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**(1)      AMBERSIDE ALP TRADING LIMITED**

and

**(2)      AMBERSIDE ALP PLC**

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**GROUP SECURITY DEED**

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THIS DEED is made on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**BETWEEN:**

- (1) **AMBERSIDE ALP TRADING LIMITED**, a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales with number: 11146970) whose registered office is at Amberside House, Wood Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4TP; and
- (2) **AMBERSIDE ALP PLC** a public limited company incorporated in England and Wales with number 11041038 whose registered office is at Amberside House, Wood Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4TP.

**IT IS AGREED** as follows:

**1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

**1.1** In this Deed:

**Additional Chargor:** means a company which becomes a party to this Deed by executing a Supplemental Deed;

**Administrative Receiver:** means one or more administrative receivers appointed, or to be appointed, under this Deed;

**Administrator:** means one or more administrators appointed, or to be appointed, under this Deed;

**Bonds:** means the bonds issued by the Company pursuant to be a bond instrument created by a deed on \_\_14\_\_ March 2018

**Charged Assets:** means the Fixed Charge Assets and the Floating Charge Assets;

**Chargor:** means the Original Chargor or an Additional Chargor;

**Collateral:** means all Security created in favour of a Chargor to secure Obligations owed to the Chargor together with the benefit of any guarantee or indemnity in respect of such Obligations;

**Company:** means Amberside ALP plc company number 11041038;

**Company Security:** means the Security created by this Deed and any other existing or future Security granted by a Chargor to the Company to secure the payment and discharge of Secured Obligations;

**Company Security Document:** means a document creating or evidencing Company Security;

**1 debt:** means a monetary claim of a kind (whether present, future or contingent and whether originally owing to the person entitled to it or acquired by that person from someone else) and all Rights (including Security) connected with it;

**this Deed;** means this group security deed;

**Default Rate:** means 4% per annum above the rate of interest payable to bondholders under the Bonds;

**Disposal:** means any transfer or other disposal of an asset or of an interest in an asset, or the creation of any Right over an asset in favour of another person;

**Enforcement Time:** in relation to a Chargor, means any time at which:

- (a) any amount owing to the Company is payable but has not been paid;
- (b) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; or
- (c) any step is being taken by any person to put that Chargor into administration;

**Equipment:** means plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment used in a business, except equipment of a type which is disposed of in the ordinary course of trading, and all warranties and other Rights relating to them;

**Event of Default:** means any event of default specified in any of the Bond Instruments;

**Financial Collateral:** has the meaning given to it by the Financial Collateral Arrangements (No 2) Regulations 2003;

**Fixed Charge Assets:** means those assets which are from time to time the subject of clauses 3.2 and 3.3;

**Floating Charge Assets:** means those assets which are from time to time the subject of clause 3.4;

**Guarantee:** means, in relation to a Chargor, the Obligations of that Chargor under clause 2.2;

**Insolvency Event:** in relation to a person, means:

- (a) the dissolution, liquidation, provisional liquidation, administration, administrative receivership or receivership of that person or the entering into by that person of a voluntary arrangement or scheme of arrangement with creditors;
- (b) any analogous or similar procedure in any jurisdiction other than England; or
- (c) any other form of procedure relating to insolvency, reorganisation or dissolution in any jurisdiction;

**Insolvency Legislation:** means:

- (a) the Insolvency Act 1986 and secondary legislation made under it; and
- (b) any other primary or secondary legislation in England from time to time relating to insolvency or reorganisation;

**Intellectual Property:** means copyright (including rights in computer software), patents, trademarks, trade names, service marks, business names (including internet domain names), design rights, database rights, semi-conductor topography rights and all other intellectual property or similar proprietary rights (whether registered or not and including applications to register or rights to apply for registration) which, in each case, are of a type which are not disposed of in the ordinary course of trading;

**Investment:** means:

- (a) any shares or loan capital held in a Subsidiary;
- (b) any investment acquired after the date of this Deed which is designated as an Investment by the Company and the Company; and
- (c) any other debt or equity security or any warrant or option to acquire or subscribe for any such security (whether it is held directly or through a custodian, clearing house or other person) unless it is of a type which is not held as an investment and is accordingly disposed of in the ordinary course of trading,

and any accretions to them and other Rights arising in connection with them;

