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Annex 18

POWER OF ATTORNEY

| The company |
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| having its registered office at |
| hereafter represented by |
| Participant in the NBB-SSS of the National Bank of Belgium ("the Bank") |
| with BIC11: |
| hereafter "the Participant"; |
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| The company |
| having its registered office at |
| hereafter represented by |
| with BIC11: |
| hereafter "the instructing party"; |

WHEREAS:

The Participant or, when the occasion arises, one or more establishments for the account on which the Participant holds securities in the NBB SSS, have authorised [the instructing party] for sending to the NBB-SSS/T2S, by means of SWIFT messages or through the NBB-SSS Ramses GUI / T2S GUI, the instruction required for the settlement of the transactions from [instructing party] such Participant or these establishment(s);

THE PARTICIPANT NOTIFIES THE NBB AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Participant authorises the NBB to accept instructions by the Participant itself or by an establishment for the account of which the Participant holds securities in the NBB-SSS which are validly addressed on its behalf to the NBB-SSS / T2S by [the instructing party] pursuant to the mandate referred to in the preamble, and to deal with such instructions in the NBB-SSS / T2S in accordance with the provisions of the terms and conditions governing the participation in the NBB-SSS ("the Terms and Conditions"). The Participant recognises that such instructions are binding it vis-à-vis the NBB and third parties just as if they had been issued by the Participant itself (including, but not exclusively, for the purposes of article 8.2 of the Terms and Conditions).

The instructions referred to in the first paragraph shall only relate to:

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all accounts

| positions on the following securities accounts for which the mandate is exclusively valid and sta | rts |
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| from the accompanying date: | |
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| 2. The instructions referred to in the first paragraph shall always mention a securities account numb | er |
| of the Participant and shall be transmitted by the SWIFT network or through the NBB-SSS Ramses G | IJΙ |
| / T2S GUI in accordance with the provisions laid down in the Rules for those means of communication | n. |
| The instructing party will either use: | |
| the following BIC11 (ISO 15022): | |
| or DN (ISO 20022): | |
| to send its instructions to the NBB-SSS and/or T2S. | |
| If the SWIFT network or the NBB-SSS Ramses GUI should be unavailable, even temporarily, the NB | 3B |
| may, however, accept instructions transmitted by other means in the cases and under the conditio | ns |
| that the NBB shall determine at its own discretion. | |
| The Participant shall retain the right to cancel the settlement notifications referred to in the fi | rst |
| paragraph, subject to the conditions laid down by the Terms and Conditions. | |
| The Participant authorises the NBB to communicate to [the instructing party] any information of any ki | nd |
| relating to the receipt, acceptance, matching and cancellation, if appropriate, of the instructions referr | ed |
| to in the first paragraph, and to the settlement of the transactions notified that way. | |
| 3. Furthermore, the Participant undertakes: | |
| a) to take the necessary internal measures to ensure the settlement of all the instructions enter | ed |
| in the NBB-SSS / T2S by [the instructing party]; | |
| b) to indemnify the NBB against any adverse consequences (except in so far as su | ch |
| consequences are due to the NBB's own negligence, or the negligence of its employees | or |

persons made responsible by the Bank for the execution of tasks, rendering the NBB liable in

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accordance with article 7.3 of the Terms and Conditions) arising directly from the execution of the instructions referred to in section 1, in particular (but not exclusively) any disputes between it and [the instructing party], its counterparties, clients or any third parties whatsoever. The NBB's obligations shall be limited strictly, for the application of the present power of attorney, to checking that the notifications received from [the instructing party] are conform to the instructions issued by the NBB SSS / T2S to the Participants, the Terms and Conditions and the rules governing the operation of the SWIFT system and rejecting any such instructions which do not conform. For the fulfilment of those obligations, the NBB shall be subject to the provisions on liability defined by article 7.3 of the Terms and Conditions;

c) to inform the NBB in writing, without delay, of any withdrawal of the authorisation given to the NBB in section 1 of this document. The Participant recognises that such withdrawal shall, however, only take effect, and thus entail an obligation on the NBB to refuse instructions sent by [the instructing party], in the case of instructions sent on or after the NBB-SSS working day following the date on which the NBB receives instruction of the said withdrawal.

| The present power of attorney shall be governed by Belgian law. | |
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| Done at, on | |
| Authorised signature(s) | |