



Micro Focus International plc

MICRO FOCUS SHARESAVE PLAN IRELAND 2013

Adopted by the board of the Company on 13 August 2013

The Plan is a discretionary benefit offered by the Micro Focus group for the benefit of its employees. Its purpose is to increase the interest of the employees in Micro Focus's business goals and results through share ownership. The Plan is an incentive for the employees' future performance and commitment to the goals of the Micro Focus group..

Shares purchased under the Plan and gains achieved by exercising options granted under the Plan are **not** part of salary (except to any extent required by statute).

The Plan is being offered for the first time in and the board of Micro Focus International plc shall have the right to decide, in its sole discretion, whether or not further options will be offered in the future under the Plan.

Participating in the Plan is an investment opportunity distinct from any employment contract. Participation in the Plan entails the risk associated with an investment. An individual who participates in the Plan is treated as being aware of such risks and accepts such risks of his own free will.

The detailed rules for the Plan are set out in this document.

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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Plan, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**Act**” means the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997

“**Appropriate Period**” has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 12A to the Act, but with references to section 204 of the Companies Act 1963 substituted with references to section 974 to 989 of the Companies Act 2006 and with references to section 201 of the Companies Act 1963 substituted with references to section 895 to 899 of the Companies Act 2006.

“**Associated Company**” means an associated company of the Company as described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act .

“**Board**” means the board of directors of the Company or a duly authorised committee of the Board or a duly authorised person;

“**Bonus**” means the Bonus paid on the completion of the Savings Contract;

“**Bonus Date**” has the meaning assigned to it by paragraph 18 of Schedule 12A to the Act;

“**the Company**” means Micro Focus International plc (registered in England and Wales with registered number 05134647);

“**Contribution**” means a contribution under a Savings Contract;

“**Control**” has the meaning assigned to it in section 432 of the Act;

“**dealing day**” means a dealing day of either the London Stock Exchange or any other recognised securities exchange on which Shares are quoted and from which the Option Price is determined;

“**Eligible Employee**” means a person who satisfies the conditions described in Rule 2.1 (*General rule on eligibility*);

“**Grant Date**” means the date on which an Option is granted;

“**Invitation**” means an invitation to apply for an Option as described in Rule 3 (*Invitations*);

“**Listing Rules**” means the Listing Rules published by the UKLA;

“**London Stock Exchange**” means London Stock Exchange plc or successor body;

“**Option**” means a right to acquire Shares granted under the Plan;

“**Option Price**” means the price at which Shares may be acquired on the exercise of an Option as determined under Rule 6 (*Option Price*);

“**Participant**” means a person who holds an Option including his personal representatives;

“**Participating Company**” means:

- (a) the Company; and
- (b) any Subsidiary designated by the Board;

"**Plan**" means the Micro Focus Sharesave Plan Ireland 2013 as amended from time to time;

"**Related Company**" means a company approved in advance by Revenue, which is not under the Control of a single person, but is under the Control of two persons, one of them being the Company;

"**Revenue**" means the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland;

"**Rule**" means a rule of the Plan;

"**Savings Contract**" means an agreement under a certified contractual savings scheme, within the meaning of -subsection 4 of section 519C of the Act, which has been approved by Revenue for the purposes of Schedule 12B;

"**Schedule 12A**" means schedule 12A to the Act;

"**Shares**" means fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company which satisfy the requirements of paragraphs 10 to 15 of Schedule 12A, unless Rule 9.11 (*Shares ceasing to satisfy Schedule 3 requirements*) applies;

"**Specified Age**" means age 60;

"**Subsidiary**" means a body corporate which is a subsidiary (within the meaning of section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006) of the Company and of which the Company has Control;

"**UKLA**" means the United Kingdom Listing Authority;

and expressions not otherwise defined in this Plan have the same meanings as they have in Schedule 12A.

1.2 Any reference in the Plan to any enactment includes a reference to that enactment as from time to time modified, extended or re-enacted.

1.3 Expressions in italics and headings are for guidance only and do not form part of the Plan.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**

2.1 **General rule on eligibility**

An individual is eligible to be invited to apply for an Option only if:

- (a) he is an employee of a Participating Company, including a full time director, (a director who is required to devote substantially the whole of his time to the service of the Company or a Participating Company); and
- (b) he satisfies the conditions in Rule 2.2 (*Individuals eligible*) and he is not excluded from being granted an Option because of paragraph 8 of Schedule 12A (*material interest in a close company*).

