## **INNATE PHARMA SA**

A corporation with executive board and supervisory board with a share capital of EUR 1,906,794.6€

Registered Office: 117 avenue de Luminy, 13009 Marseille

424 365 336 Registry of Trade and Companies of Marseille

## **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION (BY-LAWS)**

Amended by the Executive Board of May 24th, 2013

## TITLE I FORM – NAME – REGISTERED OFFICE – OBJECT - DURATION

#### **ARTICLE 1 - Form**

The Company was incorporated in the form of a Simplified Share Company governed by applicable statutory provisions and by these articles of association.

The Company was transformed into a Corporation with a Executive Board and a Supervisory Council by a decision of the Mixed Meeting of Shareholders of 13 June 2005. It is governed by the statutory and regulatory provisions in force and by these articles of association.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - Corporate Name**

The name of the Company is INNATE PHARMA.

On any instruments or documents issued by the Company, the name of the Company must be immediately preceded or followed by the words "Corporation with Executive Board and Supervisory Council" and a statement of the share capital.

#### **ARTICLE 3 - Registered Office**

The registered office is at 117 avenue de Luminy, 13009 Marseille.

It may be transferred within the same administrative department or to a neighbouring administrative department by a decision of the Supervisory Council subject to ratification by the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

## **ARTICLE 4 - Purpose**

The purpose of the Company is, directly or indirectly, in France and abroad, to:

- carry out, on its own behalf or on behalf of third parties, any research, development, studies and development of manufacturing or marketing procedures for pharmaceutical products;
- register or grant any patent or licence directly or indirectly connected with its activity; and
- more generally, carry out any transactions of any kind whatsoever including economic, legal, financial, civil or commercial transactions which may be directly or indirectly related to the corporate purposes or to any similar, related or complementary objects.

## **ARTICLE 5 - Duration**

Unless it is extended or wound up early, the Company shall have a duration of 99 years which starts from the day of its registration at the Registry of Trade and Companies.

Decisions to extend the duration of the Company or to wind it up early shall be taken collectively by the shareholders.

# TITLE II CONTRIBUTION - SHARE CAPITAL – FORM OF SHARES - RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ATTACHED TO SHARES

#### **ARTICLE 6 - Share Capital**

The share capital is one million nine hundred and six thousand seven hundred and ninety-four euros and sixty cents (euros 1,906,794.6). It is divided into thirty-eight million one hundred and thirty-five thousand eight hundred and ninety-two (38 135 892) ordinary shares of zero point zero five (0.05) euro each, fully subscribed and fully paid up in cash.

## <u>ARTICLE 7 – Modifications of the Share Capital</u>

**I.** The share capital may be increased by either the issue of new shares or an increase of the nominal value of existing shares.

New shares are paid up either in cash, by a contribution in kind, by set-off against due and payable receivables, by incorporation of profit, reserves or issue premiums into the share capital, as a result of a merger or demerger, or further to the exercise of a right attached to securities entitling their holder to capital, including, as the case may be, the payment of the corresponding amounts.

New shares are issued at either their nominal amount or at such amount increased by an issue premium.

A share capital increase can only be decided by an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders, following a report by the Executive Board containing the information required by law.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders may, however, delegate such competence to the Executive Board pursuant to the conditions provided by law. Within the limit of the powers so granted by an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders, the Executive Board shall have the powers required to increase the share capital in one or several steps, to determine the terms and conditions thereof, to officially acknowledge the completion thereof and to make the corresponding amendments to the articles of association.

If a share capital increase is decided by a Meeting of Shareholders, it may delegate all the powers required for the completion of the operation to the Executive Board.

If the Executive Board is acting by virtue of a delegation of power or competence, it shall prepare a supplementary report to the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders held following the meeting of the Executive Board at which such action is taken.

If the share capital is increased by the incorporation of profits, reserves or issue premiums, the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders shall deliberate pursuant to the conditions of quorum and majority required for Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders. In such case, the Meeting of Shareholders may decide that rights constituting fractional shares shall be neither negotiable nor transferable and that the corresponding securities should be sold. The proceeds of sale shall be allocated to the holders in proportion to their rights.

An increase in share capital by increasing the nominal amount of shares may only be decided by a unanimous decision of the shareholders, unless it is the result of an incorporation of profits, reserves or issue premiums into the share capital.

Shareholders have a preferential right of subscription, in proportion to their shareholdings, to shares issued by way of cash contribution in order to increase the share capital. Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of this right shall be of the same category as that of the share from which the aforesaid right arises. This also applies to shares resulting from the acquisition of securities other than shares.

Shareholders may dispose of all or part of their subscription rights during the subscription period. Such rights are negotiable if they are detached from shares which are themselves negotiable. If this is not the case, then such subscription rights may be disposed of on the same terms as the shares themselves.

Shareholders may waive their preferential right on an individual basis.

The Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders which decides to increase the share capital may cancel the preferential right to subscription pursuant to the conditions and within the limits set by law, and shall make such decision following the issuance of reports of the Executive Board and the Statutory Auditors, in accordance with the conditions determined by the law and regulations in force.

Shares which have not been subscribed for on an irreducible basis may be allocated to shareholders who may have subscribed on a reducible basis for a greater number of shares than that to which they could have subscribed on a preferential basis, in proportion to their subscription rights, and in any event, within the limit of their request, if the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders, or, in the case of delegation, the Executive Board, expressly so decides.

If the subscriptions have not, in any respect whatsoever, covered the entire share capital increase, the Executive Board may exercise any one or more of the options provided below, in the order it sees fit:

- (i) limit the share capital increase to the amount of the subscriptions on the dual condition that such subscriptions cover at least three quarters of the amount of the originally determined increase, and that such option has not been expressly prohibited by the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders at the time of issue;
- (ii) allocate the remaining shares unless the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders has decided otherwise; and
- (iii) opening the subscription to the public if this has been expressly authorised by the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

If the subscriptions have not covered the entire share capital increase, or three quarters of this increase in the case of (i) above, after such options have been exercised, the share capital increase shall not be carried out.

However, the Executive Board may in any case automatically limit the share capital increase to the amount covered by subscriptions, if unsubscribed shares represent less than 3% of the share capital increase.

