# DERWENT LONDON

# TERMS OF REFERENCE

# **Remuneration Committee**

Members of the Remuneration Committee:

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#### 1. Membership

- 1.1 Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board, in consultation with the Nominations Committee and the Chair of the Remuneration Committee. The Committee shall be made up of at least three members, all of whom shall, in the opinion of the Board, be independent Non-Executive Directors. The Chair of the Board may also serve on the Committee as an additional member provided he/she was independent upon appointment.
- 1.2 Only members of the Committee have the right to attend Committee meetings. However, other individuals such as the Chief Executive and external advisors may be invited to attend for all or part of any meeting as and when appropriate.
- 1.3 Appointment to the Committee shall be for a period of up to three years, which may be extended for two further three-year periods, provided the Director still meets the criteria for membership of the Committee and continues to be independent. Any further term will be based on annual reappointment.
- 1.4 The Board shall appoint the Chair of the Committee, who shall be an independent Non-Executive Director that has, in normal circumstances, served on a Remuneration Committee for at least 12 months. In the absence of the Chair of the Committee and/or an appointed deputy, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting, who would qualify under these terms of reference to be appointed to that position by the Board. The Chair of the Board shall not be Chair of the Committee.

## 2. Secretary

The Company Secretary or their nominee shall act as the secretary of the Committee and shall ensure that the Committee receives information and papers in a timely manner to enable full and proper consideration to be given to the issues.

#### 3. Quorum

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be two. 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. Meetings

- 4.1 The Committee shall meet at least three times a year and at such other times as the Chair of the Committee shall require.
- 4.2 The Committee may hold meetings by telephone or using any other method of electronic communication and may take decisions without a meeting by unanimous written consent, when deemed necessary or desirable by the Chair of the Committee.



## 5. Notice of meetings

- 5.1 Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the secretary of the Committee at the request of any of its members.
- 5.2 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 and any other person required to attend, no later than five 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.

## 6. Minutes of meeting

- 6.1 The secretary shall minute the proceedings and resolutions of all Committee meetings, including the names of those present and in attendance.
- 6.2 Draft minutes of Committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to the Committee Chair and once agreed, will be provided to all members of the Committee.

# 7. Annual General Meeting

The Chair of the Committee shall attend the Annual General Meeting prepared to respond to any shareholder questions on the Committee's activities. In addition, the Committee Chair should seek engagement with shareholders on significant matters related to the Committee's area of responsibility.

#### 8. Duties

The Committee shall:

- 8.1 determine the policy for Director remuneration and set remuneration for the Company's Chief Executive, the Executive Directors and members of the Executive Committee (including the Company Secretary). It shall review remuneration and workforce policies and practices across the Company, taking these into account when setting the policy for Director remuneration. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors shall be a matter for the Chair and the executive members of the Board within the limits of the Articles of Association. No Director or manager shall be involved in any decisions as to their own remuneration;
- 8.2 in determining such policy, take into account all factors which it deems necessary, including relevant legal and regulatory requirements, the provisions and recommendations of the UK Corporate Governance Code and associated guidance. The object of such policy shall be to ensure the members of the executive management of the Company are provided with appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance without paying more than is necessary. The remuneration policy should have regard to the risk appetite of the Company and alignment of the Company's strategic long term goals. A significant proportion of remuneration should be structured so as to link rewards to corporate and individual performance and designed to promote the long-term success of the Company and align with its strategy and values;