2.2 **Individuals eligible**

The conditions referred to in Rule 2.1(b) are that:

- (a) the individual shall have a qualifying period of continuous service (if any) with the Company or any Subsidiary from time to time as the Board may decide, such period not to exceed three years at the Grant Date; and

- (b) the individual is chargeable to Irish income tax in respect of that persons office or employment under Schedule E

3. INVITATIONS

3.1 Issuing Invitations

The Board shall decide if and when Invitations will be issued. If the Board decides to issue Invitations then it must issue an Invitation to each Eligible Employee.

3.2 Timing of Invitations

Invitations may be issued at any time but before the Board decides when to issue Invitations it must have regard both to when the Option Price may be determined under Rule 6.1 (*Option Price – timing of determination*) and any regulatory restrictions on both the issuing of such Invitations and any subsequent grant of Options.

3.3 Content of Invitations

Each Invitation will specify:

- (a) the date by which an application for an Option must be received (being not less than 14 days after the date of the Invitation unless otherwise agreed in advance with Revenue);
- (b) the Option Price (or how the Option Price will be determined);
- (c) any choice of Saving Contracts (in terms of the number of monthly contributions payable) and Bonus Dates (where there is more than one possible Bonus Date in respect of a particular Savings Contract);
- (d) the minimum monthly Contribution which must not be less than €12 (or as otherwise stated in the relevant Savings Contract);
- (e) the maximum monthly Contribution, which must be not more than €500 or as otherwise specified in paragraph 25 of Schedule 12A;
- (f) if the Bonus payable under a Savings Contract shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Shares made subject to an Option, then that fact.

4. APPLICATIONS

4.1 Form of application

An application for an Option shall be accompanied by an application for a Savings Contract in which the Eligible Employee must state:

- (a) the monthly Contribution he proposes to make;
- (b) that his proposed monthly Contribution, when added to any other monthly Contribution he makes under any other Savings Contract, will not exceed the maximum permitted under Schedule 12A;
- (c) if he has a choice of Savings Contract, the Savings Contract chosen; and
- (d) if he has a choice of Bonus Dates, the Bonus Dates chosen.

4.2 **Number of Shares under Option**

An application for an Option shall be for an Option to acquire the largest whole number of Shares which could be acquired at the Option Price with an amount equal to the expected Contributions plus the Bonus payable under the relevant Savings Contract on the Bonus Date unless it was specified in the Invitation that the Bonus would not be included for this purpose.

4.3 **Effect of limits**

If there are applications for Options over more Shares than permitted under Rule 8 (*Limits*) then each application for an Option and a related Savings Contract shall be deemed to have been amended or withdrawn under Rule 5 (*Scaling back*).

If an Eligible Employee specifies in his application for a Savings Contract a proposed Contribution which, when added to any other Contribution he makes under any other Savings Contract, would exceed the maximum permitted in the related Invitation then the Board is authorised to reduce the proposed Contribution to the maximum amount permitted.

5. **SCALING BACK**

If valid applications for Options are received for a total number of Shares which exceeds any maximum number permitted by the Board or permitted by the limit in Rule 8 (*Limits*) then the Board shall scale back the applications using one or more of the following methods:

- (a) by reducing the proposed Contributions by the same proportion provided that the reduced amount shall not be less than the minimum amount permitted under the relevant Savings Contract;
- (b) by reducing the proposed Contributions successively by €1, €2, €3 and so on to an amount not less than the minimum amount specified in the relevant Invitation;
- (c) where relevant, by treating any application for a later Bonus Date under a Savings Contract as an application for an earlier Bonus Date under that Savings Contract;
- (d) by treating the expected repayment under a Savings Contract as not including a bonus;
or
- (e) by deeming each choice of a Savings Contract of a five year term as one of a three year term.

If scaling back under the preceding provisions of this Rule does not make available sufficient Shares to allow all Eligible Employees who have made valid applications to be granted Options the Board may either select applications by lot or decide not to accept any applications on that occasion.

6. **OPTION PRICE**

6.1 **Option Price – timing of determination**

The Option Price may only be determined by reference to dealing days falling:

- (a) within the period of 6 weeks starting on:
 - (i) the day on which the Plan is formally approved by Revenue;

- (ii) the dealing day after the day on which the Company announces its results for any period; or
 - (iii) any day on which a new Savings Contract prospectus is announced or comes into force; or
- (b) at any other time when the circumstances are considered by the Board to be sufficiently exceptional to justify the issuing of Invitations.

