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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

of

NOMINET UK

(adopted by special resolution passed on 16 March 2006)

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1. The name of the Company is “NOMINET UK”.
2. The Registered Office of the Company will be in England.
3. The Company’s objects are:
 - 3.1 to carry on business as an Information Technology and Computing Company with all necessary power to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the carrying on of any business of the Company;
 - 3.2 to promote commerce, science, education, charity and professions related to Information Technology and Computing on a commercial basis, including but not limited to:
 - 3.2.1 services relating to the registration and use of information technology identifiers (‘ITI’);
 - 3.2.2 providing database related services;
 - 3.2.3 funding, supporting and carrying out research;
 - 3.2.4 increasing understanding of ITI, the Internet, information technology, computing and related areas such as Internet law;
 - 3.2.5 developing, operating and improving dispute resolution services;
 - 3.2.6 monitoring, improving and enforcing standards;
 - 3.2.7 seeking improvements in Internet governance and operations;
 - 3.2.8 improving and introducing privacy, security, safety, anti-abuse, anti-fraud and trust mechanisms in the Internet and computing;

- 3.2.9 opening up new markets or business opportunities including introducing competition or new market structures to existing markets.
- 3.3 to carry on the business of a holding company and to acquire by purchase, exchange, subscription or otherwise and to hold the whole or any part of the shares, stocks, debentures and other securities and interests of and in any corporations, companies, associations or firms for the time being engaged, concerned or interested in any industry, trade or business and to promote the beneficial co-operation of any such corporations, companies, associations or firms as well with one another as with the Company and to exercise in respect of such investments and holdings all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership including the right to vote thereon;
- 3.4 to employ the funds of the Company in the development and expansion of any business of the Company and all or any of its subsidiary undertakings or associated companies and in any other company whether now existing or hereafter to be formed and engaged in any like business of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings or associated companies or in any other industry ancillary thereto or in any business which can conveniently be carried on in connection therewith;
- 3.5 to co-ordinate the administration, policies, management, supervising, control, research, development, planning, manufacture, trading and any and all other activities of, and to act as financial advisers and consultants to, any company or companies or group of companies now or hereafter formed or incorporated or acquired which may be or may become related or associated in any way with the Company or with any company related or associated therewith and either without remuneration or on such terms as to remuneration as may be agreed;
- 3.6 to carry out any functions conferred on the Company by or under any provision of any legislation, as amended from time to time, and to carry out such other functions or exercise such powers as, from time to time, may be carried out or exercisable by the Company;
- 3.7 to guarantee the payment of dividends on any shares in the capital of any of the corporations, companies or associations in which the Company has or may at any time have an interest, and to become surety in respect of, endorse, or otherwise guarantee the payment of, the principal of or interest on any shares, scrip, bonds, coupons, mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, securities, notes, acceptances, drafts, bills of exchange or evidence of indebtedness issued or created by any such corporations, companies or associations;
- 3.8 to become surety for or guarantee the carrying out and performance of, any and all contracts, leases and obligations of every kind, of any corporation, company or association, any of whose shares, scrip, bonds, coupons, mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, securities, notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange or evidence of indebtedness, are at any time held by or for the Company, or in which the Company is interested or with which it is associated, and to do any acts or things designed to protect, preserve, improve or enhance the value of any such shares, scrip, bonds, coupons, mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, securities, notes, drafts, bills of exchange or evidence of indebtedness;
- 3.9 to organise, incorporate, reorganise, finance, aid and assist, financially or otherwise, companies, corporations, syndicates, partnerships, associations and firms of all kinds and to underwrite or guarantee the subscription of, shares, stocks, debentures,

debenture stock, bonds, loans, obligations, securities or notes of any kind, and to make and carry into effect arrangements for the issue, underwriting, resale, exchange or distribution thereof;