**Key Account:** means:

- (a) an account described in SCHEDULE 5;
- (b) any account that replaces an account described in SCHEDULE 5;
- (c) any account established after the date of this Deed which is designated as a Key Account by the Company and the Company; and
- (d) any other account with a bank or financial institution which cannot be drawn on by the account holder in the ordinary course of its trading without the consent of the Company;

**Key Contract:** means:

- (a) a contract described in SCHEDULE 4;
- (b) any contract that amends or replaces a contract described in SCHEDULE 4;
- (c) any contract entered into after the date of this Deed which is designated as a Key Contract by the Company and the Company;

**Land:** means:

- (a) freehold, leasehold or commonhold land;
- (b) any estate or interest in, and any Rights attaching or relating to, that land; and
- (c) any buildings, fixtures and fittings (including trade fixtures and fittings) and other equipment attached to, situated on or forming part of that land;

**Obligations:** in relation to a person, means all obligations or liabilities of any kind of that person from time to time, whether they are:

- (a) to pay money or to perform (or not to perform) any other act;
- (b) express or implied;
- (c) present, future or contingent;
- (d) joint or several;
- (e) incurred as a principal or surety or in any other manner; or
- (f) originally owing to the person claiming performance or acquired by that person from someone else;

**Officer:** in relation to a person, means any officer, employee or agent of that person and includes in relation to the Company any Administrator, Receiver or liquidator of the Company or of any of the assets of the Company;

**Original Chargor:** means a person described in SCHEDULE 1;

**Permitted Security:** means any Security described in SCHEDULE 3;

**Receiver:** means an Administrative Receiver or a Specific Receiver;

**Right:** means any right, privilege, power or immunity, or any interest or remedy, of any kind, whether it is personal or proprietary;

**Secured Obligations:** means the Obligations undertaken to be paid or discharged in clause 2;

**Security:** means:

- (a) any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, hypothecation, assignment by way of security, trust arrangement for the purpose of providing security or other security interest of any kind in any jurisdiction;
- (b) any proprietary interest over an asset, or any contractual arrangement in relation to an asset, in each case created in relation to financial indebtedness and which has the same commercial effect as if security had been created over it; and
- (c) any right of set-off created by agreement;

**Specific Receiver:** means one or more receivers or managers appointed, or to be appointed, under this Deed who is not an Administrative Receiver;

**Subsidiary:** has the meaning given to it in Section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;

**Supplemental Deed:** means a deed by which a company becomes party to this Deed in a form agreed by the Company and the Company;

**Third Parties Act:** means the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999; and

**VAT:** means value added tax.

1.2 In this Deed:

- (a) the table of contents, the summary and the headings are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the interpretation of this Deed;
- (b) references to clauses and schedules are to clauses of, and schedules to, this Deed;
- (c) references to the Bond Instrument, or any other document are to that document as from time to time amended, restated, novated or replaced, however fundamentally;
- (d) references to a person include an individual, firm, company, corporation, unincorporated body of persons and any government entity and references to any gender includes all other genders;
- (e) references to a person include its successors in title, permitted assignees and permitted transferees;
- (f) words importing the plural include the singular and vice versa; and
- (g) references to any enactment include that enactment as amended or re-enacted; and, if an enactment is amended, any provision of this Deed which refers to that enactment will be amended in such manner as the Company, after consultation with the Company, determines to be necessary in order to preserve the intended effect of this Deed.

1.3 The Obligations of the Chargors under this Deed are joint and several.

1.4 Where this Deed imposes an obligation on a Chargor to do something if required or requested by the Company, it will do so as soon as practicable after it becomes aware of the requirement or request.

1.5 This Deed may be executed in counterparts.

1.6 Where a definition of a type of asset in clause 1.1 contains a number of categories, each category will be construed as separate from each other category.

1.7 The Rights conferred on each Officer of the Company and each Receiver under clause 17 are enforceable by each Officer of the Company and each Receiver under the Third Parties Act.

1.8 No other term of this Deed is enforceable under the Third Parties Act by anyone who is not a party to this Deed.

1.9 The parties to this Deed may terminate this Deed or vary any of its terms without the consent of any third party. However, they may not terminate this Deed or vary any of its terms if this would have the effect of terminating or adversely affecting the Rights of an Officer of the Company or a Receiver under the clause 17 without its consent, but only to the extent that a claim could have been brought by it under that clause at the time of the termination or variation.

