

This document is important and requires your immediate attention.

It contains the resolutions to be voted on at the Company's Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, 18 July 2013 at 3.00pm.**

If you are in any doubt about the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent professional adviser authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (or if you are resident outside the United Kingdom, an appropriately qualified independent financial advisor).

If you have sold or transferred all of your shares in Mothercare plc, please send this document and the accompanying documents at once to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for delivery to the purchaser or transferee.

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Dear Shareholder

Annual General Meeting 2013

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's head office at Cherry Tree Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD24 6SH on **Thursday 18 July 2013 at 3.00pm** and we look forward to meeting as many shareholders as possible. Please note there is limited car parking available.

Shareholder Communications

Those shareholders that elected to receive an email communication should have already received that email and be aware that the Annual Report and Notice of this Annual General Meeting are available on our website at www.mothercareplc.com/financial-reports; printed copies are therefore not being mailed to them. **If you would prefer in future to receive a printed copy of the Annual Report, Notice of Annual General Meeting, and Form of Proxy, please contact the Company's Registrars, Equiniti Limited, at Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA.** We will be happy to provide it to you.

We wish to encourage as many shareholders as possible to take advantage of the ability to cast their votes on the resolutions before the meeting by the use of the electronic proxy appointment service offered by the Registrars, Equiniti Limited, at www.sharevote.co.uk. All such votes must be received by 3.00pm on 16 July 2013. Using this facility streamlines procedures for the meeting, helps meet our environmental targets and reduces costs.

The directors believe that the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of the Company and the shareholders as a whole. The directors therefore recommend shareholders to vote in favour of the resolutions, as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial shareholdings representing approximately 0.536 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company.

Yours sincerely



Alan Parker CBE

Chairman

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Form of Proxy and return envelope (for those elected to receive a printed copy)
Report and Accounts (for those elected to receive a printed copy)



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Mothercare plc (the 'Company') will be held at Cherry Tree Road, Watford, Hertfordshire WD24 6SH on **Thursday 18 July 2013 at 3.00pm**. You will be asked to consider and if thought fit to pass the resolutions below. Resolutions 14 to 17 (inclusive) will be proposed as special resolutions. All other resolutions will be proposed as ordinary resolutions.

As Ordinary Resolutions:

- 1 To receive the Company's annual accounts, together with the directors' report, and the auditors' report on those accounts for the financial year ended 30 March 2013.
- 2 To approve the directors' remuneration report for the 52 weeks ended 30 March 2013.
- 3 To re-elect Alan Parker as a director of the Company.
Alan Parker is the non-executive Chairman.
- 4 To re-elect Simon Calver as a director of the Company.
- 5 To re-elect Lee Ginsberg as a director of the Company.
Lee Ginsberg is a non-executive director.
- 6 To re-elect Amanda Mackenzie as a director of the Company.
Amanda Mackenzie is a non-executive director.
- 7 To re-elect Richard Rivers as a director of the Company.
Richard Rivers is the senior independent non-executive director.
- 8 To elect Angela Brav, who was appointed as a director of the Company since the last annual general meeting, as a director of the Company.
Angela Brav is a non-executive director.
- 9 To elect Matt Smith, who was appointed as a director of the Company since the last annual general meeting, as a director of the Company.
- 10 To elect Imelda Walsh, who was appointed as a director of the Company since the last annual general meeting, as a director of the Company.
Imelda Walsh is a non-executive director.
- 11 To re-appoint Deloitte LLP as auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which accounts are laid.
- 12 To authorise the directors to determine the remuneration of the auditors.
- 13 The Board be generally and unconditionally authorised to allot shares in the Company and to grant rights to subscribe for or convert any security into shares in the Company:
 - (A) up to a nominal amount of £14,762,619 (such amount to be reduced by the nominal amount allotted or granted under paragraph (B) below in excess of such sum); and
 - (B) comprising equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Companies Act 2006) up to a nominal amount of £29,525,238 (such amount to be reduced by any allotments or grants made under paragraph (A) above) in connection with an offer by way of a rights issue:

- (i) to ordinary shareholders in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their existing holdings; and
- (ii) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the Board otherwise considers necessary,

and so that the Board may impose any limits or restrictions and make any arrangements which it considers necessary or appropriate to deal with Treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal, regulatory or practical problems in, or under the laws of, any territory or any other matter,

each such authority to apply until the end of next year's annual general meeting (or, if earlier, until the close of business on 18 October 2014) but, in each case, during this period the Company may make offers and enter into agreements which would, or might, require shares to be allotted or rights to subscribe for or convert securities into shares to be granted after the authority ends and the Board may allot shares or grant rights to subscribe for or convert securities into shares under any such offer or agreement as if the authority had not ended.

