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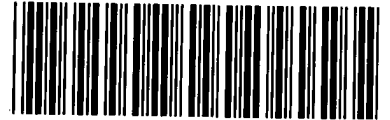
ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF

ST ALBANS GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

(as amended by special resolutions of the members
dated 11 November 2019 and 30 December 2020)

PART A – CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

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1. The name of the Company (hereinafter called "**the Company**") is "**ST ALBANS GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME**".
2. The registered office of the Company shall be situated in England and Wales.
3. The objects for which the Company is established are:-
 - (a) to relieve, either generally or individually, persons resident in St Albans City and District who are in conditions of need hardship or distress.
 - (b) to provide practical services to bring help quickly informally and confidentially to such persons
 - (c) to offer assistance directly from local resources on a "good neighbour" basis or referring people to the appropriate specialised services whether statutory or voluntary.
4. The Company shall have the following powers exercisable in furtherance of its said objects but not further or otherwise, namely:
 - (a) promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the same locally and to that end may bring together in conference, co-ordinate and work with representatives of agencies voluntary or otherwise, government departments, statutory authorities and individuals engaged in the furtherance of the same
 - (b) to collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the above purposes and exchange such information with other bodies having similar purposes
 - (c) procure to be written and print publish issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents or films as shall further the above purposes

- (d) to undertake or sponsor research and to promulgate the useful results thereof
- (e) to present, promote, organise, provide, manage and produce, productions, films, broadcasts, concerts, musical pieces, entertainments, exhibitions, tutorials, seminars, courses and workshops, whether on any premises of the Company or elsewhere
- (f) accept gifts and borrow or raise money for the purpose of the scheme on such terms and on such security as shall be thought fit
- (g) procure contributions to the scheme by personal written appeals Public meetings or otherwise, dispose of gifts of money or other property at the discretion of the scheme and in furtherance of the above purposes
- (h) to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills, cheques and other instruments and to operate bank accounts in the name of the Company
- (i) to employ staff and/or agents, and to make provision for the proper remuneration of any such persons including power to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their widows widowers and other dependants
- (j) subject to such consents as may be required by law to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary for the promotion of its objects, and to construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary for the work of the Company.
- (k) subject to such consents as may be required by law to sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Company as may be thought necessary for its objects
- (l) to undertake and execute any charitable trusts which may lawfully be undertaken by the Company and may be necessary for the promotion of its objects
- (m) subject to such consents as may be required by law to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Company on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit PROVIDED ALWAYS that the Company shall undertake no permanent trading activities in raising funds to achieve its charitable objects
- (n) to invest the monies of the Company not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as may thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided
- (o) to establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of any charitable

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associations or institutions and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable purposes in any way connected with the purposes of the Company or calculated to further its objects

(p) to receive loans at interest or otherwise from and to lend money and give credit to, to take security for such loans or credit any person or company as may be necessary or convenient for the work of the Company

(q) to insure and arrange insurance cover for and to indemnify its officers servants voluntary workers and members from and against all such risks as the Company may from time to time think fit

(r) to do all such other lawful things as shall further any or all of the above objects

PROVIDED THAT:

(1) In case the Company shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, the Company shall only deal with or invest the same in such a manner as allowed by law, having regard to such trusts.

(2) The objects of the Company shall not extend to the regulation of relations between employers and workers or organisations of employers and organisations of workers.

(3) In case the Company shall take or hold any property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, the Company shall not sell, mortgage, charge or lease the same without such authority, approval or consent as may be required by law, and as regards any such property the directors of the Company shall be chargeable for any such property that may come into their hands and shall be answerable and accountable for their own acts, receipts, neglects and defaults, and for the due administration of such property in the same manner and to the same extent as they would as such directors have been if no incorporation had been effected, and the incorporation of the Company shall not diminish or impair any control or authority exercisable by the High Court of Justice or the Charity Commissioners over such directors, but they shall as regards to any such property be subject jointly and separately to such control or authority as if the Company were not incorporated.

5. The income and property of the Company, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Company as set forth in Part A of these Articles of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Company and no director shall be appointed to any office of the Company paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company.