## **2. PAYMENT OF SECURED OBLIGATIONS**

- 2.1 Each Chargor will pay or otherwise discharge all Obligations from time to time incurred by it to the Company when they become due for payment or discharge.
- 2.2 Each Chargor irrevocably and unconditionally:
- (a) guarantees to the Company the punctual payment and discharge of all Obligations from time to time incurred by each other Chargor to the Company;
  - (b) undertakes to the Company that, whenever that Chargor does not pay or discharge any of those Obligations when they become due for payment or discharge, it will immediately on demand do so itself, as if it were the principal obligor; and
  - (c) undertakes to the Company that it will, immediately on demand, indemnify the Company against any cost, loss or liability suffered by the Company if any of those Obligations is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal for any reason (whether or not that Chargor or the Company was aware of it); and the amount of the cost, loss or liability will be equal to the amount which the Company would otherwise have been entitled to recover.
- 2.3 Each Guarantee is given with the benefit of clause 15 and the other provisions of this Deed.
- 2.4 Each Chargor will pay interest on each amount demanded of it under its Guarantee from the date of demand until payment (after as well as before judgment) at the Default Rate.

## **3. CHARGES**

- 3.1 The charges contained in this clause 3:
- (a) secure the payment and discharge of the Secured Obligations; and
  - (b) are given with full title guarantee.
- 3.2 Each Chargor charges, by way of first legal mortgage all Land now owned by it, and any Rights accruing to, derived from or otherwise connected with such Land (including insurances and proceeds of Disposal and of insurances).
- 3.3 Each Chargor charges, by way of first fixed charge, all of the Rights which it now has and all of the Rights which it obtains at any time in the future in:
- (a) Land, other than that charged under clause 3.2;
  - (b) Equipment;
  - (c) Investments;
  - (d) Key Contracts;
  - (e) Key Accounts;
  - (f) Intellectual Property;



- (g) Debts;
- (h) Collateral; and
- (i) goodwill and uncalled capital,

and in any Rights accruing to, derived from or otherwise connected with them (including insurances and proceeds of Disposal and of insurances).

3.4 Each Chargor charges, by way of first floating charge, its undertaking and all its present and future assets other than those effectively charged under clauses 3.2 or 3.3.

3.5 The Company may convert all or part of the floating charge created by each Chargor under clause 3.4 into a fixed charge by giving notice to that effect to the Chargor concerned and specifying the identity of the assets concerned. This may be done on one or more occasion, but only:

- (a) during an Enforcement Time; or
- (b) if the Company reasonably considers that its security over the assets concerned is in jeopardy and that it is necessary to do so to protect or preserve its security.

#### **4. SET-OFF**

4.1 The Company may set off any matured Secured Obligation due from a Chargor (to the extent beneficially owned by the Company) against any matured Obligation owed by the Company to the Chargor, regardless of the place of payment, booking branch or currency of either Obligation.

4.2 If the Obligations referred to in clause 4.1 are in different currencies, the Company may convert either Obligation at a market rate of exchange in its usual course of trading for the purpose of the set-off.

4.3 These Rights are in addition to the security conferred on the Company under this Deed.

#### **5. RESTRICTIONS**

5.1 Each Chargor will ensure that the restrictions contained in this clause 5 are complied with unless the Company agrees to the contrary.

5.2 No Security will exist over, or in relation to, any Charged Asset other than a Permitted Security.

5.3 There will be no Disposal of any Fixed Charge Asset except with the consent of the Company.

5.4 There will be no Disposal of any Floating Charge Asset otherwise than for market value in the ordinary course of trading of the Chargor concerned.

#### **6. PERFECTION**

6.1 Each Chargor will, at its own expense, create all such Security, execute all such documents, give all such notices, effect all such registrations (whether at the Companies Registry, an asset

registry or otherwise), deposit all such documents and do all such other things as the Company may require from time to time in order to:

- (a) ensure that it has an effective first-ranking fixed charge (or, in the case of Land then owned by that Chargor, a charge by way of legal mortgage) over the Fixed Charge Assets, subject only to such Permitted Security as the Company has agreed should rank in priority;
- (b) ensure that it has an effective first-ranking floating charge over the Floating Charge Assets, subject only to such Permitted Security as the Company has agreed should rank in priority; and
- (c) facilitate the enforcement of the Company Security, the realisation of the Charged Assets or the exercise of any Rights held by the Company or any Receiver or Administrator under or in connection with the Company Security.