In the case of a share capital increase with or without a preferential right of subscription, the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders may provide that the number of shares may be increased within thirty days of the closure of subscriptions by up to 15% of, and at the same price as for, the original issue.

If the share capital increase produces fractional shares, shareholders with insufficient subscription or allocation rights shall be required personally to acquire or dispose of the subscription rights necessary to obtain delivery of a whole number of new shares.

**II.** An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders (or, in the case of delegation, the Executive Board) may also (subject to the rights of creditors if relevant) authorise or decide upon a reduction of share capital for any reason and by any procedure whatsoever. A reduction in share capital may not, in any event, derogate from the principle of equality between shareholders.

The reduction of share capital to an amount below the legal minimum can only be decided subject to the condition precedent of a share capital increase to at least the statutory minimum, unless the Company is transformed into a company having a different corporate form. In the event that the foregoing principle is not complied with, any interested party may ask the courts to dissolve the

Company, provided however that the dissolution of the Company cannot be ordered if, as of the date on which the court rules on the merits, the situation has been rectified.

Subject to the legal and regulatory provisions in force, the Company may not either subscribe to or purchase its own shares. However, if an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders has decided on a reduction of share capital for reasons other than due to losses, it can authorise the Executive Board to purchase a fixed number of shares in order to cancel them.

## **ARTICLE 8 - Paying Up Shares**

At least one quarter of the nominal value of shares subscribed for cash must be paid up on subscription together with the full amount of the issue premium, if relevant.

The remainder must be paid up in one or more instalments, upon calls made by the Executive Board, within five years of the day on which the share capital increase was completed.

Subscribers will be informed of calls for funds by registered letter with confirmation of receipt sent at least fifteen days prior to the date set for each payment.

If a shareholder does not pay the amounts due with respect to the shares for which he has subscribed, on the dates determined by the Executive Board, interest will automatically accrue on such amounts in favour of the Company at the statutory rate defined in Article L. 313-2 of the Monetary and Financial Code, as of the expiry of the month following the date on which they fall due and without the need for a court petition or formal notice. Moreover, when due payments in respect of shares have not been made within thirty days of formal notice sent to the defaulting shareholder, such shares will no longer entitle the holder to admission to shareholders' meeting and the right to vote in shareholders' meetings, and shall be deducted for the calculation of the quorum. The right to dividends and the preferential right of subscription to share capital increases attached to these shares shall be suspended. These rights shall be regained on payment of the principal and interest due in respect of the amounts due. A shareholder can then request the payment of dividends that are not time-barred and exercise his preferential right of subscription if the exercise period for such right has not expired.

The share capital must be fully paid up prior to any issue of additional shares to be paid up in cash.

#### ARTICLE 9 - Form of Shares - Administration of the Share Accounts

Shares are either in registered form or, if allowed by law, in bearer form, at the shareholder's discretion.

Shares issued are registered in individual accounts opened by the Company or any authorised intermediary, in the name of each shareholder and kept according to the conditions and procedures provided by statutory and regulatory provisions.

The Company is authorised to rely on statutory provisions, in particular Article L. 228-2 of the Commercial Code, with respect to the identification of the holders of bearer shares and for such purpose it may at any time request the central depositary who administers the share account, to provide the information referred to in Article L. 228-2 of the Commercial Code, in exchange for payment. The Company is therefore, in particular, entitled at any time to request the name and year of birth, or concerning a legal person, the corporate name and year of incorporation, the nationality and the address of holders of securities which give the right to vote in Meeting of Shareholders, either immediately or in the future, as well as the number of shares held by each of them and, as the case may be, any restrictions which may apply to the shares.

#### **ARTICLE 10 - Transfer of Shares**

Registered shares may be transferred by transfer from one account to another.

Shares paid up in cash are freely transferable as from the completion of the share capital increase. Shares received in exchange for contribution in kind are freely transferable as from the completion of the share capital increase, i.e. on the date of the Meeting of Shareholders or meeting of the Executive Board, acting under delegation, which approved the contribution, in the case of an in-kind contribution during the life of the company.

Title to the shares is transferred by registration in the buyer's account, on the date and in accordance with the conditions provided by applicable law and, as the case may be, regulations.

Shares are freely transferable subject to legislative provisions.

## **ARTICLE 11 – Crossing of Thresholds**

Any natural person or legal entity referred to under Articles L. 233-7, L. 233-9 and L. 223-10 of the Commercial Code who gains possession, directly or indirectly, alone or in concert, of a number of shares which represent a portion of the share capital or voting rights of the Company equal to or greater than 1% or a multiple of such percentage, must inform the Company of the total number of shares, voting rights and securities granting an interest in capital or voting rights which it owns immediately or would own in the future, by registered mail with confirmation of receipt sent to the registered office of the Company within five trading days starting from the date that the aforesaid threshold(s) were crossed.

The obligation of information provided above also applies in the same conditions when the aforesaid thresholds are crossed downwards.

Shares or voting rights in excess of the portion which should have been declared but which have not been declared pursuant to the aforesaid conditions, are stripped of their rights to vote at shareholders' meetings for any meeting held within two years following the date of the regularisation of the declaration in accordance with Article L. 233-14 of the Commercial Code, if failure to make the declaration has been observed and if one or more shareholders holding an interest of at least 5% of the share capital of the Company make such request, recorded in the minutes of the Meeting of Shareholders.

The foregoing obligations to declare apply in addition to the threshold crossing declarations provided by legal or regulatory provisions in force.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - Rights and Obligations attached to Shares**

Each share entitles thereof to a portion of the corporate profits and assets in proportion to the portion of share capital that it represents.

In addition, such share gives the right to vote and be represented at Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the conditions provided by law and in these articles of association. .

Shareholders are only liable up to the nominal amount of the shares which they hold and any request for funds beyond that amount is prohibited.

Ownership of a share automatically implies agreement to be bound by the Company's articles of association and the decisions of the Meeting of Shareholders.

The heirs, creditors, successors or other representatives of the shareholder cannot request seals to be placed on the Company's assets and securities or request their distribution or sale by public auction, or to interfere with its management. In order to exercise their rights, they should rely on company records and the decisions of the Meeting of Shareholders.

