shareholders are entered onto the share register of the Company as the registered holders of the Shares, issued to them under the Scheme, and that share certificates in respect of such shares issued are posted to the Participating Shareholders at their own risk as soon as is reasonably practical, unless such shares are to be uncertificated.
6. To assist Participating Shareholders with their tax returns, the Scheme Administrator will attach to the new share certificates a Statement of Entitlement, or if shares are held in uncertificated form, a Statement of

Entitlement will be sent to a Participating Shareholder separately, detailing the following:- (i) the total dividend payable; (ii) the subscription price per Share; (iii) the number of Shares allotted to a Participating Shareholder; (iv) the residual cash balance (if any) representing an entitlement to a fraction of a Share to be carried forward to the next dividend; and (v) the cash equivalent of the Shares issued, together with any such other information as shall be required under the Listing Rules of the UK Listing Authority.

7. Application to join the Scheme can be made at any time by returning a completed Mandate Form. However, Mandate Forms need to have been received by Beringea LLP, 39 Earlham Street, London, WC2H 9LT at least 20 Business Days prior to the payment of a dividend which is to be reinvested. Mandate Forms received after that date shall be effective in relation to any future dividends in respect of which the Directors offer a dividend reinvestment alternative.

8. If, prior to the day on which the Shares became ex-dividend, a Shareholder has sold all or some of his or her holdings in Shares, the Shareholder should consult his or her stockbroker or agent without delay.

9. An application will be made to the UK Listing Authority for admission of the Shares issued under the Scheme to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange plc for admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange plc's main market for listed securities (together "Admission"). On issue, the Shares will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing issued Shares of that class and will rank for future dividends. Subject to Admission, definitive share certificates for the Shares will be posted as soon as practicable following Admission at the risk of the persons entitled to them. Where Shares are issued as uncertificated shares, as soon as practicable following Admission the Company will arrange for the relevant Participating Shareholders' stock accounts in CREST to be credited with their entitlement to Shares and a Statement of Entitlement will be posted to them. Shares will be allotted as and when the Directors determine it appropriate, with Admission and Dealings expected within 10 Business Days of allotment. Share certificates will not be issued and CREST accounts will not be credited until Admission becomes effective.

In the event that Admission does not become effective, Mandate Forms will be disregarded in respect of the dividend and the full cash dividend will be paid as soon as possible in the usual way.

10. Further copies of this document and/or Mandate Forms may be obtained from Beringea LLP, 39 Earlham Street, London, WC2H 9LT.

11. All costs and expenses incurred by the Scheme Administrator in administering the Scheme will be borne by the Company.

12. Each Shareholder applying to participate in the Scheme will be deemed to warrant to the Scheme Administrator and the Company in the Mandate Form that (i) save in the case of a Shareholder holding his Shares as nominee, during the continuance of his or her participation in the Scheme he or she will remain the sole beneficial owner of the Shares mandated to the Scheme free from encumbrances or security interests; and (ii) all information set out in the Mandate Form is correct and, to the extent any of the information changes, he or she will notify the changes to the Scheme Administrator.

13. Each Participating Shareholder acknowledges that none of the Company, the Scheme Administrator nor Beringea LLP is providing a discretionary manager service. Neither the Scheme Administrator, Beringea LLP or the Company shall be responsible for any loss or damage to Participating Shareholders as a result of their participation in the Scheme unless due to the negligence or default of the Scheme Administrator or the Company (respectively), its servants or agents.

14. The financial calendar and procedure for future dividends both as to any final and/or interim dividend will be notified in writing to Shareholders and/or published through an RIS.

15. The Participating Shareholder may at any time, by notice of not less than 20 Business Days prior to the relevant Reinvestment Day to the Scheme Administrator, terminate his or her participation in this Scheme. If a Participating Shareholder shall at any time cease to hold any Shares of a particular class in the Company, he or she shall be deemed to have served such a notice in respect of his or her participation in the Scheme in respect of that class of Shares.