6.2 The scope of clause 6.1 is not limited by the specific provisions of the rest of this clause 6 or by any other provision of the Company Security Documents.

6.3 If, after the date of this Deed, a Chargor acquires:

- (a) Rights in Land;
- (b) a new Subsidiary; or
- (c) Rights in any other material asset,

it will notify the Company as soon as reasonably practicable and will provide it with such information about the acquisition as the Company may reasonably require.

6.4 If required to do so by the Company, each Chargor will execute a first charge by way of legal mortgage over any Land in England and Wales owned by it at that time which is not already the subject of such a charge, in any form which the Company may reasonably require.

6.5 Each Chargor agrees to the entry of the following restriction in the proprietorship register of the title to any Land in England and Wales which now or in the future is the subject of a charge by way of legal mortgage in favour of the Company and which is, or is required to be, registered at the Land Registry:

“No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the charge dated [*date of this Deed*] in favour of Amberside ALP PLC of [*address for service*] referred to in the Charges Register.”

6.6 If any Land in which a Chargor has Rights now or in the future is required to be registered at the Land Registry, the Chargor will, within the relevant priority period under the Land Charges Act 1972:

- (a) apply to the Land Registry for first registration of the title to that Land and registration of that Chargor as proprietor of that Land and notify the Company of its title number; and

- (b) if so required by the Company, create a first charge by way of legal mortgage over that Land in favour of the Company or, if not so required, procure that this Deed is noted in the charges register of that Land.
- 6.7 If any Land in which a Chargor has Rights is already registered when those Rights are acquired, that Chargor will within the priority period of the relevant Land Registry Official Search:
  - (a) apply to the Land Registry for its title to that Land to be registered and give notice of the title number to the Company; and
  - (b) if so required by the Company, create a first charge by way of legal mortgage over that Land in favour of the Company or, if not so required, procure that this Deed is noted in the charges register of that Land.
- 6.8 If any Land in which a Chargor has Rights now or in the future is not required to be registered at the Land Registry, the Chargor will, within the relevant priority period under the Land Charges Act 1972, apply to register a Class C Land Charge in respect of this Deed at the Land Charges Registry if the title deeds and documents to that Land are not deposited with the Company under clause 6.9.
- 6.9 Each Chargor will deposit with the Company all deeds and documents of title and all leases, licences and other ancillary documents received by it or on its behalf in relation to its Land.
- 6.10 If required to do so by the Company, each Chargor will to the extent possible create a first legal mortgage over any Equipment owned by it at that time, in any form which the Company may reasonably require.
- 6.11 If, at any time, a Chargor owns shares in a Subsidiary, it will:
  - (a) on the date of this Deed (or, if it acquires the shares later, as soon as practicable after it does so), deposit with the Company all certificates or other documents of title to those shares and stock transfer forms for them, executed in blank by the Chargor;
  - (b) if required to do so by the Company (and to the extent that the Chargor is able to do so) amend the articles of association of the Subsidiary concerned in the manner reasonably required by the Company (and procure that the Subsidiary takes, or omits to take, all such other steps as the Company may require) in order to enable it to enforce its security without restriction; and
  - (c) if reasonably required to do so by the Company, procure that the Company or its nominee becomes registered as the legal owner of the shares concerned.
- 6.12 If the Company receives notice that any Security has been created over Charged Assets of a Chargor (and the Company has not given its written permission that such Security should rank in priority to the Company Security) the Company will be treated as if it had immediately opened a new account for each Chargor, and all payments received by the Company from that Chargor will be treated as if they had been credited to the new account and will not reduce the amount then due from that Chargor to the Company.

- 6.13 The parties to this Deed designate those Charged Assets which constitute Financial Collateral to be under the control of the Company, whether they are the subject of a fixed charge or of a floating charge under this Deed.

## **7. ENFORCEMENT**

- 7.1 The Company may enforce the Company Security created by a Chargor at any time which is an Enforcement Time or if the Chargor concerned requests it to do so.

- 7.2 The Company may enforce the Company Security by:

- (a) appointing an Administrator of that Chargor;
- (b) if permitted to do so by the Insolvency Legislation, appointing an Administrative Receiver of that Chargor;
- (c) appointing a Specific Receiver of assets of that Chargor; or
- (d) going into possession of, receiving the benefit of, or selling assets of the Chargor, giving notice to the Chargor or any other person in relation to any assets of the Chargor, exercising a right of set-off or in any other way it may decide.