Whenever it is necessary to hold several shares in order to exercise a right of any kind, in the case of an exchange, regrouping or allocation of securities, or further to a share capital increase or decrease, merger or other corporate transaction, holders of single shares or of less than the number of shares

so required will only be able to exercise such right if they themselves collect and, as the case may be, purchase or sell, the required number of securities.

However, the Company may, in the case of an exchange of securities further to a merger or demerger, a share capital reduction, the regrouping or division and mandatory conversion of bearer into registered shares, or the distribution of securities deducted from reserves or in connection with a share capital reduction, or the distribution or allocation of free shares, pursuant to a decision of the Executive Board, sell any securities in respect of which the persons entitled thereto have not requested delivery subject to having carried out the publicity formalities provided by regulations at least two years beforehand.

As from the date of such sale, the prior securities or rights to distribution or allocation shall be cancelled as and when required, and their holders shall only be entitled to the allocation of the net proceeds of sale of unclaimed securities.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – Usufruct / Bare Ownership**

The shares are not divisible with respect to the Company.

Co-owners of shares must arrange to be represented vis-a-vis the Company by one of them only, who will be considered as the sole holder, or by a sole agent. In the case of disagreement, a sole agent may be appointed by the courts at the request of the most diligent co-owner.

Unless the Company has been notified of an agreement to the contrary, usufruct shareholders validly represent bare owners vis-à-vis the Company. The right to vote is held by the usufruct shareholder in Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders and by the bare owner in Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, where shares are encumbered by a usufruct interest, the preferential right to subscription attached thereto is held by the bare owner.

## TITLE IV COMPANY MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION

## **ARTICLE 14 – Management Structure**

The Company is managed by an Executive Board which exercises its duties under the supervision of a Supervisory Council.

## **ARTICLE 15 - Composition of the Executive Board**

- I. The Executive Board consists of at least two members and five members at most.
- II. Members of the Executive Board are appointed by the Supervisory Council.

The members of the Supervisory Council appoint one of the members of the Executive Board as Chairman of the Executive Board for the duration of his term of office as a member of the Executive Board. The Chairman of the Executive may be dismissed by the Supervisory Council.

Members of the Executive Board must be natural persons, failing which the appointment shall be null and void. They may be chosen from non-shareholders. They may be French nationals or of foreign nationality.

Members of the Executive Board may be dismissed by the Supervisory Council of the Meeting of Shareholders. They may resign at any time.

If a member of the Executive Board has entered into an employment contract with the Company, his dismissal, resignation or the expiry of his term of office as a member of the Executive Board will not cause such contract to be terminated.

The Executive Board is appointed for a term of three years. If a post is vacant, the Supervisory Council must make an appointment to fill the post within two months.

However, the terms of office of the members of the Executive Board who were duly appointed for six years by the Supervisory Council of 13 June 2005, pursuant to the provisions of the articles of association which were then applicable, shall continue to the end of their initial term and be renewed at the annual meeting of shareholders called to decide on the accounts of the financial year closing 31 December 2010.

The replacement is appointed for the remaining term until the renewal of the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board may be reappointed.

The procedure for and amount of the remuneration of each of the members of the Executive Board is set out in the instrument appointing them.

**III.** No member of the Executive Board may be a member of the Supervisory Council, the Sole Chief Executive Officer or the Chairman of the Executive Board of more than one other corporation whose registered office is in metropolitan France.

Executive Board membership may only be combined with another corporate office in another company in accordance with the statutory and regulatory restrictions in force.

**IV.** The Executive Board meets as often as necessary in the interests of the Company and at least once a quarter, convened by its Chairman or an Executive Board member delegated to such effect, at the place decided by the person convening the meeting.

In order for deliberations to be valid, the majority of the members of the Executive Board must be physically present. However, members of the Executive Board who attend Executive Board meetings by video-conference or any other means of telecommunication in compliance with the statutory and regulatory provisions applicable to corporations with a Board of Directors management structure, are deemed to be present.

Any member of the Executive Board may be represented by another member of the Executive Board at the meetings of the Executive Board or take part in an Executive Board meeting by video-conference or any other means of telecommunication as referred to above. Each member of the Executive Board may receive only one proxy.

Decisions are made by a majority of those present and represented. Each member has one vote

At each meeting, the Executive Board may appoint a secretary who may be chosen from outside the members of the Executive Board.

**V.** The deliberations of the Executive Board are recorded in minutes placed or bound in a special registry.

The records are signed by the Chairman and by a member of the Executive Board who is present at the meeting, or by two of the members present.

When the Executive Board has to provide evidence of its deliberations, copies of extracts of the minutes to be submitted in evidence shall be certified by the Chairman or by a member of the Executive Board delegated for this purpose. Following dissolution of the Company, they are certified by one of the liquidators or the sole liquidator.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - Powers of the Executive Board**

I. The Executive Board has the widest of powers to act in all circumstances in the name of the Company. It exercises its powers within the scope of the corporate purposes, subject to the powers which are expressly granted by law to the Supervisory Council and the Meeting of Shareholders, and, as the case may be, within the limit of the restrictions on powers decided by the Supervisory Council.

In its relations with third parties, the Company is bound by the actions of the Executive Board even where these are outside of the scope of the corporate purposes, unless it proves that the third party was aware that the actions exceeded such purposes or if it could not have failed to be aware of this in view of the circumstances; publication of the articles of association not in itself constituting sufficient evidence thereof.

The Chairman of the Executive Board, or, as the case may be, the Chief Executive Officer, , represents the Company in its relations with third parties. The Supervisory Council may grant the same authority to represent the Company to one or more other Executive Board members, who in that case will be referred to as managing directors. The Chairman of the Executive Board and the managing director (s), if any, may designate any agent which they choose to exercise specific powers.

II. The Executive Board presents a report to the Supervisory Council at least once every quarter.

The Executive Board presents the annual financial statements to the Supervisory Council within three months of the end of each financial year, for the purposes of verification and supervision.