6.2 **Option Price – method of determination**

The Board will determine the Option Price which must be:

- (a) not manifestly less than 80% (or such other percentage as may be specified in paragraph 26 of Schedule 12A) of the Market Value (as defined below) of a Share on either:
 - (i) the dealing day preceding the date on which Invitations are sent to Eligible Employees; or
 - (ii) the date specified in the Invitation; and
- (b) in the case of an Option to acquire Shares only by subscription, not less than the nominal value of those Shares.

For the purpose of this Rule, “**Market Value**” on any day means:

- (aa) if Shares are quoted in the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List:
 - (i) the closing middle market quotation of Shares (as derived from that list) for that day; or
 - (ii) if the Board decides, the average of the closing middle market quotations of Shares (as derived from that list) over the 5 dealing days ending on that day; or
 - (iii) the closing middle market quotation of the Shares (as derived from that list) on such other dealing day or days as may be agreed in advance with Revenue;
- (bb) if paragraph (aa) above does not apply, the market value (within the meaning of Section 548 of the Act) of a Share as agreed in advance for the purposes of the Plan with Revenue.

7. **GRANT OF OPTIONS**

7.1 **Grant procedure**

Subject to Rule 5 (*Scaling back*) and Rule 7.5 (*Approvals and consents*), the Board may grant an Option to every individual who:

- (a) has submitted a valid application for an Option; and
- (b) is an Eligible Employee on the Grant Date.

7.2 **Restrictions on timing of grant of Options**

Options must be granted within 30 days (or 42 days if applications are scaled back) after the first day by reference to which the Option Price is set under Rule 6.1 but:

- (a) not before the date on which Revenue approves the Plan for the purposes of Schedule 12A; nor
- (b) later than 12 August 2023 (that is, the expiry of the period of 10 years beginning with the date on which the Plan is approved by the Board of Micro Focus International plc.)

7.3 **Method of satisfying options**

Unless specified to the contrary by the Board at the time of grant of an Option, an Option may be satisfied:

- (a) by the issue of new Shares; and/or
- (b) by the transfer of treasury Shares; and/or
- (c) by the transfer of Shares other than the transfer of treasury Shares.

The Board may decide to change the way in which it is intended that an Option may be satisfied after it has been granted, having regard to the provisions of Rule 8 (*Limits*) and the provisions of the Act.

7.4 **Non-transferability and bankruptcy**

An Option granted to any person:

- (a) shall lapse on any attempt to transfer, assign, charge or otherwise dispose of it except on his death to his personal representatives; and
- (b) shall lapse if he is declared bankrupt.

7.5 **Approvals and consents**

The grant of any Option shall be subject to obtaining any approval or consent required under the Listing Rules, any relevant share dealing code of the Company, [the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers,] or any other relevant UK, Irish or other overseas regulation or enactment.

8. **LIMITS**

8.1 **10% in 10 years limit**

No Option shall be granted in any calendar year which would, at the time it is granted, cause the number of Shares allocated (as defined in Rule 8.2) on or after [17 May 2005] and in the period of 10 calendar years ending with that year under the Plan or under any other employee share plan adopted by the Company to exceed such number as represents [10%] of the ordinary share capital of the Company in issue at that time.

8.2 **Meaning of "allocated"**

For the purpose of Rule 8.1:

- (a) Shares are allocated:
 - (i) when an option, award or other contractual right to acquire unissued Shares or treasury Shares is granted;

- (ii) where Shares are issued or treasury Shares are transferred otherwise than pursuant to an option, award or other contractual right to acquire Shares, when those Shares are issued or treasury Shares transferred;
- (b) any Shares which have been issued or which may be issued (or any Shares transferred out of treasury or which may be transferred out of treasury) to any trustees to satisfy the exercise of any option, award or other contractual right shall be treated as "allocated"; and
- (c) for the avoidance of doubt, existing Shares other than treasury Shares that are transferred or over which options, awards or other contractual rights are granted shall not count as "allocated".