As Special Resolutions:

- 14 THAT a general meeting other than an annual general meeting may be called on not less than 14 clear days' notice, provided that this authority expires at the end of the Company's next annual general meeting after this resolution is passed.
- 15 THAT, if resolution 13 is passed, the Board be given power to allot equity securities (as defined in section 560(1) of the Companies Act 2006) for cash under the authority given by that resolution and/or to sell ordinary shares held by the Company as treasury shares for cash as if section 561 of the Companies Act 2006 did not apply to any such allotment or sale, such power to be limited:
 - (A) to the allotment of equity securities and sale of treasury shares for cash in connection with an offer of, or invitation to apply for, equity securities (but in the case of the authority granted under paragraph (B) of resolution 13, by way of a rights issue only):
 - (i) to ordinary shareholders in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their existing holdings; and
 - (ii) to holders of other equity securities, as required by the rights of those securities, or as the Board otherwise considers necessary,and so that the Board may impose any limits or restrictions and make any arrangements which it considers necessary or appropriate to deal with treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal, regulatory or practical problems in, or under the laws of, any territory or any other matter; and
 - (B) in the case of the authority granted under paragraph (A) of resolution 13 and/or in the case of any sale of treasury shares for cash, to the allotment (otherwise than under paragraph (A) above) of equity securities or sale of treasury shares up to a nominal amount of £2,216,609,

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such power to apply in each case until the end of next year's annual general meeting (or, if earlier, until the close of business on 18 October 2014 but, in each case, during this period the Company may make offers, and enter into agreements, which would, or might, require equity securities to be allotted (and treasury shares to be sold) after the power ends and the Board may allot equity securities (and sell treasury shares) under any such offer or agreement as if the power had not ended.

16 THAT the Company be authorised for the purposes of section 701 of the Companies Act 2006 to make one or more market purchases (as defined in section 693(4) of the Companies Act 2006) of its ordinary shares of 50 pence each ('Ordinary Shares'), such power to be limited:

- (a) to a maximum number of 8,866,438 Ordinary Shares; and
- (b) by the condition that the minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is 50 pence per share and the maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is the highest of:
 - (i) an amount equal to 5 per cent above the average market value of an Ordinary Share for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which that Ordinary Share is contracted to be purchased; and
 - (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the trading venues where the purchase is carried out,

in each case, exclusive of expenses;

such power to apply until the end of next year's annual general meeting (or, if earlier, until the close of business on 18 October 2014) but in each case so that the Company may enter into a contract to purchase Ordinary Shares which will or may be completed or executed wholly or partly after the power ends and the Company may purchase Ordinary Shares pursuant to any such contract as if the power had not ended.

17 THAT:

- (a) the Articles of Association of the Company be amended by the addition of the following provisions:
 - (i) If at any annual general meeting all the resolutions for the re-appointment of directors are put to the meeting and lost or if by reason of directors failing to be re-appointed the number of directors falls below the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these articles or below the number fixed by or in accordance with these articles as the quorum, all directors retiring at the meeting and standing for re-appointment (the "dismissed directors") shall continue to be directors for a maximum period of 60 days (and are treated as continuing in office without interruption). During such period, directors shall be appointed either at a further general meeting and/or by the directors (but in this latter case, none of those appointed

may be dismissed directors). Once a sufficient number of directors has been so appointed, the dismissed directors shall cease to be directors; and

- (ii) If, on three executive occasions any notice, document or other information sent or supplied to a shareholder has been returned undelivered, the Company need not send or supply further notices, documents or other information to that shareholder until he has communicated with the Company and supplied the Company (or its agents) with a new registered address, or a postal address for the service of notices and the sending or supply of documents and other information in electronic form. Any notice, document or other information sent by post will be treated as returned undelivered if the notice, document or other information is sent back to the Company (or its agents), and any notice, document or other information sent or supplied in electronic form will be treated as returned undelivered if the Company (or its agents) receives notification that the notice, document or other information was not delivered to the address to which it was sent.
- (b) the Articles of Association that are produced to the meeting and initialled by the chairman for the purpose of identification be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Articles of Association.

By order of the Board

Tim Ashby

Group General Counsel and Company Secretary
Cherry Tree Road, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD24 6SH
12 June 2013

Please see the explanatory notes to the notice of Annual General Meeting, below.

Notes to the Notice of Annual General Meeting

- 1 Biographical details, including relevant qualifications and experience, of the directors proposed for re-election or election are given on page 38 of the Company's annual report and accounts with the exception of Imelda Walsh who was appointed on 1 June 2013.

Imelda Walsh is a non-executive director of William Hill PLC where she is chair of the remuneration committee, and Mitchells and Butlers plc.

Formerly, Imelda was Group HR Director of J Sainsbury plc, and a non-executive director and chair of the remuneration committee at Sainsbury's Bank plc. Prior to that she worked at Barclays plc, Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages Ltd and Diageo plc.

- 2 An explanation of the business to be conducted at the meeting is given on pages 6 to 7 of this notice of meeting.
- 3 Only those shareholders on the register of members of the Company as at 6.00pm on 16 July 2013 (or, in the event of any adjournment, at 6.00pm on the day, two days before the reconvened meeting) will be entitled to attend or vote at the annual general meeting and they may only vote in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at the relevant time. Change to entries on the register of members after the relevant deadline will be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting.
- 4 Any member attending the meeting has the right to ask questions. The Company must cause to be answered any such question relating to the business being dealt with at the meeting but no such answer need be given if (a) to do so would interfere unduly with the preparation for the meeting or involve the disclosure of confidential information, (b) the answer has already been given on a website in the form of an answer to a question, or (c) it is undesirable in the interests of the Company or the good order of the meeting that the question be answered.
- 5 A member is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to exercise all or any of his rights to attend, to speak and to vote at the meeting. A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A form for appointing a proxy is enclosed with this Notice. To be effective, the form of proxy must be completed and reach the Company's registrars, Equiniti Limited, at Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA not later than 3.00pm on 16 July 2013. You may also submit your proxy electronically; see your proxy card for details of how to register your vote. Completion of a form of proxy, other such instrument or any CREST Proxy Instruction (as described in paragraph 8) will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the meeting. If you require additional forms of proxy, please contact the Registrars of the Company on +44(0)121 415 7042 if calling from outside the UK or if within the UK on 0871 384 2013 (calls to this number are charged at 8p per minute plus network extras). Lines are open 08:30 to 17:30, Monday to Friday.
- 6 In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first-named being the most senior).
- 7 Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of the same powers as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual member provided they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
- 8 CREST members holding their shares in uncertificated form who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the annual general meeting to be held on 18 July 2013 and any adjournments thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST Proxy Instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or relates to an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy, must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (CREST ID RA19) no later than 3.00pm on 16 July 2013. For these purposes, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. No messages received through the CREST network after this time will be accepted. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular message. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s)) take(s) such actions as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning limitation of the CREST system and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001. The CREST manual can be reviewed at www.euroclear.com/CREST.

- 9 The Company cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage arising from the opening or use of any emails or attachments from the Company and recommends that shareholders subject all messages to virus checking procedures prior to opening or use. Any electronic communication received by the Company and/or Equiniti, including the lodgement of an electronic form of proxy, that is found to contain a computer virus will not be accepted.
- 10 Under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 members meeting the threshold requirements set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the meeting; or (ii) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with section 437 of the Companies Act 2006. The Company may not require the shareholders requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with section 527 or 528 of the Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the meeting includes any statement that the Company has been required under section 527 of the Companies Act 2006 to publish on a website.

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- 11** A person who is not a shareholder of the Company, but has been nominated by a shareholder to enjoy information rights in accordance with section 146 of the Companies Act 2006, (a “nominated person”) does not have a right to appoint any proxy. Nominated persons may have a right under an agreement with the shareholder to be appointed (or to have someone appointed) as a proxy for the meeting. Alternatively, if nominated persons do not have such a right, or do not wish to exercise it, they may have a right under an agreement with the relevant shareholder to give instructions as to the exercise of voting rights. The statement of the rights of shareholders in relation to the appointment of proxies in paragraph 5 above does not apply to nominated persons. The rights described in paragraph 5 can only be exercised by shareholders of the Company. If you have been nominated to receive general shareholder communications directly from the Company, it is important to remember that your main contact in terms of your investment remains the registered shareholder or custodian or broker who administers the investment on your behalf. Therefore, any changes or queries relating to your personal details and holding (including any administration) must continue to be directed to your existing contact at your investment manager or custodian. The Company cannot guarantee to deal with matters that are directed to them in error. The only exception to this is where the Company, in exercising one of its powers under the Companies Act 2006, writes to you directly for a response.
- 12** The following documents, which are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office of the Company on any weekday (public holidays excluded), and will also be available for inspection at the annual general meeting from 2.30pm on the day of the meeting until the conclusion of the meeting:
- (i) copies of service contracts and letters of appointment of the directors of the Company;
 - (ii) copies of the deeds of indemnity of the directors; and
 - (iii) a copy of the Company’s Articles of Association (under article 136 of which the directors have the benefit of a “qualifying third party indemnity provision” for the purposes of sections 232, 234 and 236 of the Companies Act 2006).
- 13** As at 22 May 2013 (being the last practicable business day prior to the publication of this Notice) the Company’s issued share capital consisted of 88,664,380 ordinary shares of 50 pence each, carrying one vote each. Therefore the total voting rights in the Company as at that date were 88,664,380.
- 14** A copy of this notice and other information required by section 311A of the Companies Act 2006 can be found at www.mothercareplc.com.
- 15** Except as provided above, members who have general queries about the meeting should use the following means of communication (no other methods of communication will be accepted):
- calling our shareholder helpline on +44(0)121 415 7042 if calling from outside the UK or if within the UK on 0871 384 2013 (calls to this number are charged at 8p per minute plus network extras). Lines are open 08:30 to 17:30, Monday to Friday;
 - by writing to Equiniti Limited, at Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA; or
 - by sending an email to investorrelations@mothercare.com

You may not use any electronic address provided either in this Notice or any related documents (including the chairman’s letter and proxy form) to communicate with the Company for any purposes other than those expressly stated.

Explanatory Notes to the Proposed Resolutions

The Ordinary Resolutions will be passed if the votes cast for the resolutions are more than those cast against. The resolutions to be proposed as Special Resolutions will be passed if at least 75 per cent of the votes cast for and against the resolutions are in favour.

As Ordinary Resolutions:

Resolution 1: To receive the Company's annual accounts together with the directors' report, and the auditors report upon the accounts for the financial year ended 30 March 2013. The directors will present the report and accounts and shareholders may raise any questions on it at the meeting.

Resolution 2: To approve the directors' remuneration report. The report can be found on pages 53 to 66 of the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 30 March 2013.

Resolutions 3 to 10: Re-election and election of directors. The Company's articles of association require that one third (or if not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one third) of the directors that are required to retire by rotation must retire. In line with UK Corporate Governance Code requirements, all the directors are up for election or re-election.

Each of the directors standing for re-election has been subject to a formal performance evaluation. The Board believes that each of them should be re-elected, subject to shareholder approval, because they have continued to be effective members of the Board and have demonstrated commitment to their respective roles. Angela Brav, Matt Smith and Imelda Walsh were appointed in January, March and June 2013 respectively and consequently retire from the board and offer themselves for election.

Resolution 11: Re-appointment of auditors. Deloitte LLP has indicated its willingness to act as auditors to the Company and accordingly an ordinary resolution to reappoint them will be proposed.

Resolution 12: To authorise the directors to determine the remuneration of the auditors.

Resolution 13: Authority to allot shares. Paragraph (A) of this resolution would give the directors the authority to allot ordinary shares or grant rights to subscribe for or convert any securities into ordinary shares up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to £14,762,619 (representing 29,525,238 ordinary shares of 50 pence each). This amount represents approximately one-third of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 22 May 2013, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice.

In line with guidance issued by the Association of British Insurers ("ABI"), paragraph (B) of this resolution would give the directors authority to allot ordinary shares or grant rights to subscribe for or convert any securities into ordinary shares in connection with a rights issue in favour of ordinary shareholders up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to £29,525,238 (representing 59,050,476 ordinary shares), as reduced by the nominal amount of any shares issued under paragraph (A) of this resolution. This amount (before any reduction) represents approximately two-thirds of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 22 May 2013, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice.

The authorities sought under paragraphs (A) and (B) of this resolution will expire at the earlier of 18 October 2014 and the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held in 2014.

The directors have no present intention to exercise either of the authorities sought under this resolution. However, if they do exercise the authorities, the directors intend to follow ABI recommendations concerning their use (including as regards the directors standing for re-election in certain cases).

As at the date of this Notice, no ordinary shares are held by the Company in treasury.

