

## 6. Bylaws

### Part I

#### *Legal form – Corporate name – Corporate purpose – Registered office – Duration*

##### Article 1 - Legal form

Christian Dior, first established in the form of a limited liability partnership under the terms of a private agreement concluded on October 8, 1946 in Paris, filed on October 18, 1946 with the clerk of the Paris commercial court and published in the Journal Special des Sociétés Françaises par Actions of October 18, 1946, was transformed into a joint-stock corporation (société anonyme) without creating a new legal entity, following a decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of Partners held on December 21, 1979.

It is governed by all applicable laws as well as the regulations established hereinafter and it shall also be governed by any laws and regulations that may enter into effect in future.

##### Article 2 - Corporate purpose

The Company's purpose, in France and in any other country, is the taking and management of interests in any company or entity, whether commercial, industrial, or financial, whose direct or indirect activity involves the manufacture and/or dissemination of Prestige products, through the acquisition, in any form whatsoever, of shares, corporate interests, bonds, or other securities or investment rights.

It may also pursue direct or indirect equity investment in any industrial or commercial operations by creating new companies, contributions, subscriptions, or purchases of shares or corporate interests, merger, takeover, joint venture, or other method.

More generally, it may also engage in any commercial, financial, and industrial activities and those involving real and moveable assets, in such a way as to facilitate, favor, or develop the Company's activity.

##### Article 3 - Corporate name

The name of the Company is: **Christian Dior**.

In all legal instruments or documents issued by the Company and addressed to third parties, this name must always be immediately preceded or followed by the words "société anonyme" or the initials "SA", which should appear legibly, and by the disclosure of the amount of the share capital.

##### Article 4 - Registered office

The address of the Company's registered office is: 30, avenue Montaigne, 75008 Paris, France.

It may be transferred to any other place within the same French administrative district (département) or any neighboring administrative district pursuant to a decision of the Board of Directors subject to the ratification of said decision by the next Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, and to any other place pursuant to a resolution of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

Agencies, branch offices, warehouses and retail outlets may be established in any place and in any country, by simple resolution of the Board of Directors, which may later relocate or close these entities at its discretion.

##### Article 5 – Duration

The duration of the Company is ninety-nine years, starting from its date of incorporation, on the eighth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

### Part II

#### *Share capital – Shares*

##### Article 6 - Share capital

The share capital of the Company is 363,454,096 euros, consisting of 181,727,048 fully paid-up shares with a par value of 2 euros each, all of which belong to the same category.

The Company issued 4,351,808 shares further to the contribution by the various shareholders of Djedi Holding SA of 5,159,349 shares held in absolute ownership and 206,374 shares held in bare ownership in the said company, valued at 1,958,313,600 French francs.

##### Article 7 – Changes in the share capital

The share capital may be increased or decreased by a resolution of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, as provided by law.

The Shareholders' Meeting may delegate the authority or powers necessary to effect such a change to the Board of Directors.

##### Article 8 - Shares

#### *PAYMENT*

Shares subscribed in cash must be paid up, upon subscription, in an amount equivalent to at least one-quarter of their par value, plus, where applicable, the entirety of the issue premium. The remainder shall be called by the Board of Directors within a maximum period of five years.

Payment for shares may be made by offsetting against liquid and demandable receivables due from the Company.

Shareholders shall be informed of calls for funds at least fifteen days in advance, either by a notice inserted in a legal gazette published where the registered office is located or by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt sent to each shareholder.

Shares allocated in the form of a contribution in kind or by way of the capitalization of unappropriated retained earnings, reserves or issue premiums as well as shares the amount of which results, in part, from an incorporation of reserves, unappropriated retained earnings or issue premiums and in part, from a cash payment, must be fully paid up upon issue.

Any late payment for shares incurs, automatically and without prior formal notice, an interest charge due to the Company, calculated at the legal rate in commercial matters as of the payment date, plus three percentage points.

## **FORM**

Fully paid-up shares may be in registered or bearer form, at the discretion of the shareholder.

When the owner of the shares is not a French resident within the meaning applied Article 102 of the French Civil Code, any intermediary may be registered on behalf of such owner. Such registration may be made in the form of a joint account or several individual accounts, each corresponding to one owner.