- 8.3 review the ongoing appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy;
- 8.4 have regard to pay and employment conditions across the Company when determining remuneration for Directors and the Executive Committee, especially annual salary increases;
- approve the design of and determine targets for, any performance related pay schemes operated by the Company in which the Executive Directors and the Executive Committee may participate, which shall be clear, stretching, rigorously applied and aligned to the successful delivery of the strategy, and approve the total annual payments made under such schemes (in accordance with the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code);
- 8.6 exercise independent judgement and discretion on remuneration issues, in accordance with the remuneration policy, taking account of Company and individual performance, and wider circumstances. The remuneration policy should provide the Committee with discretion to override formulaic outcomes, including safeguards such as clawback or withholding the payment of any sum, to protect against rewards for failure and ensure that any performance-related payments reflect actual achievements and the experience of shareholders, employees and other stakeholders;
- 8.7 ensure that remuneration schemes promote long-term shareholdings by Executive Directors that support alignment with long-term shareholder interests;
- 8.8 review the design of all share incentives plans for approval by the Board and shareholders. For any such plans, determine each year whether awards will be made, and if so, the overall amount of such awards, the individual awards to Executive Directors and the Executive Committee, and the performance targets to be used;
- 8.9 determine the policy for, and scope of, pension arrangements for the Executive Directors and the Executive Committee;
- 8.10 determine the policy for, and scope of, termination payments and compensation commitments for each Executive Director, Executive Committee member and the Company Secretary;
- 8.11 ensure that contractual terms on termination, and any payments made are fair to the individual, and the Company, that failure is not rewarded and that the duty to mitigate loss is fully recognised. Such payment should be consistent with the most recent Directors' remuneration policy that has been approved by shareholders or is otherwise approved by the shareholders as required by the rules and all other relevant laws and regulations;
- 8.12 within the terms of the agreed policy and in consultation with the Chair and/or Chief Executive as appropriate, determine the total individual remuneration package of the Executive Directors and the Executive Committee including base salary, bonuses, expenses, incentive payments and share options or other share awards, pensions and other benefits;



- 8.13 agree the policy for authorisation claims for expenses from the Chief Executive and Chair of the Board;
- 8.14 obtain reliable, up-to-date information about remuneration in other companies of comparable scale and complexity. The Committee shall have full authority to appoint remuneration consultants and to commission any reports or surveys which it deems necessary to help it fulfil its obligations;
- 8.15 be exclusively responsible for establishing the selection criteria, selecting, appointing and setting the terms of reference for any remuneration consultants who advise the Committee;
- 8.16 oversee any major changes in employee benefits structures throughout the Company;
- 8.17 work and liaise as necessary with any other Board Committees, and consider any other matters as may be requested by the Board.

#### 9. Reporting responsibilities

- 9.1 The Chair of the Committee shall keep the Board appraised of its proceedings on all matters within its duties and responsibilities;
- 9.2 The Committee shall make whatever recommendation to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed;
- 9.3 the Committee shall ensure that provisions regarding disclosure of information, including pensions, as set out in the Large and Medium sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, the Listing Rules and the Code, are fulfilled and produce a report of the Company's remuneration policy and practices to be included in the Company's annual report and ensure each year that it is put to shareholders for approval at the AGM. If the committee has appointed remuneration consultants, the annual report of the Company's remuneration policy should identify such consultants and state whether they have any other connection with the Company or individual Directors

#### 10. Other matters

The Committee shall:

- 10.1 have access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Company Secretary for assistance as required;
- 10.2 be provided with appropriate and timely training, both in the form of an induction programme for new members and as required, on an ongoing basis for all members;
- 10.3 give due consideration to laws and regulations and any published guidelines or recommendations regarding the remuneration of Directors of listed/non listed companies and formation and operation of share schemes including but not limited to the Large and Medium sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (as amended), the Companies Act 2006, provisions of the Code, the



requirements of the UK Listing Authority's Listing, Prospectus and Disclosure and Transparency Rules as well as guidelines published by the Investment Association, Institutional Shareholder Services, the GC100 and Investor Group, and any other applicable rules, as appropriate;

10.4 arrange for periodic reviews of its own performance and, at least annually, review its 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. Authority

The Committee is authorised by the Board to:

- 11.1 undertake any activity within its terms of reference;
- 11.2 have unrestricted access to the Company's documents and information, including on request any information from any employee/ Director/ contractor/ consultant (or other external advisers or provider of services, including consultants, legal advisers or tax advisers) of the Company, at the Company's expense, in order to perform its duties;
- 11.3 request the attendance of any employee, contactor, consultant, or other external provider of services or advice to the Company, at a meeting of the Committee, as and when required;

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