- 7.3 An Administrator must be appointed in accordance with the Insolvency Legislation.

- 7.4 A Receiver must be appointed by an instrument in writing, and otherwise in accordance with the Insolvency Legislation.

- 7.5 The appointment of a Receiver may be made subject to such limitations as are specified by the Company in the appointment.

- 7.6 If more than one person is appointed as a Receiver, each person will have power to act independently of any other, except to the extent that the Company may specify to the contrary in the appointment.

- 7.7 Subject to the Insolvency Legislation, the Company may remove or replace any Receiver.

- 7.8 If required by the Insolvency Legislation, an Administrator or Receiver must be a person qualified to act as such under it.

- 7.9 An Administrator will have the powers given to him by the Insolvency Legislation.

- 7.10 An Administrative Receiver of a Chargor will have:

- (a) the powers given to him by the Insolvency Legislation;
- (b) the powers given to a mortgagee or a receiver by the Law of Property Act 1925, but without the restrictions contained in Section 103 of that Act; and
- (c) the power to do, or omit to do, on behalf of the Chargor, anything which that Chargor itself could have done, or omitted to do, if its assets were not the subject of Security and the Chargor were not in insolvency proceedings.

- 7.11 A Specific Receiver will have the same powers as an Administrative Receiver in respect of the assets over which he is appointed.
- 7.12 The Company will, if it enforces the Company Security itself, have the same powers as an Administrative Receiver in respect of the assets which are the subject of the enforcement.
- 7.13 Except to the extent provided by law, none of the powers described in this clause 7 will be affected by an Insolvency Event in relation to a Chargor.
- 7.14 A Receiver of a Chargor will be the agent of that Chargor until the Chargor goes into liquidation. He will have no authority to act as agent for the Company, even in the liquidation of the Chargor.
- 7.15 The Company may from time to time determine the remuneration of any Receiver.
- 7.16 A person dealing with the Company or with a Receiver is entitled to assume, unless it has actual knowledge to the contrary, that:
- (a) those persons have the power to do those things which they are purporting to do; and
  - (b) they are exercising their powers properly.

## **8. APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS**

- 8.1 All money received by the Company or a Receiver in the exercise of its Rights under the Company Security (whether during, or before, its enforcement) will, subject to the rights of any persons having priority, be applied in the following order of priority:
- (a) first, in or towards payment of all amounts payable to the Company, any Receiver or their Officers under clause 17 and all remuneration due to any Receiver under or in connection with the Company Security;
  - (b) secondly, in or towards payment of the Secured Obligations and
  - (c) thirdly, in payment of any surplus to the Chargor or other person entitled to it.

## **9. LAND AND EQUIPMENT**

- 9.1 Each Chargor will:
- (a) comply with all material statutory, regulatory, environmental and contractual obligations relating to its Land or its use; and
  - (b) comply with all obligations imposed on it, and enforce the observance and performance of all obligations of all other persons, under any lease of its Land.
- 9.2 Each Chargor will keep its Land and Equipment in good repair, working order and condition and permit the Company and its representatives to enter and view their state and condition upon giving reasonable notice to the Chargor.

## **10. INVESTMENTS**

- 10.1 During an Enforcement Time (and also once the Company Security is being enforced), the Company will be entitled to receive all distributions in respect of the Chargors' Investments for application in accordance with clause 8 and to exercise all voting and other Rights in respect of them. Otherwise, the Chargors will be entitled to receive those distributions and to exercise those Rights.
- 10.2 To the extent that the holder of those Investments is not the person entitled to receive those distributions and exercise those Rights, the holder will pay the distributions to the person entitled to them and will exercise those Rights in accordance with the reasonable requirements of the person entitled to exercise them.
- 10.3 Each Chargor will promptly pay all calls, instalments or other payments which from time to time become due in respect of any of its Investments, and the Company will not in any circumstances incur any liability in respect of them.

## **11. KEY CONTRACTS, KEY ACCOUNTS, DEBTS AND COLLATERAL**

- 11.1 Each Chargor will:
- (a) comply with all of its obligations under each Key Contract; and
  - (b) use its best endeavours to ensure that the Company receives the full benefit of each Key Contract.
- 11.2 No Chargor will:
- (a) agree to alter the terms of, or terminate, any Key Contract or Key Account; or
  - (b) waive its rights under a Key Contract or Key Account,
- without the consent of the Company.
- 11.3 The Company will give its consent under clause 11.2 if, in its reasonable opinion, any such alteration or waiver will not materially affect the effectiveness or value of its security over the Key Contract or Key Account concerned.
- 11.4 No Chargor will make any withdrawal from any Key Account without the consent of the Company.
- 11.5 Each Chargor will promptly collect all Debts as agent for the Company and pay all their proceeds into such accounts as the Company may from time to time specify.
- 11.6 Each Chargor will ensure that all Collateral is registered in a timely manner with, the Companies Registry, HM Land Registry, or such other body as may be required to ensure the effectiveness of such Collateral.
- 11.7 Each Chargor shall take such other steps as may necessary to perfect the security comprised by the Collateral.

## **12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

12.1 Each Chargor will promptly notify the Company of its acquisition of, or agreement to acquire, material Intellectual Property and any action taken to register the Intellectual Property.

12.2 Each Chargor will:

- (a) take all necessary action to safeguard and maintain its Rights in connection with Intellectual Property, including obtaining all necessary registrations and paying all applicable renewal fees and licence fees;
- (b) not allow any Intellectual Property to be abandoned or cancelled or to lapse; and
- (c) protect its Intellectual Property against theft, loss, destruction, unauthorised access, copying or use by third parties and, immediately on becoming aware of any material infringement of, or challenge to, any of its Intellectual Property, inform the Company and take any steps at the cost of the Chargor as the Company may from time to time reasonably specify in relation to the infringement or challenge.

### **13. INSURANCE**

13.1 Each Chargor will:

- (a) maintain insurances in relation to its business and assets with reputable underwriters or insurance companies of a type, to the extent and in an amount which is usual for companies carrying on similar businesses whose practice it is not to self-insure;
- (b) punctually pay all premiums and other money payable under its contracts of insurance and comply with their other provisions; and
- (c) ensure that the Company's interest is noted on that Chargor's contracts of insurance.

13.2 During an Enforcement Time (and also once the Company Security has been enforced), all payments in respect of any contract of insurance will be paid to the Company for application in accordance with clause 8. Otherwise, all such payments will be applied in reinstatement of the assets concerned.

### **14. GENERAL UNDERTAKINGS**

14.1 Each Chargor will take all steps as are necessary to preserve the value and marketability of its Charged Assets.

14.2 Each Chargor will notify the Company as soon as it becomes aware of any matter which might reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on the Rights of the Company under the Company Security. Those matters include a breach or purported breach of a Key Contract by any party to it and a claim by any person to an interest in a Charged Asset.

14.3 Each Chargor will provide to the Company:

- (a) such information about its Charged Assets;
- (b) such information about the extent to which it has complied with its obligations under this Deed; and

- (c) copies of such documents which create, evidence or relate to the Charged Assets; and
- (d) such information concerning the Chargor's business

as the Company may from time to time reasonably request .

- 14.4 If a Chargor does not comply with its obligations under this Deed, the Company may do so on that Chargor's behalf on such basis as the Company may reasonably decide. That Chargor will indemnify the Company on demand against the amount certified by the Company to be the cost, loss or liability suffered by it as a result of doing so.

## **15. GUARANTEE PROTECTIONS**

- 15.1 The obligations of each Chargor under its Guarantee will not be affected by any act, omission, matter or thing which, but for this clause, would reduce, release or prejudice any of its obligations under its Guarantee (without limitation and whether or not known to it or to the Company), including:

- (a) any time, waiver or consent granted to, or composition with, any Chargor or other person;
- (b) the release of any other Chargor or any other person;
- (c) the taking, variation, compromise, exchange, renewal or release of, or refusal or neglect to perfect, take up or enforce, any rights against, or security over assets of, any Chargor or other person or any non-presentation or non-observance of any formality or other requirement in respect of any instrument or any failure to realise the full value of any security;
- (d) any incapacity or lack of power, authority or legal personality of or dissolution or change in the members or status of a Chargor or any other person;
- (e) any amendment (however fundamental) or replacement of any document or security;
- (f) any unenforceability, illegality or invalidity of any obligation of any person under any document or security or
- (g) any insolvency or similar proceedings.

- 15.2 Each Chargor waives any right it may have of first requiring the Company (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) to proceed against or enforce any other rights or security or claim payment from any person before claiming from that Chargor under its Guarantee. This waiver applies irrespective of any law or any provision of document to the contrary.

- 15.3 Until the Secured Obligations have been irrevocably and unconditionally discharged in full, the Company (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) or a Receiver may:

- (a) refrain from applying or enforcing any other money, security or Rights held or received by it (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) in respect of the Secured Obligations, or apply and enforce the same in the manner and order it thinks fit



(whether against those amounts or otherwise) and no Chargor will be entitled to the benefit of the same; and

- (b) hold in an interest-bearing suspense account any money received from any Chargor or on account of any Chargor's liability under its Guarantee.

15.4 Until all the Secured Obligations have been irrevocably and unconditionally discharged in full and unless the Company otherwise directs, no Chargor will exercise any Rights (including rights of set-off) which it may have by reason of performance by it of its obligations to the Company:

- (a) to be indemnified or reimbursed by a Chargor;
- (b) to claim any contribution from any other guarantor of any Chargor's Obligations to the Company; or
- (c) to take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of the Company or of any other guarantee or security taken by the Company under, or in connection with the Obligations of any Chargor to the Company.

## **16. DURATION OF THE SECURITY**

16.1 The Obligations of each Chargor to the Company and the security created by the Company Security will continue until the Secured Obligations have been irrevocably and unconditionally paid or discharged in full, regardless of any intermediate payment or discharge in whole or in part.

16.2 If any payment by a Chargor or any release given by the Company (whether in respect of the Secured Obligations or any security for them or otherwise) is avoided or reduced as a result of insolvency or any similar event:

- (a) the liability of each Chargor under this Deed will continue as if the payment, release, avoidance or reduction had not occurred; and
- (b) the Company will be entitled to recover the value or amount of that security or payment from each Chargor, as if the payment, release, avoidance or reduction had not occurred.

16.3 Section 93 of the Law of Property Act 1925 will not apply to the Company Security.

16.4 The perpetuity period for this Deed is the period of 125 years from the date of this Deed.

## **17. EXPENSES, LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY**

17.1 Each Chargor will, on demand, pay all reasonable legal and other reasonable costs and reasonable expenses (including any stamp duty, registration or other similar taxes) incurred by the Company or by any Receiver in connection with the Company Security. This includes any costs and expenses relating to the enforcement or preservation of the Company Security or the Charged Assets and to any amendment, waiver, consent or release required in connection with the Company Security.

- 17.2 Neither the Company nor a Receiver nor any of their Officers will be in any way liable or responsible to any Chargor for any loss or liability of any kind arising from any act or omission by it of any kind (whether as mortgagee in possession or otherwise) in relation to the Charged Assets or the Company Security, except to the extent caused by its own negligence or wilful misconduct.
- 17.3 Each Chargor will, on demand, indemnify each of the Company, a Receiver and their Officers in respect of all reasonable costs, expenses, losses or liabilities of any kind which it incurs or suffers in connection with:
- (a) anything done or omitted in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under the Company Security, unless it was caused by its negligence or wilful misconduct; or
  - (b) a claim of any kind (whether relating to the environment or otherwise) made against it which would not have arisen if the Company Security had not been granted and which was not caused by its negligence or wilful misconduct;

## **18. PAYMENTS**

- 18.1 All payments by a Chargor under the Company Security Documents will be made in full, without any set-off or other deduction.
- 18.2 If any tax or other sum must be deducted from any amount payable by a Chargor under the Company Security Documents, the Chargor concerned will pay such additional amounts as are necessary to ensure that the recipient receives a net amount equal to the full amount it would have received before such deductions.
- 18.3 All amounts payable by a Chargor under the Company Security Documents are exclusive of VAT. Each Chargor will, in addition, pay any applicable VAT on those amounts.
- 18.4 If a Chargor fails to make a payment to a person under the Company Security Documents, it will pay interest to that person on the amount concerned at the Default Rate from the date it should have made the payment until the date of payment (after, as well as before, judgment).
- 18.5 No payment by a Chargor (whether under a court order or otherwise) will discharge the Obligation of that Chargor unless and until the Company has received payment in full in the currency in which the Obligation is denominated. If, on conversion into that currency, the amount of the payment falls short of the amount of the Obligation concerned, the Company will have a separate cause of action against the Chargor for the shortfall.
- 18.6 Any certification or determination by the Company of an amount payable by a Chargor under this Deed is, in the absence of manifest error, conclusive evidence of that amount.