PROVIDED THAT nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith by the Company:

(a) of reasonable and proper remuneration for any services rendered to the

Company to any member, officer or servant of the Company who is not a director

(b) of the usual professional charges for business done by any director who is a solicitor, accountant or other person engaged in a profession, or by any partner of his or hers, when instructed by the Company to act in a professional capacity on its behalf; provided that at no time shall a majority of the directors benefit under this provision and that a director shall withdraw from any meeting at which his or her appointment or remuneration, or that of his or her partner, is under discussion;

(c) of interest on money lent by any member of the Company or of a director at a rate per annum not exceeding 2% less than the base lending rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the directors;

(d) or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Company or by a director;

(e) of fees remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to a company of which a director may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such company;

(f) of reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses to any director;

(g) of such reasonable and proper remuneration to a minority of directors as is commensurate with their position in return for services they actually render to the Company: PROVIDED THAT

(i) the Board of Directors agree that it is reasonable and necessary in the interests of the Company for such person(s) to be director(s) of the Company

(ii) such director(s) shall be absent from all meetings at which the terms and conditions of his/her/their employment with the Company are discussed

(iii) such director(s) shall not vote on any resolution relating to his/her/their employment

(iv) the directors so remunerated shall at all times form a minority of any quorum

(h) of the payment of any premium in respect of any insurance or indemnity to cover the liability of the directors (or any of them) which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which they may be guilty in relation to the Company PROVIDED THAT any such insurance or indemnity shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the directors (or any of them) knew or ought reasonably to have known was a breach of trust or which was committed by the director (or any of them) in reckless disregard or whether it was a breach of duty or breach of trust.

6. The Company shall not make any alteration to the objects clause in its Articles of Association or to any provision of its Articles of Association which directs or restricts the manner in which the property of the Company can be used or applied unless the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales has been granted to the proposed alteration.

7. The liability of members is limited.

8. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) to the assets of the Company, if it should be wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company contracted before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the cost, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

9. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company, but shall be given or transferred to some other charity or charities the governing instrument of which prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of Clause 4 hereof, such charity or charities to be determined by the members of the Company at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some other charitable object subject to the prior approval of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

PART B – ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1. In these presents the words standing in the first column of the Table next hereinafter contained shall bear the meaning set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof, if not inconsistent with the subject or context:

WORDS

MEANING

"The Act"

The Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification thereof.

"clear days"

in relation to the period of a notice means the periods excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.

"the Company"

The above-named Company.

"the directors"

The directors of the Company (and "director" has a corresponding meaning.)

"month"

Calendar Month.

"the office"

The registered office of the Company. The common seal of the Company

"these Presents"

These Articles of Association and the regulations of the Company from time to time in force.

"the seal"

The common seal of the Company.

"the secretary"

Any person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company.

"the United Kingdom"

Great Britain and Northern Ireland

"in writing"

Written, printed or lithographed or partly one or partly another, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

And words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number, and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender; and

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Words importing persons shall include corporations.

Subject as aforesaid, any words or expressions defined in the Act or any statutory modification thereof in force at the date on which these presents become binding on the Company shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meanings in these presents.

2. The Company is established for the purposes expressed in Part A of these Articles of Association.

3. The subscribers to the Memorandum of Association and such other persons as the Company shall admit to membership in accordance with such regulations as the directors shall make from time to time shall be members of the Company.

4. The directors shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member PROVIDED ALWAYS that the member concerned shall have a right to be heard before a final decision is made.

5. The provisions of section 352 of the Act shall be observed by the Company, and every member of the Company shall either sign a written consent to become a member or sign the register of members on becoming a member.

GENERAL MEETINGS

6. The Company shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Company and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, provided that every Annual General Meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting, and so long as the Company holds its first Annual General Meeting within eighteen months after its incorporation it need not hold it in the year of its incorporation or in the following year.

7. All Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

8. The directors may whenever they think fit convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by section 368 of the Act and if at any time there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient directors to form a quorum any director or any member of the Company may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting.

