



THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

MEMORANDIUM OF ASSOCIATION

of

LEPCO plc

1. The name of the Company is LEPCO plc¹
2. The Company is to be a public company
3. The registered office of the Company will be situated in
4. The objects for which the Company is established are:
 - (A) To carry on within and without the United Kingdom the prospecting exploration development and production and exploitation of deposits of oil, gas, natural gas liquid, coal, mineral or any other hydrocarbon or natural resource the Directors see fit; to buy, sell, stock, broke, and trade oil, gas, natural gas liquid, coal mineral or any other hydrocarbon the Directors see fit
 - (B) To carry on any other trade or business which can, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, be advantageously carried on by the Company.
 - (C) To acquire by purchase, lease, exchange, hire or otherwise, hold for any estate or interest, any land, buildings, easements, rights, privileges, concessions, patents, patent rights, licenses, secret processes, machinery, plant, stock in-trade, and any real or personal property of any kind necessary or convenient for the purposes of or in connection with the Company's business.

¹ Name changed from London Exploration and Productions Company Limited on 31st July 1997

- (D) To erect, alter or maintain any buildings, plant and machinery necessary or convenient for the Company's business and to contribute to or subsidise the erection, construction and maintenance of any of the above.
- (E) To acquire by subscription or otherwise and hold, sell, deal with or dispose of any shares, stock, debentures, debenture stocks, or other securities of any kind whatsoever, guaranteed by any company constituted or carrying on business in any part of the world and debentures, debenture stock and other securities of any kind guaranteed by any government or authority, municipal, local or otherwise, whether at home or abroad, and to subscribe for the same either conditionally or otherwise and to guarantee the subscription thereof and to exercise and enforce all rights and powers conferred by the ownership thereof.
- (F) To borrow or receive money on deposit either without security or secured by debentures, debenture stock (perpetual or terminable), mortgage or other security charged on the undertaking or on all or any of the assets of the Company including uncalled capital, and generally to act as bankers.
- (G) To guarantee, support and/or secure either with or without consideration the payment of any debentures, debenture stock, bonds, mortgages, charges, obligations, interest, dividends, securities, monies or shares or the performance of contracts or engagements of any company or person and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) of any company which is, for the time being, the company's holding company as defined by Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 or another subsidiary, as defined by the said section, of the company's holding company or otherwise associated with the Company in business and to give indemnities and guarantees of all kinds and by way of security as aforesaid either with or without consideration to mortgage and charge the undertaking and all or any of the real and personal property and assets present or future, to issue debentures and debenture stock and collateral or further to secure any securities of the Company by a Trust Deed or other assurance and to enter into partnership or any joint venture arrangement with any person, persons, firm or company.
- (H) To lend money with or without security, and to invest money of the Company upon such terms as the Company may approve, and to guarantee the dividends, interest and capital of the shares, stocks, or securities of any company of or in which the Company is a member or is otherwise interested, and generally as the Directors think fit.
- (I) To apply for, purchase or otherwise acquire and hold or use any patents, licences, concessions copyrights and the like, conferring any right to use or publish any secret or other information and to use, exercise, develop or grant licences in respect of the property, rights, information so acquired.
- (J) To take part in the formation, management, supervision or control of the business or operation of any company or undertaking and for that purpose to appoint and

remunerate any Directors, Accountants, Consultants, experts or agents.

- (K) To employ experts, consultants and valuers to investigate and examine into the condition, prospects, value, character, and circumstances of any business concerns and undertakings and generally of any assets, property or rights.
- (L) To establish or promote or concur in establishing or promoting any other company whose objects shall include the acquisition or taking over of all or any of the assets or liabilities of the Company or the promotion of which shall be in any manner calculated to advance directly or indirectly the objects or the interests of the Company and to acquire, hold or dispose of shares, stocks, or securities issued by any such company or any other obligations of any such company.
- (M) To draw, accept and negotiate promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other negotiable instruments.
- (N) To invest and deal with the monies of the Company not immediately required for the purposes of the business of the Company in or upon such investments and in such manner as the Company may approve.
To pay for any property or rights acquired by the Company either in cash or fully or partly paid up shares, with or without preferred or deferred or special rights or restrictions in respect of dividend, repayment of capital, voting or otherwise, or by any securities which the Company has power to issue, or partly in one mode and partly in another, and generally on such terms as the Company may determine.
- (O) To accept payment for any property or rights sold or otherwise disposed of or dealt with by the Company, either in cash, by installments or otherwise, or in fully or partly paid-up shares or stock of any company or corporation, with or without preferred or deferred or special rights or restrictions in respect of dividend, repayment of capital, voting or otherwise, or in debentures or mortgages or other securities of any company or corporation or partly in one mode and partly in another, and generally on such terms as the Company may determine, and to hold, dispose of or otherwise deal with any shares, stock or securities so acquired.
- (P) To enter into arrangements for joint working in business or amalgamate with or enter into any partnership or arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, reciprocal concession or co-operation with any company, firm or person carrying on or proposing to carry on any business within the scope of the Company or which is capable of being carried on so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company.
- (Q) To purchase or otherwise acquire, take over and undertake all or any part of the business, property, liabilities and transactions of any person, firm or company carrying on any business the carrying on of which is calculated to benefit the Company or to advance its interests, or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of the Company.
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- (S) To sell, improve, manage, develop, turn to account, exchange, let on rent, royalty, share of profits or otherwise, grant licenses, easements and other rights in or over, and in any other manner deal with or dispose of the undertaking and all or any of the property and assets for the time being of the Company for such consideration as the Company may think fit
- (T) To provide for the welfare of persons employed or formerly employed by the Company and to grant pensions, allowances, gratuities and bonuses to officers or ex-officers, employees or ex-employees of the Company or its predecessors in business or the dependants of such persons and to establish and maintain or concur in maintaining trusts, funds or schemes, (whether contributory or non-contributory), with a view to providing pensions or other funds for any such persons as aforesaid or their dependants.
- (U) To subscribe to or otherwise aid the establishment and support of any schools and any educational, scientific, literacy, religious or charitable institutions or trade societies, whether such institutions or societies be solely connected with the business carried on by the Company or its predecessors in business or not, and to institute and maintain any club or other establishment.
- (V) To distribute in specie assets of the Company properly distributable amongst the members, but so that no distribution amounting to a reduction of capital be made except with the sanction (if any) for the time being required by law.
- (W) To do all or any of the things hereinbefore authorised, either alone or in conjunction with others, or as factors, trustees or agents for others, or by or through factors, trustees or agents.
- (X) To do all such other things, as are incidental to or which the Company may think conducive with the above objects or any of them.

The objects set forth in any sub-clause of this clause shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given there-to, and they shall not, except when the context expressly so requires be in any way limited to or restricted by reference to or inference from any other object or objects set forth in such sub-clause or from the terms of any other sub-clause or by the name of the Company. None of such sub-clauses or the object or objects therein specified or the powers thereby conferred shall be deemed subsidiary or ancillary to the objects or powers mentioned in any other sub-clause, but the Company shall have full power to exercise all or any of the powers and to achieve or to endeavour to achieve all or any of the objects conferred by and provided in any one or more of the said sub-clauses.

5. The liability of the members is limited.

6. The Share Capital of the Company is £1,500,000 divided into 15,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each.²

The shares in the original or any increased capital may be divided into several classes, and there may be attached thereto respectively any preferential, deferred or other special rights, privileges, conditions or restrictions as to dividend, capital, voting or otherwise.

² The share capital was increased from £1,000,000 by Ordinary Resolution dated 31st July 1997