8.3 **Post-grant events affecting numbers of "allocated" Shares**

For the purposes of Rule 8.2:

- (a) where:
 - (i) any option, award or other contractual right to acquire unissued Shares or treasury Shares is released or lapses (whether in whole or in part); or
 - (ii) after the grant of an option, award or other contractual right the Board determines that:
 - (aa) where an amount is normally payable on its exercise it shall be satisfied without such payment but instead shall be satisfied by cash and/or the issue of Shares and/or the transfer of treasury Shares equal to the gain made on its exercise; or
 - (bb) it shall be satisfied by the transfer of existing Shares (other than Shares transferred out of treasury)

the unissued Shares or treasury Shares which consequently cease to be subject to the option, award or other contractual right from time to time or absolutely (as appropriate) shall not count as allocated; and

- (b) the number of Shares allocated in respect of an option, award or other contractual right shall be such number as the Board shall reasonably determine from time to time.

8.4 **Changes to investor guidelines**

Treasury Shares shall cease to count as "allocated" for the purposes of Rule 8.1 if institutional investor guidelines cease to require such Shares to be so counted.

8.5 **Board Limit**

Subject to Rule 8.1, the Board may impose a limit on the number of Shares over which Options may be granted on any particular occasion.

8.6 **Effect of limits**

Any Option shall be limited and take effect so that the limits in this Rule 8 are not exceeded.

9. EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

9.1 Normal period for exercise

An Option may be exercised during the period beginning with the Bonus Date and ending 6 months after the Bonus Date except where Rule 10 (*Leavers and Deceased Participants*) or Rule 11 (*Takeovers and other corporate events*) applies.

9.2 Restriction on exercise: material interest in a close company

Regardless of any other Rule, a Participant shall not exercise an Option when he is ineligible to participate in the Plan because of paragraph 8 of Schedule 12A (*material interest in a close company*).

9.3 Long stop date for exercise

Unless Rule 10.1 (*Deceased Participants*) applies, an Option shall not be capable of exercise later than 6 months after the Bonus Date and, if not exercised, it shall lapse at the end of that period.

9.4 No exercise on early cessation of savings

Regardless of any other rule of this Plan, where, before an Option has become capable of exercise, the Participant:

- (a) gives notice that he intends to stop paying Contributions under the related Savings Contract;
- (b) is deemed under the terms of the Savings Contract to have given such notice (*for example, for missing more than 6 consecutive monthly Contributions*); or
- (c) makes an application for repayment of the Contributions paid under it

the Option shall not become exercisable and shall immediately lapse.

9.5 Limitation on exercise

The amount paid for Shares on the exercise of an Option shall not exceed the amount of the Contributions made under the related Savings Contract before the date of exercise together with any interest or bonus paid under that Savings Contract.

9.6 Option only exercisable once

An Option shall not be capable of being exercised more than once.

9.7 Method of exercise

The exercise of any Option shall be effected in the form and manner prescribed by the Board, and subject to the prior approval of Revenue. Unless the Board, acting fairly and reasonably, determines otherwise, any notice of exercise shall take effect only when the Company receives it together with payment of the relevant aggregate Option Price.

9.8 Restriction on use of unissued Shares or treasury Shares

No Shares may be issued or treasury Shares transferred to satisfy the exercise of any Option to the extent that such issue or transfer would cause the number of Shares allocated (as defined in

Rule 8.2 (*Meaning of "allocated"*) and adjusted under Rule 8.3 (*Post-grant events affecting numbers of "allocated" Shares*) to exceed the limit in Rule 8.1 (*10% in 10 years limit*).

9.9 Allotment and transfer timetable

Within 30 days after an Option has been exercised by a Participant, the Board shall allot to him (or a nominee for him) or, if appropriate, procure the transfer to him (or a nominee for him) of the number of Shares in respect of which the Option has been exercised, provided that the Board considers that the issue or transfer of those Shares would be lawful in all relevant jurisdictions.

9.10 Share rights

All Shares allotted under the Plan shall rank equally in all respects with Shares then in issue except for any rights attaching to such Shares by reference to a record date before the date of the allotment.

Where Shares are transferred under the Plan, Participants will be entitled to any rights attaching to such Shares by reference to a record date on or after the date of such transfer.

9.11 Shares ceasing to satisfy Schedule 12A requirements

If at any time the Shares cease to satisfy the requirements of paragraphs 11 to 15 of Schedule 12A (*fully paid up, unrestricted, ordinary share capital*):

- (a) an Option may be exercised regardless of that fact (but subject to the other provisions of the Plan); and
- (b) the Company shall notify Revenue as soon as practicable (which may withdraw its approval of the Plan under Schedule 12A).

