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COUNTYWEB.COM PLC



Incorporated on 27th October, 1999

Company Number : 3869545

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#### **MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**

of

COUNTYWEB.COM PLC

1. The Company's name is COUNTYWEB.COM PLC
2. The Company is to be a Public Limited Company.
3. The Company's registered office is to be situated in England and Wales.
4. The Company's objects are:-
  - (A) (i) To carry on the business of a holding and investment company and to do all lawful acts and things whatever, that are necessary or convenient in carrying on the business of a holding company or the business of an investment company.
  - (ii) To carry on the business of providing directories, advertising, marketing and publishing services on the Internet, CD ROM, optical discs, digital audit tape (DAT), video-on-demand, E-mail, electronic publishing, touch screen technologies, teletext systems, direct mail, radio and television and in newspapers, magazines and other publications; to carry on business as market analysts, market researches, market surveyors, advertising agents and printers; to provide television sales services, telephone sales services, on-line sales services, communications services, services to persons shopping by telephone, television, by mail order, by teletext, by the Internet or by fax or on-line; to prepare and place advertisements; to provide advertising and market services in new digital communication technologies; to provide communication services between computers, electronic communication services, electronic mail services, electronic shopping services, encryption and decryption services for communication purposes, binary transfers, rental, hire or leasing of communication apparatus and electronic mail boxes, provision of computers, of computer software and of computer time for use by others, provision of communications information, provision of on-line communication services, communication services for access to information and data, electronic data display board and data transmission services, interactive telephone entertainment and information services, provision of communications facilities, bulletin board services, electronic mail, voice data and video-conferencing, advisory services relating to all the aforesaid services; to provide public and private access to computers, Pc's, The Internet, E-mail, information systems, on-line databases, bulletin boards, FTP, Telnet, Gopher, World Wide Web Services, video, multimedia, video phones, video conferencing, virtual reality devices and electronic publishing.
- (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, or to hold for any estate or interest, any land, buildings, easements, rights, privileges, concessions, patents, patent rights, licences, 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.
- (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, make a market in or dispose of any shares, stocks, debentures, debenture stock, 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 receive money on deposit or otherwise 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 borrow and raise money in any manner and to secure with or without consideration the repayment of any money borrowed, raised, or owing by mortgage, charge, debenture, debenture stock, bond, standard security, lien or any other security of whatsoever nature upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future) including its uncalled capital, and also by a similar mortgage, charge, debenture, debenture stock, bond, standard security, indemnity, lien or security of whatsoever nature to secure and guarantee the performance by the Company or any other company or person (including, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) the holding company of the Company or any company which is a subsidiary of such holding company within, in each case, the meaning of Section 736 and Section 736(A) of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act"), as amended by the Companies Act 1989, of any obligation or liability it or such person or company may undertake or which may become binding upon it or such person or company, and to secure any securities of the Company by a Trust Deed or other assurance and to enter into partnership or any joint purse 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 or 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 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 or any other obligations of any such other company.
- (M) To draw, accept, make, endorse, discount, execute, issue and negotiate promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures 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.
- (O) To pay for any property or rights acquired by the Company either in cash or by the issue of 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.
- (P) To accept payment for any property or rights sold or otherwise disposed of or dealt with by the Company, either in cash, by instalments 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, stocks or securities so acquired.
- (Q) 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 objects of the Company or which is capable of being carried on so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company.
- (R) To purchase or otherwise acquire, take over and undertake all or any part of the business, property, liabilities and transactions of any person, 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.
- (S) To sell, improve, manage, develop, turn to account, exchange, let on rent, royalty, share of profits or otherwise, grant licences, 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 of any associated company of the Company or its predecessors in business or the dependants of such persons and to establish and maintain or concur in establishing and 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, literary, 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 purchase and maintain insurance for or for the benefit of any persons who are or were at any time directors, officers, employees or auditors of the Company against any liability incurred by such persons in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported execution and or discharge of their duties and or in the exercise of their powers and or otherwise in relation to their duties, powers or offices in relation to the Company, and to such extent as may be permitted by law or otherwise to indemnify or to exempt any such person against or from any such liability.
- (X) 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.
- (Y) Subject to, and always in compliance with, the provisions of the Act to give, whether directly or indirectly, any kind of financial assistance (as defined in Section 152(1)(a) of the Act) for any such purpose as is specified in Section 151(1) and/or Section 151(2) of the Act.
- (Z) To do all such other things (whether similar to any of the foregoing or not) as are incidental to or which the Company may think conducive to 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 thereto, 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 £1,000,000 divided into 100,000,000 shares of 1p each.

WE, the subscribers to this Memorandum of Association wish to be formed into a Company pursuant to this Memorandum; and we agree to take the number of shares shown opposite our respective names.

Names and Addresses of Subscribers

Number of shares taken  
by each Subscriber

For and on behalf of  
WATERLOW NOMINEES LIMITED  
6-8 Underwood Street  
LONDON  
N1 7JQ

ONE

For and on behalf of  
WATERLOW SECRETARIES LIMITED  
6-8 Underwood Street  
LONDON  
N1 7JQ

ONE

Dated the 27th day of July 1999

WITNESS to the above Signatures:-

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