- 3.10 to carry on the business of land and property developers of every and any description and to acquire by purchase, lease, concession, grant, licence or otherwise such lands, buildings, leases, underleases, rights, privileges, stocks, shares and debentures in public or private companies, corporate or unincorporated, policies of insurance and other such property as the Company may deem fit and shall acquire the same for the purposes of investment and development and with a view to receiving the income therefrom; and to enter into any contracts and other arrangements of all kinds with persons having dealings with the Company on such terms and for such periods of time as the Company may from time to time determine, on a commission or fee basis or otherwise, and to carry on any other trade or business, whatever, of a like and similar nature;
- 3.11 to carry on all kinds of promotion business and, in particular, to form, constitute, float, lend money to, assist, manage and control any companies, associations or undertakings whatsoever and to market, advertise or promote goods, services, material (tangible or intangible) or any other thing whatsoever;
- 3.12 to vary the investments and holdings of the Company as may from time to time be deemed desirable;
- 3.13 to act as trustee of any kind including trustee of any deeds constituting or securing any debentures, debenture stock or other securities or obligations and to undertake and execute any trust or trust business (including the business of acting as trustee under wills and settlements), and to do anything that may be necessary or assist in the obtaining of any benefit under the estate of an individual, and also to undertake the office of executor, administrator, secretary, treasurer or registrar or to become manager of any business, and to keep any register or undertake any registration duties, whether in relation to securities or otherwise;
- 3.14 to provide technical, cultural, artistic, educational, entertainment or business material, facilities, information or services and to carry on any business involving any such provision;
- 3.15 to carry on the business of commission agents, factors, general merchants and dealers in every description of goods, exporters and importers, concessionaries, wholesale and retail traders, carriers, warehousemen, designers, advertising contractors or agents, or trustees, brokers or agents for any company;
- 3.16 to manufacture, develop, process, refine, repair, purchase, sell, export, import, deal in or let on hire all kinds of goods, substances, articles, services and material (tangible or intangible) of any kind which may be advantageous to the Company or which any of the customers or other companies having dealings with the Company may from time to time require;
- 3.17 to provide services of any kind including the carrying on of advisory, consultancy, brokerage and agency business of any kind;
- 3.18 to acquire and carry on any business carried on by a subsidiary undertaking or a holding company of the Company or another subsidiary undertaking of a holding company of the Company;

- 3.19 to enter into any arrangements with any government or authority or person and to obtain from any such government or authority or person any legislation, orders, rights, privileges, franchises and concessions and to carry out, exercise and comply with the same;
- 3.20 to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, renew, or otherwise acquire and hold for any estate or interest, and to sell, let, grant licences, easements, options and other rights over or otherwise deal with or dispose of, in whole or in part, any lands, buildings, machinery, rights, stock-in-trade, business concerns, choses in action, and any other real and personal property of any kind including all of the assets of the Company and to perform any services or render any consideration and to construct, equip, alter and maintain any buildings, works and machinery necessary or convenient for the Company's business and in each case for any consideration (including in particular but without detracting from the generality of the foregoing for any securities or for a share of profit or a royalty or other periodical or deferred payment);
- 3.21 to enter into partnership or any other arrangement for sharing profits or joint venture or co-operation with any company carrying on, engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company, and to subsidise or otherwise assist any such company;
- 3.22 to invest money of the Company (or any of its subsidiary undertakings) in any investments and to hold, sell or otherwise deal with investments or currencies or other financial assets and to carry on the business of an investment company;
- 3.23 to lend or advance money or otherwise give credit or provide financial accommodation to any company with or without security and to deposit money with any company and to carry on the business of a banking, finance or insurance company;
- 3.24 for any reason whatsoever to mortgage, charge, pledge or otherwise secure, either with or without the Company receiving any consideration or advantage, all or any part of the undertaking, property, assets and rights and revenues present and future of the Company and to guarantee, indemnify or otherwise support or secure, either with or without the Company receiving any consideration or advantage and whether by personal covenant or by mortgaging, charging, pledging or otherwise securing all or any part of the undertaking, property, assets and rights and revenues present and future of the Company or by any or all such methods or by any other means whatsoever, the liabilities and obligations of any person, firm or company including but not limited to any company which is for the time being the holding company or a subsidiary undertaking of the Company or of the Company's holding company;
- 3.25 to borrow and raise money and accept money on deposit and to secure or discharge any debt or obligation of or binding on the Company or any other company and in particular by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present or future) of the Company, or by the creation and issue, on such terms as may be thought expedient, of securities of any description;
- 3.26 to undertake any transaction involving any kind of contract for differences or derivative or analogous or similar instrument the valuation of which is determined by reference to fluctuations in the value or price of property or rights of any description or in an index or other factor designated for that purpose in the

instrument including (but not limited to) transactions in the nature of hedging agreements, rate swaps, basis swaps, commodity swaps, credit swaps, commodity options, spread bets, equity or equity index swaps, equity or equity index options, bond options, forward rate agreements, interest rate options, foreign exchange transactions, cap, collar or floor transactions, currency swaps, cross-currency rate swaps, currency options or any combination of, or option with respect to, any of such transactions, whether on a speculative basis or for the purposes of risk management or otherwise;

- 3.27 to draw, make, accept, indorse, discount, execute, issue, negotiate and deal in promissory notes, bills of exchange, shipping documents and other instruments and securities (whether negotiable, transferable or otherwise) and to buy, sell and deal in foreign currencies;
- 3.28 to buy, sell, export, manufacture and deal in all kinds of goods, stores and equipment whether in connection with any of the above activities or otherwise and to act as agents for all purposes;
- 3.29 to apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire any patents, licences, concessions, privileges and like rights, conferring a non-exclusive or exclusive or limited right to use, or any secret or other information as to any invention which is capable of being used for any of the purposes of the Company, or the acquisition of which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to benefit the Company and to use, exercise, develop, grant licences in respect of, or otherwise turn to account, the rights and information so acquired;
- 3.30 to apply for and take out, purchase or otherwise acquire, sell, licence, transfer, deal or trade in any way in trade marks and names, service marks and names, designs, patents, patent rights, inventions, secret processes, know-how and information and any form of intellectual property and to carry on the business of an inventor, designer or research organisation;
- 3.31 to sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, let, charge, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the undertaking or property or rights of the Company; to sell the undertaking of the Company, or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for cash, shares, debentures or debenture stock or other obligations, whether fully paid or otherwise, of any other company; and to engage in stock-lending using the property of the Company;
- 3.32 to give any remuneration or other compensation or reward for services rendered or to be rendered in assisting in the conduct or course of the Company's business, and to establish or promote, or concur or participate in establishing or promoting, any company, fund or trust and to subscribe for, underwrite, purchase or otherwise acquire securities of any company, fund or trust and to carry on the business of company, fund, trust or business promoters or managers and of underwriters or dealers in securities, and to act as director of, and as secretary, manager, registrar or transfer agent for, any other company;
- 3.33 to grant or procure the grant of donations, gratuities, pensions, annuities, allowances, or other benefits, including benefits on death, to any directors, officers or employees or former directors, officers or employees of the Company or any undertaking which at any time is or was a subsidiary undertaking or a holding company of the Company or another subsidiary undertaking of a holding company

of the Company or otherwise associated with the Company or of any predecessor in business of any of them, and to the relations, connections or dependants of any such persons, and to other persons whose service or services have directly or indirectly been of benefit to the Company or whom the board of directors of the Company considers have any moral claim on the Company or to their relations, connections or dependants, and to establish or support any funds, trusts, insurances or schemes (including in particular but without detracting from the generality of the foregoing any trust or scheme relating to the grant of any option over, or other interest in, any share in the capital of any other company, or in any debenture or security of any corporation or company, including the Company) or any associations, institutions, clubs or schools, or to do any other thing likely to benefit any such persons or otherwise to advance the interests of such persons or the Company or its members, and to subscribe, guarantee or pay money for any purpose likely, directly or indirectly, to further the interests of such persons or the Company or its members or for any national, charitable, benevolent, educational, social, public, general or useful object;

- 3.34 to promote or assist in promoting any company or companies in any part of the world and to subscribe shares therein or other securities thereof for the purpose of carrying on any business which the Company is authorised to carry on, or for any other purpose which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company;
- 3.35 to amalgamate with any other company in any manner whatsoever (whether with or without a liquidation of the Company);
- 3.36 to procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any country or place in any part of the world;
- 3.37 to cease carrying on or wind-up any business or activity of the Company, and to cancel any registration of and to wind-up or procure the dissolution of the Company in any state or territory;
- 3.38 to compensate for loss of office any directors or other officers of the Company and to make payments to any persons whose office, employment or duties may be terminated by virtue of any transaction in which the Company is engaged;
- 3.39 to pay out of the funds of the Company the costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the formation and registration of the Company, and any company promoted by the Company, and the issue of the capital of any such company and of and incidental to the negotiations between the promoters preliminary to the formation of the Company, and also all costs and expenses of and incidental to the acquisition by the Company of any property or assets of and incidental to the accomplishment of all or any formalities which the Company may think necessary or proper in connection with any of the matters aforesaid;
- 3.40 to effect insurances against losses, damages, risks and liabilities of all kinds which may affect the Company or any subsidiary undertaking of it or any company associated with it or in which it is or may be interested;
- 3.41 to purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time directors, officers, employees or auditors of the Company, or of any other company which is its holding company or in which the Company or such holding company has any interest whether direct or indirect or which is in any way

allied to or associated with the Company or of any subsidiary undertaking of the Company or of any such other company, or who are or were at any time trustees of any pension fund in which any employees of the Company or of any such other company or subsidiary undertaking are interested, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) insurance against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution and/or discharge of their powers and/or otherwise in relation to their duties, powers or offices in relation to the Company or any such other company, subsidiary undertaking or pension fund and to such extent as may be permitted by law otherwise to indemnify or to exempt any such person against or from any such liability;

- 3.42 to act as directors or managers of or to appoint directors or managers of any of the Company's subsidiary undertakings or of any other company in which the Company is or may be interested;
- 3.43 to contribute by donation, subscription, guarantee or otherwise to any public, general, charitable, political or useful object whatsoever;
- 3.44 to do all or any of the above things in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, trustees, contractors or otherwise and either alone or in conjunction with others, and either by or through agents, sub-contractors, trustees, subsidiaries or otherwise;
- 3.45 to carry on any other activity and do anything of any nature which in the opinion of the board of directors of the Company is or may be capable of being conveniently carried on or done by the Company in connection with the above, or may seem to the Company calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of all or any part of the Company's undertaking, property or assets or otherwise to advance the interests of the Company or any of its members; and
- 3.46 to do all such things as in the opinion of the board of directors of the Company are or may be incidental or conducive to the above objects or any of them.

And it is hereby declared that for the purposes of this clause 3:

- (a) the word "**company**" shall (except where referring to this Company) be deemed to include any person or partnership or other body of persons, whether incorporated or not incorporated, and whether formed, incorporated, resident or domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere;
- (b) "**holding company**" and "**subsidiary undertaking**" shall have the same meanings as in the Companies Act 1985;
- (c) "**associated companies**" shall mean any two or more companies if one has control of the other or others, or any person has control of both or all of them;
- (d) "**securities**" shall include any fully, partly or nil paid or no par value share, stock, unit, debenture or loan stock, deposit receipt, bill, note, warrant, coupon, right to subscribe or convert, or similar right or obligation;
- (e) "**and**" and "**or**" shall mean "**and/or**";

- (f) “other” and “otherwise” shall not be construed with reference to the particular matters that went before where a wider construction is possible; and

the objects specified in each paragraph of this clause shall, except if at all where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or the name of the Company or the nature of any business carried on by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings or the order in which such objects are stated, but may be carried out in as full and ample a manner and shall be construed in as wide a sense as if each of the said paragraphs defined the objects of a separate, distinct and independent company.

4. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the provisions of clause 3, 5, 6 or 9 of this Memorandum of Association unless it has been approved by at least 90 % of the votes cast by members of the Steering Committee established by the Articles of Association, present (in person or by proxy) and voting at a properly-convened meeting of that Steering Committee. No alteration may be made to this clause.
5. Clause 5 of the Memorandum of Association was disapplied by a special resolution of the Company passed on 16 March 2006.
6. Clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association was disapplied by a special resolution of the Company passed on 16 March 2006.
7. The liability of the members is limited.
8. If the Company is wound up while a person is a member or within one year after that person ceases to be a member, every member of the Company will contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the assets of the Company, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities accrued before the member ceases to be a member, and of the costs and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the members among themselves.
9. If on the winding up or dissolution of the Company there remains any surplus property after satisfaction of the Company's debts and liabilities, the surplus shall not be paid to the members of the Company, but shall be either:
 - 9.1 given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Company; or
 - 9.2 if no such institution can be found, paid to one or more charitable trusts, institutions, associations or companies formed or existing in order to conduct research for the public benefit into electronic networking and/or related disciplines and subject areas. If no such payment is possible, any surplus shall be applied to a charitable object. In each case, the recipient body or bodies shall be chosen by the members as at the date of winding up or dissolution.

10. The income and capital of the Company shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Company; and no part of the income or capital shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the members of the Company, whether by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise in the form of profit. This shall not prevent the payment of:
 - 10.1 reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer, employee, or member of the Company in return for any services provided to the Company;
 - 10.2 a reasonable rate of interest on money lent to the Company;
 - 10.3 reasonable rent for property let to the Company;
 - 10.4 expenses to the directors and the members of the Company;
 - 10.5 premiums on indemnity insurance which may benefit members, the directors, the company secretary, staff or experts retained as part of the dispute resolution service;
 - 10.6 funds to pay indemnities to and defence costs of directors, the company secretary, staff or others in accordance with the Articles of Association; or
 - 10.7 loyalty payments, discounts or promotions (or equivalent arrangements) to customers and/or members of the Company.

We, the persons whose names are written below, wish to be formed into a Company under this Memorandum of Association:

Names of Subscribers

Richard Phillip ALMEIDA
William BLACK
Alex BLIGH
John Venners CAREY
Keith Niven MITCHELL
Nigel Roy TITLEY

Dated the 14th day of May 1996.

Witness to the above signatures:

Orla O'Donoghue