

TERMS OF REFERENCE

OF THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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1. Membership

Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board and shall be made up of least three members, two of whom should be independent non-executive directors.

Appointments to the Committee shall be for a period of up to three years, which may be extended for a further three-year period provided that the director still meets the criteria for membership.

The Board shall appoint the Committee Chairman who should be either the Chairman of the Board or an independent non-executive director. In the absence of the Committee Chairman and/or an appointed deputy, the remaining members present shall elect one of their numbers to chair the meeting. The Chairman of the Board shall not chair the Committee when it is dealing with the matter of succession to the chairmanship.

2. Secretary

The Company Secretary or their nominee shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

3. Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be shall be any two members present throughout the meeting, the one of whom must be an independent non-executive director. A duly convened meeting of the Committee at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the authorities, powers and discretions vested in or exercisable by the Committee.

4. Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet at such times as the Chairman of the Committee shall require (being at least once a year). The meetings may be held via tele-conference.

5. Attendance at Meetings

No one other than the Committee Chairman and members are entitled to attend or vote at a meeting of the Nomination Committee.

However, other individuals such as the Chairman of the Company, if not already a member, chief executive, members of senior management, the head of human resources and external advisers may be invited to attend for all or part of any meeting as and when appropriate.

6. **Notice of Meetings**

Meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Secretary of the Committee at the request of any of its members.

Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time and date, together with an agenda of items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each member of the Committee, any other person required to attend, no later than 5 working days before the date of the meeting. Supporting papers shall be sent to Committee members and to other attendees as appropriate, at the same time.

7. Minutes of Meetings

The Secretary shall minute the proceedings and resolutions of all Committee meetings.

Minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all members of the Committee and the Chairman of the Board and, once agreed, to all other members of the Board, unless a conflict of interest exists.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Chairman of the Committee shall attend the Annual General Meeting prepared to respond to any shareholder questions on the Committee's activities.

9. **Duties**

The Committee shall:

- 9.1. regularly review the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity) required of the Board compared to its current position and make recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes;
- 9.2 give full consideration to succession planning for directors and other senior executives in the course of its work, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing the company, and what skills and expertise are therefore needed on the Board in the future;
- 9.3 be responsible for identifying and nominating for the approval of the Board, candidates to fill board vacancies as and when they arise;
- 9.4 before appointment is made by the board, evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity on the board, and, in the light of this evaluation prepare a description of the role and capabilities required for a particular appointment. In identifying suitable candidates the Committee shall:
 - 9.4.1 use open advertising or the services of external advisers to facilitate the search;
 - 9.4.2 consider candidates from a wide range of backgrounds; and
 - 9.4.3 consider candidates on merit and against objective criteria, and with due regard for the benefits of diversity of the board including gender, taking care that appointees have enough time available to devote to the position;

- 9.5 keep under review the leadership needs of the organisation, both executive and nonexecutive, with a view to ensuring the continued ability of the organisation to compete effectively in the marketplace;
- 9.6 keep up to date and fully informed about strategic issues and commercial changes affecting the company and the market in which it operates;
- 9.7 review annually the time required from non-executive directors. Performance evaluation should be used to assess whether the non-executive directors are spending enough time to fulfill their duties; and
- 9.8 ensure that on appointment to the Board, non-executive directors receive a formal letter of appointment setting out clearly what is expected of them in terms of time commitment, Committee service and involvement outside board meetings.
- 9.9 for the appointment of a chairman, the Committee should prepare a job specification, including the time commitment expected. A proposed chairman's other significant commitments should be disclosed to the board before appointment and any changes to the chairman's commitments should be reported to the board as they arise.
- 9.10 The Committee shall also make recommendations to the Board concerning:
- 9.10.1 formulating plans for succession for both executive and non-executive directors and in particular for the key roles of Chairman and Chief Executive (but see 9.2.8 below);
- 9.10.2. suitable candidates for the role of Senior Independent Director;
- 9.10.3 membership of the Audit and Remuneration Committees, in consultation with the chairmen of those Committees;
- 9.10.4 the re-appointment of any non-executive director at the conclusion of their specified term of office having given due regard to their performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board in the light of the knowledge, skills and experience required;
- 9.10.5 the continuation (or not) in service of any director who has reached the age of 70;
- 9.10.6 the re-election by shareholders of any director under the annual re-election provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code (the *Code*) or the 'retirement by rotation' provisions in the company's articles of association having due regard to their performance and ability to continue to contribute to the Board in the light of the knowledge, skills and experience required and the need for progressive refreshing of the Board (particularly in relation to directors being re-elected for a term of more than 6 years);
- 9.10.7 any matters relating to the continuation in office of any director at any time including the suspension or termination of service of an executive director as an employee of the company subject to the provisions of the law and their service contract; and
- 9.10.8 the appointment of any director to executive or other office other than to the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive, the recommendation for which would be considered at a meeting of the full board.

10. Reporting Responsibilities

- 10.1 The Committee Chairman shall report formally to the Board on its proceedings after each meeting on all matters within its duties and responsibilities.
- 10.2 The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed.
- 10.3 The Committee produce a report to be included in the Company's annual report about its activities, the process used to make appointments and explain if external advice or open advertising has not been used.

11. Other

- 11.1 The Committee shall review its own performance, constitution and terms of reference to ensure it is operating at maximum effectiveness and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval.
- 11.2 The Committee shall, have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the company secretariat for assistance as required.
- 11.3 The Committee shall, give due consideration to laws and regulations, the provisions of the Code and the requirements of the UK Listing Authority's Listing, Prospectus and Disclosure and Transparency Rules and any other applicable Rules, as appropriate.

12. Authority

- 12.1 The Committee is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee of the company in order to perform its duties.
- 12.2 The Committee is authorised to obtain, at the Company's expense, outside legal or other professional advice on any matters within its terms of reference.