16. The Company and the Scheme Administrator shall be entitled, at any time and from time to time, to suspend the operation of the Scheme in whole or in part and/or to terminate the Scheme without notice to the Participating Shareholders. Circumstances under which the Directors might suspend or terminate the Scheme include, but are not limited to changes in legislation governing VCTs (including changes in available tax reliefs) and adverse market conditions in the public markets.

17. All notices and instructions to be given to the Scheme Administrator shall be in writing and delivered or posted to Capita Registrars Limited, New Issues, The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham BR3 4TU. Applications to participate in the Scheme will be made by way of Mandate Form in the prescribed form as provided by Beringea LLP or the Scheme Administrator.

18. Subject to the prior agreement of the Scheme Administrator, the Directors shall be entitled to amend the Scheme terms and conditions on giving one month's notice in writing to all Participating Shareholders. If such amendments have arisen as a result of any change in statutory or other regulatory requirements, notice of such amendment will not be given to Participating Shareholders unless, in the Scheme Administrator's opinion, the change materially affects the interests of Participating Shareholders. Amendments to the Scheme Terms and Conditions which are of a formal, minor or technical nature, or made to correct a manifest error and which do not adversely affect the interests of Participating Shareholders, may be effected without notice.

19. By completing and delivering the Mandate Form provided by the Scheme Administrator, the Participating Shareholder will (i) agree to provide the Company with any information which it may request in connection with such application and to comply with legislation relating to VCTs or other relevant legislation (as the same may be amended from time to time); and (ii) declare that no loan has been made to the Participating Shareholder or any associate, which would not have been made, or not have been made on the same terms but for the Participating Shareholder offering to subscribe for, or acquiring, Shares, and that the Shares are being acquired for bona fide commercial purposes and not as part of a scheme or arrangement, the main purpose of which is the avoidance of tax.

20. Subscriptions for VCT shares only attract tax reliefs if in any tax year subscriptions to all VCTs do not exceed £200,000 (including subscriptions pursuant to dividend reinvestment schemes). Where Shares are held by a nominee as at the relevant record date, that nominee's beneficiary will not be entitled to receive the tax reliefs otherwise available to Participating Shareholders under the Scheme. Participating Shareholders under the Scheme are responsible for ascertaining their own tax status and liabilities and neither the Scheme Administrator nor the Company can accept any liability in the event they do not receive any VCT tax reliefs, or such reliefs are reduced or restricted in any way.

21. Dividends on Shares acquired in excess of £200,000 in any tax year will not be exempted from income tax in the same way as Shares acquired within this limit, therefore Participating Shareholders will generally be liable to tax on such dividends.

22. The election to receive Shares in place of the cash dividend is not being offered to, or for the benefit of, any citizen of the United States, Canada or Australia, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in, or under the laws of the United States, Canada or Australia or any political sub-division thereof or with a registered office in any of these countries or any estate or trust, the income of which is subject to United States Federal, or Canadian, or Australian income taxation regardless of its source. "United States"

means United States of America (including the District of Columbia). References to the United States, Canada and Australia include their territories, possessions and all areas subject to their jurisdiction.

No person receiving a copy of the Circular and/or Mandate Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat it as constituting an invitation to him unless in the relevant territory such an invitation could lawfully be made to him without complying with any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of the Shareholder outside the United Kingdom wishing to elect to receive Shares to satisfy himself as to the full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection with the offer, including obtaining any governmental or other consents which may be necessary and observing any other formalities requiring to be observed in such territory.

23. The Company shall not be required to issue Shares hereunder if the Directors so decide in their absolute discretion. If the Directors decide not to issue Shares hereunder, the full cash dividend will be paid as soon as possible in the usual way.

24. These Scheme terms and conditions shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law and each Participating Shareholder submits to the jurisdiction of the English courts and agrees that nothing shall limit the right of the Company to bring any action, suit or proceeding arising out of or in connection with the Scheme in any other manner permitted by law or in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**Shareholders in any doubt about their tax position should consult their independent adviser.**