It must also provide the Supervisory Council with the management report which it will present to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

- III. The Chairman of the Executive Board represents the Company in its relations with third parties.
- **IV.** Members of the Executive Board may allocate corporate management tasks among themselves, with the approval of the Supervisory Council. However, such distribution may not, under any circumstances, cause the Executive Board to lose its collegial nature with respect to the management of the Company.

## **ARTICLE 17 – Composition of the Supervisory Council**

I. The Executive Board is supervised by a Supervisory Council composed of a minimum of three members and a maximum of eighteen members, subject to the exceptions provided by law in such respect in the event of a merger.

Members of the Supervisory Council are appointed from among natural persons or legal entities that are shareholders by the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders, which may dismiss them at any time. However, in the case of a merger or demerger, an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders may appoint the members of the Supervisory Council.

No member of the Supervisory Council may be a member of the Executive Board.

The number of the members of the Supervisory Council who have reached seventy (70) years of age may not be greater than one third of the members of the Supervisory Council in office. Where such limitation concerning the age of members of the Supervisory Council is exceeded, the most elderly member of the Supervisory Council is deemed to have automatically resigned.

**II.** The duration of the terms of office of the members of the Supervisory Council is two years. It expires at the close of the Meeting of Shareholders called to decide on the financial statements for the preceding year and which is held during the year in which their appointment expires.

Members of the Supervisory Council may be reappointed.

They may be dismissed at any time by an Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

**III.** Members of the Supervisory Council may be natural persons or legal entities. Legal entities must, at the time of their appointment, designate a permanent representative who will be subject to the same conditions and obligations and who will incur the same liabilities provided by law as if he were a member of the Council in his own name, without prejudice to the joint and several liability of the legal entity he represents.

If a legal entity dismisses its representative, it must appoint a replacement at the same time. This rule also applies in the case of the death, resignation or long-term prevention of the permanent representative from exercising his duties.

A natural person who accepts an appointment and exercises as a member of the Supervisory Council thereby has the obligation to confirm at any time on oath, that he satisfies the limitation required by law with respect to the combining the post of member of the Supervisory Council and member of the Executive Board of corporations.

**IV.** Appointments which are made by the Supervisory Council in accordance with the foregoing are subject to ratification by the next following Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders. If such appointments are not ratified, the deliberations made and actions previously carried out by the Supervisory Council nevertheless remain valid.

If the number of the members of the Council becomes less than the statutory minimum, the Executive Board must immediately convene an Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders to appoint members to complete the Council.

A member of the Supervisory Council appointed to replace another member shall only remain in office for the remaining term of office of his predecessor.

V. Each member of the Supervisory Council must own one share in the Company.

If, a member of the Supervisory Council does not own the required number of shares on the date of his appointment or if, during his term of office he ceases to own such number, he shall be deemed to have automatically resigned if he has not rectified this situation within three months.

## ARTICLE 18 - Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Council

The Supervisory Council appoints, from among its natural person members, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who are responsible for convening the Council and chairing the proceedings of the Council.

The Chairman of Supervisory Council also prepares a report presented during the annual Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders in compliance with the conditions provided by Article L. 225-68 paragraph 7 of the Commercial Code, providing details of the conditions in which the work of the Supervisory Council was prepared and organised, and describing the internal supervision procedures implemented by the Company, which is attached to the Executive Board' report.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman exercise their duties during their term of office as members of the Supervisory Council. They may be re-elected.

The Council may also appoint a secretary who may be selected from outside the members of the Council and determine the duration of his term of office.

## ARTICLE 19 - Deliberations of the Supervisory Council

I. The Supervisory Council meets as often as necessary in the interests of the Company and at least once every quarter to review the Executive Board' report. The meeting is convened by its Chairman or Vice-Chairman either at the registered office or at any place indicated in the notice of meeting. A member of the Executive Board, or at least one third of the members of the Supervisory Council, may submit a reasoned request for a Council meeting to the Chairman of the Supervisory

Council by registered mail. The Chairman must convene a Council meeting not later than fifteen days from receipt of such request. If the meeting has not been convened within this time period, the persons who made the request may convene the meeting themselves, indicating the agenda of the meeting.

The Supervisory Council cannot deliberate validly unless at least half its members are present.

Members of the Supervisory Council may participate and vote at Council meetings by video-conference or other means of telecommunication in accordance with the statutory and regulatory provisions applicable thereto. However, voting by video-conference is not allowed for decisions concerning the verification and supervisions of financial statements.

Any member of the Supervisory Council may be represented by another member of the Supervisory Council at Supervisory Council deliberations. Each member of the Supervisory Council may receive only one proxy.

Decisions are made by a majority of those present or represented, and each member has one vote.

In the event of a tie, the Chairman has the tiebreaking vote.

Evidence of the number of members of the Supervisory Council in office and their appointment may be validly provided with respect to third parties on the simple basis of the statement in the minutes of each meeting of the names of the members that are in attendance, represented or absent.

II. The deliberations of the Supervisory Council are recorded in minutes kept in a special register.

Such minutes are signed by the Chairman of the meeting and by at least one member of the Supervisory Council. If the Chairman of the meeting is unable to do so, the minutes are signed by at least two members of the Supervisory Council.

Copies or extracts of such minutes are validly certified by the Chairman of Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Council, a member of the Executive Board or an agent duly appointed for the purpose thereof.

After the Company is wound up, copies or extracts shall be certified by one of the liquidators of by the sole liquidator.

#### ARTICLE 20 – Powers of the Supervisory Council

- **I.** The Supervisory Council exercises constant supervision of the management of the Company by the Executive Board.
- **II.** The Supervisory Council may carry out verifications or supervision which it considers suitable at any time during the year, and may request documents to be provided to it which it considers useful for the carrying out of its duties.

It receives a report from the Executive Board at least once every quarter.

The Executive Board presents the annual financial statements and a written management report to the Supervisory Council within three months of the end of each financial year, for the purposes of verification and supervision.

The Supervisory Council presents the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders with its comments on the report of the Executive Board and the financial statements for the year.

The Supervisory Council also exercises the attributions expressly granted to it by statute.

The Supervisory Council may appoint one or more of its members as special agents for one or more determined purposes.

The Supervisory Council may create committees in charge of reviewing issues on which it or its Chairman wish an opinion.

## <u>ARTICLE 21 – Remuneration of Members of the Supervisory Council</u>

- I. The Meeting of Shareholders may allocate a fixed annual amount in directors' fees to members of the Supervisory Council in remuneration for their duties. The Supervisory Council may distribute such remuneration among its members as it sees fit.
- **II.** The Supervisory Council may also allocate exceptional remuneration for missions entrusted to its members. In such case, the remuneration is subject to the provisions of Article 22 hereafter.
- **III.** Members of the Supervisory Council may not receive any other fixed or exceptional remuneration other than those referred to in paragraphs I and II above.

## **ARTICLE 22 – Regulated Agreements**

**I.** Any agreement entered into between the Company and any of the members of the Executive Board or Supervisory Council, a shareholder with more than 10% of the voting rights or, in the case of a corporate shareholder, the company controlling it within the meaning of Article L. 233-3 of the Commercial Code with more than 10% of the voting rights, is subject to the prior approval of the Supervisory Council.

The same rule applies to agreements in which one of the persons referred to in the previous paragraph has an indirect interest or for which it has dealt with the Company through an intermediary.

Agreements between the Company and an enterprise are also subject to prior approval if one of the members of the Executive Board or the Supervisory Council of the Company is the owner, a partner with unlimited liability, a manager, director, director general, member of the Executive Board or Supervisory Council of such enterprise, or more generally is in charge of managing such enterprise.

The preceding provisions do not apply to agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business and under normal conditions. However, unless they are of no significance to either party due to their object or financial implications, these agreements must be provided to the Chairman of the Supervisory Council by the person concerned. The Chairman must provide the list and the purpose of the aforesaid agreements to the Supervisory Council and the Statutory Auditors.

The member of the Executive Board or Supervisory Council concerned must inform the Supervisory Council as soon as be becomes aware of an agreement subject to approval. If he is a member of the Supervisory Council, he cannot take part in the vote of approval.

The Chairman of the Supervisory Council must inform the statutory auditor of all authorised agreements to and submit them for approval to the Meeting of Shareholders.

**II.** The statutory auditors present a special report on such agreements to the Meeting of Shareholders which will decide on these agreements.

The person concerned cannot take part in the vote and the shares he holds are not included in the calculation of the quorum or the majority.

## **ARTICLE 23 – Panel of Censors**

An Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders may appoint one or more censors at its discretion, who may be natural persons or legal entities, and may be shareholders or non-shareholders, for a term of office expiring at the shareholders meeting convened to decide on the financial statements for the preceding financial year after the first anniversary date of their appointment. This appointment may be renewed an unlimited number of times.

Censors that are legal entities are represented by their legal representatives or by any natural person duly authorised for this purpose.

Censors are convened to and take part in all the meetings of the Supervisory Council and have a consultative vote, according to the same methods as those that apply to members of the Supervisory Council. They are entitled to the same information and communication as members of the Supervisory Council and are bound by the same obligations of confidentiality and discretion.

## **ARTICLE 24 - Obligation of Confidentiality and Liability**

- I. Members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Council, as well as any person convened to attend the meetings of these bodies, are bound by complete discretion with respect to confidential information and provided as such by the Chairman of the Executive Board or as the case may be, the Supervisory Council.
- **II.** Members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Council are liable towards the Company or third parties, in accordance with their respective attributions, for breaches of statutory provisions governing limited liability companies, breaches of these articles of association and faults committed in the exercise of their duties, subject to the conditions and the sanctions provided by the legislation in force.

## TITLE V STATUTORY AUDITORS

## **ARTICLE 25 - Statutory Auditors**

One or more statutory auditors perform an audit of the Company, in the accordance with statutory requirements.

The Statutory Auditors are appointed by the Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders on proposal by the Supervisory Council, for six financial years. They may always be re-appointed. They may be dismissed by the aforesaid Meeting of Shareholders in the event that they commit a fault or are prevented from carrying out their duties.

An Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders appoints one or more substitute Statutory Auditors to replace the Statutory Auditors in the case of death, prevention or refusal to carry out its duties.

If the Meeting of Shareholders does not appoint the Statutory Auditor(s) or if one or more appointed Statutory Auditors are prevented or refuse to carry out their duties, they, or their replacement(s), are appointed by an order of the Commercial Court with jurisdiction over the area in which the Company is based on petition of any interested person, with the Executive Board duly convened.

The Statutory Auditor appointed by the Meeting of Shareholders to replace another shall only remain in office for the remaining term of office of his predecessor. If the Meeting of Shareholders appoints several Statutory Auditors, they may act together or separately but they must draft a joint report.

One or more shareholder(s) with a shareholding of at least 5% may apply to the courts to dismiss one or more of the Statutory Auditors appointed by the Meeting of Shareholders and request the appointment of one or more Statutory Auditors who will exercise their duties instead of them. If their request is granted, the Statutory Auditors so appointed shall exercise their duties until the Statutory Auditors appointed by the Meeting of Shareholders take up their posts.

The Statutory Auditors certify that the annual financial statements are in due form and give a true and fair view of the result of the operations of the preceding financial year, and of the financial situation and assets and liabilities of the Company at the end of that financial year.

Their permanent role, without exercising any interference with management, is to verify the company's worth and financial documents and to ensure that its accounting is in compliance with the rules in force. They also verify that the information contained in Executive Board management report and in the documents provided to shareholders on the financial situation and annual accounts is fair and consistent with the annual accounts. The Statutory Auditors ensure that equality among shareholders has been complied with.

The Statutory Auditors may, at any time during the year, carry out any verification or supervision they consider suitable and collect any information from third parties who have carried out assignments on behalf of the Company.

The Statutory Auditors prepare a report for the Meeting of Shareholders on the performance of their assignment. The Statutory Auditors attach a report to the aforesaid report, presenting their comments on the report referred to in Article L. 225-68 paragraph 7 of the Commercial Code with respect to internal supervision procedures relating to the preparation and treatment of accounting and financial information. They also prepare a special report on the agreements referred to in Article 22 of these Articles of Association.

The Statutory Auditors are invited to attend the Executive Board meeting at which the financial statements for the preceding financial year are approved, as well as to all Meeting of Shareholders. They may convene a Meeting of Shareholders under the conditions provided by statute.

## TITLE VI SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS

## A -Provisions Applying to all Meetings of Shareholders

## **ARTICLE 26 - Meetings**

A duly constituted Meeting of Shareholders represents all the shareholders.

Its deliberations effected in accordance with the law and the articles of association are binding on all the shareholders, even those who were absent, dissenting or without legal standing.

There are three kinds of meeting, depending on the purpose of the proposed resolutions:

- Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders,
- Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders,
- Special Meeting of Shareholders of holders of a specific category of share.

#### **ARTICLE 27 – Convening Meetings**

Shareholders' Meetings are convened by the Executive Board, or failing that, the Supervisory Board. They may also be convened by the Statutory Auditor(s) or by an agent appointed by the court in accordance with the procedures and conditions provided by statute.

During liquidation, Shareholders' Meetings are convened by the liquidator.

Shareholders' Meetings are held at the registered office or in any other place indicated in the convocation notice.

Notice of the meeting is published in the Bulletin des Annonces Légales Obligatoires (BALO) (Mandatory Legal Notice Bulletin) at least thirty-five days prior to which a meeting is held. In addition to the information relating to the Company, it also, in particular, sets out the agenda of the Meeting

and the draft text of the resolutions which will be proposed. Subject to particular legal requirements, requests for the inclusion of draft resolutions on the agenda must be sent at the latest on the publication date of the notice of the meeting and up to twenty-five days prior to the Shareholders' Meeting; this deadline is twenty days from the publication date of the notice when the notice is published more than forty-five days prior to the Shareholders' Meeting.

Shareholders' meetings are held at the registered office or in any other place indicated in the invitation.

Subject to particular legal requirements, invitations to meetings are made at least fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting by a notice published in both the legal notice journal of the administrative department in which the registered office is located and in the Bulletin des Annonces Légales Obligatoires (BALO).

However, holders of registered shares having held shares for at least one month as at the date of the last of the published notices must be convened individually by ordinary letter (or by registered letter if they have requested this and advanced the costs) sent to their last known address. Such notice may also be sent by electronic communication instead of such postal dispatch, to any shareholder who has so requested beforehand by registered mail return receipt requested, in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements, indicating his email address. Such shareholder may send a request to the Company at any time by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt for the aforementioned method of telecommunication to be replaced by postal dispatch in the future.

The invitation should contain the following information:

- the identity of the Company;
- the date, time and place of the meeting;
- the nature of the meeting; and
- the agenda of the meeting.

It must also state the conditions in which shareholders may vote by correspondence and the place and conditions pursuant to which they may procure forms for voting by correspondence.

The invitation may be sent, as the case may be, together with proxy form and a correspondence voting form, pursuant to the conditions set out in Article 30. I of these Articles of Association, or with a correspondence voting form only, pursuant to the conditions set out in Article 30. II of these Articles of Association.

If a Shareholders' Meeting has not been able to deliberate due to the required quorum not being reached, a second Shareholders' Meeting is convened with at least six days' advance notice, in the same manner as the first meeting. The invitation notice or letters for such second Shareholders' Meeting state the date and agenda of the first meeting.

### **ARTICLE 28 - Agenda**

The agenda of a Meeting of Shareholders is decided by the person convening the meeting.

One or more shareholders representing at least the percentage of share capital determined by statute and acting pursuant to statutory conditions and within statutory time periods, may request draft resolutions to be included on the agenda of the Meeting by registered mail with confirmation of receipt.

The Meeting of Shareholders cannot deliberate on an issue which has not been included on the agenda and such agenda cannot be modified on second convocation of a Meeting of Shareholders. The Meeting of Shareholders may, however, in any circumstances, dismiss one or several members of the Supervisory Council and effect their replacement.

#### ARTICLE 29 - Participation of Shareholders in Meeting of Shareholders

All shareholders are entitled to attend Shareholders' Meetings and take part in deliberations:

- (i) either personally; or
- (ii) by giving a proxy to another shareholder or to his spouse; or
- (iii) by sending a blank proxy to the Company; or
- (iv) by voting by correspondence; or
- (v) by videoconference or by another means of telecommunication in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

Participation in shareholders' meetings in any manner is dependent on the registration or inscription of shares under the conditions and within the deadlines set in the current regulations.

The final date for the return of correspondence voting forms is determined by the Executive Board and indicated in the notice of the meeting published in the Bulletin des Annonces Légales et Obligatoires (BALO). This date cannot be prior to three days before the Shareholders' Meetings.

If a shareholder is present at a Shareholders' Meeting, any prior vote by correspondence will have no effect for the purposes of the aforesaid Shareholders' Meeting.

If both a proxy form and a correspondence voting form are returned, the proxy form will be taken into account, subject to the votes expressed in the correspondence voting form.

## <u>ARTICLE 30 – Representation of Shareholders</u>

- **I.** Any shareholder may be represented at Meeting of Shareholders by another shareholder or by his spouse, through a proxy form sent to the shareholder by the Company:
- either at his request, sent to the Company by any means. This request must have been received at the registered office at least five days prior to the Meeting of Shareholders; or
- at the initiative of the Company

The following must be attached to any proxy form sent to shareholders by the Company, for each Meeting of Shareholders:

- the agenda of the Meeting;
- the draft resolutions presented by the Executive Board and, as the case may be, by shareholders pursuant to statutory conditions;
- a brief summary of the Company's situation during the preceding financial year together with a table indicating the results of the Company over the past five financial years, presented in accordance with regulatory provisions;
- a form requesting the documents to be sent as provided by the regulations in force; and
- a form for correspondence voting.

A proxy given by a shareholder is only valid for one Meeting of Shareholders or for Meetings of Shareholders convened successively with the same agenda. A proxy may also be given for two

Meeting of Shareholders, one Ordinary and the other Extraordinary, which are held on the same day or within fifteen days.

- **II.** Any shareholder may vote by correspondence through a voting form sent to him by the Company:
- at his request, sent to the Company by registered mail with confirmation of receipt. This request must have been received at the registered office at least six days prior to the Meeting of Shareholders; or
- at the initiative of the Company; or
- in an appendix to the proxy form in the conditions set out in Article 30. I above.