10. LEAVERS AND DECEASED PARTICIPANTS

10.1 Deceased Participants

If a Participant dies:

- (a) before the Bonus Date then his Option may be exercised by his personal representatives during the period of 12 months after his death and, if not exercised, it shall lapse at the end of that period; or
- (b) on or within 6 months after the Bonus Date then his Option may be exercised by his personal representatives during the period of 12 months after the Bonus Date and, if not exercised, it shall lapse at the end of that period.

10.2 Injury, disability, redundancy, retirement and transfer out of the group

If a Participant ceases to be a director or employee of a Participating Company by reason of:

- (a) injury, disability or redundancy (within the meaning of the Redundancy Payments Act 1967 to 1991);
- (b) retirement on reaching the Specified Age within the meaning of Schedule 12A paragraph 1 of the Act.

- (c) his office or employment being with a company of which the Company ceases to have Control or which ceases to be a Related Company; or
- (d) the business or part of a business in which he works being transferred to a person who is not an Associated Company, a company of which the Company has Control, nor a Related Company

he may, subject to Rule 9.3 (*Long stop date for exercise*), exercise his Option during the period of 6 months after such cessation and, if not exercised it shall, subject to Rule 10.1 (*Deceased Participants*), lapse at the end of that period.

10.3 Cessation of employment in other circumstances on or before third anniversary

If a Participant ceases to be a director or employee of a Participating Company on or before the third anniversary of the Grant Date for a reason other than one of those specified in Rule 10.1 (*Deceased Participants*) or Rule 10.2 (*Injury, disability, redundancy, retirement and transfer out of the group*) then his Option shall lapse on such cessation.

10.4 Cessation of employment after third anniversary

If a Participant ceases to be a director or employee of a Participating Company after the third anniversary of the Grant Date for any reason he may, subject to Rule 9.3 (*Long stop date for exercise*), exercise his Option during the period of 6 months following such cessation and if not exercised it shall, subject to Rule 9.1 (*Deceased Participants*), lapse at the end of that period.

10.5 Employment by Associated Company

If, on the Bonus Date, a Participant holds an office or employment with a company which is not a Participating Company but which is an Associated Company or a company of which the Company has Control, he may exercise his Option on and within 6 months after the Bonus Date and if not exercised it shall, subject to Rule 10.1 (*Deceased Participants*), lapse at the end of that period.

10.6 Participant reaching Specified Age

If a Participant continues to be a director or employee of a Participating Company after the date on which he reaches the Specified Age, he may, subject to Rule 9.3 (*Long stop date for exercise*), exercise his Option within 6 months after reaching that age.

10.7 Meaning of ceasing employment

A Participant shall not be treated for the purposes of Rule 10 (*Leavers and Deceased Participants*) as ceasing to be a director or employee of a Participating Company until he ceases to be a director or employee of the Company, any Associated Company and any company under the Control of the Company and any Related Company.

11. TAKEOVERS AND OTHER CORPORATE EVENTS

11.1 General offers

If any person (or any group of persons acting in concert):

- (a) obtains Control of the Company as a result of making a general offer to acquire shares in the Company; or
- (b) having obtained Control of the Company makes such an offer and that offer becomes unconditional in all respects

the Board shall within 7 days after becoming aware of that event notify every Participant of it and, subject to Rule 10 (*Leavers and Deceased Participants*) and Rule 11.7 (*Internal reorganisations*), any Option may be exercised within six months after such notification,

11.2 Compulsory acquisition

In the event that any person becomes bound or entitled to acquire shares in the Company under sections 979 to 989 of the Companies Act 2006 the Board shall, as soon as practicable, notify every Participant of that event and, subject to Rule 10 (*Leavers and Deceased Participants*) and Rule 11.7 (*Internal reorganisations*), any Option may be exercised at any time when that person remains so bound or entitled, but to the extent that it is not exercised within that period an Option shall (regardless of any other provision of the Plan) lapse at the end of that period.

11.3 Scheme of arrangement

In the event that under section 895 to 899 of the Companies Act 2006 a court sanctions a compromise or arrangement proposed for the purposes of or in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction or amalgamation of the Company the Board shall, as soon as practicable, notify every Participant of that event and, subject to Rule 9.3 (*Long stop date for exercise*), Rule 10 (*Leavers and Deceased Participants*) and Rule 11.7 (*Internal reorganisations*), any Option may be exercised within six months after such court sanction, but to the extent that it is not exercised within that period an Option shall (regardless of any other provision of the Plan) lapse at the end of that period.