9. Twenty-one clear days' notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting and of every meeting convened to pass a Special Resolution, and fourteen clear days' notice in writing at the least of every other General Meeting specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting, and in the case of special business the general nature of that business, shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons (including the auditors) as are under these presents or under the Act entitled to receive such notices from the Company: PROVIDED THAT a meeting of the Company shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in these presents, be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:-

(a) in the case of the Annual General Meeting by all the members entitled to attend and

vote; and

(b) in the case of any other meeting by a majority of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together representing not less than 95% of the total voting rights of all the members.

10. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed, or proceedings at any meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

11. All business shall be deemed special that is conducted at an Extraordinary General Meeting and also all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet, and the reports of the directors and the Auditors (if the Company has appointed auditors), the election of directors in the place of those retiring, and the appointment of, and the fixing of the remuneration of, the Auditors (if the Company has appointed auditors).

12. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, 4 of the members shall be a quorum..

13. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the directors may determine, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

14. The chairperson (if any) of the directors shall preside as chairperson at every General Meeting, but if there be no such chairperson, or if at any meeting he or she shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or shall be unwilling to preside, the members present shall choose a director, or if all the directors present decline to take the chair, the members shall choose some member of the Company who shall be present to preside.

15. A director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member of the Company, be entitled to attend and speak at any General Meeting.

16. The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Otherwise, the members shall not be entitled to any notice of an adjournment, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

17. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is, before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands,

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demanding by

(a) the Chairperson; or

(b) at least three members having the right to vote at the meeting; or

(c) a member or members representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, and unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the Chairperson of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

18. Subject to the provisions of Article 19, if a poll be demanded under Article 17, it shall be taken at such time and place, and in such manner, as the Chairperson of the meeting shall direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

19. No poll shall be demanded on the election of a Chairperson of a meeting, or on any question of adjournment.

20. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairperson of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

21. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

22. Subject to Article 20, every member shall have one vote.

23. No member shall be entitled to vote on any question at any General Meeting unless all monies presently payable by him or by her to the Company have been paid.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

24. The number of directors shall never be less than 3, and until otherwise determined by a General Meeting shall not be more than 12.

25. The directors may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the Company as a director, either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to their number, provided that the prescribed maximum be not thereby exceeded. Any member so appointed shall retain his or her office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but he or she shall then be eligible for re-election.

POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS

26. (a) The business of the Company shall be managed by the directors who may pay expenses incurred in the promotion and formation of the Company as they think fit, and may exercise all such powers of the Company required to be exercised or done by the Company in General Meeting. Any such requirement may be made either by the Act or by these presents or by any regulation made by the Company in General Meeting; but no such regulation shall invalidate any prior act of the

directors which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made.

(b) In the exercise of the aforesaid powers and in the management of the business of the Company, the directors shall always be mindful that they are charity trustees within the definition of section 97 of the Charities Act 1993 as the persons having the general control and management of the administration of a charity.

27. The directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body; PROVIDED ALWAYS that in case the directors shall at any time be or be reduced in number to less than the minimum number prescribed by or in accordance with these presents, it shall be lawful for them to act for the purpose of admitting persons to membership of the Company, filling up vacancies in their body, or of summoning a General Meeting, but not for any other purpose.

28. All cheques and other negotiable instruments and all receipts for money paid to the Company shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be, in such manner as the directors shall from time to time determine.

29. The directors shall cause minutes to be made: .

(a) of all appointments of officers made by the directors;

(b) of the names of the directors present at each directors meeting;

(c) of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Company, and of the directors, and any such minutes of any such meeting if purported to be signed by the chairperson of the meeting or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting shall be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in the minutes.

SECRETARY

30. (a) The secretary shall be appointed by the directors for such time, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them. The provisions of section 283 of the Act shall apply and be observed. The directors may from time to time by resolution appoint an assistant or deputy secretary, and any person so appointed may act in place of the secretary if there be no secretary or no secretary capable of acting PROVIDED ALWAYS that no director shall occupy the salaried position of secretary.

(b) A provision of the Act or of these presents requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a director and the secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting as director and as, or in place of, secretary.

THE SEAL

31. The seal of the Company shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the directors and in the presence of at least one director and of the secretary, the said director and secretary shall sign every instrument to which the seal shall be so affixed in their presence, and in favour of any purchaser or bona fide dealing with the Company such signatures shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the seal has been properly affixed.

DISQUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

32. The office of director shall be vacated:

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(a) If he or she ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Act or is disqualified from acting as a director by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 or any statutory re-enactment or modification thereof.

(b) If he or she becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder illness or injury of managing and administering his or her property and affairs.

(c) If by notice in writing to the Company he or she resigns his or her office.

(d) If he or she is removed from office by a resolution duly passed pursuant to section 303 of the Act.

(e) If he or she fails without reasonable excuse to attend three consecutive meetings of the directors.

ROTATION OF DIRECTORS

33. At the first Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting to be held in every subsequent year, one-third of the directors for the time being, or if their number is not a multiple of three then the number nearest to one-third, shall retire from office.

34. The directors to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment. As between directors of equal seniority, the directors to retire shall in the absence of agreement be selected from among them by lot. The length of time a director has been in office shall be computed from his or her last election or appointment. A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election.

35. The Company may, at the meeting at which a director retires in manner aforesaid, fill up the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring director shall, if offering himself or herself for re-election, be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office, or unless a resolution for the re-election of such a director shall have been put to the meeting and lost.

36. No person not being a director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the director for election, be eligible for election as director at any General Meeting, unless not less than 4 nor more than 21 clear days before the date set for the meeting there shall have been given to the secretary notice in writing, by some member duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his or her intention to propose such person to be proposed and of his or her willingness to be elected.

37. The Company may from time to time in General Meeting increase the number of directors, and determine in what rotation such increased number shall go out of office, and may make the appointments necessary for effecting any such increase.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

38. The directors may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business, provided that the quorum for meetings of the directors shall never be less than 1/3 or

3 (whichever is the greater number) of the directors. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chairperson shall have a second or casting vote.

39. A director may, and on the request of a director the secretary shall, at any time, summon a meeting of the directors by notice served upon the directors. A director who is absent from the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to notice of a meeting.

40. The directors shall from time to time elect a chairperson who shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the directors at which he or she shall be present, and may determine for what period he or she is to hold office, but if no such chairperson be elected, or if at any meeting the chairperson be not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to preside, the directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting.

41. A meeting of the directors at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the regulations of the Company for the time being vested in the directors generally.

42. The directors may delegate any of their powers to sub-committees consisting of such directors and others as they think fit, and any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the directors. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of these presents for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the directors so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by regulations made by the directors. Any such committees shall report to the directors on any decisions taken as soon as possible. No such committee shall incur expenditure on behalf of the Company except in accordance with a budget which has been approved by the directors.

43. All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the directors or by any committee of the directors, or by any person acting as a director, shall, notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such member or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a director.

44. A resolution in writing signed by all directors or of any committee of directors who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the directors or of such committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a duly convened and constituted meeting of the directors or such committee (as the case may be).

ACCOUNTS

45. Accounts shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part VII of the Act.

46. The directors shall comply with their obligations under the Act as modified and supplemented by the Charities Act 1993, the Charities (Reports and Accounts) Regulations 1995 and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting by Charities (or any applicable version thereof) with regard to the preparation of both a directors' report and trustees' report in respect of every financial year and the submission of such reports to the Registrar of Companies and the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales respectively.

47. The directors shall comply with the provisions of the Act with regard to the submission of an

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Annual Return to the Registrar of Companies and with the provisions of the Charities Act 1993 with regard to the preparation of an annual return and its submission to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

NOTICES

48. A notice may served by the Company upon any member, either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, addressed to such member at his or her registered address as appearing in the register of members.

49. Any member described in the register of members by an address not within the United Kingdom who shall from time to time give the Company an address within the United Kingdom at which such notices may be served upon him or her shall be entitled to have notices served upon him or her at such address, but, save as aforesaid and as provided by the Act, only those members who are described in the register of members by an address within the United Kingdom shall be entitled to receive notices from the Company.

50. Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing the same is put into the post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post office as a prepaid letter.

DISSOLUTION

51. Clause 8 of Part A of these Articles of Association relating to the winding up and dissolution of the Company shall have effect.

INDEMNITY

52. Subject to the provisions of the Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a director may otherwise be entitled, every director or other officer or auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him or her in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him or her by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Company.