The following must be attached to any correspondence voting form sent to shareholders by the Company:

- the draft resolutions proposed together with a summary of the reasons and an indication of the author of the resolutions:
- a form for sending the documents as provided by the regulations in force; and
- a brief summary of the Company's situation during the preceding financial year together with a table indicating the results of the Company over the past five financial years, presented in accordance with regulatory provisions, in the case of an Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders deciding on the accounts.

A correspondence voting form sent by a shareholder is only valid for one Meeting of Shareholders or for Meeting of Shareholders convened successively with the same agenda.

## **ARTICLE 31 – Attendance Register**

An attendance register is kept for each Meeting of Shareholders containing the information required by law.

This attendance register, duly signed by the shareholders that are present, the agents and shareholders participating by video-conference or by another means of telecommunication in compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, and to which are attached the powers of attorney granted to each agent and, as the case may be, the correspondence voting forms, is certified by the secretariat of the Meeting of Shareholders.

Meeting of Shareholders are chaired by the Chairman of the Supervisory Council, the Vice-Chairman or a member of the Supervisory Council delegated for such purpose by the aforesaid Council. Failing that, the Meeting of Shareholders elects its Chairman itself.

The two shareholders present with the greatest number of votes both on in their own right and as agents, and who accept such assignment, shall act as vote tellers.

The secretariat composed as such appoints a Secretary, who may be selected from outside of the shareholders.

## **ARTICLE 32 - Quorum**

In Ordinary and Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders, the quorum is calculated on the basis of all the shares making up the share capital and, in Special Meeting of Shareholders, all the shares of the relevant category, less shares stripped of their voting rights pursuant to statutory provisions.

The voting rights attached to shares are proportional to the portion of share capital which they represent. Each share entitling its holder to an interest in the capital or to beneficial enjoyment carries one vote.

In the case of a vote by correspondence, only completed forms received by the Company at least three days prior the Meeting of Shareholders shall be taken into account for the calculation of the quorum.

Forms which do not indicate which way to vote, or which indicate an abstention, are considered as negative votes.

#### **ARTICLE 33 - Minutes**

The deliberations of the Meeting of Shareholders are recorded in minutes drafted in a special register held at the registered office and signed by the members of the secretariat.

Copies or extracts of such minutes are certified either by the Chairman of Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Council or by a member of the Executive Board or by the Secretary of the Meeting. If the Company is wound up, they may be validly certified by the liquidator(s).

## **ARTICLE 34 – Communication of Documents**

Any shareholder is entitled to receive, and the Executive Board is bound to send or provide him with the documents he requires to come to an informed decision and have an informed judgement on the management and running of the Company.

The nature of these documents and the conditions in which they are sent or provided to shareholders are determined by regulations in force.

In exercising its right to receive documents, each shareholder or his agent may be assisted by a court-registered expert.

The exercise of the right to receive documents includes the right to make copies, except with respect to inventories.

## <u>B – Provisions Specific to</u> Ordinary Meetings of Shareholders

## **ARTICLE 35 – Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders**

An Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders may make any decision other than one which directly or indirectly modifies the Articles of Association.

Ordinary Meetings of Shareholders are held at least once a year, within six months of the end of each financial year, to decide on the financial statements for such financial year, subject to the extension of such period by an order of the President of the Commercial Court on petition from the Executive Board.

They are called on an extraordinary basis every time it may be in interests of the Company to do so.

When convened for the first time, Ordinary Meetings of Shareholders can only make valid decisions if the shareholders that are present, represented or voting by correspondence hold at least one fifth of the shares carrying the right to vote.

When convened for the second time, there is no quorum requirement if the original agenda has not been modified.

Ordinary Meetings of Shareholders make decisions on the basis of the majority of the votes of the shareholders that are present, represented or voting by correspondence.

## <u>C - Provisions Specific to</u> Extraordinary Meetings of Shareholders

#### **ARTICLE 36 – Extraordinary Meetings of Shareholders**

An amendment to any provision of the Articles of Association and, in particular, the transformation of the Company into another form of company may only be decided by an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders. An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders cannot, however, increase the undertakings of shareholders, subject to operations as a result of regrouping shares in a due and proper manner.

When convened for the first time, Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders can only make valid decisions if the shareholders that are present, represented or voting by correspondence hold at least a quarter of the shares carrying the right to vote, and when convened for the second time, one fifth of the shares carrying the right to vote. If the latter quorum is not obtained, the second Meeting may be adjourned for a maximum of two months from the date at which it was convened.

An Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders makes decisions on the basis of a majority of two-thirds of the votes held by shareholders that are present, represented or voting by correspondence or participating in the Meeting by video-conference or another method of telecommunication in accordance with statutory and regulatory provisions.

By statutory derogation from the preceding provisions, if the share capital is increased by the incorporation of profits, reserves or issue premiums, the Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders may make decisions at the quorum and majority required for Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

Moreover, where an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders is convened to deliberate on the approval of a contribution in kind or the grant of a specific benefit, the shares of the contributing party or beneficiary shall not be taken into account in calculating the majority. The contributing party or beneficiary cannot vote either in his own right or as an agent.

## D - <u>Provisions Specific to</u> Special Meetings of Holders of a Category of Shares

## **ARTICLE 37 - Special Meeting**

If there are several categories of shares, the rights attached to shares of any such category cannot be modified in any way without having been duly voted upon by an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders open to all shareholders and also having been voted upon by a Special Meeting open only to holders of the relevant category of shares.

When convened for the first time, Special Meetings of Shareholders can only make valid decisions if the shareholders that are present, represented, voting by correspondence or taking part in the Meeting by video-conference or any other means of telecommunication in accordance with statutory or regulatory provisions, hold at least a third of the shares carrying the right to vote, and when convened for the second time, one fifth of the shares carrying the right to vote and for which a

modification of the attached rights is being proposed. Failing that, the second meeting may be adjourned by a maximum of two months from the date at which it was convened.

Special Meetings of Shareholders make decisions at a two-thirds majority of the votes of shareholders that are present or represented.