At the time such account is opened through either the issuing company or the financial intermediary authorized as account holder, the registered intermediary shall be required to declare, under the terms and conditions laid down by decree, its capacity as intermediary holding shares on behalf of another party.

## **TRANSFER OF SHARES**

Shares are freely negotiable, unless as prohibited by applicable laws or regulations, in particular as regards shares with payments in arrears and contributing shares.

Registered shares are transferred via inter-account transfer based on the instructions of the account holder or his or her legal representative.

## **INDIVISIBILITY**

Shares are indivisible as far as the Company is concerned. Joint holders of shares shall be required to be represented vis-à-vis the Company by only one of the joint holders or by a mutually agreed permanent representative.

## **RIGHTS ATTACHED TO THE SHARES**

Ownership of a share automatically implies acceptance of these Bylaws and of resolutions passed by Shareholders' Meetings.

Each share entails the right to take part, as provided by law and these Bylaws, in Shareholders' Meetings and in votes on resolutions.

Each share entitles the holder to a share of corporate profits and assets proportional to the number of outstanding shares, in consideration of the par value of the shares.

All shares currently comprising, or that shall comprise in future, the Company's share capital are equivalent for tax purposes. Accordingly, each share shall entitle the holder, as much during the active existence of the Company as in the event of liquidation, to the payment of the same net amount at the time of any distribution or redemption, such that all taxes or tax exemptions relating to said distribution or redemption shall be consolidated, without distinction between the shares.

The liability of shareholders is limited to the amount of their contribution to the Company's share capital.

Under no circumstances may a shareholder's heirs, representatives or creditors apply for seals to be placed on or initiate proceedings against the Company's property and assets, request the division or public sale by auction of the same, nor interfere in any way with the actions of the Company's management. These individuals must refer to the Company's schedules of assets and liabilities and must respect the decisions of Shareholders' Meetings.

## **CROSSING OF SHAREHOLDER THRESHOLD**

Any legal entity or natural person who comes to possess a number of shares representing more than 1% of the Company's share capital shall notify the Company no later than eight days after the crossing of this threshold and each time that a further threshold of 1% is crossed. However, this obligation shall cease to be applicable when the portion of capital held is equal to or greater than 60% of the Company's share capital.

In the event of a failure to comply with this disclosure obligation, the shares in excess of the percentage that should have been declared shall be deprived of their voting rights at any Shareholders' Meeting to be held within a period of three months following the date on which proper notification is made, provided that a request to this effect has been recorded in the minutes of the Shareholders' Meeting by one or more shareholders holding at least 5% of the Company's share capital.

## **IDENTIFIABLE BEARER SHARES**

In order to identify the holders of securities, the Company is entitled to request, at any time, at its own expense, that the central custodian of financial instruments provide the name, or in the case of a legal entity, the Company name, the nationality, the year of birth or incorporation, and the address of the holders of shares conferring the right to vote, immediately or at some point in the future, at its own Shareholders' Meetings, as well as the number of shares held by such natural persons or legal entities and the restrictions, if any, which may exist upon the shares.

In light of the list sent by the aforementioned body, the Company shall be entitled to request information concerning the owners of the shares listed above, either through the intervention of that body, or directly, under the same terms and conditions and subject to the penalties stipulated in Article L. 228-3-2 of the French Commercial Code, of the persons appearing on that list and who might be, in the Company's opinion, registered on behalf of third parties.

When they act as intermediaries, such persons shall be required to disclose the identity of the owners of such shares. The information shall be provided directly to the authorized financial intermediary holding the account, who shall, in turn, be responsible for communicating it to the issuing company or the aforementioned body, as applicable.

## **Part III**

### **Chapter I: Corporate governance**

#### **Article 9 - Composition of the Board of Directors**

Subject to the exceptions provided by law, the Company is administered by a Board of Directors composed of at least three and no more than eighteen members, appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting for a term of office lasting three years.

A legal entity may be appointed as a Director but is required, at the time of its appointment, to designate an individual who shall serve as its permanent representative on the Board of Directors. The term of office of a permanent representative is the same as that of the legal entity Director he or she represents and must be reconfirmed at each renewal of the latter's term of office.