## **19. REMEDIES**

- 19.1 The Rights created by this Deed are in addition to any other Rights of the Company against the Chargors under any other documentation, the general law or otherwise. They will not merge with or limit those other Rights, and are not limited by them.

19.2 No failure by the Company to exercise any Right under this Deed will operate as a waiver of that Right. Nor will a single or partial exercise of a Right by the Company preclude its further exercise.

19.3 If, at any time, any provision of this Deed is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect under any law of any jurisdiction, neither the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions nor the legality, validity or enforceability of that provision in any other respect or under the law of any other jurisdiction will be affected or impaired in any way.

## **20. POWER OF ATTORNEY**

20.1 Each Chargor, by way of security, irrevocably appoints each of the Company and any Receiver severally to be its attorney:

(a) to do anything which that Chargor is obliged to do under the Company Security Documents; and

(b) to exercise any of the Rights conferred on the attorney by the Company Security Documents or by law.

20.2 The Power of Attorney granted under clause 20.1 shall only be exercised during an Enforcement Time.

## **21. PARTIES**

21.1 Each Chargor which executes this Deed or a Supplemental Deed will be bound by it even if other intended Chargors do not do so or are not effectively bound by this Deed or the Supplemental Deed.

## **22. NOTICES**

22.1 Any notice or other communication to a party to this Deed must be in writing. It must be addressed for the attention of such person, and sent to such address or fax number as that party may from time to time notify to the other parties.

22.2 It will be deemed to have been received by the relevant party on receipt at that address or fax number.

22.3 The initial administrative details of the parties are contained in SCHEDULE 2: but a party may amend its own details at any time by notice to the other parties.

22.4 Any notice to a Chargor may alternatively be sent to its registered office or to any of its places of business or to any of its directors or its company secretary; and it will be deemed to have been received when delivered to any such places or persons.

## **23. LAW**

23.1 This Deed is governed by English law.

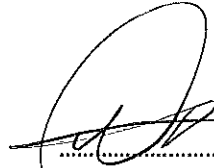
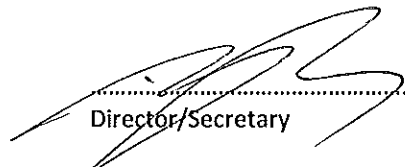
- 23.2 The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Deed (including a dispute regarding the existence, validity or termination of this Deed and including non-contractual disputes or claims) (a **Dispute**).
- 23.3 The parties agree that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle Disputes and, accordingly, that they will not argue to the contrary.
- 23.4 Clause 23.2 is for the benefit of the Company only. As a result, the Company will not be prevented from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Company may take concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

**This Deed has been executed as a deed on the date stated at the beginning of this Deed.**

**EXECUTION PAGE**

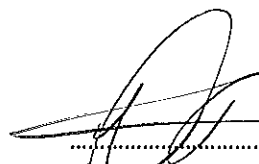
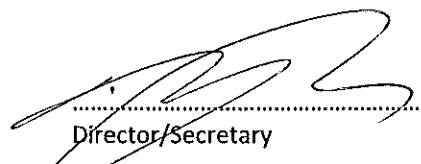
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**AMBERSIDE ALP TRADING LIMITED by:**

  
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Director  
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Director/Secretary

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**AMBERSIDE ALP PLC by:**

  
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Director  
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Director/Secretary

**SCHEDULE 1:**  
**THE ORIGINAL CHARGOR**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Registered Number</b>
1	Amberside ALP Trading Limited	11146970

**SCHEDULE 2:**

**INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE PARTIES**

<b>Party</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Attention</b>
Amberside ALP Trading Limited	Amberside House, Wood Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4TP	T: 07711 923 433	David Lomas
Amberside ALP PLC	Amberside House, Wood Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4TP	T: 07711 923 433	David Lomas

### **SCHEDULE 3:**

#### **PERMITTED SECURITY**

1. Company Security.
2. Liens arising in the ordinary course of trading by operation of law.
3. General Debenture in favour of Sterling Suffolk Funding LLP



**SCHEDULE 4:**

**KEY CONTRACTS**

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**SCHEDULE 5:**

**KEY ACCOUNTS**

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