11.4 Voluntary winding up

In the event that the Company passes a resolution for voluntary winding up the Board shall, as soon as practicable, notify every Participant of that event and, subject to Rule 9.3 (*Long stop date for exercise*), Rule 10 (*Leavers and Deceased Participants*) and Rule 11.7 (*Internal reorganisations*), any Option may be exercised within six months after the passing of the resolution for the winding up, but to the extent that it is not exercised within that period an Option shall (regardless of any other provision of the Plan) lapse at the end of that period.

11.5 Option rollover: general provisions

If any company ("**the acquiring company**"):

- (a) obtains Control of the Company as a result of making a general offer to acquire:
 - (i) the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company (other than that which is already owned by it) which is made on a condition such that if it is satisfied the acquiring company will have Control of the Company; or
 - (ii) all the Shares (other than those already owned by it); or
- (b) obtains Control of the Company under a compromise or arrangement sanctioned by the court under sections 895 to 899 of the Companies Act 2006]

- (c) becomes bound or entitled to acquire shares in the Company under section 974 to 989 of that Act

any Participant may, at any time within the Appropriate Period, by agreement with the acquiring company, release any Option ("**the Old Option**") in consideration of the grant to him of an Option ("**the New Option**") which, , is equivalent to the Old Option but relates to shares in a different company (whether the acquiring company itself or some other company falling within paragraph 11(b) or (c) of Schedule 12A).

11.6 **Option rollover: interpretation of Rules**

Where a New Option is granted under Rule 11.5 (*Option rollover: general provisions*) the following terms of the Plan shall, in relation to the New Option, be construed as if:

- (a) except for the purposes of the definitions of "Participating Company" and "Subsidiary" in Rules 1.1 (*Definitions*), the expression "the Company" were defined as "a company whose shares may be acquired by the exercise of options granted under the Plan";
- (b) the Savings Contract made in connection with the Old Option had been made in connection with the New Option;
- (c) the Bonus Date in relation to the New Option were the same as that in relation to the Old Option; and
- (d) Rule 13.2 (*Shareholder approval*) were omitted.

11.7 **Internal reorganisations**

In the event that:

- (a) an offer (as referred to in Rule 11.1 (*General offers*)) is made or a compromise or arrangement (as referred to in Rule 11.3 (*Scheme of arrangement*)) is proposed which is expected to result in the Company becoming controlled by a new company (the "**New Company**"); and
- (b) at least 75% of the shares in the New Company are expected to be held by substantially the same persons who immediately before the offer or proposal was made were shareholders in the Company; and
- (c) the Board and the New Company agree that this Rule should apply

then an Option shall not become exercisable under Rule 11.1 (*General Offers*) or Rule 11.3 (*Schemes of arrangement*) but shall be automatically surrendered within the Appropriate Period in consideration for the grant of a new option which, for the purposes of paragraph 16(4) of Schedule 12A, is equivalent to the Old Option but relates to shares in the New Company and Rule 11.6 (*Option rollover: interpretation of Rules*) other than Rule 11.6(d) will apply

12. **ADJUSTMENT OF OPTIONS**

12.1 **General rule**

Subject to Rule 12.3 (*Revenue approval*), in the event of any variation of the share capital of the Company, the Board may make such adjustments as it considers appropriate under Rule 12.2 (*Method of adjustment*).

12.2 **Method of adjustment**

An adjustment made under this Rule shall be to one or more of the following:

- (a) the number of Shares in respect of which any Option may be exercised;
- (b) subject to Rule 12.4 (*Adjustment below nominal value*), the Option Price; and
- (c) where an Option has been exercised but no Shares have been allotted or transferred after such exercise, the number of Shares which may be so allotted or transferred and the price at which they may be acquired.

12.3 **Revenue approval**

At a time when the Plan is approved by Revenue under Schedule 12A, no adjustment under Rule 12.2 (*Method of adjustment*) shall be made without the prior approval of Revenue and a copy of the Auditor's report stating that the adjustment is both fair and reasonable shall be furnished to Revenue.

12.4 **Adjustment below nominal value**

An adjustment under Rule 12.2 (*Method of adjustment*) may have the effect of reducing the Option Price of those Options to be satisfied by the subscription of Shares to less than the nominal value of a Share, but only if and to the extent that the Board is authorised:

- (a) to capitalise from the reserves of the Company a sum equal to the amount by which the nominal value of the Shares in respect of which the Option is exercised exceeds the Option Price; and
- (b) to apply that sum in paying up that amount on such Shares;

so that on the exercise of any Option in respect of which such a reduction shall have been made the Board shall capitalise that sum (if any) and apply it in paying up that amount.