When the legal entity dismisses its permanent representative, it must at the same time provide for its replacement, and must send notification to the Company, by registered letter, of this dismissal as well as the identity of the new permanent representative. The same provision applies in case of death or resignation of the permanent representative.

A Director's appointment shall terminate at the close of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the accounts of the preceding fiscal year and held in the year during which the term of office of said Director comes to an end.

However, in order to allow a renewal of the terms which is as egalitarian as possible and in any case complete for each period of three years, the Board of Directors will have the option to determine the order of retirement of the Directors by the impartial selection in a Board Meeting of one-third of the Directors each year. Once the rotation has been established, renewals will take place according to seniority.

Nobody being more than eighty-five years old shall be appointed Director if, as a result of his or her appointment, the number of Directors who are more than eighty-five years old would exceed one-third of the members of the Board. The number of members of the Board of Directors who are more than eighty-five years old may not exceed one-third, rounded to the next higher number if this total is not a whole number, of the Directors in office. Whenever this limit is exceeded, the term in office of the oldest appointed member shall be deemed to have expired at the close of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the financial statements of the fiscal year during which the limit was exceeded.

Directors may be re-elected indefinitely. They may be revoked at any time by decision of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

In case of death or resignation of one or more Advisors, the Board of Directors may, between two Shareholders' Meetings, make provisional appointments, subject to their ratification by the next Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

When the number of members of the Board of Directors falls below the statutory minimum, the remaining Directors must immediately convene an Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting in order to supplement the membership of the Board of Directors.

A Director appointed to replace another Director shall serve as Director only for the remainder of the predecessor's term of office.

#### Article 10 - Shares held by Directors

Each Director must own at least two hundred shares of the Company for the entire duration of his, her or its term of office.

If, when appointed, a member of the Board of Directors does not own the required number of shares, or if the member ceases to own this required number at any point in his, her or its term of office, the member shall be allowed a period of six months to purchase a sufficient number of shares, failing which he, she or it shall be automatically considered to have resigned.

#### Article 11 - Organization of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall elect a Chairman, who must be an individual, from among its members. It shall determine his term of office, which cannot exceed that of his office as Director.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors cannot be more than

seventy-five years old. Should the Chairman reach this age limit during his term of office, his appointment shall be deemed to have expired at the close of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the financial statements of the fiscal year during which the limit was reached. Subject to this provision, the Chairman of the Board may always be re-elected.

In case of temporary disability or death of the Chairman, the Board may temporarily delegate a Director to perform the duties of the Chairman. In case of temporary disability this delegation is granted for a limited duration and is renewable. In case of death it is granted until the election of the new Chairman.

The Board of Directors may also appoint a Secretary, who may or may not be chosen from among the members of the Board.

#### Article 12 - Operating procedures of the Board of Directors

1. The Board meets as often as required by the interests of the Company and is convened by its Chairman on his own initiative, or if he is not also the Chief Executive Officer, at the request of the Chief Executive Officer or the Director temporarily delegated to perform the duties of Chairman.

If the Board of Directors has not met for more than two months, a meeting may also be convened by any group of Directors, representing at least one-third of the members of the Board, who shall indicate the agenda of the meeting.

Meetings are held at the registered office or at any other location specified in the convening notice. Meetings of the Board are chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or by the Director temporarily designated to perform the duties of Chairman or, if unavailable, by another Director selected by the Board of Directors.

Notice is served in the form of a letter sent to each Director, at least eight days prior to the meeting; it shall mention the agenda of the meeting as set by the person(s) convening the meeting. However, the Board may meet without notice upon verbal notice and the agenda may be set at the opening of the meeting if all Directors in office are present or represented or when it is convened by the Chairman during a Shareholders' Meeting.

Any Director may give a proxy to another Director, even by letter or cable, to represent him and vote on his behalf on resolutions of the Board of Directors, for a specific meeting. However, each Director may only dispose of one proxy during the meeting.

An attendance register shall be kept and signed by all the Directors attending each meeting.

2. The Board may validly act only if at least one-half of its members are present.

Directors who participate in Board Meetings by means of videoconferencing or other telecommunication methods under the conditions defined by the internal rules and regulations of the Board of Directors shall be deemed to be present for the purposes of calculating the quorum and majority. However, actual presence or representation shall be necessary for any Board resolutions relating to the preparation of the parent company financial statements and consolidated financial statements, and to the drafting of the Management Report and the report on the Group's Management.

Decisions are made by a majority of the votes of members present or represented. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman's vote is the deciding vote.

- Proceedings of the Board of Directors shall be officially recorded in the form of minutes in a special numbered and initialed minute book kept at the registered office, or on separate sheets, consecutively numbered and initialed.

These minutes shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and by a Director. If the Chairman of the meeting is unavailable, they may be signed by two Directors.

The production of abstracts or copies of the minutes to a meeting shall serve as sufficient justification of the number of Directors in office and their presence or representation by proxy at the meeting.

To be valid, copies or abstracts of the minutes of the meeting shall be certified by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary, the Director temporarily delegated to perform the duties of Chairman, or by a representative duly authorized to that effect.

In the event of the liquidation of the Company, these copies or abstracts shall be validly certified by a single liquidator.

### Article 13 - Powers of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors sets guidelines for the Company's activities and shall ensure their implementation. Subject to the powers expressly granted to the Shareholders' Meetings and within the limits of the corporate purpose, it addresses any issue relating to the Company's proper operation and settles the affairs concerning it through its resolutions.

In its relations with third parties, the Company is bound even by acts of the Board of Directors falling outside the scope of the corporate purpose, unless it demonstrates that the third party knew that the act exceeded such purpose or that it could not have ignored it given the circumstances, it being specified that mere publication of the Bylaws is not sufficient proof thereof.

The Board of Directors performs such monitoring and verifications as it deems appropriate. Each Director receives all necessary information for completing his assignment and may request any documents he deems useful.

The Board of Directors distributes among its members the total amount of attendance fees voted by the Shareholders' Meeting.

The decisions of the Board of Directors shall be carried out either by the Chief Executive Officer or by any person specifically appointed by the Board for that purpose.

Furthermore, the Board may grant one of its members or any third parties, whether shareholders or not, any special offices for one or more specific purposes, with or without the option, for the persons so appointed, to themselves delegate, whether in full or in part, the performance of these duties.

It may also resolve to create Committees responsible for studying such issues as it may submit thereto for examination.

### Article 14 - Remuneration of Directors

The Shareholders' Meeting may allocate to the Directors in remuneration for their services a fixed sum as attendance fees,

the amount of which is to be included in the overhead expenses of the Company.

The Board shall divide the amount of these attendance fees among its members as it deems fit. In particular, it may decide to allow Directors who serve on committees a greater portion of these fees.

It may also allow exceptional remuneration for specific duties or offices assigned to Directors.

These payments shall be subject to the legal provisions applicable to agreements requiring the prior authorization of the Board of Directors.

### Article 14a - Advisors

Between one and three Advisors may be appointed. They may each be appointed for a term of no longer than three years, although they may be re-elected. Their appointment or dismissal is subject to the same rules as those applying to Directors. However, Advisors need not be shareholders and as such are not subject to rules relating to the holding of multiple appointments as Directors or to similar positions.

Advisors are convened to the Meetings of the Board of Directors, in which they have a consultative vote. The remuneration paid to Advisors is determined each year by the Board of Directors and is set off from the total attendance fees allocated by the Shareholders' Meeting to the members of the Board of Directors.

## Chapter II: Management of the Company

### Article 15 - Chairman - General Management

#### I - CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chairman of the Board of Directors chairs the Meetings of the Board, and organizes and directs its work, for which he reports to the Shareholders' Meeting. He ensures the proper operation of the corporate bodies and verifies, in particular, that the Directors are capable of fulfilling their assignments.

The Board shall determine the compensation to be paid to the Chairman.

#### II - GENERAL MANAGEMENT

##### 1. Choice between the two methods of General Management

The Company's General Management is performed, under his responsibility, either by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or by another individual appointed by the Board of Directors and bearing the title of Chief Executive Officer, depending upon the decision of the Board of Directors choosing between the two methods of exercising the General Management function. It shall inform the shareholders thereof in accordance with the regulatory conditions.

When the Company's General Management is assumed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the following provisions relating to the Chief Executive Officer shall apply to him.

##### 2. Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer may or may not be chosen from among the Directors. The Board sets his term of office as well

as his compensation. The age limit for serving as Chief Executive Officer is seventy years. Should the Chief Executive Officer reach this age limit, his term of office shall be deemed to have expired at the close of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the financial statements of the fiscal year during which the limit was reached.

The Chief Executive Officer may be dismissed at any time by the Board of Directors. If the dismissal is decided without just cause, it may give rise to damages, unless the Chief Executive Officer assumes the duties of Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Chief Executive Officer is vested with the most extensive powers to act under any circumstances on behalf of the Company. He exercises such powers within the limits of the corporate purpose, and subject to the powers expressly granted by law to the Shareholders' Meeting and to the Board of Directors.

He shall represent the Company in its relations with third parties. The Company is bound even by acts of the Chief Executive Officer falling outside the scope of the corporate purpose, unless it demonstrates that the third party knew that the act exceeded such purpose or could not have ignored it given the circumstances, it being specified that mere publication of the Bylaws is not sufficient to establish such proof.

The provisions of the Bylaws or decisions of the Board of Directors limiting the powers of the Chief Executive Officer are not binding on third parties.

### 3. Group Managing Directors

Upon the proposal of the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors may appoint one or more individuals responsible for assisting the Chief Executive Officer, with the title of Group Managing Director, for whom it shall set the compensation.

There may not be more than five Group Managing Directors serving in this capacity at the same time.

Group Managing Directors may be dismissed at any time by the Board of Directors, upon the proposal of the Chief Executive Officer. If the dismissal is decided without just cause, it may give rise to damages.

When the Chief Executive Officer ceases to exercise his duties or is prevented from doing so, the Group Managing Directors remain in office with the same powers until the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer, unless resolved otherwise by the Board.

In agreement with the Chief Executive Officer, the Board of Directors sets the scope and duration of the powers granted to Group Managing Directors. With regard to third parties, they shall have the same powers as the Chief Executive Officer.

The age limit for eligibility to perform the duties of Group Managing Director is seventy years. Should a Group Managing Director reach this age limit during his term of office, his appointment shall be deemed to have expired at the close of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the financial statements of the fiscal year during which the limit was reached.

### *Chapter III: Company audit*

#### Article 16 - Statutory Auditors

The Company shall be audited by one or more Statutory Auditors appointed by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

One or more alternate Statutory Auditors shall also be appointed.

The term of office for a Statutory Auditor is six years, expiring following the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the financial statements for the sixth fiscal year.

Statutory Auditors may be removed from office by the Shareholders' Meeting in the event of negligence or inability.

They are required to attend Meetings of the Board of Directors convened to approve the annual or half-yearly financial statements of the preceding fiscal year as well as all Shareholders' Meetings.

The remuneration paid to Statutory Auditors is determined in accordance with applicable regulatory procedures.

A Statutory Auditor appointed to replace another shall remain in office only until the expiration of the term of office of his or her predecessor.

## Part IV

### *Shareholders' Meetings*

#### *Chapter I: General provisions*

##### Article 17

#### **IMPACT OF DECISIONS**

Shareholders' Meetings deemed to be duly convened and held represent all shareholders. Decisions taken during Shareholders' Meetings, in accordance with the law and the provisions of these Bylaws, shall be binding for all shareholders, even those who are absent, indisposed or dissenting.

#### **CONVENING NOTICES**

Shareholders meet every year, within six months from the end of each fiscal year, in an Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

Additional Shareholders' Meetings may be convened at any time during the year, whether as Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings held on an extraordinary basis or as Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings.

Shareholders' Meetings shall be convened and held as provided by law.

Convening notices are sent to shareholders at least fifteen days prior to the planned date of the Shareholders' Meeting. This period is reduced to ten days for reconvened Shareholders' Meetings and for postponed Meetings.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The Shareholders' Meeting is made up of all shareholders, irrespective of the number of shares they own.

The right to attend and vote at Shareholders' Meetings is subject to the registration of the shareholder in the Company's share register.

A shareholder is entitled to attend and vote at any Meeting provided that the shares held are registered in the name of the shareholder or intermediary authorized to act on his or her behalf as of the fourth business day preceding the Meeting at midnight, Paris time, either in the accounts of registered shares maintained by the Company or in the accounts of bearer shares maintained by the officially authorized financial intermediary. The recording

or registration of bearer shares is certified by a statement delivered by the financial intermediary authorized as account holder.

Holders of shares shall not be admitted to Shareholders' Meetings with respect to the shares not paid up within a period of thirty calendar days from the notice issued by the Company. These shares shall be subtracted when calculating the quorum.

A shareholder can always be represented in a valid manner at a Shareholders' Meeting by another shareholder, his or her spouse, the partner with whom he or she has entered into a *Pacte civil de solidarité* (PACS, the French civil union contract), or any other private individual or legal entity of his or her choice. Written notice must be sent to the Company of the appointment of any proxy, and where applicable the rescindment of this appointment.

Shareholders may address their proxy form and/or their voting form for any Meeting, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, either by mail or, if decided by the Board of Directors, by electronic transmission.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 1316-4, paragraph 2 of the French Civil Code, in the event of the use of an electronically submitted form, the shareholder's signature shall make use of a reliable identification process that ensures the link with the document to which it is attached.

A shareholder having voted by mail or by electronic transmission, sent a proxy or requested an admittance card or certificate stating the ownership of shares may not select another means of taking part in the meeting.

Any shareholder not deprived of voting rights may be appointed as a proxy by another shareholder in order to be represented at a Meeting.

Any intermediary who meets the requirements set forth in paragraphs seven and eight of Article L. 228-1 of the French Commercial Code may, pursuant to a general securities management agreement, transmit to a Shareholders' Meeting the vote or proxy of a shareholder, as defined in paragraph seven of that same article.

Before transmitting any proxies or votes to a Shareholders' Meeting, the intermediary registered pursuant to Article L. 228-1 of the French Commercial Code shall be required, at the request of the issuing company or its agent, to provide a list of the non-resident owners of the shares to which such voting rights are attached. Such list shall be supplied as provided by either Article L. 228-2 or Article L. 228-3 of the French Commercial Code, whichever is appropriate.

A vote or proxy issued by an intermediary who either is not declared as such, or does not disclose the identity of the shareholders, may not be counted.

Legal representatives of legally incapacitated shareholders, and natural persons representing shareholders that are legal entities, shall take part in meetings regardless of whether or not they personally are shareholders.

Shareholders have as many votes as they hold shares. However, a voting right equal to twice the voting right attached to other shares with respect to the portion of the share capital that they represent, is granted:

- to all fully paid-up registered shares for which evidence of

registration under the name of the same shareholder, over a period of least three years, may be demonstrated;

- to registered shares allocated to a shareholder in case of increase of the capital by capitalization of reserves, or of profits carried forward or of issue premiums due to existing shares for which it was entitled to benefit from this right.

This double voting right shall automatically lapse in the case of registered shares being converted into bearer shares or conveyed in property. However, any transfer by right of inheritance, by way of liquidation of community property between spouses or deed of gift inter vivos to the benefit of a spouse or an heir shall neither cause the acquired right to be lost nor interrupt the abovementioned three-year qualifying period. This is also the case for any transfer due to a merger or spin-off of a shareholding company.

When a Works Council exists within the Company, two of its members, appointed by the Council, may attend Shareholders' Meetings. At their request, their opinions must be heard on the occasion of any vote requiring the unanimous approval of shareholders.

## Article 18 - Convening and conduct of Shareholders' Meetings

Shareholders' Meetings shall be convened as provided by law.

Meetings are held at the registered office or at any other place mentioned in the convening notice.

In accordance with the conditions set by applicable legal and regulatory provisions, and pursuant to a decision of the Board of Directors, Shareholders' Meetings may also be held by means of video conference or through the use of any telecommunications media allowing the identification of shareholders.

A Shareholders' Meeting is chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or, in his absence, by the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors or, in the absence of both of these individuals, by a member of the Board of Directors appointed by the Board for that purpose. If no such person has been appointed, the meeting elects its Chairman.

The agenda of the meeting shall be set, in the usual course of events, by the person(s) convening the meeting.

The two members of the Meeting present, having the greatest number of votes, and accepting that role, are appointed as Scrutineers.

The Officers of the Meeting appoint a Secretary, who may but need not be a shareholder.

An attendance sheet is drawn up and initialed by the shareholders present, and certified as accurate by the Officers of the Meeting.

Proceedings of the Shareholders' Meeting shall be officially recorded in the form of minutes in a special numbered and initialed minute book kept at the registered office, or on separate sheets, consecutively numbered and initialed.

These minutes shall be signed by the Officers of the meeting. Copies or abstracts of the minutes shall be validly certified by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by a Director temporarily delegated to perform the duties of the Chief Executive Officer, or by the Secretary of the Meeting.

**Chapter II: Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings****Article 19 - Powers**

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting shall hear the reports prepared by the Board of Directors, its Chairman, and the Statutory Auditors. It also reviews the financial statements prepared by the Company.

The Meeting discusses, approves, amends or rejects the financial statements submitted. It decides upon the distribution and appropriation of profits.

It decides upon any amounts to be allocated to reserve funds. It also determines the amounts to be withdrawn from reserves and decides upon their distribution.

It determines the total amount of attendance fees to be allocated to the members of the Board of Directors.

It appoints, replaces, re-elects or dismisses Directors.

It ratifies any appointments of Directors made on a provisional basis by the Board of Directors.

It appoints the Statutory Auditors and examines their special report.

It hears all proposals that do not fall within the exclusive remit of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

**Article 20 - Quorum and majority**

In order to pass valid resolutions, the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, convened upon first notice, must consist of shareholders, present or represented, holding at least one-fifth of total voting shares.

When convened upon second notice, the deliberations of an Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting shall be valid regardless of the number of shares represented.

The resolutions of the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting are approved by a majority of the votes held by the shareholders present or represented.

**Chapter III: Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings****Article 21 - Powers**

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting may amend the Bylaws in any of its provisions and it may also decide upon the transformation of the Company into a company having any other legal form.

However, in no event, unless by unanimous decision of the shareholders, may it increase the duties of the latter, nor may it violate the principle of equal treatment of all shareholders, except in the case of transactions resulting from a duly completed regrouping of shares.

**Article 22 - Quorum and majority**

1. In order to pass valid resolutions, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, convened upon first notice, must consist of shareholders, present or represented, holding at least one-fourth of total voting shares. The deliberations of an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting convened upon second notice or held as a result of the postponement of the meeting convened upon second notice shall be valid provided it consists of shareholders holding at least one-fifth of total voting shares.

The resolutions of the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the shareholders present or represented.

2. When deciding upon or authorizing the Board of Directors to effect a capital increase through the incorporation of reserves, unappropriated retained earnings, or issue premiums, resolutions are passed subject to the quorum and majority conditions of Ordinary Shareholders' Meetings.

3. A capital increase effected by way of an increase in the par value of shares to be paid up in cash, or through the offsetting of receivables, requires the unanimous approval of shareholders, representing the entirety of shares making up the share capital.

**Chapter IV: Constitutive Shareholders' Meetings****Article 23 - Quorum and majority**

Constitutive Shareholders' Meetings, which are those convened to approve contributions in kind or benefits in kind, shall pass valid resolutions subject to the quorum and majority conditions of Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings specified in the previous Article.

At these Meetings, neither the contributor nor the beneficiary may vote, on his or her own behalf or as a proxy. His or her shares shall not be taken into account when calculating the quorum and majority.

**Part V****Parent company financial statements****Article 24 - Fiscal year**

Each fiscal year has a duration of twelve months, commencing on the first day of July and ending on the thirtieth day of June of the following civil year.

**Article 25 - Company accounts**

Regular accounts shall be kept of the Company's operations in conformity with the law and normal commercial practice.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Board of Directors shall draw up the schedule of the assets and liabilities existing as of the fiscal year-end as well as the annual accounts. The amount of commitments in the form of sureties, guarantees or collateral shall be mentioned in the balance sheet.

The Board of Directors shall also draw up a Management Report.

All of these documents shall be made available to the Statutory Auditors in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Article 26 - Distributable earnings**

1. The net proceeds of each fiscal year, minus general expenses and other expenses incurred by the Company, including all amortization, depreciation and provisions, represents the net profit or loss of the fiscal year.

2. From the net profit for each fiscal year, minus prior losses, if any, an amount equal to at least one-twentieth must be deducted and allocated to the formation of a "legal reserve" fund. This deduction is no longer required when the amount

of the legal reserve has reached one-tenth of the share capital of the Company. It is resumed when, for any reason, the legal reserve falls below this fraction.

3. Distributable earnings consist of the remaining balance, plus any profits carried forward.

From these distributable earnings:

The Shareholders' Meeting may deduct the necessary amounts for allocation to the special reserve for long-term capital gains, as provided for by current tax provisions, if other legal or optional reserves do not allow such contribution at the time the allocation is taxable in order to defer payment at the full corporate income tax rate applicable to long-term capital gains realized during the fiscal year.

The Shareholders' Meeting may then deduct from the balance such sums as it deems appropriate, either to be carried forward to the following fiscal year, or to be applied to one or more general or special reserve funds, whose allocation or use it shall freely determine.

Any remaining balance is to be distributed among all shareholders in the form of a dividend, prorated in accordance with the share capital represented by each share.

The Shareholders' Meeting convened to approve the year's financial statements may grant each shareholder, upon the proposal of the Board of Directors, in relation to all or part of the dividend distributed, a choice between payment of the dividend in cash or in shares. The Board of Directors has the same authority for the distribution of interim dividends.

4. Except in the case of a capital reduction, no distribution may be made to shareholders when equity is or would subsequently become less than the total share capital.

## Part VI

### *Transformation – Dissolution – Extension – Liquidation – Litigation*

#### **Article 27 - Transformation**

The Company may be transformed into a company having a different legal form provided that, at the time of the transformation, it has been in existence for at least two years and the balance sheets of its first two years of existence have been approved by the shareholders.

Any transformation of the Company must be decided upon and published as provided by law.

#### **Article 28 - Net assets amounting to less than one-half of the share capital**

If, as a consequence of losses showed by the Company's accounts, the equity of the Company is reduced to below one-half of the share capital of the Company, the Board of Directors shall, within four months from the approval of the accounts showing such loss, convene an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting in order to decide whether the Company ought to be dissolved before its statutory term.

If the dissolution is not resolved, the Company must, no later than the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year during which the losses were established, reduce its share capital by an amount at least equal to the losses which could not be charged to reserves if, by the conclusion of the aforementioned period, the net assets have not been replenished to an amount at least equal to one-half of the share capital.

In either case, the resolution adopted by the Shareholders' Meeting shall be published, in accordance with the law.

#### **Article 29 - Premature dissolution and extension**

An Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting may at any time declare the premature dissolution of the Company or, at the expiration of the Company's term of existence, its extension.

At least one year prior to the expiration of the Company's term of existence, the Board of Directors shall convene an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, in order to decide whether the Company's term ought to be extended.

#### **Article 30 - Liquidation**

Upon the expiration of the Company's term of existence or in the event of its premature dissolution, the Shareholders' Meeting shall decide the methods of liquidation and appoint one or several liquidators whose powers it shall determine.

The appointment of the liquidator(s) terminates the office of the Directors and that of the Statutory Auditors.

During the period of the liquidation, the Shareholders' Meeting shall retain the same powers as those it exercised during the existence of the Company.

The net proceeds of the liquidation, after payment of liabilities, shall be used first for the repayment of the amount paid up on shares that has not already been repaid to shareholders by the Company, with the balance divided among all the shares.

The shareholders are convened at the end of the liquidation in order to decide on the final accounts, to discharge the liquidators from liability for their acts of management and the performance of their office, and to formally acknowledge the termination of the liquidation process. The conclusion of the liquidation shall be published as provided by law.

#### **Article 31 - Litigation – Election of domicile**

Any litigation that may arise, during the term of existence of the Company or its liquidation, either between the shareholders and the Company, or among the shareholders themselves, with respect to Company activities, shall be heard by the competent courts with jurisdiction over the location of the Company's registered office.

To this end, all shareholders must elect domicile within the same area of jurisdiction as the registered office and all summons or notices shall be validly served at this domicile.

Where no such domicile is elected, summons and notices shall be validly served before the Procureur de la République (French public prosecutor) at the Tribunal de Grande Instance (French civil court) that has jurisdiction over the location of the registered office.