# TITLE VII FINANCIAL YEAR – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROPRIATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS

## **ARTICLE 38 – Financial Year**

The financial year begins on 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year and ends on 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **ARTICLE 39 - Accounts**

Accounts of corporate operations are kept in due form in accordance with the law and usual business practice.

At the end of each financial year, the Executive Board shall draw up an inventory of the various assets and liabilities as at such date. It shall also prepare the balance sheet describing the assets and liabilities, the income statement summarising the income and charges for the financial year and the notes to the financial statements which complete and comment on the information provided in the balance sheet and income statement.

The Executive Board shall present such documents to the Supervisory Council within three months of the end of the financial year, for the purposes of verification and supervision.

It shall prepare the management report on the situation of the Company during the preceding financial year.

All such documents shall be made available to the Statutory Auditors pursuant to the conditions specified by law.

#### **ARTICLE 40 – Appropriation of Profits**

The income statement which summarises the income and charges for the financial year, after depreciation and provisions have been deducted, indicates the profit or loss of the financial year by setting forth the difference between these two amounts.

Five per cent. of the year's profit less previous losses, as the case may be, is allocated to the statutory reserve. Such allocation shall no longer be necessary once the aforesaid reserve reaches one tenth of the share capital, but will become necessary again if for any reason whatsoever the reserve falls below one tenth.

Distributable earnings consist of the net income of the financial year, less previous losses and amounts added to the reserve in accordance with the law or the Articles of Association, plus retained earnings.

Moreover, the Meeting of Shareholders may decide to distribute amounts deducted from the reserves which are available to it, expressly indicating the reserves from which the withdrawals are to be made. However, dividend is paid out in priority from the distributable income of the financial year.

Except in the case of a reduction in share capital, no distribution may be made to shareholders if shareholders' equity is, or would become as a result of such distribution, less than the share capital plus the reserves which the law or the Articles of Incorporation do not allow to be distributed.

After the financial statements have been approved and the existence of distributable income has been acknowledged, the Meeting of Shareholders shall determine the part to be allocated to shareholders as dividends, in proportion to the number of shares held by each.

However, after the allocation of the amounts required by law to the reserve, the Meeting of Shareholders may decide to allocate all or part of the distributable income to a retained earnings account or to any general or special reserve account.

Any losses are deducted from profits from previous years until such losses are extinguished or they are carried over.

The Executive Board may decide to distribute interim dividends prior to the approval of the financial statements of the financial year, pursuant to the conditions determined or authorised by law. The amount of such instalments cannot exceed the amount of earnings as defined by law.

#### **ARTICLE 41 - Dividends**

**I.** The procedure for the payment of dividends is determined by the Meeting of Shareholders or, failing that, by the Executive Board. However, payment must be made within a maximum of nine months after the end of the financial year, unless such period is extended by court decision.

Shareholders may not be required to reimburse any amount of dividends unless the distribution of dividends was in violation of law.

Claims for dividends made more than five years after they have been made available for payment shall time-barred.

**II.** The Meeting of Shareholders convened to approve the financial statements for the financial year may grant shareholders the option of dividends or interim dividends being paid in cash or in shares issued by Company, in whole or in part, in accordance with the conditions set out or authorised by law.

## TITLE VIII SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FALLING BELOW ONE-HALF OF THE SHARE CAPITAL

## **ARTICLE 42 – Early Winding Up**

If the Company's shareholders' equity falls below one-half of the share capital as a result of losses recorded in the financial statements, the Executive Board must convene an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders within four months of the approval of the financial statements which recorded such loss to decide whether to wind up the Company.

If it is not decided to wind up the Company, the share capital must be reduced by an amount equal to the recorded losses, within a period determined by law, if shareholders' equity has not reached at least one-half the amount of the share capital again within such period.

In either case, the decision of the Meeting of Shareholders shall be published according to regulatory conditions.

The reduction of share capital to an amount below the statutory minimum can only be decided subject to the condition precedent of a share capital increase to at least the statutory minimum.

If the provisions of one or more of the foregoing paragraphs are not complied with, any interested party may apply to the courts for the Company to be wound up. This rule also applies if the shareholders are unable to deliberate validly.

However, the court may not wind up the Company if on the day of issue of a judgment on the substance of the matter the situation has been rectified.

## TITLE IX WINDING-UP - LIQUIDATION

## **ARTICLE 43 – Winding Up**

The Company shall be wound up on expiry of the term determined in the Articles of association, unless this is extended, or pursuant to a decision of an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

The Company may also be wound up at the request of any interested party, where the number of shareholders has dropped to under seven for more than one year. In such case, the court may grant the Company a maximum of six months in which to rectify the situation. It cannot wind up the Company if on the day it issued judgment on the substance of the matter, the situation has been rectified.

The Company shall be in liquidation as from the date on which it is wound up, for any reason whatsoever.

Winding up will cause the terms of office of members of the Executive Board to terminate. The Supervisory Council and Statutory Auditors shall continue to operate.

Meeting of Shareholders shall retain the same powers as during the life of the company.

The Meeting of Shareholders which decides to wind up the company shall determine the procedure for liquidation and appoint one or more liquidators and determine their powers. The liquidator(s) shall exercise their duties in accordance with the law in force.

The Company shall continue to have legal personality for the purposes of and until the completion of its liquidation. However, its corporate name should be followed by the words "Company in liquidation" as well as the name(s) of the liquidator(s) on any instruments or documents issued by the Company to third parties.

Shares remain negotiable until the completion of liquidation.

After liabilities have been cleared, the net proceeds of liquidation are applied to the full repayment of paid up non-depreciated shares.

Any surplus shall be distributed among the shareholders in proportion to the number of shares held by each of them.

## TITLE X DISPUTES

## **ARTCLE 44 - Disputes**

Any dispute which may arise during the life or liquidation of the Company, either between shareholders and the Company or between the shareholders themselves, concerning corporate matters, shall be resolved in accordance with the law and submitted to the jurisdiction of the competent courts at the registered office.

To this effect, in the case of a dispute, any shareholder is bound to designate an address for service of process within the area of jurisdiction of the court of the Company's registered office, any writs or notifications shall be validly issued to that address.

If an address for service of process is not designated, writs or notifications shall be validly issued to the Public Prosecutor of the Court of First Instance in the area of the registered office.