As Special Resolutions:

Resolution 14: General meeting notice. Changes made to the Companies Act 2006 by the Companies (Shareholders' Rights) Regulations 2009 (the "Shareholders' Rights Regulations") increase the notice period required for general meetings of companies to 21 days unless shareholders approve a shorter notice period, which cannot however be less than 14 clear days, and certain requirements are satisfied. (Annual general meetings will continue to be held on at least 21 clear days' notice.)

Before the coming into force of the Shareholders' Rights Regulations on 3 August 2009, the Company was able to call general meetings other than Annual General Meetings on 14 clear days' notice without obtaining such shareholder approval. The directors believe it is in the best interests of shareholders to preserve this ability and Resolution 10 seeks such approval. The approval will be effective until the Company's next annual general meeting, when it is intended that a similar resolution will be proposed.

It is intended that this flexibility will only be used for non-routine business and where merited in the interests of shareholders generally.

Resolution 15: Disapplication of statutory pre-emption rights. This resolution would give the directors the authority to allot ordinary shares (or sell any ordinary shares which the Company elects to hold in treasury) for cash without first offering them to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings.

This authority would be limited to allotments or sales in connection with pre-emptive offers and offers to holders of other equity securities if required by the rights of those shares or as the board otherwise considers necessary, or otherwise up to an aggregate nominal amount of £2,216,609 (representing 4,433,219 ordinary shares). This aggregate nominal amount represents approximately 5% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 22 May 2013, the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Notice. In respect of this aggregate nominal amount, the directors confirm their intention to follow the provisions of the Pre-Emption Group's Statement of Principles regarding cumulative usage of authorities within a rolling three-year period where the Principles provide that usage in excess of 7.5% should not take place without prior consultation with shareholders.

The authority will expire at the earlier of 18 October 2014 and the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held in 2014.

Explanatory Notes to the Proposed Resolutions

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Resolution 16: Purchase of own shares. Authority is sought for the Company to purchase up to 10 per cent of its issued Ordinary Shares (excluding any treasury shares), renewing the authority granted by the shareholders at previous annual general meetings. The Company has not purchased any Ordinary Shares in the period from the last annual general meeting to the date of this Notice under the existing authority.

The directors have no present intention of exercising the authority to make market purchases, however the authority provides the flexibility to allow them to do so in the future. The directors will exercise this authority only when to do so would be in the best interests of the Company, and of its shareholders generally, and could be expected to result in an increase in the earnings per share of the Company.

Ordinary Shares purchased by the Company pursuant to this authority may be held in treasury or may be cancelled. The directors will consider holding any Ordinary Shares the Company may purchase as treasury shares. The Company currently has no Ordinary Shares in treasury. The minimum price, exclusive of expenses, which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is 50 pence. The maximum price, exclusive of expenses, which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is the highest of (i) an amount equal to 5% above the average market value for an Ordinary Share for the five business days immediately preceding the date of the purchase and (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the trading venues where the purchase is carried out.

The Company has options outstanding over 6,255,734 Ordinary Shares, representing 7.05 per cent of the Company's ordinary issued share capital as at 22 May 2013. If the existing authority given at the 2012 Annual General Meeting and the authority now being sought by resolution 16 were to be fully used, these would represent 8.82 per cent. of the Company's ordinary issued share capital at that date. The Company holds no shares in treasury.

The authority will expire at the earlier of 18 October 2014 and the conclusion of the annual general meeting of the Company held in 2014.

Resolution 17: Articles of Association. It is proposed that two minor amendments be made to the Company's Articles of Association.

In order to comply with the UK Corporate Governance Code, it is the policy of the Company that at each annual general meeting, each director shall retire and offer himself for re-election. In order for a meeting of the Board of directors to be quorate, at least two directors must be present. It is conceivable, therefore, that if no directors are re-elected at an annual general meeting (or if one only is re-elected), it will not be possible to run the business of the Company effectively. Accordingly, the first proposed amendment provides that, in these circumstances, all the directors who stood for re-election would continue in office for a maximum period of 60 days after the annual general meeting in order for sufficient new directors to be appointed. Following the appointment of such new directors, the appointments of the outgoing directors would terminate.

The second amendment provides for circumstances in which the Company may cease to send notices to shareholders for whom it no longer has valid addresses (whether postal or electronic). It provides that if, on three consecutive occasions, any document sent to a shareholder is returned undelivered or is otherwise rejected, the Company need not send further documents until the shareholder has communicated with the Company and supplied a new address.