13. **ALTERATIONS**

13.1 **General rule**

Except as described in Rule 13.2 (*Shareholder approval*) and 13.4 (*Alterations to disadvantage of Participants*), the Board may at any time alter the Plan or the terms of any Option granted under it. If an alteration is made to the Plan at a time when the Plan is approved by Revenue under Schedule 12A, the alteration will not have effect unless and until either: i) Revenue have approved the alteration; or ii) the Board resolves that the alteration shall take effect even if this causes the Plan to cease to be approved under Schedule 12A.

In the event of ii) above, the Board shall notify Revenue as soon as practicable following the alteration.

13.2 **Shareholder approval**

Except as described in Rule 13.3 (*Exceptions to shareholder approval*), no alteration to the advantage of an individual to whom an Option has been or may be granted shall be made under Rule 13.1 (*General rule on alterations*) to the provisions concerning:

- (a) eligibility;

- (b) the individual limits on participation;
- (c) the overall limits on the issue of Shares or the transfer of treasury Shares under the Plan;
- (d) the basis for determining a Participant's entitlement to, and the terms of, Shares provided under the Plan;
- (e) the adjustments that may be made in the event of a rights issue or any other variation of capital; and
- (f) the terms of this Rule 13.2

without the prior approval by ordinary resolution of the members of the Company in general meeting.

13.3 **Exceptions to shareholder approval**

Rule 13.2 (*Shareholder approval*) shall not apply to any minor alteration to benefit the administration of the Plan, to take account of a change in legislation or to obtain or maintain favourable tax, exchange control or regulatory treatment for Participants, the Company, any company of which the Company has Control or any Associated Company or any Related Company.

13.4 **Alterations to disadvantage of Participants**

No alteration to the material disadvantage of any Participant shall be made under Rule 13.1 unless:

- (a) the Board shall have invited every relevant Participant to indicate whether or not he approves the alteration; and
- (b) the alteration is approved by a majority of those Participants who have given such an indication.

14. **MISCELLANEOUS**

14.1 **Employment**

The rights and obligations of any individual under the terms of his office or employment with the Company, any Associated Company, any company of which the Company has Control or a Related Company shall not be affected by his participation in the Plan or any right which he may have to participate in it. An individual who participates in the Plan waives any and all rights to compensation or damages in consequence of the termination of his office or employment for any reason whatsoever insofar as those rights arise or may arise from his ceasing to have rights under or be entitled to exercise any option under the Plan as a result of such termination. Participation in the Plan shall not confer a right to continued employment upon any individual who participates in it. The issuing of an Invitation and the grant of an Option does not imply that any further Invitations or grants of Options will be made nor that a Participant has any right receive such an Invitation or be granted any Option.

14.2 Disputes

In the event of any dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of the Plan, or as to any question or right arising from or related to the Plan, the decision of the Board shall be final and binding upon all persons.

14.3 Notices

Any notice or other communication under or in connection with the Plan may be given:

- (a) by personal delivery or by post, in the case of a company to its registered office, and in the case of an individual to his last known address, or, where he is a director or employee of a Participating Company or an Associated Company or a Related Company (or former Participating Company or Associated Company or a Related Company), either to his last known address or to the address of the place of business at which he performs the whole or substantially the whole of the duties of his office or employment; or
- (b) where the consent of the Participant has been received, in an electronic communication to their usual business address or such other address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice; or
- (c) by such other method as the Board determines.

14.4 Benefits not pensionable

Benefits provided under the Plan shall not be pensionable.

14.5 Data Protection

Each Participant consents to the collection, processing and transfer of his personal data for any purpose relating to the operation of the Plan. This includes:

- 14.6.1 providing personal data to any Participating Company, any Related Company and any Associated Company and to any third party such as trustees of any employee benefit trust, administrators of the Plan, registrars, brokers and any of their respective agents;
- 14.6.2 the processing of personal data by any such company or third party;
- 14.6.3 transferring personal data to a country outside the European Economic Area; and
- 14.6.4 providing personal data to potential purchasers of the Company, the Participants' employer or the business in which the Participant works.

14.6 Governing law

The Plan and all Options shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland .