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Dear Fellow Shareholder:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and management of CHC Group Ltd. (the “Company”), I cordially invite you to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. The meeting will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the offices of Cooley LLP, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA. The notice of meeting and proxy statement that follow describe the business that we will consider at the meeting.

At this important meeting, you will be asked to vote on a set of proposals relating to an investment by Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund IX, L.P. or one or more of its affiliates (who we refer to as the “Investor”), in newly created convertible preferred shares of CHC Group Ltd., which we refer to as the “preferred shares.” On August 21, 2014, we entered into an investment agreement with the Investor whereby we agreed to sell to the Investor for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$600 million, at a purchase price of \$1,000 per preferred share, (i) upon the first closing, a number of preferred shares, which, if converted to ordinary shares immediately, would constitute 19.9% of the total ordinary shares issued and outstanding immediately prior to the issuance of the preferred shares, less preferred shares issuable in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the first two preferred dividend payment dates (as described below), (ii) upon the second closing, 500,000 preferred shares less the preferred shares sold upon the first closing, and (iii) upon the third closing, up to 100,000 additional preferred shares (which number may be reduced by the number of preferred shares sold pursuant to a rights offering to existing holders of the Company’s ordinary shares).

During the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, shareholders will consider and vote upon:

1. the issuance of the preferred shares to the Investor, which are convertible into ordinary shares representing more than 20% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, and the issuance of any additional preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares;
2. the granting to the Investor of certain preemptive rights to participate in future Company issuances of its ordinary shares or securities convertible into or exercisable for its ordinary shares to the extent that upon such issuance or conversion the Investor would receive more than 1% of the number or voting power of the Company’s then-outstanding ordinary shares and that such issuances occur prior to the earlier of our annual general meeting of shareholders in 2019 or November 7, 2019;

3. the amendment of the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company adopted on January 3, 2014 (the “Articles”) to make explicit (i) the Board’s ability to pay dividends in shares as well as in cash and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by our Board;
4. the adjournment of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement; and
5. such other business as may properly come before the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

We cannot complete some or all of the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement unless the specified conditions are satisfied or waived. The conditions to completion of the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement

that must be satisfied include, among other conditions, the receipt of specified governmental and regulatory approvals and, with respect to the Second Closing and the Third Closing, obtaining the approval of our shareholders to Proposal 1 set forth above. 6922767 Holding (Cayman) Inc., a holding company owned by affiliates of First Reserve Corporation, and which owns approximately 57.2% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, has entered into a voting agreement with the Investor, pursuant to which, among other things, it has agreed to vote its ordinary shares in favor of Proposal 1, Proposal 2 and Proposal 4 set forth above. We currently expect that the transactions will be completed before the end of calendar year 2014.

Our Board of Directors has unanimously determined that the investment agreement and the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, including the issuance of the preferred shares and the grant of preemptive rights to the Investor as described above (which we collectively refer to as the "Private Placement"), are in the best interests of the Company, and has approved and adopted the Private Placement. **OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF THE PREFERRED SHARES, "FOR" THE GRANTING OF PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS TO THE INVESTOR, "FOR" THE AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES TO MAKE EXPLICIT (I) THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO PAY DIVIDENDS IN SHARES AND (II) THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY VOTING VIA TELEPHONE, INTERNET OR OTHER MEANS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AND "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, IF NECESSARY, TO PERMIT FURTHER SOLICITATION OF PROXIES IN THE EVENT THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT VOTES AT THE TIME OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE.**

We expect to complete a rights offering to existing holders of the Company's ordinary shares of up to \$100 million in preferred shares prior to the date that is 90 days after the first closing of the sale of the preferred shares. We have filed a registration statement relating to such rights offering. We will complete the sale of preferred shares in the rights offering in accordance with applicable law and the terms stated in the registration statement. The rights offering will be made only by means of a prospectus filed as part of a registration statement. These proxy materials do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in the rights offering. If you are a shareholder as of the record date for the rights offering, you will receive a prospectus relating to the rights offering and related offering materials following the effectiveness of the registration statement. Those materials will describe in detail the procedures for participation in the rights offering.

We urge you to review carefully the accompanying material and to return the enclosed proxy card promptly. Whether or not you plan to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card without delay or vote by Internet or telephone. If you attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, you may vote in person even if you have previously mailed a proxy.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Amelio  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR VOTE COUNTS BY COMPLETING, SIGNING, DATING AND RETURNING YOUR PROXY.**

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The date of this proxy statement is October 10, 2014.

The approximate date of mailing for this proxy statement and proxy card(s) is October 10, 2014.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Be Held On November 7, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of CHC Group Ltd. (“we” or the “Company”) will be held at the offices of Cooley LLP, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA, on Friday, November 7, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. local time, to consider the following proposals:

1. To approve the issuance of the preferred shares to the Investor, which are convertible into ordinary shares representing more than 20% of the Company’s issued and outstanding ordinary shares, and the issuance of any additional preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares;
2. To approve the granting to the Investor of certain preemptive rights to participate in future Company issuances of its ordinary shares or securities convertible into or exercisable for its ordinary shares to the extent that the Investor upon such issuance or conversion would receive more than 1% of the number or voting power of the Company’s then-outstanding ordinary shares and that such issuances occur prior to the earlier of our annual general meeting of shareholders in 2019 or November 7, 2019;
3. To amend the Articles to make explicit (i) the Board’s ability to pay dividends in shares as well as in cash and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by our Board;
4. To adjourn the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the Private Placement; and
5. To consider such other business as may properly come before the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders or any adjournments thereof.

Information concerning the matters to be acted upon at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is set forth in the accompanying proxy statement (the “Proxy Statement”).

The record date for the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is October 9, 2014. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholders’ Meeting to Be Held on November 7, 2014 at the offices of Cooley LLP, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA.

The proxy statement is

available at [www.envisionreports.com/HELI](http://www.envisionreports.com/HELI)



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By Order of the Board of Directors

Russ Hill  
Corporate Secretary

George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands  
October 10, 2014

Shareholders are urged to complete, date, sign and return the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying envelope, which does not require postage if mailed in the United States, whether or not they plan to attend. Signing and returning a proxy card will not prohibit you from attending the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders or voting in person if you attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

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CERTAIN FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

“Board” means the Board of Directors of CHC Group Ltd.

“CHC Cayman” means 6922767 Holding (Cayman) Inc.

“Company” or “we” or “us” means CHC Group Ltd., unless the context requires otherwise.

“investment agreement” means the investment agreement dated as of August 21, 2014 between CHC Group Ltd., the Investor and the Investor Manager, as it may be amended from time to time.

“Investor” means Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund IX, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited company, or one or more of its affiliates.

“Investor Manager” means Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“non-voting ordinary shares” means the non-voting ordinary shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.0001 of CHC Group Ltd.

“ordinary shares” means the ordinary shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.0001 of CHC Group Ltd.

“preferred shares” means the convertible preferred shares of a nominal or par value of US\$0.0001 of CHC Group Ltd.

“Private Placement” means the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, including without limitation the issuance of the preferred shares on the terms contemplated therein.

“Shareholders” means the holders of our ordinary shares.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Proxy Statement and the other proxy materials attached hereto contains forward-looking statements and information within the meaning of certain securities laws, including the “safe harbor” provision of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and other applicable securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in these proxy materials regarding the benefits of the transactions, as well as our strategy, future operations, projections, conclusions, forecasts, and other statements are “forward-looking statements”. While these forward-looking statements represent our best current judgment, actual results could differ materially from the conclusions, forecasts or projections contained in the forward-looking statements. Certain material factors or assumptions were applied in drawing a conclusion or making a forecast or projection in the forward-looking information contained herein. Such factors include: our ability to obtain the approval of the transaction by our shareholders; the ability to obtain governmental approvals of the transaction or to satisfy other conditions to the transaction on the proposed terms and timeframe; the possibility that the transaction does not close when expected or at all, or that we may be required to modify aspects of the transaction to achieve regulatory approval; the ability to realize the expected reduction of debt and interest expense from the transaction in the amounts or in the timeframe anticipated; as well as competition in the markets we serve, our ability to secure and maintain long-term support contracts, our ability to maintain standards of acceptable safety performance, political, economic, and regulatory uncertainty, problems with our non-wholly owned entities, including potential conflicts with the other owners of such entities, exposure to credit risks, our ability to continue funding our working capital requirements, risks inherent in the operation of helicopters, unanticipated costs or cost increases associated with our business operations, exchange rate fluctuations, trade industry exposure, inflation, ability to continue maintaining government issued licenses, necessary aircraft or insurance, loss of key personnel, work stoppages due to labor disputes, and future material acquisitions or dispositions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual outcomes may vary materially from those indicated. The Company disclaims any intentions or obligations to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Please refer to our annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and our other filings, in particular any discussion of risk factors or forward-looking statements, which are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, and available free of charge at the SEC’s website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)), for a full discussion of the risks and other factors that may impact any estimates or forward-looking statements made herein.

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PROXY STATEMENT  
FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2014

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING



We are providing you with these proxy materials because our Board is soliciting your proxy to vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, including at any adjournments or postponements thereof, to be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the offices of Cooley LLP, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA. You are invited to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to vote on the proposals described in this Proxy Statement. However, you do not need to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to vote your ordinary shares. Instead, you may simply follow the instructions below to submit your proxy. The proxy materials are being distributed or made available on or about October 10, 2014.

How do I attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders?

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The Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the offices of Cooley LLP, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA. Directions to the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders are as follows:

From La Guardia Airport: Take Grand Central Parkway. Brooklyn Queens Expy E, I-278 W and I-495 W to Tunnel Exit Street. Exit from I-495 W. Turn right onto Tunnel Exit Street. Turn left onto E 39th St. Turn right onto Avenue of the Americas. The location of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is on the right.

From John F. Kennedy International Airport: Take I-678 N from 130th Pl. Follow I-678 N and I-495 W to Tunnel Exit Street. Exit from I-495 W. Turn right onto Tunnel Exit Street. Turn left onto E 39th St. Turn right onto Avenue of the Americas. The location of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is on the right.

From Newark International Airport: Take I-78E from Newark International Airport Street. Take I-95 N and NJ-495E to Dyer Ave in Manhattan. Exit from New York 495 E. Take the W 40th Street to Avenue of the Americas. The location of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is on the right.

Information on how to vote in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is discussed below.

Who can vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders?

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Only shareholders of record at the close of business on October 9, 2014 will be entitled to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. On this record date, there were 81,344,469 ordinary shares issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, including 744,501 restricted ordinary shares that were unvested as of the record date.

Shareholder of Record: Ordinary Shares Registered in Your Name

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If on October 9, 2014 your ordinary shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., then you are a shareholder of record. As a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, we urge you to return the enclosed proxy card or vote your shares electronically over the Internet or by telephone to ensure your vote is counted.

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Beneficial Owner: Ordinary Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If on October 9, 2014 your ordinary shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of ordinary shares held in “street name” and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the shareholder of record for purposes of voting at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent regarding how to vote the ordinary shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote your ordinary shares in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

What am I being asked to vote on at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders?

There are four matters scheduled for a vote:

1. Approval of the issuance of the preferred shares to the Investor, which are convertible into ordinary shares representing more than 20% of the Company's issued and outstanding ordinary shares, and the issuance of any additional preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares;
2. Approval of the granting to the Investor of certain preemptive rights to participate in future Company issuances of ordinary shares or securities convertible into or exercisable for ordinary shares to the extent that upon such issuance or conversion the Investor would receive more than 1% of the number or voting power of the Company's then-outstanding ordinary shares and that such issuances occur prior to the earlier of our annual general meeting of shareholders in 2019 or November 7, 2019;
3. Amendment of the Articles to make explicit (i) the Board's ability to pay dividends in shares as well as in cash and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by the Board; and
4. Adjournment of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the Private Placement.

What are the Board's recommendations?

The Board recommends a vote:

- “For” the issuance of the preferred shares;
- “For” the granting of certain preemptive rights to the Investor; and
- “For” the amendment of the Articles to make explicit (i) the Board’s ability to pay dividends in shares and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by the Board; and
- “For” adjournment of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the Private Placement.

What if another matter is properly brought before the meeting?

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The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. If any other matters are properly brought before the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment.

How do I vote?



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For each of the matters to be voted on, you may vote “For” or “Against” or abstain from voting.

The procedures for voting are fairly simple:

Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, by telephone or through the Internet. Whether or not you plan to attend the Extraordinary General

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Meeting of Shareholders, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and vote in person even if you have already voted by proxy.

- To vote in person, come to the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.
- To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, we will vote your ordinary shares as you direct.
- To vote over the telephone, dial toll-free 1-800-652-8683 using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your telephone vote must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on November 6, 2014 to be counted.
- To vote through the Internet, go to [www.envisionreports.com/HELI](http://www.envisionreports.com/HELI) to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your Internet vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 6, 2014 to be counted.

### Beneficial Owner: Ordinary Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner of ordinary shares registered in the name of your broker, bank, or other agent, you should have received a voting instruction form with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from us. Simply complete and mail the voting instruction form to ensure that your vote is counted. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or over the Internet as instructed by your broker or bank. To vote in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

We provide Internet proxy voting to allow you to vote your ordinary shares online, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote instructions. However, please be aware that you must bear any costs associated with your Internet access, such as usage charges from Internet access providers and telephone companies.

How many votes do I have?

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On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each ordinary share you own as of October 9, 2014.

What happens if I do not vote?

Shareholder of Record: Ordinary Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a shareholder of record and do not vote by completing your proxy card, by telephone, through the Internet, or in person at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, your shares will not be voted.

Beneficial Owner: Ordinary Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner and do not instruct your broker, bank, or other agent how to vote your ordinary shares, the question of whether your broker or nominee will still be able to vote your ordinary shares depends on whether the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) deems the particular proposal to be a “routine” matter. Brokers and nominees can use their discretion to vote “uninstructed” ordinary shares with respect to matters that are considered to be “routine,” but not with respect to “non-routine” matters. Under the rules and interpretations of the NYSE, “non-routine” matters are matters that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of shareholders, such as mergers, shareholder proposals, elections of directors (even if not contested), executive compensation (including any advisory shareholder votes on executive compensation and on the frequency of shareholder votes on executive compensation), and certain corporate governance proposals, even if management-supported. Proposals 1, 2 and 3 will be considered “non-routine” matters under the rules and interpretations of the NYSE. Accordingly, your broker or nominee may not vote your ordinary shares on Proposals 1, 2 or 3 without your instructions.

What if I return a proxy card or otherwise vote but do not make specific choices?

Shareholder of Record: Ordinary Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a shareholder of record and you sign and return a proxy card without giving specific voting instructions, then the proxy holders will vote your ordinary shares in the manner recommended by the Board on all matters presented in this

Proxy Statement and as the proxy holders may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented for a vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

Beneficial Owner: Ordinary Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner of ordinary shares held in “street name” and you do not provide the organization that holds your ordinary shares with specific instructions, under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, the organization that holds your ordinary shares may generally vote on routine matters but cannot vote on non-routine matters. If the organization that holds your ordinary shares does not receive instructions from you on how to vote your ordinary shares on a non-routine matter, the organization that holds your ordinary shares will inform our inspector of elections that it does not have the authority to vote on this matter with respect to your ordinary shares. This is generally referred to as a “broker non-vote.” When our inspector of elections tabulates the votes for any particular matter, broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present, but will not be counted toward the vote total for any proposal. We encourage you to provide voting instructions to the organization that holds your ordinary shares to ensure that your vote is counted on all four proposals.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to these proxy materials, our directors and employees and Georgeson Inc. may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies, but Georgeson Inc. will be paid approximately \$5,000 plus certain additional fees and out-of-pocket expenses if it solicits proxies. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

What does it mean if I receive more than one set of proxy materials?

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If you receive more than one set of proxy materials, your ordinary shares may be registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please follow the voting instructions on the proxy card in the proxy materials to ensure that all of your ordinary shares are voted.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?



Shareholder of Record: Ordinary Shares Registered in Your Name

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the meeting. If you are the record holder of your ordinary shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

- You may submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date;
- You may grant a subsequent proxy by telephone or through the Internet;
- You may send a timely written notice that you are revoking your proxy to CHC Group Ltd.'s Corporate Secretary at 190 Elgin Avenue George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands; or
- You may attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

Your most current proxy card, telephone or Internet proxy is the one that is counted.

Beneficial Owner: Ordinary Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If your ordinary shares are held by your broker or bank as a nominee or agent, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker or bank.

How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, who will separately count, for all proposals, votes “For” and “Against,” abstentions and, if applicable, broker non-votes. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect and will not be counted towards the vote total for any proposal.

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What are “broker non-votes”?

As discussed above, when a beneficial owner of ordinary shares held in “street name” does not give instructions to the broker or nominee holding the ordinary shares as to how to vote on matters deemed by the NYSE to be “non-routine,” the broker or nominee cannot vote the ordinary shares. These unvoted ordinary shares are counted as “broker non-votes.”

How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

- To be approved, Proposal 1, the issuance of the preferred shares, which are convertible into ordinary shares representing more than 20% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, and the issuance of any additional preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares, must receive “For” votes from the holders of a majority of shares either present in person or represented by proxy, entitled to vote and voting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect. Pursuant to the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement (as defined under “Terms of the Voting Agreements” below), CHC Cayman, which owns approximately 57.2% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, has, among other things, agreed to vote its ordinary shares in favor of Proposal 1, Proposal 2 and Proposal 4.
- To be approved, Proposal 2, the granting of preemptive rights to the Investor, must receive “For” votes from the holders of a majority of ordinary shares either present in person or represented by proxy, entitled to vote and voting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect.
- To be approved, Proposal 3, the amendment of the Articles to make explicit (i) the Board’s ability to pay dividends in shares as well as in cash and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by the Board, must receive “For” votes from the holders of at least two-thirds of ordinary shares either present in person or represented by proxy, entitled to vote and voting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect.
- To be approved, Proposal 4, adjournment of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the Private Placement, must receive “For” votes from the holders of a majority of ordinary shares either present in person or represented by proxy, entitled to vote and voting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect.

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of shareholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if shareholders holding at least a majority of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares entitled to vote are present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy, provided that with respect to Proposal 3, while CHC Cayman holds at least 5% of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares at the record date, CHC Cayman or its representative is also present at the time the meeting proceeds to business and remains present throughout the meeting. On the record date, there were 81,344,469 shares issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, including 744,501 restricted ordinary shares that were unvested as of the record date, and there were 46,519,484 shares held by CHC Cayman. Thus, the holders of 40,672,235 ordinary shares must be present in person or represented by proxy and, with respect to Proposal 3, CHC Cayman or its representative must be present in person at the meeting to have a quorum.

Your ordinary shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, within half an hour from the time appointed for the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place.

How can I find out the results of the voting at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. In addition, final voting results will be published in a current report on Form 8-K that we expect to file within four business days after the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Form 8-K within four business days after the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, we intend to file a Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Form 8-K to publish the final results.

Am I entitled to dissenter's rights?

No. Under Cayman Islands law, you do not have any rights of appraisal or similar rights of dissenters, whether you vote for or against the resolutions. You may vote "Against" any proposal.

When are shareholder proposals and director nominations due for next year's annual meeting?



To be considered for inclusion in next year's proxy materials, your proposal must be submitted in writing by April 1, 2015, to Corporate Secretary; 190 Elgin Avenue George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands and you must comply with all applicable requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Pursuant to our Articles, if you wish to submit a proposal (including a director nomination) at the meeting that is not to be included in next year's proxy materials, you must give notice of such proposal in writing and such proposal must be received by Corporate Secretary not before May 14, 2015 nor after June 13, 2015. However, if our 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders is held before August 12, 2015, or after October 11, 2015, to be timely, notice by the shareholder must be received no earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders is first made. You are also advised to review our Articles, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of shareholder proposals and director nominations.

In addition, the proxy solicited by the Board for the 2015 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will confer discretionary voting authority with respect to (i) any proposal presented by a shareholder at that meeting for which the Company has not been provided with timely notice and (ii) any proposal made in accordance with our Articles, if the 2015 proxy statement briefly describes the matter and how management's proxy holders intend to vote on it, if the shareholder does not comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-4(c)(2) promulgated under the Exchange Act.

What proxy materials are available on the Internet?

The letter to shareholders and this Proxy Statement are available at [www.envisionreports.com/HELI](http://www.envisionreports.com/HELI).

Who can help answer my questions?

If you have any questions about the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders you should contact our Corporate Secretary at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands or (604) 276-7500.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE TRANSACTION

Why did our Board approve the Private Placement?

In approving the Private Placement, the Board considered a variety of factors and risks, including our business and historical and projected financial results, our objectives to reduce leverage and enhance long-term operating and free cash flow and the advantages and disadvantages of potential alternative transactions. Following such considerations, the Board determined that the Private Placement would be in the best interests of the Company and consistent with our financial goals and priorities to strengthen our balance sheet, reduce leverage and fixed charges, improve free cash flow and maximize long-term value creation. For more information on the factors the board considered in approving the Private Placement and the background of the transactions, see “The Transaction.”

How do we intend to use the proceeds from the Private Placement?

We intend to use proceeds from the investment primarily to reduce debt and fixed charges. A portion of the proceeds is expected to be used to redeem \$105 million of senior unsecured notes and \$130 million of senior secured notes, plus associated premiums. We intend to use the remaining proceeds to adjust the mix of owned versus leased aircraft, to further reduce debt opportunistically and for other general corporate purposes.

What conditions are required to be fulfilled to complete the transaction?

We and the Investor are not required to complete the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement unless specified conditions are satisfied or waived. The conditions to completion of all of the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement that must be satisfied include, among other conditions, the receipt of specified governmental and regulatory approvals and, with respect to the Second Closing and the Third Closing (each as defined below), the approval of our shareholders of the first proposal set forth in this Proxy Statement. For a more complete summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to completion of the transaction, see “Terms of the Investment Agreement — Conditions to Closing.”

What governmental and regulatory filings are required?



The transaction is subject to Canadian, Brazilian and European antitrust laws. We and the Investor have filed the required notifications or draft notifications with applicable authorities and await clearance. The transactions may be challenged at any time. For more information on the governmental and regulatory approvals required for completion of the transaction, see “Regulatory Approvals.”

When do we and the Investor expect the transaction to be completed?

We and the Investor are working to complete the transaction as expeditiously as practicable. We currently expect the transaction to be completed before the end of calendar year 2014. However, we cannot predict the exact timing of the completion of the transaction because it is subject to governmental and regulatory approvals and other conditions. See “Terms of the Investment Agreement — Conditions to Closing.”

Who can help answer my questions?

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If you have any questions about the Private Placement you should contact our Corporate Secretary at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands or (604) 276-7500.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained in this Proxy Statement, but does not contain all of the information that may be important to your voting decision. You should carefully read this entire Proxy Statement, including the attached annexes and the documents incorporated by reference into this document for a more complete understanding of the matters to be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

## The Proposals

The Company will issue to the Investor preferred shares that are convertible into ordinary shares. We have agreed to sell to the Investor for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$600 million, at a purchase price of \$1,000 per preferred share, (i) a number of preferred shares such that, if such preferred shares were immediately converted into ordinary shares, the total number of voting ordinary shares held by the Investor would be equal to (x) 19.9% of the total number of voting ordinary shares issued and outstanding as of immediately before such issuance of the preferred shares less (y) the sum of the number of preferred shares issuable in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares on each of the first two payment dates for the payment of dividends on the preferred shares (the “First Closing”); (ii) 500,000 preferred shares, less the preferred shares sold at the First Closing (the “Second Closing”), and (iii) up to 100,000 additional preferred shares (which number may be reduced by the number of preferred shares sold pursuant to a rights offering to existing holders of our ordinary shares) (the “Third Closing”). In the event that the First Closing has not occurred by October 31, 2014, then the First Closing will not occur until such time as the Second Closing Occurs.

The principal terms of the preferred shares are described under “Terms of Preferred Shares” below. In connection with the issuance of the preferred shares, we are asking our shareholders to vote on the following proposals:

1. To approve the issuance of the preferred shares, which are convertible into ordinary shares representing more than 20% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, and the issuance of any additional preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares;
2. To approve the grant of certain preemptive rights to the Investor to participate in future Company issuances of its ordinary shares or securities convertible into or exercisable for its ordinary shares to the extent that the Investor upon such issuance or conversion would receive more than 1% of the number or voting power of the Company’s then-outstanding ordinary shares and that such issuances occur prior to the earlier of our annual general meeting of shareholders in 2019 or November 7, 2019;
3. To amend the Articles to make explicit (i) the Board’s ability to pay dividends in shares and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by the Board;
4. To adjourn the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, if necessary, to permit further solicitation of proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to approve the issuance of the preferred shares; and
5. To consider such other business as may properly come before the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders or any adjournments thereof.

The approval of Proposal 1 listed above is a condition to completing the issuance of the preferred shares to the Investor under the Second Closing and the Third Closing.

The Parties to the Transactions

Clayton, Dubilier & Rice

Founded in 1978, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice (“CD&R”) is a private equity firm with an investment strategy predicated on producing financial returns through building stronger, more profitable businesses. CD&R manages approximately \$21 billion on behalf of its investors and since inception has acquired 62 businesses with an aggregate transaction value of more than \$90 billion. For more information, please visit [www.cdr-inc.com](http://www.cdr-inc.com). The CD&R website address is provided as an inactive textual reference only. The information provided on the CD&R website is not part of this proxy statement, and therefore is not incorporated herein by reference.



Structure of the Transaction and Terms of the Preferred Shares

Investment Agreement

The investment agreement contemplates the Investor making an investment of up to \$600 million in the Company by means of a purchase of preferred shares at a purchase price of \$1,000 per share. The preferred shares to be purchased under the investment agreement consist of (i) at the First Closing, a number of preferred shares such that, if such preferred shares were immediately converted into ordinary shares, the total number of voting ordinary shares held by the Investor would be equal to (x) 19.9% of the total number of voting ordinary shares issued and outstanding as of immediately before such issuance of the preferred shares less (y) the sum of the number of preferred shares issuable in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares on each of the first two payment dates for the payment of dividends on the preferred shares, (ii) at the Second Closing, 500,000 preferred shares, less the preferred shares sold at the First Closing, and (iii) at the Third Closing, 100,000 preferred shares, less the number of preferred shares sold in an offering of preferred shares solely to existing holders of our ordinary shares on a pro rata basis. A description of the rights of the preferred shares adopted by the Board (or the “Description of Preferred Shares”) which sets forth the terms of the preferred shares along with a description of the rights of the non-voting ordinary shares (or the “Description of Non-Voting Shares”) is attached hereto as Annex C.

The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions, including (i) with respect to the Second Closing and the Third Closing, the approval of the issuance of the preferred shares by the holders of a majority of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares voted in person or by proxy at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, (ii) expiration or termination of certain required waiting periods of applicable competition laws, (iii) obtaining certain required third-party consents, (iv) execution of certain shareholder agreements with the Investor and CHC Cayman, (v) resignation of one of the directors designated by CHC Cayman and election of two (2) directors designated by the Investor at or prior to the First Closing and an additional two (2) directors designated by the Investor at or prior to the Second Closing and (vi) absence of a Company Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the investment agreement).

The Company has made representations, warranties and covenants in the investment agreement, including, among others, covenants to conduct its business in the ordinary course between the date of execution of the investment agreement and the First Closing, and certain additional covenants, including, among others, covenants, subject to certain exceptions, (i) to cause an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held to consider approval of the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement and (ii) not to solicit proposals from parties other than the Investor for an acquisition of more than 20% of the assets or securities of the Company. The investment agreement provides that, after the First Closing, the Company will indemnify the Investor and its affiliates for the Company’s breaches of representations, warranties and covenants, subject to certain limitations. In connection with the Private Placement, the Company will reimburse the Investor for the Investor’s reasonable costs and expenses up to \$5 million and will pay the Investor Manager an aggregate closing fee of \$7.5 million, of which \$1.8 million is payable on or about the First Closing and \$5.7 million is payable at the Second Closing. The Third Closing will occur following the completion of a rights offering (the “Rights Offering”) to existing holders of the Company’s ordinary shares of up to \$100 million in preferred shares prior to the date that is 90 days after the First Closing, subject to the satisfaction of closing conditions.

Terms of the Preferred Shares

The Board has approved the Description of Preferred Shares and the Description of Non-Voting Shares, which set forth the rights and restrictions of the preferred shares and non-voting ordinary shares, respectively. In any liquidation event, the holders of the preferred shares will receive prior to the holders of our ordinary shares the greater of (i) the purchase price of such preferred shares plus accrued dividends, referred to as the liquidation value, or (ii) the amount the holder would have received if such preferred shares had been converted into ordinary shares. Under certain circumstances, the preferred shares will be subject to mandatory conversion into that number of ordinary shares equal to the quotient of (i) the liquidation value divided by (ii) the then-effective conversion price as defined therein, which will initially be \$7.50 and increase by 0.25% every quarter after the Second Closing until the eighth anniversary of the Second Closing. The circumstances that would trigger mandatory conversion include when (w) following the second anniversary of the Second Closing, the daily volume-weighted average sale price of an ordinary share, or VWAP, equals or exceeds 175% of the conversion price for 30 consecutive trading days, (x) following a reorganization event, the daily volume-weighted average sales price of the shares of the to-be surviving company equals or exceeds 175% of the adjusted conversion price for 30 consecutive trading days, (y) following the eighth anniversary of the Second Closing, the average VWAP for the 10 preceding trading days equals or exceeds the conversion price, and (z) the liquidation value of all outstanding preferred shares is less than \$50 million. In addition, the preferred shares are convertible into ordinary shares at the then-effective conversion price at any time at the option of the holder. The Company may, at its

option, convert the preferred shares into ordinary shares (a) following the eighth anniversary of the Second Closing based on a conversion price equal to the lesser of the then-effective conversion price and the average VWAP for the 10 preceding trading days or (b) following the fifteenth anniversary of the Second Closing based on a conversion price equal to the lesser of (I) the then-effective conversion price and (II) the greater of the average VWAP for the 10 preceding trading days and fifty (50)% of the then-effective conversion price. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate voting ordinary shares issued upon conversion of preferred shares held by any holder and its affiliates may not exceed 49.9% of the total voting ordinary shares issued and outstanding immediately after such conversion and, for each voting ordinary share not issued due to this limitation, the holder will receive a non-voting ordinary share.

The preferred shares will be entitled to receive a dividend or distribution with the result that they will participate equally and ratably with the ordinary shares in all dividends or distributions paid on ordinary shares. In addition, holders of the preferred shares are entitled to cumulative dividends accruing daily on a quarterly compounding basis at a rate of 8.50% per annum. Upon a default, the dividend rate will increase to 11.50% per annum and the Company will be restricted from paying dividends on or redeeming securities junior to preferred shares. The preferred dividends accruing up to the second anniversary of the Second Closing will be satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares to the holders of preferred shares. The preferred dividends accruing after such anniversary will be paid either in cash or satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares to the holders of preferred shares at the option of the Company. The preferred dividends will be payable in cash or satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares to the holders of preferred shares quarterly in arrears as authorized by the Board. Each holder of preferred shares may require the redemption of such preferred shares upon a change of control of the Company at a purchase price equal to the liquidation value of such preferred shares. The preferred shares will vote at all shareholders meetings together with, and as part of one class with, the ordinary shares, provided, however, that the preferred shares of any one holder and its affiliates (together with any votes of such holder and its affiliates in respect of any previously issued ordinary shares upon conversion of preferred shares) will not represent more than 49.9% of the total number of votes. In addition, the prior written consent of the holders of a majority of the preferred shares will be required to, among other things, (i) create, or issue additional, equity or convertible securities other than voting or non-voting ordinary shares or (ii) enter into a debt agreement restricting the payment of dividends in kind or a distribution by the issuance of preferred shares or the conversion of preferred shares into ordinary shares.

The non-voting ordinary shares will have the same rights as ordinary shares in all respects, except that (i) they will be non-voting shares (except to the extent required by applicable law) and (ii) they will be convertible into ordinary shares on a one-to-one basis at the option of the holders at any time in connection with or following any transfer of such shares to a person which together with its affiliates will own no more than 49.9% of the total voting ordinary shares immediately following such conversion.

Recommendation and Considerations of the Board

The Board has unanimously determined that the transaction is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that our shareholders vote “FOR” each of the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement.

The Board consulted extensively and over an extended time period with senior management and our financial and legal advisors and considered a number of factors in reaching its decisions to enter into the investment agreement and to approve the issuance of the preferred shares, and to recommend that our shareholders vote “FOR” each of the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement. Some of the factors the Board considered include:

- the Company’s business and historical and projected financial results;
- the Company’s objectives to reduce leverage and enhance long-term operating and free cash flow;
- the advantages and disadvantages of potential alternative transactions, such as a strategic merger or acquisition, public equity financing or other private equity alternatives;
- the proposed use of proceeds of the investment, which include secured and unsecured debt repurchases and new aircraft purchases, adjusting the mix of owned versus leased aircraft;
- the terms of the proposed CD&R investment and market terms of other similar securities;
- the Company’s ability to obtain the approval of the transaction by our shareholders;
- the Company’s ability to obtain governmental approvals of the transaction and to satisfy other conditions to the transaction on the proposed terms and timeframe;
- the possibility that the transaction does not close when expected or at all, or that the Company may be required to modify aspects of the transaction to achieve regulatory approval; and
- the ability to realize the expected reduction of debt and interest expense from the transaction in the amounts or in the timeframe anticipated.

The factors set forth above represent some, but not all, of the information and factors considered by the Board. In view of the variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the transaction, the Board did not find it practicable to, and did not, quantify or otherwise assign relative or specific weights or values to any of these factors, and individual directors may have given different weights to different factors.

Opinion of Our Financial Advisor

Evercore Partners Inc. (“Evercore”) acted as one of our financial advisors in connection with the transaction. On August 19, 2014, Evercore delivered its oral opinion to the Board, which was subsequently confirmed by delivery of a written opinion, dated as of August 21, 2014, that, as of that date and based upon and subject to the factors and assumptions set forth in the written opinion, (i) the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares are generally consistent with market terms of other similar securities, when considered in the aggregate, and reflecting the Considerations described under the heading “Opinion of Evercore Partners Inc.” below and (ii) the proceeds to be received by the Company relative to the number of ordinary shares initially issuable upon conversion of the preferred shares is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Company.

The full text of the written opinion of Evercore dated as of August 21, 2014, which sets forth the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and limitations on the review undertaken by Evercore in connection with the opinion, is attached as Annex F to this Proxy Statement. Evercore provided its opinions for the information and the assistance of the Board in connection with its consideration of the transaction. This opinion is not a recommendation as to how any shareholder should vote with respect to the issuance of the preferred shares.

Additional Interests of Directors and Officers in the Transaction



When considering the recommendation by the Board, you should be aware that a number of our directors and executive officers may have interests in the issuance of the preferred shares that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of our shareholders. The Board was aware of these interests and considered them, among other matters, in adopting and approving the issuance of the preferred shares. All these additional interests are described in this Proxy Statement and, except as described in this Proxy Statement, such persons have, to our knowledge, no material interest in the transaction apart from those of our shareholders generally.

Regulatory Approvals

Completion of the issuance of the preferred shares is subject to various regulatory approvals and the completion of certain filings, including, among others, the filing of notification and report forms pursuant to the Canadian, Brazilian and European competition laws and the expirations or early termination of any applicable waiting periods thereunder, as well as certain additional regulatory filings pursuant to antitrust or competition laws in other jurisdictions.

Conditions to Closing

Completion of the issuance of the preferred shares depends on the satisfaction or waiver of a number of conditions, including, among others, the following:

- with respect to the Second Closing and the Third Closing, the Company has received shareholder approval to issue the preferred shares;
- the Registration Rights and Shareholders' Agreements between the Company and CHC Cayman (each as described in this Proxy Statement) have been amended in the form agreed to in the investment agreement;
- the Company has taken certain steps to address whether the Company or its subsidiaries would be characterized as a "passive foreign investment company," or a PFIC, or has provided information regarding the income and assets of the Company and its subsidiaries that enables the Investor to reasonably conclude that no such entity would be characterized as a PFIC;
- the Company has obtained all required consents or waivers from the lenders under the Company's revolving credit facility;
- ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of the preferred shares shall have been authorized for listing on the NYSE;
- the Company has delivered to the Investor an executed resignation letter of one member of the Board or other evidence of such vacancy on the Board;
- the Company has taken all actions necessary to cause two individuals nominated by the Investor to be elected to the Board immediately upon the First Closing and an additional two individuals nominated by the Investor to be elected to

the Board immediately upon the Second Closing, with such individuals appointed to committees of the Board as required by the Shareholders' Agreement between the Company and the Investor; and

- there has not been a "Company Material Adverse Effect" (as defined in the investment agreement) since April 30, 2014.

Rights Offering

We expect to commence the Rights Offering prior to the date that is 90 days after the First Closing. We have filed a registration statement relating to the Rights Offering. We will complete the sale of preferred shares in the Rights Offering in accordance with applicable law and the terms stated in the registration statement. The Rights Offering will be made only by means of a prospectus filed as part of a registration statement. This proxy does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in the Rights Offering. If you are a shareholder as of the record date for the Rights Offering, you will receive a prospectus relating to the Rights Offering and related offering materials following the effectiveness of the registration statement. Those materials will describe in detail the procedures for participation in the Rights Offering.

No Solicitation of Alternative Transactions

The investment agreement contains restrictions on our ability to solicit or engage in discussions or negotiations with a third party regarding any acquisition of more than 20% of the assets or securities of the Company.

Termination of the Investment Agreement

The investment agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the First Closing:

- by mutual written consent of us and the Investor;
- by either party if the First Closing has not occurred on or before March 31, 2015, except by a party whose failure to fulfill any obligations under the investment agreement has caused the failure of the First Closing to occur; and
- by either party for a breach of any representation, warranty or covenant by the other party that remains uncured for 30 days after the breaching party receives notice thereof and that would cause the conditions to closing not to be satisfied.

Beneficial Ownership of Shares

As of July 31, 2014, approximately 1.0% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares were held by our directors and executive officers, and no shares were held by the Investor or any of its affiliates. Immediately following the Second Closing (and without taking into account any preferred shares issued or to be issued in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends), the Investor will beneficially own approximately 45.0% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares (based on the capitalization as of July 31, 2014). Immediately following the Third Closing (and without taking into account any preferred shares issued or to be issued in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends), and based on the capitalization as of July 31, 2014, the Investor will beneficially own approximately 49.6% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares (including unvested restricted ordinary shares), assuming no participation by existing shareholders in the Rights Offering. More detailed information regarding the beneficial ownership of our directors, executive officers and certain existing shareholders is provided below in “Beneficial Ownership of Shares.”

#### Terms of the Voting Agreements



In connection with the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, CHC Cayman and the Investor entered into a pre-closing voting agreement (the “Pre-Closing Voting Agreement”) on August 21, 2014, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex B. Pursuant to the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman agreed to, among other things, vote in any shareholder action in favor of the issuance of the preferred shares and any additional action required under the Articles or any rules of the NYSE for such issuance.

CHC Cayman and the Investor also agreed to enter into a post-closing voting agreement (the “Post-Closing Voting Agreement”) as of the date of the First Closing. A copy of the form of the Post-Closing Voting Agreement is attached hereto as an exhibit to the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, which is attached as Annex B. Under the Post-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman and the

Investor will vote in any shareholder action to elect director nominees designated by the Investor pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement and by CHC Cayman under CHC Cayman's shareholder agreement with the Company. Pursuant to the Post-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman will also vote its shares in any shareholder action in favor of any exercise by the Investor of its preemptive rights to acquire additional securities of the Company in accordance with the Shareholders' Agreement to the extent such issuance would require shareholder approval due to the Investor's status as an affiliate of the Company.

Terms of the Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with and as a condition to the First Closing, the Company and the Investor and its affiliates will enter into a Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement. A copy of the form of each of these agreements is attached hereto as Annexes D and E, respectively, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Under the Shareholders' Agreement, the Investor and its affiliates (the "Investor Group") will have the right to designate for nomination the number of directors that is proportionate to their beneficial ownership percentage of the equity of the Company on an as-converted basis. For so long as the Investor Group in the aggregate beneficially owns at least 5% of the issued and outstanding voting shares of the Company, they will be entitled to designate for nomination at least one director. Between the First Closing and Second Closing, the Investor Group will be entitled to designate for nomination the lowest whole number of directors greater than  $16\frac{2}{3}\%$  of the total number of the Company's directors. Also, between the First Closing and Second Closing and following the Second Closing for so long as the Investor Group beneficially owns at least 30% of the Company on an as-converted basis, the Board will have a committee consisting of directors designated by the Investor Group, which committee will have the sole power to identify and appoint the chairman of the Board. For at least one year following the Second Closing, at least one director designated for nomination by the Investor Group will be independent pursuant to the listing standards of the NYSE, provided that the Investor Group has the right to designate for nomination at least four director nominees under the Shareholders' Agreement.

From the First Closing until the time the Investor Group is no longer entitled to designate for nomination any director nominee to the Board, the Investor or its affiliate, without the prior written consent of a majority of directors not designated by it, may not, and shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause its portfolio companies not to, subject to certain exceptions, (i) acquire the Company's equity securities, (ii) transfer any of the Company's equity securities into a voting trust or similar contract, (iii) enter into or propose a merger or similar business combination transaction with the Company, (iv) engage in a proxy solicitation other than on behalf of the Company or for the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, (v) call a shareholder meeting or initiate a shareholder proposal, (vi) form or join a group with respect to the Company's equity securities other than with CHC Cayman, (vii) transfer any of the Company's equity securities to a beneficial owner of greater than 10% of the Company's ordinary shares (including ordinary shares issued or issuable upon conversion of preferred shares) or (viii) disclose publicly any intention or plan prohibited by the foregoing. Under the Shareholders' Agreement, the Company will also grant the Investor Group certain information rights and preemptive rights with respect to issuances of equity securities by the Company. In addition, so long as the Investor Group beneficially own at least 30% of the Company (or 20% in the case of a sale of substantially all assets of the Company) on an as-converted basis, the consent of the Investor Group will be required for the Company to undertake certain actions, including a liquidation, merger, acquisition, sale of substantially all assets of the Company, or other change in control transactions.

Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company will grant the Investor certain demand and piggyback registration rights with respect to the ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of the preferred shares. In the event that the securities requested to be included in a registration statement exceeds the number that can be sold in an offering, the priority will be given (i) first to the Company selling for its own account in the case of piggyback registration, (ii) then to CHC Cayman and its affiliates so long as they beneficially own less than 7.5% of all issued and outstanding ordinary shares and ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of the preferred shares and other convertible securities, and (iii) then to the Investor Group and First Reserve Corporation and its affiliates on a pro rata basis.

Amendment to First Reserve Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with and as a condition to the First Closing, the Company, CHC Cayman, a majority shareholder of the Company, and other parties have entered into an Amendment No. 1 to Shareholders' Agreement (the "FR Shareholders' Agreement Amendment") and an Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement (the "FR Registration Rights Agreement"), each of which will become effective as of the First Closing. A copy of the form of each of these agreements is attached hereto as Annexes G and H, respectively, and is incorporated herein by reference.

PROPOSAL 1 — ISSUANCE OF THE PREFERRED SHARES

General

Section 312.03(c) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual requires that companies listed on the NYSE obtain shareholder approval prior to the issuance of common stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock), in any transaction or series of related transactions if: (1) the common stock has, or will have upon issuance, voting power equal to or in excess of 20% of the voting power outstanding before the issuance of such stock or of securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock; or (2) the number of shares of common stock to be issued is, or will be upon issuance, equal to or in excess of 20% of the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding before the issuance of the common stock or of securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock. The ordinary shares to be issued upon conversion of the preferred shares to be issued pursuant to the investment agreement would exceed 20% of our currently issued and outstanding ordinary shares. As a result, under the applicable NYSE rules shareholder approval of the issuance of such preferred shares is required. Pursuant to the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman, which owns approximately 57.2% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, has, among other things, agreed to vote its ordinary shares in favor of Proposal 1, Proposal 2 and Proposal 4.

Vote Required

The required vote to approve the issuance to the Investor of the preferred shares, which are convertible into ordinary shares representing more than 20% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares, and the issuance of any additional preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends on the preferred shares, is the affirmative vote by ordinary resolution of the holders of at least a majority of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares present and voting in person or by proxy at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE ISSUANCE OF THE Preferred SHARES, WHICH ARE CONVERTIBLE INTO ORDINARY SHARES REPRESENTING MORE THAN 20% OF OUR ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING ORDINARY SHARES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL PREFERRED SHARES IN RESPECT OF AMOUNTS OF ACCRUED PREFERRED DIVIDENDS ON THE PREFERRED SHARES.

PROPOSAL 2 — GRANT OF PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS



General

Section 312.03(b) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual requires that companies listed on the NYSE obtain shareholder approval prior to any issuance or sale of common stock, or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, in any transaction or series of related transactions with any director, officer or substantial security holder of the Company (each a “Related Party”), if the number of shares of common stock to be issued, or if the number of shares of common stock into which the securities may be converted or exercised, exceeds either 1% of the number of shares of common stock or 1% of the voting power outstanding before the issuance or sale. Investor’s percentage ownership of the Company’s issued and outstanding ordinary shares immediately following the Second Closing (and without taking into account any preferred shares issued or to be issued in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends) shall be approximately 45.0% on an as-converted basis and, as a result, Investor shall be deemed a Related Party under NYSE rules and regulations. Pursuant to the Shareholders’ Agreement, the Company agreed to provide Investor with certain preemptive rights to participate in the Company’s future equity issuances for so long as Investor owns at least 5% of the Company’s issued and outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis, as more fully described in the Shareholders’ Agreement. As a result, under the applicable NYSE rules shareholder approval of the issuance of the grant of the preemptive rights to the Investor is required. Based on discussions with representatives of the NYSE, we understand that the NYSE policy requires us to seek further shareholder approval of these preemptive rights every five years. Accordingly, we are seeking shareholder approval for only those potential equity issuances by the Company upon exercise of the Investor’s preemptive rights which occur prior to the earlier of our annual general meeting of shareholders in 2019 or November 7, 2019, the five-year anniversary of this extraordinary general meeting.

Vote Required

The required vote to approve the grant of preemptive rights to the Investor is the affirmative vote by ordinary resolution of the holders of at least a majority of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares present and voting in person or by proxy at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE GRANT OF PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS TO THE INVESTOR.

PROPOSAL 3 — AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

General

As our Articles provide that the Board may fix and determine all of the relative rights (including, without limitation, dividend rights) of the shares of the Company. Our Articles also provide that in paying dividends, the Board may make such payment in cash or in specie. In order to make explicit that the payment of the dividends on issued and outstanding shares of the Company may be paid by issuance of additional shares of the Company, we are recommending for the adoption by shareholders the amendment of the Articles provided below. In addition, while our Articles (i) provide that a shareholder may participate in any general meeting of the shareholders by telephone and (ii) allow an instrument appointing a proxy in any usual or common form or such other form as the Board may approve, the use of telephone or Internet for proxy voting is not explicitly authorized in the Articles. In order to make explicit the availability of proxy voting by means of telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by the Board, we are recommending for the adoption by shareholders the amendment of the Articles provided below.

The amendments to the Articles that are the subject of this proposal are intended solely to clarify that (i) the Company may in the future seek to pay dividends on issued and outstanding shares of the Company by issuance of additional shares of the Company and (ii) shareholders may exercise their right to appoint a proxy by telephone, Internet or other means approved by the Board. The approval of this proposal is not a condition to the closing under the Investment Agreement. If this proposal is not approved, it will have no effect on the ability of the Company to issue preferred shares or ordinary shares to the Investor or any other holder of preferred shares pursuant to the Description of Preferred Shares, and the Company will be permitted to issue preferred shares or ordinary shares to the Investor or any other holder of preferred shares in accordance with the terms thereof, including the issuance of preferred shares in respect of amounts of accrued dividends.

Resolution

Resolved, that the following amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company be, and hereby are, approved:

(a) the replacement of Article 79 of the Articles of Association of the Company with the following new Article 79:

“79. A proxy may be appointed by:

(a) an instrument in writing signed by the appointor or his attorney (duly authorised in writing) or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under Seal or signed by a duly authorised officer or attorney; or

(b) electronic proxy card completed and submitted on the Internet, proxy appointment completed and submitted by means of telephone facility provided by the Company or any other method(s) approved by the Directors, such approval being evidenced by that method of appointment being specified as an applicable method of appointment in the notice convening the meeting and provided always that any such appointment is made in accordance with the requirements set out in the notice convening the meeting.

A proxy need not be a Shareholder.”

(b) the replacement of Article 136 of the Articles of Association of the Company with the following new Article 136:

“136. The Directors when paying dividends to the Shareholders in accordance with the foregoing provisions of these Articles may make such payment in cash, in specie or in Shares.”

Vote Required

The required vote to approve the amendment of the Articles to make explicit (i) the Board's ability to pay dividends in shares as well as in cash and (ii) the availability of proxy voting via telephone, Internet, or other means as approved by the Board, is the affirmative vote by special resolution of the holders of at least two-thirds of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares present and voting in person or by proxy at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES TO MAKE EXPLICIT (I) THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO PAY DIVIDENDS IN SHARES AND (II) THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY VOTING VIA TELEPHONE, INTERNET, OR OTHER MEANS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.



CAPITALIZATION

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The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities as of July 31, 2014:

- on an actual basis; and
- on an as adjusted basis giving effect to (1) the First Closing and Second Closing and (2) the Rights Offering and our intended application of proceeds to redeem \$105 million of senior unsecured notes and \$130 million of senior secured notes.

You should read this table in conjunction with historical consolidated financial statements and the other financial and statistical information included or incorporated by reference herein.

As of July 31, 2014 (in thousands, except share and per share data)					
	Adjustments			Adjustments	As
	Actual	from Private Placement <sup>(1)</sup>	Subtotal	from Rights Offering <sup>(2)</sup>	Adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 119,928	\$ 225,519	\$ 345,447	\$ 98,139	\$ 443,586
Indebtedness:					
Senior secured notes <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 1,105,000	\$ (130,000 )	\$ 975,000	\$ —	\$ 975,000
Senior unsecured notes <sup>(4)</sup>	300,000	(105,000 )	195,000	—	195,000
Other long-term obligations	88,730	—	88,730	—	88,730
Total indebtedness	1,493,730	(235,000 )	1,258,730	—	1,258,730
Temporary equity:					
Preferred Shares, \$0.0001 par value per share; 500,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, actual; 600,000 shares to be issued and outstanding, on an as adjusted basis <sup>(5)</sup>	—	474,263	474,263	98,139	572,402
Redeemable non-controlling interests	(15,216 )	—	(15,216 )	—	(15,216 )
Shareholders' equity:					
Ordinary shares, \$0.0001 par value per share; 1,500,000,000 shares to be authorized, 80,597,912	8	—	8	—	8

shares to be issued and  
outstanding<sup>(6)</sup>

Additional paid-in capital	2,042,602	—	2,042,602	—	2,042,602
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(165,998 )	—	(165,998 )	—	(165,998 )
Deficit <sup>(7)</sup>	(1,307,203 )	(19,249 )	(1,326,452 )	—	(1,326,452 )
Total shareholders' equity	569,409	(19,249 )	550,160	—	550,160
Total capitalization	\$ 2,047,923	\$ 220,014	\$ 2,267,937	\$ 98,139	\$ 2,366,076

(1) Represents the issuance and sale of 500,000 preferred shares at \$1,000 per share net of estimated issue costs after giving effect to the First Closing and Second Closing and bond repurchases described in (7).

(2) Represents the issuance and sale of 100,000 preferred shares at \$1,000 per share net of estimated issue costs.

(3) Represents the aggregate principal amount of the senior secured notes issued and outstanding.

(4) Represents the aggregate principal amount of the senior unsecured notes issued and outstanding.

(5) The preferred shares are classified as temporary equity as they are redeemable for liquidation value on a change of control.

(6) Excluding unvested restricted shares of 744,501.

(7) Deficit is adjusted for the loss on extinguishment related to the redemption of \$130.0 million of the senior secured notes at a redemption price of 103% of the principal and \$105.0 million of the senior unsecured notes at a redemption price of 109.375% of the principal. The loss on extinguishment is comprised of the redemption premium, the unamortized deferred financing costs, and the original issuance discount and premium.

THE TRANSACTION

Purposes and Effects of the Transaction

If all the conditions to the investment agreement are satisfied or waived in accordance with its terms, the Company will issue an aggregate of 600,000 preferred shares, pursuant to the terms described elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

The estimated net cash proceeds to us from the sale of the preferred shares, including any shares sold in the Rights Offering, will be \$572.4 million, after giving effect to the payment of estimated transaction expenses and the transaction fees to be paid by us to financial advisors and the Investor. We plan to use proceeds from the investment primarily to reduce debt and fixed charges. A portion of the proceeds is expected to be used to redeem \$105 million of senior unsecured notes and \$130 million of senior secured notes, plus associated premiums. We expect that remaining proceeds will be used to adjust the mix of owned versus leased aircraft, to further reduce debt opportunistically and for other general corporate purposes.

Immediately following the Second Closing (and without taking into account any preferred shares issued or to be issued in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends), the Investor will beneficially own approximately 45.0% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares (based on the capitalization as of July 31, 2014). Immediately following the Third Closing (and without taking into account any preferred shares issued or to be issued in respect of amounts of accrued preferred dividends) and based on the capitalization as of July 31, 2014, the Investor will beneficially own approximately 49.6% of our issued and outstanding ordinary shares (including unvested restricted ordinary shares), assuming no participation by existing shareholders in the Rights Offering. In addition, pursuant to the Registration Rights and Shareholders Agreement, the Investor will have the right to designate for nomination a number of directors to the Board based on its ownership interest.

Recommendation of the Board and its Reasons for the Issuance of the Preferred Shares

The Board has determined that the issuance of the preferred shares is in the best interests of the Company. Accordingly, the Board has approved and adopted the issuance of the preferred shares and the terms of the preferred shares. The Board unanimously recommends that you vote “FOR” each of the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement. In making this determination, the Board considered a number of factors which supported its decision to approve and adopt the issuance of the preferred shares and the terms of the preferred shares.

In the course of its deliberations, the Board considered a variety of factors and risks, including the following:

- the Company’s business and historical and projected financial results;
- the Company’s objectives to reduce leverage and enhance long-term operating and free cash flow;
- the advantages and disadvantages of potential alternative transactions, such as a strategic merger or acquisition, public equity financing or other private equity alternatives;
- the proposed use of proceeds of the investment, which include secured and unsecured debt repurchases and new aircraft purchases, adjusting the mix of owned versus leased aircraft;
- the terms of the proposed CD&R investment and market terms of other similar securities;
- the Company’s ability to obtain the approval of the transaction by our shareholders;
- the Company’s ability to obtain governmental approvals of the transaction and to satisfy other conditions to the transaction on the proposed terms and timeframe;
- the possibility that the transaction does not close when expected or at all, or that the Company may be required to modify aspects of the transaction to achieve regulatory approval; and
- the ability to realize the expected reduction of debt and interest expense from the transaction in the amounts or in the timeframe anticipated.

#### Background of the Transaction

This background section is intended to provide a description of the events leading to the Board's decision to approve the investment agreement.



At a regular meeting in March 2014, our Board determined that it would be prudent to explore the feasibility of certain strategic transactions to strengthen the Company's balance sheet, enhance financial flexibility of the Company and to support further growth of the business. During the following months, in contemplation of the foregoing, the Company examined various alternatives, including potential business combination transactions and capital-raising options (including the possibility of issuing our common stock either in a private placement or in a public offering). Ultimately, our Board, with the assistance of Morgan Stanley, determined that issuing the preferred shares to the Investor in a private placement would be the most effective, efficient and timely means to achieve our goals of a stronger balance sheet, enhanced financial flexibility and further growth of the business and would be in the best interests of the Company. In making such determination, our Board considered one or more public offerings of ordinary shares to be suboptimal as compared to a private placement of the ordinary shares because, among other reasons, the Board did not expect that a public offering of ordinary shares would yield a comparable amount of proceeds on acceptable terms as a private placement. Our Board also evaluated a potential business combination that would have likely included a need for additional third-party equity investment in addition to the business combination and which raised potential tax and other regulatory considerations. Consequently, in light of the uncertainties that could make completing this business combination alternative in a timely manner difficult to achieve, our Board chose to pursue a transaction with the Investor, and, following its evaluation and consultation with its financial advisors, authorized the Company to pursue discussions with the Investor and other potential investors for an investment in ordinary shares in a private placement. In addition to the Investor, representatives of the Company contacted three other potential investors with respect to an investment in our ordinary shares in a private placement. Of these three investors, one declined to participate after reviewing publicly available information, one executed a confidentiality agreement but did not review any confidential information and the third indicated a willingness to proceed only with respect to an investment in preferred shares of the Company. Only the Investor indicated a willingness to continue discussions and complete a full due diligence review of the Company on the basis of an investment in ordinary shares.

After substantially completing its due diligence, the Investor concluded that it would only be willing to invest in the Company's equity through an investment in convertible preferred shares of the Company. The Board evaluated the Investor's proposed shift from investing in ordinary shares to convertible preferred equity, and took into account the Investor's strong track record with similar investments in its over 35-year history, as well as the Investor's proposed nominee for Chairman of the Board, John Krenicki, previously a Vice Chairman of General Electric, who, together with the Investor, would be well positioned to help guide the Company's strategy and direction moving forward. In light of the Board's desire to move forward with a transaction that would advance the Company's balance sheet, financial and performance goals, and utilize the strengths of the Investor and Mr. Krenicki, as noted above, our Board determined to pursue an investment in the preferred shares by the Investor. In particular, the Board was guided in this decision by the considerations noted above with respect to the lack of feasibility of public offerings at a comparable size, the significant obstacles to effecting a business combination, and took into account the high level of interest shown by the Investor in completing an investment in the Company in a timely manner as compared to the other potential investors approached by the Company, as well as the fact that the Investor had substantially completed its detailed due diligence review of the Company while other potential investors had conducted comparatively little or no due diligence. The Board also considered that the Investor had previously communicated that it would be unwilling to continue to pursue an investment in the Company on a non-exclusive basis and was concerned that any delay as a result of seeking third-party capital from potential alternatives sources could jeopardize the Company's ability to complete a transaction with the Investor. The Board's determination to proceed with the Investor was subject to negotiating certain terms of the Private Placement, including improved economic terms, permitting the Company to complete the Rights Offering of up to \$100 million of preferred shares to our existing shareholders and the Investor agreeing to purchase any preferred shares not purchased pursuant to the Rights Offering, and obtaining an opinion from a reputable financial advisor as to the market consistency of the financial terms and conditions of the Preferred Shares and the fairness of the consideration to be received by the Company from a financial point of view. The Company engaged Morgan Stanley as its placement agent to assist it with optimizing the terms of the Private Placement with the Investor, and Evercore as its independent financial advisor to deliver an opinion as to the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares, the consistency with prevailing terms in the market and the fairness of the consideration to be received by the Company from a financial point of view. The Company and its representatives

engaged in extensive negotiations with the Investor and its representatives, and on August 21, 2014, after consulting with its placement agent and receiving the opinion of its financial advisor, the Board approved the transaction with the Investor, and the investment agreement was executed by the Company and the Investor on the same day.

As previously indicated, the Board believes that the transaction with the Investor is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends that our shareholders vote “FOR” each of the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement.

Opinion of Evercore Partners Inc.

In connection with the transaction, the Company retained Evercore Partners Inc. (“Evercore”) to act as financial advisor to the Company in connection with the proposed sale of up to \$600 million of preferred shares to the Investor. The Company engaged

Evercore to act as its financial advisor based on its qualifications, experience and reputation. Evercore is an internationally recognized investment banking firm and is regularly engaged in the valuation of businesses in connection with mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, competitive biddings, private placements and valuations for corporate and other purposes. On August 21, 2014, at a meeting of the Board, Evercore rendered its oral opinion, subsequently confirmed by delivery of a written opinion, that, as of August 19, 2014 and based upon and subject to the factors, procedures, assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in its opinion, (i) the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares are generally consistent with market terms of other similar securities, when considered in the aggregate, and reflecting the Considerations (as defined below) and (ii) the proceeds to be received by the Company relative to the number of ordinary shares initially issuable upon the conversion of the preferred shares is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Company.

The full text of the written opinion of Evercore, dated as of August 21, 2014, which sets forth, among other things, the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the scope of review undertaken in rendering its opinion, is attached as Annex F to this Proxy Statement and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Proxy Statement. You are urged to read Evercore's opinion carefully and in its entirety. Evercore's opinion was addressed to, and provided for the information and benefit of, the Company in connection with its evaluation of the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares and of the fairness of the consideration to be received by the Company from a financial point of view, and did not address any other aspects or implications of the transaction. Evercore's opinion should not be construed as creating any fiduciary duty on Evercore's part to any party and such opinion is not intended to be, and does not constitute, a recommendation to the Company or to any other persons in respect of the transaction, including as to how any shareholder should act or vote in respect of the transaction. The summary of the Evercore opinion set forth herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the opinion included as Annex F.

In connection with rendering its opinion and performing its related financial analysis, Evercore, among other things:

- Reviewed certain publicly available business and financial information relating to the Company that Evercore deemed to be relevant;
- Reviewed certain non-public historical and projected financial and operating data relating to the Company prepared and furnished to Evercore by management of the Company;
- Discussed the past and current operations, current financial condition and financial projections of the Company with management of the Company (including their views on the risks and uncertainties of achieving such projections);
- Reviewed the current capital structure of the Company and potential impact of the transaction on the Company, including on the indebtedness and leverage ratios of the Company;
- Reviewed the financial terms of certain commercial contracts of the Company and discussed such agreements with management of the Company;
- Reviewed the general and financial terms of recent issuances of securities comparable to the preferred shares;
- Reviewed the reported prices and the historical trading activity of the ordinary shares of the Company;
- Reviewed the financial performance of the Company and its market trading multiples with those of certain other publicly traded companies that Evercore deemed relevant;
- Reviewed certain historical transactions involving similar assets to those owned by the Company that Evercore deemed relevant;

- Performed a discounted cash flow analysis based on forecasts and other financial data provided by management of the Company;
- Considered various factors, including the Company's historical and expected future financial performance, the offering size of the preferred shares relative to current equity market capitalization, risks related to achieving expected future financial performance, financial leverage, credit quality, liquidity, and such other considerations that Evercore deemed relevant (together, the "Considerations");
- Reviewed drafts of the investment agreement, the Description of Preferred Shares, the Shareholders' Agreement and the Registration Rights Agreement (collectively, the "Agreements"); and
- Performed such other analyses and examinations, reviewed such other information and considered such other factors that Evercore deemed appropriate.

For purposes of its analysis and opinion, Evercore assumed and relied upon, without undertaking any independent verification of, the accuracy and completeness of all of the information publicly available, and all of the information supplied or otherwise made available to, discussed with, or reviewed by Evercore, and Evercore assumes no liability therefor. With respect to the projected financial and operating data relating to the Company referred to above, Evercore assumed that they have been

reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and good faith judgments of management of the Company as to the subject matter of such projected financial and operating data under the assumptions reflected therein. With respect to the projections prepared by management of the Company, management has acknowledged that such projections assume an improving market environment and that in a less favorable market environment the actual financial and operating results of the Company could be lower than projected. For purposes of analyzing the future financial performance of the Company and rendering its opinion, Evercore relied on projected financial data relating to the Company prepared by management of the Company. Evercore expresses no view as to any projected financial or operating data relating to the Company or the assumptions on which they are based.

For purposes of rendering its opinion, Evercore assumed, in all respects material to Evercore's analysis, that the representations and warranties of each party contained in the Agreements, when executed, will be true and correct at the time of execution, that each party will timely perform all of the covenants and agreements required to be performed by it under the Agreements and that all conditions precedent to the consummation of the transaction will be satisfied without material waiver or modification thereof. Evercore further assumed that all governmental, regulatory or other consents, approvals or releases necessary for the consummation of the transaction would be obtained without any material delay, limitation, restriction or condition that would have an adverse effect on the Company or the consummation of the transaction or materially reduce the benefits of the transaction to the Company. Evercore assumed that the parties will execute the Agreements, and that the executed versions of the Agreements reviewed by Evercore in draft form will conform in all material respects to the drafts reviewed by Evercore.

Evercore did not negotiate nor assume any responsibility for negotiating the terms of the Agreements. Additionally, Evercore did not make, nor assume any responsibility for making, any inspection, independent valuation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities of the Company, nor was Evercore furnished with any such appraisals, nor did Evercore evaluate the solvency or fair value of the Company under any state or federal laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or similar matters. Evercore did not evaluate and expresses no opinion as to the recovery that might be available to the holders of any securities of the Company in a bankruptcy proceeding or other restructuring. Evercore's opinion was necessarily based upon information made available to Evercore as of the date of the opinion and financial, economic, market and other conditions as they existed and as could be evaluated on the date of the opinion. It is understood that subsequent developments may affect Evercore's opinion and that Evercore does not have any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion.

Evercore was not asked to pass upon, and expressed no opinion with respect to, any matter other than whether (i) the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares are generally consistent with market terms of other similar securities, when considered in the aggregate and reflecting the Considerations, and (ii) the proceeds received by the Company relative to the number of ordinary shares issuable initially upon conversion of the preferred shares (assuming such shares are converted immediately upon issuance) is fair, from a financial point of view, as of the date of the opinion, to the Company. Evercore did not express any opinion as to the structure, terms (other than the financial terms) or effect of any other aspect of the transaction, including, without limitation, the tax consequences of the transaction or the corporate governance changes occurring in connection therewith except to the extent that such changes constitute financial terms of the transaction. Evercore did not express any view on, and its opinion does not address, the fairness of any individual element of the Agreements other than the value of the preferred shares issued pursuant to the transaction. Further, Evercore did not express any view on, and its opinion does not address, the fairness to the holders of other securities, creditors or other constituencies of the Company.

Evercore assumed that any modification to the structure of the Agreements will not vary in any respect material to its analysis. Except as to the general consistency of the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares to market terms of the other securities, when considered in the aggregate, and reflecting the Considerations, Evercore's opinion did not address the relative merits of the transaction as compared to other business or financial strategies that might be available to the Company, nor did it address the underlying business decision of the Company to engage in the transaction. In arriving at its opinion, Evercore was not authorized to solicit, and did not solicit, interest from any third party with respect to any business combination or other extraordinary transaction involving the Company or any of

their respective affiliates. Evercore's opinion did not constitute a recommendation to the Board or to any other persons in respect of the transaction, including as to how any holder of ordinary shares of the Company should vote in respect of the transaction. Evercore expressed no opinion as to the price at which the preferred shares or the ordinary shares of the Company will trade at any time. Evercore is not a legal, regulatory, accounting or tax expert and has assumed the accuracy and completeness of assessments by the Company and its advisors with respect to legal, regulatory, accounting and tax matters.

Set forth below is a summary of the material financial analyses performed by Evercore and reviewed with the Board on August 21, 2014 in connection with rendering its opinion to the Company. Each analysis was provided to the Company.

The following summary, however, does not purport to be a complete description of the analyses performed by Evercore. In connection with arriving at its opinion, Evercore considered all of its analyses as a whole, and the order of the analyses described and the results of these analyses do not represent any relative importance or particular weight given to these analyses by Evercore. Except as otherwise noted, the following quantitative information, to the extent that it is based on market data, is based on market data (including the closing prices for the Company's ordinary shares) that existed on August 20, 2014, and is not necessarily indicative of current market conditions.

#### Analysis of Terms and Conditions of Preferred Shares



Evercore performed a comparison of key financial terms (“Financial Terms Analysis”) as well as an investor rate of return analysis (“IRR Analysis”) to determine whether the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares were generally consistent with market terms of other similar securities, when considered in the aggregate. As part of each of the Financial Terms Analysis and the IRR Analysis, Evercore considered various factors, including, but not limited to the Company’s historical and expected future financial performance, the size of the transaction relative to the Company’s current equity market capitalization, risk relating to the Company achieving its projected performance, the Company’s financial leverage and credit quality, the Company’s liquidity and the liquidity of the preferred shares as well as other considerations Evercore deemed relevant.

Assumptions with Respect to the Company

Evercore performed its analysis utilizing the financial projections provided by management of the Company, that incorporate the following assumptions:

- Helicopter Services Revenue driven by regional heavy equivalent count and rate.
- Heavy equivalent count calculated as  $(100\% \times \text{number of heavy aircraft}) + (50\% \times \text{number of medium aircraft})$ .

Plan to add a number of new aircraft and dispose of a number of old aircraft between 2015 and 2019.

Heli-One revenue driven by internal work for Helicopter Services and third-party revenue.

- EBITDAR margin expansion due to higher pricing on new aircraft and renewed contracts at favorable terms as well as continued operating efficiency improvements and scaling of fixed and support costs.
- Capital expenditures include:

Expansionary: non-routine capital expenditures used for growth of business;

Maintenance: routine capital expenditures used for replenishing assets; and

Disposals: sales of retired fleet and other assets.

Financial Terms Analysis

Evercore performed a Financial Terms Analysis by comparing certain financial terms of the preferred shares to other recent convertible preferred equity issuances, evaluating factors such as the size of the offering relative to equity market capitalization of the issuer, dividend rate on the convertible preferred equity, and the conversion premium. Evercore used a \$600.0 million offering size, 8.50% coupon rate, 21.6% conversion premium and 120.7% size to market capitalization ratio to compare terms of 25 other convertible preferred equity issuances during 2013 and 2014. Additionally, Evercore also compared the terms of the preferred shares to a subset of the 25 transactions where the size of the issuance was greater than or equal to 25.0% of total equity market capitalization of the issuer.

#### IRR Analysis

Evercore performed an IRR Analysis of the terms of the preferred shares by reviewing the projected internal rate of return for the Investor from the transaction based upon financial projections provided by the Company. Evercore utilized an IRR Analysis based on the belief that investors in transactions where the convertible preferred stock represents a very large percentage of the issuer's market capitalization or float or the issuer is subject to a substantial degree of financial distress utilize an IRR analysis. Evercore calculated the rate of return to the Investor based on an initial \$600.0 million investment on August 20, 2014, the value of dividends to the Investor paid in kind for the eight quarters subsequent to the investment date, compounding quarterly, dividends paid in cash thereafter through April 30, 2019 and a terminal value as of April 30, 2019. Evercore calculated the terminal value based on an EBITDAR range based on financial projections provided by management of the Company and an EBITDAR multiple range of 5.5x to 9.5x and subtracted debt outstanding and capitalized operating leases as of April 30, 2019 and added pro forma cash as of April 30, 2019 and determined an Investor internal rate of return based on the pro forma ownership interest of the Investor in the Company as of April 30, 2019.

Analysis of CHC Group Ltd.

Evercore performed a series of analyses to derive an indicative valuation range for the preferred shares of the Company on an as-converted basis, representing 80.0 million ordinary shares or 49.8% of the Company's pro forma ordinary shares (excluding unvested restricted ordinary shares) outstanding based on an initial conversion price of \$7.50 per share, and compared each of the resulting implied value ranges to the gross proceeds from the issuance of the preferred shares.

Assumptions with Respect to the Company

Evercore performed its analysis utilizing the financial projections provided by management of the Company, which incorporate the assumptions described under “Assumptions with Respect to the Company” above.

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Evercore performed a discounted cash flow analysis to derive an implied equity value range for the Company based on the present value of the Company's projected cash flows as provided by Company management. Evercore calculated the implied equity value range for the Company by utilizing a range of discount rates with a mid-point approximating the Company's Weighted Average Cost of Capital ("WACC") as estimated by Evercore based on the Capital Asset Pricing Model ("CAPM"), the Company's projected unlevered free cash flows for the fiscal years 2015 through 2019, and terminal values as of April 30, 2019, based on a range of EBITDAR exit multiples as well as perpetuity growth rates. Evercore assumed a range of discount rates of 10.5% to 11.5%, a range of EBITDAR multiples of 6.0x to 7.0x and a range of perpetuity growth rates of 1.25% to 1.75%. After adjusting for debt outstanding and capitalized operating leases as of April 30, 2014, and pro forma cash as of April 30, 2014 and applying a minority interest discount of 15.0% to 25.0%, Evercore determined an implied equity value range of 49.8% of the Company's pro forma ordinary shares (excluding unvested restricted ordinary shares).

Precedent M&A Transaction Analysis



Evercore reviewed selected publicly available information for transactions involving other helicopter service companies announced since February 2004 and selected 16 transactions involving companies that Evercore deemed to have certain characteristics that are similar to those of the Company. Evercore noted that none of the selected transactions or the selected companies that participated in the selected transactions was directly comparable to the Company. Multiples for the selected transactions were based on publicly available information.

Evercore reviewed the transaction value and the historical EBITDA multiples paid in the selected transactions and derived a range of relevant implied multiples of Enterprise Value to EBITDA of 8.0x to 11.0x. Evercore derived its range of EBITDA multiples based on its professional judgment and taking into consideration the low, high, mean and median multiples of 4.4x, 14.4x, 9.4x and 9.7x, respectively. Evercore then applied this range of selected multiples to actual 2014 EBITDA and estimated 2015 EBITDA, discounting the value implied by 2015 EBITDA to an assumed valuation date of August 20, 2014 based on a 11.0% WACC as well as subtracting the present value of growth capital expenditures required to achieve 2015 EBITDA to the assumed valuation date of August 20, 2014 based on the same 11.0% WACC. After adjusting for debt outstanding and pro forma cash as of April 30, 2014 and applying a minority interest discount of 15.0% to 25.0%, Evercore determined an implied equity value range of 49.8% of the Company's pro forma ordinary shares (excluding unvested restricted ordinary shares).

Peer Group Trading Analysis

Evercore performed a peer group trading analysis of the Company by reviewing and comparing specific financial and operating data relating to the Company to that of a group of selected helicopter service companies that Evercore deemed to have certain characteristics that are similar to those of the Company:

- Bristow Group, Inc.;
- Era Group, Inc.;
- PHI, Inc.; and
- Air Methods Corporation.

Although the peer group was compared to the Company for purposes of this analysis, no company used in the peer group analysis is identical or directly comparable to the Company.

As part of its analysis, Evercore calculated and analyzed (i) the ratios of Enterprise Value to 2014 and estimated 2014 and 2015 EBITDAR for the selected companies and (ii) the ratios of Enterprise Value to 2014 and estimated 2015 EBITDAR for the Company. Evercore calculated all multiples based on closing share prices as of August 20, 2014. In order to calculate peer group trading multiples, Evercore relied on publicly available filings and financial projections provided by Wall Street equity research.

The selected trading multiples of Enterprise Value to EBITDAR ranged from 6.6x to 10.1x for 2014 and from 5.7x to 9.1x for 2015, inclusive of the Company's trading multiples. Based on the resulting range of multiples and due to certain other considerations related to the specific characteristics of the peer group firms, Evercore deemed a range of 6.5x to 8.5x for 2014 and 6.0x to 7.5x for 2015 to be relevant.

Evercore applied the relevant range of selected multiples to the corresponding financial data of the Company and after adjusting for debt outstanding and capitalized operating leases as of April 30, 2014 and pro forma cash as of April 30, 2014, Evercore determined an implied equity value range of 49.8% of the Company's pro forma ordinary shares (excluding unvested restricted ordinary shares).

Research Analyst Price Targets

Evercore analyzed equity research analyst estimates of the potential future value for the Company's ordinary shares, commonly referred to as price targets, based on publicly available equity research published with respect to the Company as of August 15, 2014. Evercore discounted the one-year forward price targets for 12 months at an equity cost of capital for the Company ranging between 11.5% and 13.5% based on CAPM.

Evercore applied the low implied price per ordinary share and high implied price per ordinary share to the number of ordinary shares currently outstanding and after adjusting for pro forma changes in cash (net of transaction fees), Evercore determined an implied equity value range of 49.8% of the Company's pro forma ordinary shares (excluding unvested restricted ordinary shares).

Share Price Since IPO Analysis

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Evercore analyzed the trading price of the Company's ordinary shares since the Company's initial public offering on January 17, 2014. The initial public offering price per ordinary share was \$10.00. The trading price per ordinary share since January 17, 2014 has ranged from a low of \$5.88 to a high of \$10.25, as reported on the NYSE. Evercore applied this range to the number of ordinary shares outstanding and after adjusting for pro forma changes in cash (net of transaction fees), Evercore determined an implied equity value range of 49.8% of the Company's pro forma ordinary shares (excluding unvested restricted ordinary shares).

General

The foregoing summary of certain material financial analyses does not purport to be a complete description of the analyses or data presented by Evercore. In connection with the review of the transaction, Evercore performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses for purposes of rendering its opinion to the Company. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process and is not necessarily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. Selecting portions of the analyses or of the summary described above, without considering the analyses as a whole, could create an incomplete view of the processes underlying Evercore's opinion. In arriving at its opinion, Evercore considered the results of all the analyses and did not draw, in isolation, conclusions from or with regard to any one analysis or factor considered by it for purposes of its opinion. Rather, Evercore made its determination as to the financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares and fairness of the consideration basis of its experience and professional judgment after considering the results of all the analyses. In addition, Evercore may have given various analyses and factors more or less weight than other analyses and factors, and may have deemed various assumptions more or less probable than other assumptions. As a result, the ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis or combination of analyses described above should not be taken to be the view of Evercore with respect to the actual value of the preferred shares. No company used in the above analyses as a comparison is directly comparable to the Company, and no precedent transaction used is directly comparable to the transaction. Furthermore, Evercore's analyses involve complex considerations and judgments concerning financial and operating characteristics and other factors that could affect the acquisition, public trading or other values of the companies, partnerships or transactions used, including judgments and assumptions with regard to industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of the Company and its advisors.

Evercore prepared these analyses solely for the information and benefit of the Company and for the purpose of providing an opinion to the Company as to whether the (i) financial terms and conditions of the preferred shares are generally consistent with market terms of other similar securities, when considered in the aggregate and reflecting the Considerations, and (ii) proceeds received by the Company relative to the number of ordinary shares issuable initially upon conversion of the preferred shares is fair, from a financial point of view, to the Company. These analyses do not purport to be appraisals or to necessarily reflect the prices at which the business or securities actually may be sold. Any estimates contained in these analyses are not necessarily indicative of actual future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by such estimates. Accordingly, estimates used in, and the results derived from, Evercore's analyses are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty, and Evercore assumes no responsibility if future results are materially different from those forecasted in such estimates. The issuance of the opinion was approved by an opinion committee of Evercore.

Except as described above, the Company imposed no other instruction or limitation on Evercore with respect to the investigations made or the procedures followed by Evercore in rendering its opinion. The terms and conditions of the preferred shares and the related terms and conditions of the transaction were determined through arm's-length negotiations between the Company and the Investor, and the Board approved the Agreements. Evercore did not recommend any specific consideration to the Company or recommend that any specific consideration constituted the only appropriate consideration for the preferred shares. Evercore's opinion was only one of many factors considered by the Company in its evaluation of the transaction and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of the Company with respect to the transaction or the terms of the preferred shares.

Under the terms of Evercore's engagement letter with the Company, the Company agreed to pay Evercore a fee of \$550,000 upon rendering its opinion. Evercore also received a fee of \$100,000 upon execution of its engagement letter with the Company. In addition, the Company agreed to reimburse Evercore for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including legal fees, expenses and disbursements) incurred in connection with its engagement and to indemnify Evercore and any of its members, officers, advisors, representatives, employees, agents, affiliates or controlling persons, if any, against certain liabilities and expenses arising out of its engagement, or to contribute to payments which any of such persons might be required to make with respect to such liabilities.

Evercore and its affiliates engage in a wide range of activities for their own accounts and the accounts of customers. In connection with these businesses or otherwise, Evercore and its affiliates and/or their respective employees, as well as investment funds in which any of them may have a financial interest, may at any time, directly or indirectly, hold long or short positions and may trade or otherwise effect transactions for their own accounts or the accounts of customers, in debt or equity securities, senior loans and/or derivative products relating to the Company and its affiliates, for their own accounts and for the accounts of their customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities or instruments.

During the two-year period prior to August 21, 2014, no material relationship existed between Evercore and its affiliates and the Company pursuant to which compensation was received by Evercore or its affiliates as a result of such a relationship. Evercore may provide financial or other services to the Company in the future and in connection with any such services Evercore may receive compensation.

Certain Tax Considerations for Shareholders

U.S. Holders may be deemed under certain circumstances to receive constructive distributions of shares that may be treated as distributions of property subject to the federal income tax treatment described below. In particular, the terms of the preferred shares provide that the preferred shares are convertible into ordinary shares initially at a price of \$7.50 per share, but with the conversion price increasing by 0.25% every quarter after the second closing until the eighth anniversary of the second closing. The terms of the preferred shares also provide that the amount of its 8.50% per annum cumulative dividend will be satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares until the second anniversary of the second closing and thereafter will be paid either in cash or satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares in lieu of cash at our option, provided, however, that if the requisite shareholder approval is not obtained on or prior to the second dividend payment date following the first closing, preferred dividends will be payable only in cash until such shareholder approval is obtained.

The increases in the conversion price of the preferred shares may result in constructive share distributions to holders of the ordinary shares into which the preferred shares are convertible, which may be treated as distributions of property if they constitute “disproportionate distributions.” A disproportionate distribution is a distribution (or one of a series of distributions



of which it is a part, including constructive distributions) that has the effect of (i) the receipt of property (including cash) by some shareholders and (ii) an increase in the proportionate interests of other shareholders in the assets or earnings and profits of the distributing corporation. If we pay the 8.50% accruing dividend of the preferred shares in cash, then the effect will be that holders of preferred shares will receive cash distributions, while holders of ordinary shares will receive, through the increasing conversion price of the preferred shares, increases in their proportionate interests in our assets or earnings and profits relative to the holders of preferred shares. In that event, the fair market value of each such increase in the proportionate interests in our assets and earnings and profits of the holders of ordinary shares may be treated as distributions of property subject to the federal income tax treatment of distributions described below. Such distributions may result in taxable income to a U.S. Holder of ordinary shares even though no cash or other property is distributed to such U.S. Holder.

If as a result of such a “disproportionate distribution” a U.S. Holder is treated as receiving a distribution of property, then such U.S. Holder generally will be required to include the fair market value of such distribution in gross income as a dividend when received to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s pro rata share of our current and/or accumulated earnings and profits, if any (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles).

As used in this discussion, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of ordinary shares that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (1) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation (or entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, (3) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source or (4) a trust (x) with respect to which a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions or (y) that has elected under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a domestic trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

TERMS OF THE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT

The following summary describes selected material provisions of the investment agreement and is qualified by reference to the investment agreement, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex A. This summary may not contain all of the information about the investment agreement that is important to you. You are encouraged to carefully read the investment agreement in its entirety, as it is the legal document that contains the terms and conditions of the transaction.

The description of the investment agreement in this Proxy Statement has been included solely to provide you with information regarding its terms. While we have publicly disclosed the investment agreement and its terms by incorporating the investment agreement into this Proxy Statement, the representations and warranties made in the investment agreement may not accurately characterize the current actual state of facts with respect to us because they were made as of specific dates and are subject to important exceptions, qualifications, limitations and supplemental information agreed to by us and the Investor and in part contained in the confidential disclosure schedules delivered by the parties in connection with negotiating the investment agreement. Moreover, some of those representations and warranties may be subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from the standard applicable to our public filings with the SEC or may have been used for the purpose of allocating risks between us and the Investor rather than establishing matters as facts. Current factual information about us can be found elsewhere in this Proxy Statement, in the documents that have been delivered with this Proxy Statement, and in the public filings we make with the SEC, which are available without charge at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). See “Where You Can Find More Information.”

#### Structure of the Transaction

If all the conditions to the investment agreement are satisfied or waived in accordance with its terms, we will issue and sell to Investor up to 600,000 preferred shares.

Closings

At the First Closing, Investor will purchase a number of preferred shares such that, if such preferred shares were immediately converted into ordinary shares, the total number of voting ordinary shares held by the Investor would be equal to (i) 19.9% of the total number of voting ordinary shares issued and outstanding as of immediately before such issuance of the preferred shares less (ii) the sum of the number of preferred shares issuable in lieu of a cash dividend on the preferred shares on each of the first two payment dates for the payment of dividends on the preferred shares. The First Closing will occur on the third business day after the conditions to completion contained in the investment agreement have been satisfied or waived, or at another time or date agreed to by us and the Investor; provided, that if the last condition to be satisfied or waived is the expiration or termination of applicable waiting period under applicable competition laws, then the First Closing will occur on the earlier to occur of (y) one business day after the date on which any such applicable waiting periods have been required to expire or be terminated and (z) if such expiration or termination occurs on any other date, twelve business days after the date of such expiration or termination. If the First Closing has not occurred by October 31, 2014, then the First Closing shall not occur until such time as the Second Closing occurs.

At the Second Closing, the Investor will purchase 500,000 preferred shares, less the number of preferred shares purchased at the First Closing. The Second Closing will occur on the third business day after the conditions to completion contained in the investment agreement have been satisfied or waived, or at another time or date agreed to by us and the Investor. If the conditions to the Second Closing have been satisfied or waived at the time the conditions to the First Closing have been satisfied or waived, then the First Closing and Second Closing shall take place simultaneously. If the conditions to the Second Closing have been satisfied or waived prior to October 31, 2014, the Company may elect to have the Second Closing take place on the first business day after October 31, 2014 or at such other time or date agreed to by us and the Investor.

At the Third Closing, the Investor will purchase 100,000 preferred shares, less the number of preferred shares issued pursuant to the Rights Offering. The Third Closing will occur on the third business day after the conditions to completion contained in the investment agreement have been satisfied or waived, or at another time or date agreed to by us and the Investor. If the conditions to the Third Closing have been satisfied or waived at the time the conditions to the First Closing and Second Closing have been satisfied or waived, then the First Closing, Second Closing and Third Closing shall take place simultaneously. If the conditions to the Third Closing have been satisfied or waived prior to October 31, 2014, the Company may elect to have the Third Closing take place on the first business day after October 31, 2014 or at such other time or date agreed to by us and the Investor.

Sale Consideration

Investor will purchase each preferred share for a purchase price of \$1,000 per share.

Representations and Warranties

Our representations and warranties in the investment agreement relate to, among other things:

- our organization and authority and the organization of our subsidiaries;
- our capitalization and the capitalization of our subsidiaries;
- due authorization for the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement;
- the sale and status of the preferred shares and the ordinary shares issuable upon the conversion of such preferred shares;
- required reports and other documents with the SEC and financial statements;
- the absence of undisclosed liabilities;
- brokers and finders fees and arrangements;
- litigation involving the Company;
- taxes;
- permits and licenses;
- environmental matters;
- interests in real property;
- intellectual property;
- employee benefits and other labor matters;
- registration rights;
- compliance with laws;
- absence of certain changes since the end of our most recent fiscal year;
- compliance with anti-corruption and trading laws;
- listing and maintenance requirements;
- certain material contracts;
- jurisdictions of operations; and
- insurance.

Covenants



Required Filings; Reasonable Best Efforts to Close. Each party is required to use its reasonable best efforts to obtain any governmental consents or approvals or other third-party consents or approvals which are necessary to consummate the investment, provided, that the Company is not required to make any payment or offer or agree to any disposition, sale or hold separate agreement to obtain such approvals.

Shareholders' Meeting. The Company is required to convene and hold a meeting of its shareholders as promptly as practicable following the signing of the investment agreement for the purpose of approving the issuance of the preferred shares to the Investor. The issuance must be approved by holders of a majority of the ordinary shares present at a shareholder meeting where there is a quorum.

Interim Operating Covenant. The investment agreement contains a customary interim operating covenant requiring the Company to operate in the ordinary course of business. Subject to limited exceptions, the Investor's consent is required to:

- declare or make a dividend;
- repurchase shares of stock;
- amend the Company's organizational documents;
- authorize or issue shares of stock;
- incur indebtedness in excess of \$100 million in the aggregate; or
- acquire (by merger, asset acquisition or otherwise) any assets outside the ordinary course of business involving consideration in excess of \$100 million.

Non-Solicitation. The Company may not solicit any acquisition proposal from a third party, engage in any negotiations concerning an acquisition proposal or furnish information to any potential acquirer in connection with an acquisition proposal.

Acquisition proposal is generally defined as a transaction that involves a sale or merger involving the disposition of 20% or more of the Company's assets or the sale or purchase of 20% or more of the issued and outstanding equity securities of the Company.

Conditions to Closing

The obligations of us and the Investor to complete the issuance, sale, and purchase of the preferred shares are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions, among others:

- with respect to the Second Closing and the Third Closing, the Company has received shareholder approval to issue the preferred shares;
- the Registration Rights Agreement and Shareholders' Agreement between the Company and CHC Cayman (each as described in this Proxy Statement) have been amended in the form agreed to in the investment agreement;
- the Company has taken certain steps to address whether the Company or its subsidiaries would be characterized as a PFIC or has provided information regarding the income and assets of the Company and its subsidiaries that enables the Investor to reasonably conclude that no such entity would be characterized as a PFIC;
- the Company has obtained all required consents or waivers from the lenders under the Company's revolving credit facility;
- ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of the preferred shares shall have been authorized for listing on the NYSE;
- the Company has delivered to the Investor an executed resignation letter of one member of the Board or other evidence of such vacancy on the Board;
- the Company has taken all actions necessary to cause two individuals nominated by the Investor to be elected to the Board immediately upon the First Closing and an additional two individuals nominated by the Investor to be elected to the Board immediately upon the Second Closing, with such individuals appointed to committees of the Board as required by the Shareholders' Agreement between the Company and the Investor; and
- there has not been a "Company Material Adverse Effect" (as defined in the investment agreement) since April 30, 2014.

Termination of the Investment Agreement

The investment agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the First Closing:

- by mutual written consent of us and the Investor;
- by either party if the First Closing has not occurred on or before March 31, 2015, except by a party whose failure to fulfill any obligations under the investment agreement has caused the failure of the First Closing to occur; and
- by either party for a breach of any representation, warranty or covenant by the other party that remains uncured for 30 days after the breaching party receives notice thereof and that would cause the conditions to closing not to be satisfied.

Indemnification

The investment agreement provides for indemnification of the Company and the Investor, the key provisions of which are described below:

#### Scope of Indemnification

From and after the First Closing, the Company will indemnify the Investor and certain other Investor related persons for breaches of representations and warranties and covenants in the investment agreement. The Investor will indemnify the Company and certain other Company related persons for breaches of representations and warranties and covenants in the investment agreement.

#### Cap

The aggregate amount of the Company's indemnity obligations to the Investor and certain other Investor related persons shall not exceed \$150,000,000, other than in the case of any "fundamental representation or warranty" to be true and correct. The Company's fundamental representations and warranties relate to the organization and authority of the Company, the capitalization of the Company, the due authorization of the Company and the sale and status of the preferred shares. There is an overall limitation of liability equal to the purchase price.

#### Deductibles and De Minimis Claims

For indemnification claims other than those arising from breach of a representation or warranty made on the applicable closing date, no indemnifying party shall be liable until losses exceed a deductible of \$25,000,000, in which case the indemnified party may claim indemnity for the amount of losses in excess of such deductible. Such deductible does not apply to any fundamental representations or warranties. In addition, no indemnifying party shall be liable for any individual breach of any representation or warranty if the claim is for less than \$1,000,000, other than in the case of breaches of fundamental representations or warranties. For fundamental representations and warranties, no indemnifying party shall be liable for any individual claim if such claim is for less than \$100,000.

For indemnification claims arising from the breach of a representation or warranty that is not qualified by “materiality” or “material adverse effect” made on the applicable closing date, no indemnifying party shall be liable until losses exceed a deductible of \$5,000,000, in which case the indemnified party may claim indemnity for the amount of losses in excess of such deductible. Such deductible does not apply to any fundamental representations and warranties. In addition, no indemnifying party shall be liable for breach of any fundamental representation or warranty if the claim is for less than \$100,000.

#### Survival of Representations and Warranties

The representations and warranties survive until the date that is 12 months after the Second Closing, except for fundamental representations and warranties of the Company (which survive until expiration of the statute of limitations), the capitalization representation of the Company (which survives indefinitely) and the fundamental representations and warranties of the Investor (which survive indefinitely).

#### Fees and Expenses

Upon the First Closing, the Company will pay a transaction fee to the Investor Manager of \$1,800,000. Upon the Second Closing, the Company will pay to the Investor Manager a transaction fee equal to \$5,700,000. The Company will also be required to reimburse the Investor's expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement up to a maximum of \$5,000,000.

Amendments

No amendment or waiver of any provision of the investment agreement will be effective with respect to any party unless made in writing and signed by such party.



TERMS OF THE PREFERRED SHARES

The following summary describes selected material provisions of the Description of Preferred Shares for the preferred shares and is qualified by reference to the Description of Preferred Shares, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex C. This summary may not contain all of the information about the Description of Shares that is important to you. You are encouraged to carefully read the Description of Preferred Shares in its entirety, as it is the legal document that contains the terms and provisions of the preferred shares.

Ranking

The preferred shares will be subordinated in right of payment to all of the Company's indebtedness.

Liquidation Preference

Upon a liquidation event, the holders of the preferred shares will receive, prior to the holders of the Company's ordinary shares, the greater of (i) \$1,000 per preferred share plus accrued and unpaid dividends (the "Liquidation Value") and (ii) the amount that a holder of preferred shares (a "Holder") would have received if the preferred shares were converted into ordinary shares immediately prior to the liquidation.

Dividends

The preferred shares will be entitled to receive a dividend with the result that they will participate equally and ratably with the ordinary shares in all dividends or distributions paid on ordinary shares. In addition, holders of the preferred shares are entitled to cumulative dividends accruing daily on a quarterly compounding basis at a rate of 8.50% per annum. Upon a default (as defined below), the dividend rate will increase to 11.50% per annum and the Company will be restricted from paying dividends on or redeeming securities junior to the preferred shares. The preferred dividends accruing up to the second anniversary of the Second Closing will be satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares to the holders of preferred shares, and the preferred dividends accruing after such anniversary will be paid either in cash or satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares to the holders of preferred shares at the option of the Company, provided, however, that if the requisite shareholder approval is not obtained on or prior to the second dividend payment date following the First Closing, preferred dividends will be payable only in cash until such shareholder approval is obtained. The preferred dividends shall be payable in cash or satisfied by the issuance of preferred shares quarterly in arrears as authorized by the Board.

#### Conversion

The holder of the preferred shares may convert such shares into ordinary shares at any time at the then-current conversion price, which will initially be \$7.50 and increase by 0.25% every quarter after the Second Closing until the eighth anniversary of the Second Closing.

In addition, under certain circumstances, the preferred shares will be subject to mandatory conversion into that number of ordinary shares equal to the quotient of (i) the Liquidation Value divided by (ii) the then-effective conversion price. The circumstances that would trigger mandatory conversion include when (w) following the second anniversary of the Second Closing, the daily volume-weighted average sale price of an ordinary share, or VWAP, equals or exceeds 175% of the conversion price for 30 consecutive trading days, (x) following a reorganization event, the daily volume-weighted average sales price of the shares of the to-be surviving company equals or exceeds 175% of the adjusted conversion price for 30 consecutive trading days, (y) following the eighth anniversary of the Second Closing, the average VWAP for the 10 preceding trading days equals or exceeds the conversion price, and (z) the Liquidation Value of all outstanding preferred shares is less than \$50 million. The Company may, at its option, convert the preferred shares into ordinary shares (a) following the eighth anniversary of the Second Closing based on a conversion price equal to the lesser of the then-effective conversion price and the average VWAP for the 10 preceding trading days or (b) following the fifteenth anniversary of the Second Closing based on a conversion price equal to the lesser of (I) the then-effective conversion price and (II) the greater of the average VWAP for the 10 preceding trading days and 50% of the then-effective conversion price; provided that the Company may not force such a conversion at a time when it is, or was during the preceding ten-trading day period, in possession of material non-public information, that, if publicly disclosed, would be reasonably expected to have a material and adverse effect on the closing price of the ordinary shares.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate voting ordinary shares issued upon conversion of preferred shares held by any holder and its affiliates may not exceed 49.9% of the total voting ordinary shares issued and outstanding immediately after such conversion and, for each voting ordinary share not issued due to this limitation, the holder will receive a non-voting ordinary share.

Adjustments to Conversion Price

In addition to the quarterly increase in the conversion price described above, the then-effective conversion will be appropriately adjusted in the event of a subdivision, share split or combination of the ordinary shares.

Change of Control; Merger; Reorganizations



Upon a change of control, Holders may require the Company to redeem all or a portion of their preferred shares at a price equal to the Liquidation Value. In connection with mergers and reorganizations, Holders will be permitted to retain a comparable preferred security in the surviving entity in the merger or reorganization.

Voting Rights

The preferred shares will vote at all shareholders meetings together with, and as part of one class with, the ordinary shares, provided, however, that in no event will the preferred shares and/or any ordinary shares received upon conversion of preferred shares of any one holder and its affiliates (together with the votes of such holder and its affiliates in respect of previously issued ordinary shares upon conversion of preferred shares) represent more than 49.9% of the total number of votes. The aggregate voting ordinary shares issued upon conversion of preferred shares held by any holder and its affiliates may not exceed 49.9% of the total voting ordinary shares issued and outstanding immediately after such conversion and, for each voting ordinary share not issued due to this limitation, the holder will receive a non-voting ordinary share. In addition, the prior written consent of the holders of a majority of the preferred shares will be required to, among other things, (i) create, or issue additional, equity or convertible securities other than voting or non-voting ordinary shares or (ii) enter into a debt agreement restricting the payment of dividends in kind or a distribution by the issuance of preferred shares or the conversion of preferred shares into ordinary shares.

The non-voting ordinary shares will have the same rights as ordinary shares in all respects, except that (i) they will be non-voting shares (except to the extent required by applicable law) and (ii) they will be convertible into ordinary shares on a one-to-one basis at the option of the holders at any time in connection with or following any transfer of such shares to a person which together with its affiliates will own no more than 49.9% of the total voting ordinary shares immediately following such conversion.

So long as preferred shares are outstanding, the Company may not authorize or issue any senior, parity or junior securities (other than voting and non-voting ordinary shares but including convertible debt) without the consent of the holders of a majority of the preferred shares.

Default

Upon a default, the dividend rate increases from 8.50% to 11.50% and the Company will be restricted from paying dividends on or redeeming junior securities.

Default is defined as:

- the Company's failure to pay participating dividends with dividends on the ordinary shares;
- the Company's failure to pay in cash or satisfy through the issuance of preferred shares, as applicable, any preferred dividend as described under Dividends above;
- the Company's failure to pay default interest upon the occurrence of a default;
- the Company's failure to comply with its obligations to convert preferred shares or to maintain sufficient authorized ordinary shares to effect a conversion of all issued preferred shares; or
- the Company's failure to comply with its obligation to purchase any preferred shares upon a change of control.

TERMS OF THE SHAREHOLDERS' AGREEMENT AND  
REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

The following summary describes selected material provisions of the Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement and is qualified by reference to the Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement, which are attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex D and Annex E, respectively. This summary may not contain all of the information about the Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement that is important to you. You are encouraged to carefully read the Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement in their entirety, as they are the legal documents that contains the terms and conditions summarized below.

#### Shareholders Agreement

At the First Closing, the Company, the Investor and/or its affiliates, and the other parties thereto will enter into a Shareholders' Agreement.

#### Board Representation

Pursuant to the Shareholders' Agreement, the Investor will have the right to designate for nomination to the Board the lowest whole number of directors that is greater than or equal to:

- 40% of the total number of directors comprising the Board until such time as the Investor no longer beneficially owns at least 40% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis;
- 30% of the total number of directors comprising the Board for so long as the Investor beneficially owns at least 30% but no longer beneficially owns at least 40% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis;
- 20% of the total number of directors comprising the Board for so long as Investor beneficially owns at least 20% but no longer beneficially owns at least 30% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis; and
- 10% of the total number of directors comprising the Board for so long as Investor beneficially owns at least 5% but no longer beneficially owns at least 20% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis.

Between the First Closing and the Second Closing and following the Second Closing until such time as the Investor no longer beneficially owns at least 30% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis, the Company will be required to establish a committee of the Board for the purposes of designating the Chairman of the Board and the only members of such committee will be designees of the Investor.

For at least one year following the date of the First Closing, at least one of the Investor's Board designees must be an independent director if the Investor has the right to designate for nomination four directors.

The Investor will have the right to proportional representation on each committee of the Board, subject to applicable law.

#### Standstill

From the First Closing until the time the Investor Group is no longer entitled to designate for nomination any director nominee to the Board, the Investor or its affiliates, without the prior written consent of a majority of directors not designated by it, may not, and shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause its portfolio companies not to, subject to certain exceptions, (i) acquire the Company's equity securities, (ii) transfer any of the Company's equity securities into a voting trust or similar contract, (iii) enter into or propose a merger or similar business combination transaction with the Company, (iv) engage in a proxy solicitation other than on behalf of the Company or for the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, (v) call a shareholder meeting or initiate a shareholder proposal, (vi) form or join a group with respect to the Company's equity securities other than with CHC Cayman or its affiliates, (vii) transfer any of the Company's equity securities to a beneficial owner of greater than 10% of our ordinary shares (including ordinary issued or issuable upon conversion of preferred shares) or (viii) disclose publicly any intention or plan prohibited by the foregoing.

The standstill terminates when the Investor no longer owns at least 20% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis and: (i) the Company enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a merger, business combination, sale of all or substantially all of its direct and indirect assets, recapitalization or change of control transaction (ii) the Company commences



a process to solicit proposals with respect to any of the transactions described in clause (i) above, or publicly approves or recommends any of the transactions described in clause (i) above, or (iii) a third party acquires, makes an offer to acquire, or makes a public announcement with respect to its intention to make an offer to acquire (whether by a merger, business combination, sale of assets, recapitalization, restructuring, tender or exchange offer, or otherwise) 20% or more of the Company's assets, or 20% or more of any class of securities of the Company and the Board publicly recommends such acquisition.

#### Lockup

Until (i) with respect to the preferred shares, the eighth anniversary of the First Closing and (ii) with respect to any ordinary shares (including those issued upon conversion of the preferred shares), the first anniversary of the First Closing (the "Lockup Period"), the Investor may not transfer, directly or indirectly, any preferred shares or ordinary shares, except:

- to its affiliates who agree to become bound by the terms of the Shareholders' Agreement;
- to the Company or its subsidiaries;
- as approved by a majority of the members of the Board not designated by the Investor; or
- if CHC Cayman or its affiliates are selling ordinary shares pursuant to an exercise of such holders' existing demand or piggyback registration rights, pursuant to an exercise of the Investor's piggyback registration rights described under "Registration Rights" below.

#### Preemptive Rights

Subject to customary exceptions, the Investor will have the right to purchase its pro rata share of subsequent issuances of equity securities offered by the Company (including, without limitation, options, warrants and shares).

#### Consent Rights

Until the Investor no longer beneficially owns at least 30% (or, with respect to a sale of the Company of all or substantially all of its direct and indirect assets, 20%) of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis, the following actions by the Company shall require the prior written consent of the Investor:

- the adoption of any plan of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company or the filing of any voluntary petition for bankruptcy, receivership or similar proceeding;
- the issuance of any equity securities that would require a stockholder vote or any repurchase of equity securities;
- any sale or other transfer of the Company of all or substantially all of its direct and indirect assets (including via merger, consolidation or similar transaction);
- any acquisition or disposition of any business or division involving consideration in excess of \$100 million (whether by merger, sale of stock, sale of assets or other similar transaction);
- incurrence of indebtedness in excess of \$100 million; or
- the hiring or termination of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

#### Tax Matters



For so long as the Investor is entitled to designate for nomination a director to the Board, the Company is required to monitor the status of each of the Company and its subsidiaries and take commercially reasonable actions to ensure no such entity would be characterized as a PFIC. In addition, the Company is also required to use commercially reasonable efforts to furnish to the Investor information to enable the Investor to determine whether the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a PFIC.

Registration Rights Agreement

At the First Closing, the Company, the Investor and/or its affiliates, and the other parties thereto will enter into a Registration Rights Agreement. After the First Closing, the Investor shall have the registration rights set forth below.

#### Registered Offerings

Following the expiration of the Lockup Period, the Investor will have demand registration rights to require the Company to sell ordinary shares receivable upon conversion of the preferred shares (or, after 8.5 years following the First Closing, preferred shares) held by the Investor in a registered offering.

### Piggyback Rights

Following the expiration of the Lockup Period (or earlier in connection with an exercise by CHC Cayman or its affiliates of their registration rights), the Investor will have customary piggyback registration rights with respect to ordinary shares receivable upon conversion of preferred shares (or, after 8.5 years following the First Closing, preferred shares) on a pro rata basis with other holders of registrable securities. Any registration priority between the Investor and CHC Cayman and its affiliates will be proportionate to such holders' relative ownership of ordinary shares on an as-converted basis; provided, that if CHC Cayman and its affiliates own less than 7.5% of the outstanding ordinary shares on an as-converted basis, CHC Cayman and its affiliates will be given priority in any registrations.

### Lockup

In connection with an underwritten registered offering, the Investor will be subject to a customary lock-up period as reasonably agreed to by the Company.

### TERMS OF THE VOTING AGREEMENTS

The following summary describes selected material provisions of the Voting Agreements and is qualified by reference to the Voting Agreements, which are attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex B. This summary may not contain all of the information about the Voting Agreements that is important to you. You are encouraged to carefully read the Voting Agreements in their entirety.

Pre-Closing Voting Agreement

In connection with the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, CHC Cayman and the Investor entered into the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex B. Pursuant to the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman agreed to vote in any shareholder action in favor of the issuance of the preferred shares and any additional action required under the Articles or any rules of the NYSE for such issuance. Subject to the Board's recommendation, CHC Cayman also agreed to vote for all other proposals facilitative of the transactions contemplated under the investment agreement. In addition, CHC Cayman agreed to vote in any shareholder action against any action or transaction which would impede the transactions contemplated under the investment agreement. Under the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman agreed to refrain from transferring or granting proxies or entering into a voting arrangement with respect to its shares or taking any other action materially limiting its ability to perform its obligation under the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement. The Pre-Closing Voting Agreement will terminate on the earliest of (i) termination of the investment agreement, (ii) the written agreement of the parties to terminate the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, (iii) March 31, 2015 or (iv) the Second Closing.

Post-Closing Voting Agreement

CHC Cayman and the Investor also agreed to enter into a post-closing voting agreement (the “Post-Closing Voting Agreement”) as of the date of the First Closing. A copy of the form of the Post-Closing Voting Agreement is attached hereto as an exhibit to the Pre-Closing Voting Agreement, which is attached hereto as Annex B. Under the Post-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman and the Investor will vote in any shareholder action to elect director nominees designated by the Investor pursuant to the Shareholders’ Agreement and by CHC Cayman under CHC Cayman’s shareholder agreement with the Company. Pursuant to the Post-Closing Voting Agreement, CHC Cayman will also vote its shares in any shareholder action in favor of any exercise by the Investor of its preemptive rights to acquire additional securities of the Company in accordance with the Shareholders’ Agreement to the extent such issuance would require shareholder approval due to the Investor’s status as an affiliate of the Company.

The Post-Closing Voting Agreement will terminate when either CHC Cayman or the Investor loses its right to designate for nomination a director nominee under their respective shareholders’ agreements and thus the other party is no longer obligated to vote its shares in favor of the director nominees designated by the other party.

REGULATORY APPROVALS

Antitrust



Under applicable Canadian, Brazilian and European Union competition laws, the transactions may not be completed until notifications have been given and information furnished to the applicable authorities and until the specified waiting period has expired or been terminated.

At any time before or after completion of the transaction, the applicable authorities could take any action under the antitrust laws as it deems necessary or desirable in the public interest, including seeking to enjoin completion of the transaction or seeking divestiture of substantial assets of us or the Investor. Private parties could also take action under the antitrust laws, including seeking an injunction prohibiting or delaying the transaction, divestiture or damages under certain circumstances. Additionally, at any time before or after the completion of the transaction, any state could take action under its antitrust laws as it deems necessary or desirable in the public interest.

Comparable notifications and antitrust reviews may be required in one or more other foreign jurisdictions. To the extent required, such filings that are material to the completion of the transaction have been effected and/or will be effected as soon as possible. It is possible that any of the governmental entities with which filings are made may seek, as conditions for granting approval of the transaction, various regulatory concessions. There can be no assurance that the Investor or we will be able to satisfy or comply with these conditions or be able to cause our respective subsidiaries to satisfy or comply with these conditions, or that compliance or noncompliance will not have adverse consequences for the Investor after completion of the transaction, or that the required regulatory approvals will be obtained within the time frame contemplated by the Investor and us or on terms that will be satisfactory to the Investor and us.

#### Obtaining Regulatory Approvals

Although we and the Investor do not expect that any of the foregoing regulatory authorities will raise any significant concerns in connection with their review of the transaction, there can be no assurance that we and the Investor will obtain all required regulatory approvals, or that those approvals will not include terms, conditions or restrictions that may have a material adverse effect on us or the benefits, taken as a whole, that the Investor reasonably expects to derive from the transaction.

If any additional approval or action is needed we and the Investor may be unable to obtain it, as is the case with respect to other necessary approvals. Even if we and the Investor do obtain all necessary approvals, conditions may be placed on any such approval that could cause the Investor to abandon the transaction.

#### ADDITIONAL INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS IN THE TRANSACTION

When considering the recommendation by the Board, you should be aware that a number of our directors and executive officers may have interests in the transaction that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of our shareholders. The Board was aware of these interests and considered them, among other matters, in adopting and approving the issuance of the preferred shares.

Amendment to First Reserve Shareholders' Agreement and Registration Rights Agreement

CHC Cayman is owned by funds affiliated with First Reserve Management, L.P., or First Reserve Management. William E. Macaulay is a director of our Company and is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Reserve Management. John Mogford is a director of our Company and is a Managing Director of First Reserve Management. Jeffrey K. Quake is a director of our Company and is a Managing Director of First Reserve Management. Dod E. Wales is a director of our Company and is a Director of First Reserve Management.

On August 21, 2014, in connection with and as a condition to the First Closing, the Company, CHC Cayman and other parties entered into the FR Registration Rights Agreement and the FR Shareholders' Agreement Amendment, each of which will become effective as of the First Closing. A copy of each of these agreements is attached hereto as Exhibits H and G, respectively.

The FR Registration Rights Agreement amends and restates the existing Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 17, 2014, by and among the Company, CHC Cayman and its affiliates to harmonize CHC Cayman's existing demand and piggyback registration rights with the rights given to the Investor under the Registration Rights Agreement. The FR Shareholders' Agreement Amendment amends the existing Shareholders' Agreement, dated January 17, 2014, by and among the Company, CHC Cayman, and the other parties thereto, to, among other things, include ordinary shares issuable upon conversion of the preferred shares in the calculation of CHC Cayman's beneficial ownership for purposes of determining the number of director designees CHC Cayman will be entitled to nominate to the Board. Pursuant to the terms of the FR Shareholders' Agreement Amendment, the size of the Board will be increased to ten (10) from the current seven (7), and one of the directors designated by CHC Cayman will resign from the Board effective as of the First Closing.

#### Employment Agreements

In considering the recommendation of the Board that our shareholders vote for the transactions contemplated by the Investment Agreement, you should note that such transactions could potentially be construed to result in a change in control for purposes of our named executive officers' employment agreements. In the event a named executive officer's employment is terminated by us without cause (other than due to death or disability) or by him or her for good reason within the 24 months immediately following a change in control, then such named executive officer will be entitled to the severance and benefits described below.

William Amelio

Pursuant to the Employment Agreement by and between the Company and William Amelio, our President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company, Mr. Amelio is entitled to certain severance and other benefits in the event of his termination of employment within 24 months immediately following a change in control by us without cause (other than due to death or disability) or by him for good reason. Receipt of such severance and benefits is subject to Mr. Amelio's execution, delivery and non-revocation of a release of claims (as well as his continued compliance with certain restrictive covenants). In the event of such a termination, Mr. Amelio will become eligible to receive:

- a lump sum severance payment in an amount equal to 2.5 times the sum of his annual base salary plus his annual target bonus;
- continued medical, dental and vision coverage for up to 18 months for himself and any covered dependents; and
- full vesting of time-based equity awards (including performance-based awards that converted to time-based awards at the time of the change in control).

In the event that payments and benefits received by Mr. Amelio in connection with a change in control would otherwise exceed the limit of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") with respect to the deductibility of compensation, and become subject to the related excise tax on such amounts under Section 4999 of the Code, Mr. Amelio will be eligible to receive the total amount of such payments and benefits, unless a reduced amount that avoids the excise tax results in an equal or greater net after-tax position for him, in which case the reduced amount would be paid to him, as determined by the independent accounting firm engaged to perform audit services for the Company immediately preceding the change in control.

Joan S. Hooper, Peter Bartolotta, and Michael O'Neill

Pursuant to the Employment Agreements by and between the Company and each of Joan S. Hooper, our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Peter Bartolotta, our Chief Operating Officer and President, Helicopter Services, and Michael O'Neill, our Senior Vice President, Legal, each such named executive officer is entitled to certain severance and other benefits in the event of his or her termination of employment within 24 months immediately following a change in control by us without cause (other than due to death or disability) or by him or her for good reason. Receipt of such severance and benefits is subject to such executive's execution, delivery and non-revocation of a release of claims (as well as his or her continued compliance with certain restrictive covenants). If these circumstances should occur to any of these named executive officers, he or she will become eligible to receive:

- a lump sum severance payment in an amount equal to two times the sum of annual base salary plus annual target bonus;
- continued medical, dental and vision coverage for up to 18 months for himself or herself and any covered dependents; and
- full vesting of time-based equity awards (including performance-based awards that converted to time-based awards at the time of the change in control).



In the event that payments and benefits received by any of these executives in connection with a change in control would otherwise exceed the limit of Section 280G of the Code with respect to the deductibility of compensation, and become subject to the related excise tax on such amounts under Section 4999 of the Code, the executive will be eligible to receive the total amount of such payments and benefits, unless a reduced amount that avoids the excise tax results in an equal or greater net after-tax position for him or her, in which case the reduced amount would be paid to him or her, as determined by the independent accounting firm engaged to perform audit services for the Company immediately preceding the change in control.

Change in Control

Under the employment agreements of each of Messrs. Amelio, Bartolotta, and O'Neill and Ms. Hooper, a change in control means:

- the acquisition (whether by purchase, merger, consolidation, combination or other similar transaction) by any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of more than 50% (on a fully diluted basis) of either (A) the then outstanding ordinary shares, taking into account as outstanding for this purpose such ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of options or warrants, the conversion of convertible shares or debt, and the exercise of any similar right to acquire such ordinary shares or (B) the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, except in either case for acquisitions by the Company or an affiliate;
- during any period of twenty-four months, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Directors") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board, provided that any person becoming a director subsequent to the date of such employment agreement, whose election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Incumbent Directors then on the Board (either by a specific vote or by approval of the proxy statement of the Company in which such person is named as a nominee for director, without written objection to such nomination) shall be an Incumbent Director; provided, however, that no individual initially elected or nominated as a director of the Company as a result of an actual or threatened election contest, as such terms are used in Rule 14a-12 of Regulation 14A promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to directors or as a result of any other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of any person other than the Board shall be deemed to be an Incumbent Director;
- the sale, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company to any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) person that is not an affiliate of the Company; or
- the consummation of a reorganization, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, or other similar transaction involving the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless immediately following such Business Combination 50% or more of the total voting power of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (or, if applicable, the ultimate parent entity that directly or indirectly has beneficial ownership of sufficient voting securities eligible to elect a majority of the board of directors (or the analogous governing body) of such resulting entity), is held by the holders of the outstanding company voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such Business Combination.

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SHARES

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of the Company's ordinary shares: (i) each director and nominee for director; (ii) each of the named executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table of our proxy materials for our annual meeting; (iii) all executive officers and directors of the Company as a group; and (iv) all those known by the Company to be beneficial owners of more than five percent of its ordinary shares on:

- An actual basis as of July 31, 2014; and
- On a pro forma basis to reflect (i) the sale and issuance of 500,000 preferred shares to Investor following the First Closing and the Second Closing, (ii) the sale and issuance of 100,000 preferred shares to Investor following the Third Closing, assuming no participation in the Rights Offering, and (iii) the sale and issuance of 100,000 preferred shares to the existing shareholders in the Rights Offering, assuming no participation by CHC Cayman.

For the pro forma information below, each preferred share is assumed to have a liquidation value of \$1,000 and conversion price of \$7.50, and it is assumed that no preferred shares have been issued in respect of amounts accrued as preferred dividends.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Our calculation of beneficial ownership is based on 81,342,413 ordinary shares issued and outstanding on an actual basis as of July 31, 2014, which includes 744,501 unvested restricted ordinary shares. Unless otherwise indicated below, the address of each beneficial owner listed in the table below is c/o CHC Group Ltd., 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands.

Beneficial Ownership

Name of Beneficial Owner	Actual		Pro Forma Upon Second Closing of Private Placement		Upon Third Closing of Private Placement No participation in the Rights Offering		Full participati in the Rights Offering Number
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	
CHC Cayman <sup>(1)</sup>	46,519,484	57.2	46,519,484	31.4	46,519,484	28.8	46,519,484
Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund IX, L.P.	—	—	66,666,666	45.0	80,000,000	49.6	66,666,666
Entities affiliated with Dmitry Balyasny <sup>(2)</sup>	4,050,000	5.0	4,050,000	2.7	4,050,000	2.5	5,600,702
Mast Capital Management, LLC <sup>(3)</sup>	4,683,011	5.8	4,683,011	3.2	4,683,011	2.9	6,476,086
Directors and Executive Officers:							
William J. Amelio <sup>(4)</sup>	447,561	*	447,561	*	447,561	*	618,927
Francis S. Kalman <sup>(5)</sup>	20,000	*	20,000	*	20,000	*	27,657
Jonathan Lewis <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
William E. Macaulay <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
John Mogford <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jeffrey K. Quake <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dod E. Wales <sup>(7)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peter Bartolotta <sup>(8)</sup>	139,694	*	139,694	*	139,694	*	193,181
Joan S. Hooper <sup>(9)</sup>	79,785	*	79,785	*	79,785	*	110,333
Michael J. O'Neill <sup>(10)</sup>	84,785	*	84,785	*	84,785	*	117,248

Directors and executive officers as a group (11 persons)	771,825	1.0	771,825	*	771,825	*	1,067,346
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\* Represents beneficial ownership of less than 1% of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares.

(1) CHC Cayman refers to 6922767 Holding (Cayman) Inc., the holding company through which First Reserve Corporation and its affiliates acquired our predecessor in 2008. The issued and outstanding equity securities of CHC Cayman consist of 1,870,561,417 of Ordinary A shares, 7,859,869 of Ordinary B shares, one Adjustable C share and 313,000 of Special shares. Funds affiliated with First Reserve own an approximate 98.7% economic and voting interest in CHC Cayman. 1,845,561,417 Ordinary A shares of CHC Cayman are held by Horizon Alpha Limited, or Horizon Alpha, FR XI Horizon Co-Investment I, L.P., or FR XI Horizon Co-Investment I, and FR XI Horizon Co-Investment II, L.P., or FR XI Horizon Co-Investment II. The equity interests of Horizon Alpha are held by First Reserve Fund XII, L.P., or First Reserve Fund XII, FR XII-A Parallel Vehicle, L.P., or FR XII-A and FR Horizon AIV, L.P., or FR Horizon AIV. The general partner of First Reserve Fund XII and FR XII-A is First Reserve GP XII, L.P.,

whose general partner is First Reserve GP XII Limited. The general partner of FR Horizon AIV is FR Horizon GP, L.P. and the general partner of FR Horizon GP, L.P. is FR Horizon GP Limited. Each of First Reserve GP XII Limited and FR Horizon GP Limited is wholly-owned by First Reserve's senior managing directors. The general partner of each of FR XI Horizon Co-Investment I and FR XI Horizon Co-Investment II is FR XI Offshore GP Limited. The members of FR XI Offshore GP Limited are First Reserve's senior managing directors. Each of such First Reserve entities may be deemed to beneficially own the ordinary shares beneficially owned by Horizon Alpha, FR XI Horizon Co-Investment I and FR XI Horizon Co-Investment II directly or indirectly controlled by it, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such ordinary shares. The address of each of the entities listed in this footnote is c/o First Reserve Management, L.P., One Lafayette Place, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

(2) The indicated ownership is based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by the reporting persons on June 2, 2014, reporting beneficial ownership as of February 19, 2014. According to the Schedule 13G, the reporting persons beneficially own a total of 4,050,000 ordinary shares held by Atlas Master Fund, Ltd., Atlas Enhanced Master Fund, Ltd., BAM Zie Master Fund, Ltd., and Lyxor/Balyasny Atlas Enhanced Fund Limited. Balyasny Asset Management L.P. is the investment manager to its pooled investment funds. Dmitry Balyasny is the sole managing member of the general partner of Balyasny Asset Management L.P. The Schedule 13G filed by the reporting persons provides information only as of February 19, 2014, and consequently, the beneficial ownership of the above-mentioned reporting persons may have changed between February 19, 2014 and July 23, 2014. The address of Balyasny Asset Management L.P. and Dmitry Balyasny is 181 West Madison, Suite 3600, and Chicago, IL 60602.

(3) The indicated ownership is based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by the reporting persons on August 1, 2014, reporting beneficial ownership as of July 29, 2014. According to the Schedule 13G, the reporting persons beneficially own a total of 4,683,011 ordinary shares held by Mast Credit Opportunities I Master Fund Limited, Mast OC I Master Fund L.P., Mast Select Opportunities Master Fund LP, and Mast Admiral Master Fund L.P. Mast Capital Management, LLC is the investment advisor of each of the above entities, and David J. Steinberg is the manager of Mast Capital Management, LLC. The Schedule 13G filed by the reporting persons provides information only as of July 29, 2014, and consequently, the beneficial ownership of the above-mentioned reporting persons may have changed between July 29, 2014 and July 31, 2014.

(4) In addition to the amounts listed in the table, Mr. Amelio holds 2,000,000 Ordinary B shares of CHC Cayman.

(5) In addition to the amounts listed in the table, Mr. Kalman holds 12,500 unvested Restricted Share Units of the Company.

(6) Mr. Lewis holds (a) 3,841 vested Restricted Share Units (which units are not included in the table because shares will not be issued under the awards until the earlier to occur of June 18, 2017 and the date of a change in control) and (b) 16,351 unvested Restricted Share Units of the Company.

(7) Messrs. Mogford, Wales, Macaulay and Quake are each employees of First Reserve Management, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of the ordinary shares beneficially owned by First Reserve Management. The address for Messrs. Mogford, Wales, Macaulay and Quake is c/o First Reserve Management, L.P., One Lafayette Place, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

(8) In addition to the amounts listed in the table, Mr. Bartolotta holds (a) 132,040 vested Restricted Share Units of CHC Cayman and (b) 481,928 Ordinary B shares of CHC Cayman.

(9) In addition to the amounts listed in the table, Ms. Hooper holds (a) 33,010 vested Restricted Share Units of CHC Cayman and (b) 120,482 Ordinary B shares of CHC Cayman.

(10) In addition to the amounts listed in the table, Mr. O'Neill holds (a) 66,020 vested Restricted Share Units of CHC Cayman and (b) 240,964 Ordinary B shares of CHC Cayman.

HOUSEHOLDING OF PROXY MATERIALS

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (e.g., brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy materials with respect to two or more shareholders sharing the same address by delivering a single set of proxy materials addressed to those shareholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as “householding,” potentially means extra convenience for shareholders and cost savings for companies.

This year, a number of brokers with account holders who are the Company’s shareholders will be “householding” the Company’s proxy materials. A single set of proxy materials will be delivered to multiple shareholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected shareholders. Once you have received notice from your broker that they will be “householding” communications to your address, “householding” will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in “householding” and would prefer to receive a separate set of proxy materials, please notify your broker or the Company. Direct your written request to Lynn Tyson, Vice President, Investor Relations at 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, KY1-9005, Cayman Islands or contact the same at +1 (914) 485-1150. Shareholders who currently receive multiple copies of the proxy materials at their addresses and would like to request “householding” of their communications should contact their brokers.

#### OTHER MATTERS



The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. If any other matters are properly brought before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

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Public Reference Room  
100 F Street, N.E. Room 1580  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from document retrieval services and the Internet website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this Proxy Statement documents we deliver to shareholders along with this Proxy Statement. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this Proxy Statement. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, each of which are being sent to shareholders along with this Proxy Statement:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 30, 2014;
- Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended April 30, 2014;
- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 31, 2014; and
- each of the Annexes to this Proxy Statement.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from what is contained in this Proxy Statement or in any of the materials that have been incorporated by reference into this document. This Proxy Statement is dated October 10, 2014. You should not assume that the information contained in this Proxy Statement is accurate as of any date other than that date. The mailing of this Proxy Statement to shareholders does not create any implication to the contrary.

If you have any questions about the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders after reading this Proxy Statement, or if you would like additional copies of this Proxy Statement or the proxy card, you should contact us as follows:

Corporate Secretary  
CHC Group Ltd.  
190 Elgin Avenue George Town  
Grand Cayman, KY1-9005  
Cayman Islands

By Order of the Board of Directors

Russ Hill  
Corporate Secretary

October 10, 2014



CHC Group Ltd.  
Investment Agreement

INVESTMENT AGREEMENT

dated as of August 21, 2014

by and between



Chc Group Ltd.

Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund Ix, L.p.

and

Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Llc



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INVESTMENT AGREEMENT, dated as of August 21, 2014 (this “Agreement”), by and between CHC Group Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “Company”), Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund IX, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, acting by its general partner, CD&R Associates IX, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited company (the “Purchaser”) and, solely for purposes of Section 1.5(c)(5) and Section 6.1(ii), Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “CD&R Manager”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, on or prior to the date of this Agreement, and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, the board of directors of the Company (the “Board of Directors”) has adopted resolutions designating a series of preferred shares of the Company, of a nominal or par value of \$0.0001 per share, as “Convertible Preferred Shares” (the “Preferred Shares”), having the terms set forth in such resolutions, which terms are in the form attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A (the “Authorizing Resolutions”);

WHEREAS, on or prior to the date of this Agreement, and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, the Board of Directors has adopted resolutions designating a series of non-voting ordinary shares of the Company, of a nominal or par value of \$0.0001 per share, having the terms set forth in the Authorizing Resolutions;

WHEREAS, the Company proposes to issue and sell to the Purchaser (including its assignees pursuant to Section 6.8) Preferred Shares, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Authorizing Resolutions, the Preferred Shares will be convertible into ordinary shares, of a nominal or par value of \$0.0001 per share, of the Company (the “Ordinary Shares”);

WHEREAS, on or prior to the date of this Agreement, and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, Purchaser, the Company and First Reserve have entered into that certain Pre-Closing Voting Agreement in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B (the “Voting Agreement”);

WHEREAS, substantially concurrently with the closing of the transactions contemplated hereby, the Company and Purchaser intend to enter into a Shareholders’ Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C (the “Shareholders’ Agreement”), and a Registration Rights Agreement, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D (the “Registration Rights Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings set forth in Section 6.9.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, and of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

Purchase; Closing

Section 1.1 Purchase. On the terms and subject to the conditions herein, the Company agrees to sell and issue to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser agrees to purchase from the Company: (i) a number of Preferred Shares such that, if such Preferred Shares were immediately converted into Ordinary Shares, the total number of voting Ordinary Shares held by the Purchaser would be equal to (x) 19.9% of the total number of voting Ordinary Shares outstanding as of immediately before such issuance of Preferred Shares less (y) the sum of the number of Preferred Shares issuable as a Preferred Dividend (as defined in the Authorizing Resolutions) on each of the first two Preferred Dividend Payment Dates (as defined in the Authorizing Resolutions) to occur following such issuance of Preferred Shares (the “First Closing Shares”), (ii) 500,000 Preferred Shares less the number of First Closing Shares (the “Second Closing Shares”) and (iii) 100,000 Preferred Shares less the number of Preferred Shares issued pursuant to the Permitted Offering, if any (such Preferred Shares, the “Third Closing Shares” and, together with the First Closing Shares and the Second Closing Shares, the “Purchased Shares”), free and clear of any Liens (other than restrictions arising under the Articles, restrictions arising under applicable securities Laws and restrictions set forth in Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of the Shareholders’ Agreement), at a purchase price of \$1,000 per Preferred Share.

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Section 1.2 First Closing.

(a) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Section 1.5(a), (c) and (d), the closing of the purchase and sale by the Purchaser of the First Closing Shares pursuant to this Agreement (the “First Closing”) shall be held at the offices of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, at 10:00 a.m. New York time on the third business day after the satisfaction or waiver of the latest to occur of the conditions set forth in Section 1.5(a), (c) and (d) (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the First Closing, but subject to their satisfaction) or at such other date, time and place as the Company and the Purchaser agree; provided, that, if the last condition to be satisfied or waived prior to the occurrence of the First Closing (other than conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the First Closing) is the condition set forth in Section 1.5(a)(2), then the First Closing shall be held on the earlier to occur of (x) one business day after the date on which any applicable waiting periods (including any extension thereof) prescribed by Competition Laws referred to in Section 1.5(a)(2) shall have been required to expire or be terminated and (y) if such expiration or termination occurs on any other date, twelve (12) business days after the date of such expiration or termination (such date, the “First Closing Date”).

(b) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver at or prior to the First Closing of the applicable conditions to the First Closing in Section 1.5, at the First Closing:

(1) the Company will deliver to the Purchaser (i) certificates representing the First Closing Shares, (ii) the Shareholders’ Agreement, duly executed by the Company, (iii) the Registration Rights Agreement, duly executed by the Company and (iv) all other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by the Company to the Purchaser at or prior to the First Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise required in connection herewith; and

(2) the Purchaser will deliver or cause to be delivered (i) to a bank account designated by the Company in writing at least two (2) business days prior to the First Closing Date, the First Closing Purchase Price by wire transfer of immediately available funds, (ii) the Shareholders’ Agreement, duly executed by the Purchaser, (iii) the Registration Rights Agreement, duly executed by Purchaser, and (iv) all other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by the Purchaser to the Company at or prior to the First Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise required in connection herewith.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if the First Closing has not occurred by October 31, 2014, then the First Closing shall not occur until such time as the Second Closing occurs.

Section 1.3 Second Closing.

(a) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the closing of the purchase and sale by the Purchaser of the Second Closing Shares, if any, pursuant to this Agreement (the “Second Closing”) shall be held at the offices of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, at 10:00 a.m. New York time on the third business day after the satisfaction or waiver of the latest to occur of the conditions set forth in Section 1.5 (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Second Closing, but subject to their satisfaction or waiver), or at such other date, time and place as the Company and the Purchaser agree. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at the time the conditions to the First Closing have been satisfied or waived, the conditions to the Second Closing have also been satisfied or waived, the First Closing and the Second Closing shall take place simultaneously; provided, that, if the conditions to the Second Closing set forth in Section 1.5 (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Second Closing, but subject to their satisfaction or waiver) are satisfied or waived prior to October 31, 2014 such that the Second Closing would be required to take place prior to October 31, 2014, at the option of the Company (upon prior written notice delivered to the Purchaser at least twelve business days prior to the date on which the Second Closing would have been required to occur but for this proviso), the Second Closing shall take place on the first business day after October 31, 2014 or at such other date, time and place as the Company and the Purchaser agree.

(b) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver at or prior to the Second Closing of the applicable conditions to the Second Closing in Section 1.5, at the Second Closing:

(1) the Company will deliver to the Purchaser (i) certificates representing the Second Closing Shares and (ii) all other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by the Company to the Purchaser at or prior to the Second Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise required in connection herewith; and

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(2) the Purchaser will deliver or cause to be delivered (i) to a bank account designated by the Company in writing at least two (2) business days prior to the Second Closing Date, the Second Closing Purchase Price by wire transfer of immediately available funds, and (ii) all other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by the Purchaser to the Company at or prior to the Second Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise required in connection herewith.

#### Section 1.4 Third Closing.

(a) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in this Agreement, the closing of the purchase and sale by the Purchaser of the Third Closing Shares, if any, pursuant to this Agreement (the "Third Closing") shall be held at the offices of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, at 10:00 a.m. New York time on the later of (i) the third business day after the satisfaction or waiver of the latest to occur of the conditions set forth in Section 1.5 (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Third Closing, but subject to their satisfaction or waiver) and (ii) the twelfth business day after which the Company provides notice to the Purchaser of the number of the Third Closing Shares (but subject to the consummation of the Permitted Offering or the expiration of the period in which the Permitted Offering may be consummated in accordance with the definition thereof (as applicable), or at such other date, time and place as the Company and the Purchaser agree) (such date, the "Third Closing Date" and, together with the First Closing Date and the Second Closing date, the "Closing Dates"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at the time the conditions to the First Closing and the Second Closing have been satisfied or waived, the conditions to the Third Closing have also been satisfied or waived, the First Closing, the Second Closing and the Third Closing shall take place simultaneously; provided, that, if the conditions to the Third Closing set forth in Section 1.5 (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Third Closing, but subject to their satisfaction or waiver) are satisfied or waived prior to October 31, 2014 such that the Third Closing would be required to take place prior to October 31, 2014, at the option of the Company (upon prior written notice delivered to the Purchaser at least twelve business days prior to the date on which the Third Closing would have been required to occur but for this proviso), the Third Closing shall take place on the first business day after October 31, 2014 or at such other date, time and place as the Company and the Purchaser agree.

(b) Subject to the satisfaction or waiver at or prior to the Third Closing of the applicable conditions to the Second Closing in Section 1.5, at the Second Closing:

(1) the Company will deliver to the Purchaser (i) certificates representing the Third Closing Shares and (ii) all other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by the Company to the Purchaser at or prior to the Third Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise required in connection herewith; and

(2) the Purchaser will deliver or cause to be delivered (i) to a bank account designated by the Company in writing at least two (2) business days prior to the Third Closing Date, the Third Closing Purchase Price by wire transfer of immediately available funds, and (ii) all other documents, instruments and writings required to be delivered by the Purchaser to the Company at or prior to the Third Closing pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise required in connection herewith.

#### Section 1.5 Closing Conditions.

(a) The obligation of the Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, to effect each of the First Closing, the Second Closing and the Third Closing (together, the "Closings") is subject to the satisfaction or written waiver by the Purchaser and the Company prior to such Closing of the following conditions:

(1) no temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other judgment or order issued by any Governmental Entity, and no Law shall be in effect restraining, enjoining, making illegal or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(2) all applicable waiting periods (and any extension thereof) prescribed by Competition Laws in the jurisdictions set forth in Section 1.5(a)(2) of the Disclosure Schedules, shall have expired or shall have been terminated; and

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(b) The obligation of the Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, to effect each of the Second Closing and the Third Closing is subject to the satisfaction or written waiver by the Purchaser and the Company prior to such Closing of the following conditions:

(1) the Company shall have received the Requisite Shareholder Approval prior to the Second Closing Date; and

(2) the First Closing shall have occurred prior to or simultaneously with the Second Closing.

(c) The obligation of the Purchaser to effect each Closing is also subject to the satisfaction or written waiver by the Purchaser at or prior to such Closing, as applicable, of the following conditions:

(1) (i) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Article II hereof (other than the Company Fundamental Representations) shall be true and correct (disregarding all qualifications or limitations as to materiality or Company Material Adverse Effect) as of the date of this Agreement and as of the applicable Closing Date as though made on and as of such date (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty speaks to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall so be true and correct as of such earlier date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 2.2(b) shall be true and correct in all material respects and (iii) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in the first and third sentences of Section 2.1(a), Section 2.2(a), Section 2.2(c), Section 2.3(a), and Section 2.4(b) (together with Section 2.2(b), the “Company Fundamental Representations”) shall be true and correct in all but de minimis respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the applicable Closing Date as though made on and as of such date (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty speaks to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall so be true and correct as of such earlier date);

(2) the Company shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it pursuant to this Agreement (other than any obligations set forth in Section 4.7(d)(4)) prior to the applicable Closing;

(3) at or prior to the applicable Closing, the Purchaser shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by a duly authorized senior executive officer of the Company certifying to the effect that the conditions set forth in Section 1.5(c)(1), (2) and (13) have been satisfied as of the applicable Closing;

(4) at or prior to the First Closing, First Reserve and the Company shall have entered into the Amended and Restated First Reserve Registration Rights Agreement and the Amendment to the First Reserve Shareholders’ Agreement;

(5) substantially contemporaneous with the First Closing, (i) the Company shall have reimbursed the Purchaser for the Purchaser Transaction Expenses incurred on or prior to the First Closing Date up to a maximum amount of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate and (ii) the Company shall have paid a closing fee equal to \$1,800,000 to the CD&R Manager by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account or accounts designated by the CD&R Manager in writing no later than two (2) business days prior to the First Closing Date;

(6) substantially contemporaneous with the Second Closing, (i) the Company shall have reimbursed the Purchaser for the Purchaser Transaction Expenses incurred on or prior to the Second Closing Date up to a maximum amount of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate (less the amount of Purchaser Transaction Expenses reimbursed substantially contemporaneous with the First Closing) and (ii) the Company shall have paid a closing fee equal to \$5,700,000 to the CD&R Manager by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account or accounts designated by the CD&R Manager in writing no later than two (2) business days prior to the Second Closing Date;

(7) substantially contemporaneous with the Third Closing, the Company shall have reimbursed the Purchaser for the Purchaser Transaction Expenses incurred on or prior to the Third Closing Date, up to a maximum amount of \$5,000,000 in the aggregate (less the amount of Purchaser Transaction Expenses reimbursed substantially

contemporaneous with the First Closing and the Second Closing), by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account or accounts designated by the Purchaser in writing no later than two (2) business days prior to the Third Closing Date;

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(8) either (i) the Company and each applicable Company Group Member shall have completed each of the items set forth under either Alternative A or Alternative B (at the election and sole discretion of the Company) on Section 1.5(c)(8) of the Disclosure Schedules in all material respects and shall have furnished to the Purchaser either (1) documentary evidence thereof or (2) a certificate of the Vice President for Taxes of the Company to the effect that all such items have been completed in all material respects or (ii) the Company shall have satisfied Alternative C set forth on Section 1.5(c)(8) of the Disclosure Schedules, provided, that the Company shall not elect Alternative C if so doing would reasonably be expected to have material and adverse consequences for the Company. The failure to complete fully any item in the applicable alternative shall be per se inconsistent with a completion in all “material” respects if such failure would or would likely result in any Company Group Member’s being classified as a PFIC, as reasonably determined by the Purchaser;

(9) the Company shall have obtained the written consents and/or waivers set forth in Section 1.5(c)(9) of the Disclosure Schedules at or prior to the First Closing Date;

(10) any Ordinary Shares that would be issued upon conversion of the Preferred Shares on the 15th anniversary of the Second Closing assuming all amounts calculated to be payable as Preferred Dividends (as defined in the Authorizing Resolutions) are capitalized by applying such amounts to Capitalisation Issues (as defined in the Authorizing Resolutions) in accordance with the Authorizing Resolutions and conversion of the Preferred Shares at the Initial Conversion Price (as defined in the Authorizing Resolutions) shall have been authorized for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance;

(11) at or prior to the First Closing Date, the Company shall have delivered to the Purchaser a duly executed resignation letter of one member of the Board of Directors designated by First Reserve or, in the case of death or other earlier vacancy, other evidence of such vacancy on the Board of Directors;

(12) (A) at or prior to the First Closing, the Board of Directors shall have taken all actions necessary to cause to be elected to the Board of Directors, effective immediately upon the First Closing, two individuals designated by the Purchaser in writing at least three (3) business days prior to the First Closing Date, and the Board of Directors shall have appointed individuals to serve on the committees of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Shareholders’ Agreement, and (B) at or prior to the Second Closing, the Board of Directors shall have taken all actions necessary, to cause to be elected to the Board of Directors, effective immediately upon the Second Closing, two additional individuals designated by the Purchaser in writing at least three (3) business days prior to the Second Closing Date, and the Board of Directors shall have appointed individuals to serve on the committees of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Shareholders’ Agreement; and

(13) since April 30, 2014, there shall not have occurred any Company Material Adverse Effect.

(d) The obligation of the Company to effect each Closing is also subject to the satisfaction or written waiver by the Company prior to such Closing, as applicable, of the following conditions:

(1) (i) the representations and warranties of the Purchaser set forth in Article III hereof (other than the Purchaser Fundamental Representations) shall be true and correct (disregarding all qualifications or limitations as to materiality) as of the date of this Agreement and as of the applicable Closing Date as though made on and as of such date (except to the extent that any such representation or warranty speaks of an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall so be true and correct as of such date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the ability of the Purchaser to fully perform its covenants and obligations under this Agreement and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 3.1 and Section 3.2(a) (the “Purchaser Fundamental Representations”) shall be true and correct in all but de minimis respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the applicable Closing Date as though made on and as of such date;

(2) the Purchaser shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it pursuant to this Agreement prior to the applicable Closing; and

(3) at or prior to the applicable Closing, the Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Purchaser by a duly authorized officer of Purchaser certifying to the effect that the conditions set forth in Section 1.5(d)(1) and (2) have been satisfied as of the applicable Closing.

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ARTICLE II  
REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY

Except as set forth in the SEC Documents publicly available before the date of this Agreement or in a correspondingly identified schedule attached hereto (such schedules, collectively, the “Disclosure Schedules”), the Company represents and warrants to the Purchaser, as of the date of this Agreement and as of each Closing Date (except to the extent made only as of a specified date, in which case as of such date) that:

#### Section 2.1 Organization and Authority.

(a) The Company is a Cayman Islands exempted company duly incorporated with limited liability and validly existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands, has all requisite corporate power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as presently conducted. The Company is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in all jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified and where failure to be so qualified would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect. True and accurate copies of the memorandum of association of the Company (the “Memorandum”) and the articles of association of the Company (the “Articles”), each as in effect as of the date of this Agreement, have been made available to the Purchaser prior to the date of this Agreement. The memorandum of association, certification of incorporation, charter, articles of association, bylaws or other governing instruments of each material Company Subsidiary that is not directly or indirectly wholly owned by the Company, each as in effect as of the date of this Agreement, have been made available to the Purchaser prior to the date of this Agreement.

(b) Each material Company Subsidiary is duly organized (or incorporated) and validly existing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization (or incorporation), has all requisite corporate or other applicable entity power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as presently conducted, is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in all jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified and where failure to be so qualified would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect. As used herein, “Subsidiary” means, with respect to any person, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity (i) of which such person or a Subsidiary of such person is a general partner or (ii) of which a majority of the voting securities or other voting interests, or a majority of the securities or other interests of which having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or persons performing similar functions with respect to such entity, that is directly or indirectly owned by such person and/or one or more subsidiaries thereof; and “Company Subsidiary”, “Subsidiary of the Company” and any other similar reference herein means any Subsidiary of the Company or any other entity that is deemed to be a variable interest entity in accordance with GAAP in which the Company owns an equity interest or is otherwise listed in Section 2.2(b) of the Disclosure Schedules.

#### Section 2.2 Capitalization.

(a) The authorized shares of the Company consists of 1,500,000,000 Ordinary Shares, of a nominal or par value of \$0.0001 per share, and 500,000,000 preferred shares, of a nominal or par value of \$0.0001 (the “Authorized Preferred Shares”). As of the close of business on July 31, 2014 (the “Capitalization Date”), there were 81,342,413 Ordinary Shares issued, including 806,198 restricted Ordinary Shares, 744,501 of which were then unvested. As of the date of this Agreement, there are no Authorized Preferred Shares issued. As of the close of business on the Capitalization Date, there were (i) outstanding share options granted pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan (“Company Share Options”), which may be exercised for an aggregate of 2,540,189 Ordinary Shares all of which were then unvested, (ii) outstanding restricted share units granted pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Company RSUs”), which may be settled for an aggregate of 1,405,464 Ordinary Shares all of which were then unvested, (iii) no Ordinary Shares were held by the Company in its treasury and (iv) 2,731,418 Ordinary Shares were available for future awards under the Omnibus Incentive Plan. All of the issued Ordinary Shares have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights. All of the Ordinary Shares issuable pursuant to the Omnibus Incentive Plan will upon issuance have been duly authorized and validly issued and fully paid, nonassessable and free of preemptive rights. From the Capitalization Date through and as of the date of this Agreement, no other Ordinary Shares or Authorized Preferred Shares have been issued other than Ordinary Shares issued in respect of the exercise of

Company Share Options or Company RSUs in the ordinary course of business. The Company does not have outstanding shareholder purchase rights or “poison pill” or any similar arrangement in effect.

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(b) Except for ownership of less than 5% of the equity interests in any publicly traded person, Section 2.2(b) of the Disclosure Schedules sets forth as of the date of this Agreement (i) the name and jurisdiction of organization (or incorporation) of each person in which the Company directly or indirectly owns an equity interest and that is not directly or indirectly wholly owned by the Company and (ii) the ownership of each such non-wholly owned person. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each material Company Subsidiary (x) have been duly authorized, are validly issued and are fully paid, non-assessable and free of preemptive rights and (y) if not directly or indirectly wholly owned by the Company, are owned by the owners thereof as set out in Section 2.2(b) of the Disclosure Schedules free and clear of any Liens. Except as set forth on Section 2.2(b) of the Disclosure Schedules or in the memorandum of association, certification of incorporation, charter, articles of association, bylaws or other governing instruments of any Company Subsidiary disclosed in the Data Room, no material Company Subsidiary has or is bound by any outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, commitments or agreements of any character calling for the purchase or issuance of any shares of capital stock, any other equity security or any Voting Debt (as defined below) of each such Company Subsidiary or any securities representing the right to purchase or otherwise receive any shares of capital stock, any other equity security or Voting Debt of each Company Subsidiary.

(c) No bonds, debentures, notes or other Indebtedness having the right to vote (or convertible into or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matters on which the shareholders of the Company may vote (“Voting Debt”) are issued and outstanding. Except (i) pursuant to any cashless exercise provisions of any Company Share Options or pursuant to the surrender of shares to the Company or the withholding of shares by the Company to cover tax withholding obligations under Company Share Options or Company RSUs, and (ii) as set forth in Section 2.2(a), the Company does not have and is not bound by any outstanding options, preemptive rights, rights of first offer, warrants, calls, commitments or other rights or agreements calling for the purchase or issuance of, or securities or rights convertible into, or exchangeable for, any Ordinary Shares or any other equity securities of the Company or Voting Debt or any securities representing the right to purchase or otherwise receive any shares of the Company (including any rights plan or agreement).

### Section 2.3 Authorization.

(a) The Company has the corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and to carry out its obligations hereunder and thereunder. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents by the Company and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors. The Authorizing Resolutions have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors. This Agreement has been, and (as of the First Closing) the other Transaction Documents will be, duly and validly executed and delivered by the Company and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Purchaser, this Agreement is, and (as of the First Closing) each of the other Transaction Documents will be, a valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms (except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors’ rights or by general equity principles). No other corporate proceedings are necessary for the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, and no other corporate proceedings (except the Requisite Shareholder Approval) are necessary for the performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

(b) Neither the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, nor compliance by the Company with any of the provisions hereof or thereof (including the conversion and other provisions relating to the Preferred Shares), will (A) violate, conflict with, or result in a breach of any provision of, or constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the



performance required by, or result in a right of termination or acceleration of, or result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the material properties or assets of any Company Group Member under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of (i) the Memorandum, the Articles or the memorandum of association, certificate of incorporation, charter, articles of association, bylaws or other governing instruments of any Company Subsidiary or (ii) any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, insurance policy, lease, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which any Company Group Member is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which any Company Group Member or any of the properties or assets of any Company Group Member may be subject, or (B) violate any Law, Permit, judgment, ruling, order, writ, injunction or decree applicable to any Company Group Member or any of its respective

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properties or assets, or result in the revocation, termination or suspension of any such Permit, except in the case of clauses (A)(ii) and (B) for such violations, conflicts and breaches as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Other than the securities or blue sky laws of the various states with respect to the Requisite Shareholder Approval and approval or expiration of applicable waiting periods under Competition Laws, no notice to, registration, declaration or filing with, exemption or review by, or authorization, order, consent or approval of any Governmental Entity, nor expiration or termination of any statutory waiting period, is necessary for the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

#### Section 2.4 Sale and Status of Securities.

(a) Subject to the accuracy of the representations made by the Purchaser in Section 3.3, the offer, sale and issuance of the Preferred Shares (i) have been and will be made in compliance with applicable exemptions from the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act and (ii) will have been registered or qualified (or are exempt from registration and qualification) under the registration, permit or qualification requirements of all applicable material blue sky laws.

(b) The issuance of the Preferred Shares to be issued pursuant to this Agreement, and the issuance of the Ordinary Shares (including, if applicable, any non-voting Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Authorizing Resolutions) to be issued upon conversion of the Preferred Shares, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action. When issued and sold against receipt of the consideration therefor as provided in this Agreement or the Authorizing Resolutions, the Preferred Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, will not be subject to preemptive rights of any other shareholder of the Company, and will effectively vest in the Purchaser good title to the Preferred Shares, free and clear of all Liens (other than restrictions arising under applicable securities Laws or under the Shareholders' Agreement). Upon any conversion of any Preferred Shares into Ordinary Shares (including, if applicable, any non-voting Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Authorizing Resolutions) pursuant to the Authorizing Resolutions, the Ordinary Shares (including, if applicable, any non-voting Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Authorizing Resolutions) issued upon such conversion will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and will not be subject to preemptive rights of any other stockholder of the Company, and will effectively vest in the Purchaser good title to all such securities, free and clear of all Liens (other than restrictions arising under the Articles, applicable securities Laws or the Shareholders' Agreement). The respective rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions of the Preferred Shares and the Ordinary Shares are as stated in the Articles, Memorandum and Authorizing Resolutions. The Ordinary Shares to be issued upon any conversion of Preferred Shares into Ordinary Shares have been duly reserved for such issuance.

#### Section 2.5 SEC Documents; Financial Statements.

(a) The Company has filed all required reports, proxy statements, forms, and other documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") since January 16, 2014 (collectively, the "SEC Documents"). Each of the SEC Documents, as of its respective date, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder applicable to such SEC Documents, and, except to the extent that information contained in any SEC Document has been revised or superseded by a later filed SEC Document filed and publicly available prior to the date of this Agreement, none of the SEC Documents contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(b) The Company (i) has implemented and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) that are reasonably designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company Group is made known to the individuals responsible for the preparation of the Company's filings with the

SEC and (ii) has disclosed, based on its most recent evaluation prior to the date of this Agreement, to the Company's outside auditors and the Board of Director's audit committee (A) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and (B) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a

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significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting. As of the date of this Agreement, to the Knowledge of the Company, there is no reason that its outside auditors and its chief executive officer and chief financial officer will not be able to give the certifications and attestations required pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, without qualification, when next due.

(c) The financial statements of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included in the SEC Documents (i) complied as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, in each case as of the date such SEC Document was filed, and (ii) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in such financial statements or the notes thereto) and fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries for the periods then ended (subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to the absence of footnote disclosures and normal audit adjustments, which are not, individually or in aggregate, to the Knowledge of the Company, expected to be material).

Section 2.6 Undisclosed Liabilities. Except for (i) those liabilities that are reflected or reserved for in the consolidated financial statements of the Company included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014, (ii) liabilities incurred since April 30, 2014 in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (iii) liabilities incurred pursuant to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Transaction Documents, (iv) liabilities or obligations discharged or paid in full prior to the applicable Closing in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and (v) liabilities that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, to the Knowledge of the Company, the Company Group does not have any liabilities or obligations of any nature whatsoever (whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise).

Section 2.7 Brokers and Finders. Except for Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Evercore Group, L.L.C., the fees and expenses of which will be paid by the Company, no Company Group Member and none of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents has employed any broker or finder or incurred any liability for any financial advisory fees, brokerage fees, commissions or finder's fees, and no broker or finder has acted directly or indirectly for the Company in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 2.8 Litigation. There is no action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing (including "cease and desist" letters) against, nor any outstanding judgment, order, writ or decree against, any Company Group Member or any of its respective assets before or by any Governmental Entity that (i) in the case of any such action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending, or to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing as of the date of this Agreement and any such judgment, order, writ or decree outstanding as of the date of this Agreement, if adversely determined, would individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Company Group, taken as a whole, (ii) in the case of any such action, suit, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing arising after the date of this Agreement and any such judgment, order, writ or decree arising after the date of this Agreement, is reasonably likely to be adversely determined, and, if adversely determined, would individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Company Group, taken as a whole or (iii) arises out of or in connection with any Aircraft Incident. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to be material to the Company Group, taken as a whole, no Company Group Member is in default with respect to any judgment, order or decree of any Governmental Entity.

Section 2.9 Taxes.

(a) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(1) Each Company Group Member has duly and timely filed (taking into account applicable extensions) all Tax Returns required to have been filed, such Tax Returns were accurate in all material respects, and all Taxes due and payable by the Company Group (whether or not shown on any Tax Return) have been timely paid, except for Taxes which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP;

(2) All Taxes required to be withheld, collected or deposited by or with respect to each Company Group Member have been timely withheld, collected or deposited as the case may be and, to the extent required, have been paid

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to the relevant taxing authority except with respect to matters for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP; and

(3) There are no liens or encumbrances for Taxes upon the assets of any Company Group Member except for statutory liens for current Taxes not yet due or liens for Taxes that are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and in respect of which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP.

(b) No unresolved material deficiencies for any Tax Returns referred to in Section 2.9(a)(1) have been proposed or assessed against or with respect to any Company Group Member (and there is no outstanding audit, assessment, dispute or claim concerning any material Tax liability of any Company Group Member pending or raised) in each case by any taxing authority in writing to any Company Group Member, except with respect to matters for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP.

(c) No Company Group Member has engaged in, or has any material liability or material obligation with respect to, any “listed transaction” within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.6011-4(c).

(d) The Company has not been a “distributing corporation” or a “controlled corporation” in any distribution occurring during the last two years intended to qualify under Section 355 of the Code.

(e) The facts with respect to each Company Group Member set forth on Appendix B and within each of the documents listed on Appendix C are true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof and will be true and correct in all material respects on the First Closing (as adjusted to take into account ordinary course transactions taking place after the date hereof and the transactions contemplated under this Agreement). Appendix B lists all of the leases pursuant to which a member of the Barbados Group is a lessee that are Passive Assets and does not include any leases that are not Passive Assets.

(f) Neither Schreiner Airways Panama Operating SA, Schreiner Airways Panama SA, Heli-One Australia Pty Limited, Heli-One American Leasing Inc., nor OSCO & Chi Arabia Ltd holds any material assets or produces any material income and the capital stock of none of such companies has any material value as of the date hereof or will at the First Closing. CHC Chad SA has been liquidated before the date hereof and no longer exists as an entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the representations and warranties shall not be deemed to address any loss or credit carryforwards of any Company Group Member to any taxable period (or portion thereof) that begins after the applicable Closing. Other than the representations and warranties set forth in Section 2.5, Section 2.15, Section 2.17 and Section 2.19, the representations and warranties set forth in this Section 2.9 contain the exclusive representations and warranties with respect to Taxes and Tax matters.

**Section 2.10 Permits and Licenses.** The Company Group Members possess all material certificates, authorizations, approvals, licenses and permits issued by each Governmental Entity necessary to conduct their respective businesses as currently conducted (the “Permits”), including all licenses, certificates of authority, permits or other authorizations that are required from any Governmental Entity in connection with the operation, ownership, leasing or chartering of the Aircraft and the provision of aircraft maintenance services, except where the failure to possess any such Permits, individually or in aggregate, would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect and (i) with respect to Permits owned, held, registered by or issued to any Company Group Member, no Company Group Member is in default under, or the subject of a proceeding for suspension, revocation or cancellation of, any of the Permits, and (ii) with respect to Permits owned, held, registered by or issued to any employee or agent of the Company Group or any other person acting for or on behalf of any Company Group Member, to the Knowledge of the Company, no such person is in default under, or the subject of a proceeding for suspension, revocation or cancellation of, any of the Permits, in each case provided in clauses (i) and (ii), except where the failure to possess any such Permits, individually or in the aggregate, would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 2.11 Environmental Matters. Except as would not have a Company Material Adverse Effect, each Company Group Member is, and for the past two (2) years has been, in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws. No Company Group Member has released Materials of Environmental Concern in a manner that would reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect, and Materials of Environmental Concern are not present at, under, in or affecting any Property currently or, to the Knowledge of the Company, formerly owned, leased or used by any Company Group Member, that would reasonably be expected to result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

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Section 2.12 Title. Each Company Group Member (i) has good and marketable title to its Property that is owned real property, (ii) has valid leases to its Property that is leased real property and (iii) good and valid title to or a valid leasehold interest in all of its other Property, other than negligible assets not material to the operations of any Company Group Member, in each case, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 2.13 Aircraft Owned and Leased. Section 2.13 of the Disclosure Schedules lists each aircraft owned or leased by any Company Group Member as of August 18, 2014. As of August 18, 2014, each such Aircraft is either (i) solely legally and beneficially owned by a Company Group Member, (ii) beneficially owned by a Company Group Member, and legal title to such Aircraft is held by a trustee, or (iii) subject to a right to possess by a Company Group Member under an Aircraft Lease. As of August 18, 2014, each such Aircraft and the interest of any Company Group Member under any Aircraft Lease relating to any Aircraft is free and clear of all Liens, other than any "Permitted Liens" (or any other phrase with substantially similar meaning) under the terms of the relevant Aircraft Lease or pursuant to the terms of Contracts for Indebtedness which have been made available to the Purchaser prior to the date of this Agreement, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 2.14 Intellectual Property.

(a) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(1) the Company Group exclusively owns, free and clear of all Liens (other than licenses of Intellectual Property and any restriction or covenant associated with any license of Intellectual Property), all (i) Intellectual Property for which registrations and applications have been filed in their names that are not expired or abandoned, which registrations are subsisting and unexpired, and valid and enforceable, and (ii) of the other proprietary Intellectual Property used in the conduct of the business of the Company Group that is not used pursuant to a license; provided, however, the foregoing representations in Section 2.14(a)(1)-(3) are subject to the Knowledge of the Company with respect to patents owned by third parties under which a license may be needed to practice any such Intellectual Property;

(2) the Company Group owns or has a valid right to use all Intellectual Property necessary and sufficient to conduct the business of the Company Group;

(3) the conduct of the business of the Company Group does not infringe, dilute, misappropriate or otherwise violate the Intellectual Property of any third party, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no person is infringing, diluting, misappropriating or otherwise violating any Intellectual Property owned by any Company Group Member; and

(4) the Company Group takes reasonable actions to protect (i) the trade secrets and confidential information owned by any Company Group Member, including by taking commercially reasonable steps to cause each employee of the Company Group to comply with a policy of maintaining the confidentiality of any trade secret and confidential information, and (ii) the security and operation of their software, websites and systems (and the data therein), and, to the Knowledge of the Company, there have been no breaches or outages of the Company Group's software, websites and systems (and the data therein).

Section 2.15 Employee Benefits/Labor.

(a) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Plan (other than any plan to which any Company Group Member contributes (or has an obligation to contribute) pursuant to applicable Law and that is sponsored or maintained by a Governmental Entity) complies with, and has been operated and administered in compliance with its terms and all applicable Laws (including, without limitation, ERISA and the Code and similar provisions of non-U.S. Law), (ii) with respect to any Plan (other than any plan to which any Company Group Member contributes (or has an obligation to contribute) pursuant to applicable Law and that is sponsored or maintained by a Governmental Entity), no actions, Liens, lawsuits, claims or complaints (other than



routine claims for benefits, appeals of such claims and domestic relations order proceedings) are pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no facts or circumstances exist that would reasonably be expected to give rise to any such actions, Liens, lawsuits, claims or complaints, (iii) to the Knowledge of the Company, (x) none of the Plans (other than any plan to which any Company Group Member contributes (or has an obligation to contribute) pursuant to applicable Law and that is sponsored or maintained by a Governmental Entity) are presently

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under audit or examination, nor is a potential audit or examination reasonably anticipated, by the IRS, the Department of Labor or any other Governmental Entity and (y) to the Knowledge of the Company, no event has occurred with respect to a Plan which would reasonably be expected to result in a liability of any Company Group Member to any Governmental Entity, (iv) all contributions and premiums required to have been paid by any Company Group Member to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan under the terms of any such plan or its related trust, insurance contract or other funding arrangement, or pursuant to any applicable Law (including ERISA and the Code and similar provisions of non-U.S. Law) or collective bargaining or similar agreements have been paid within the time prescribed by any such plan, agreement or applicable Law and (v) no Plan provides for reimbursement or gross-up of any excise tax under Section 409A or Section 4999 of the Code.

(b) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, each Plan (other than any plan to which any Company Group Member contributes (or has an obligation to contribute) pursuant to applicable Law and that is sponsored or maintained by a Governmental Entity) that is an underfunded pension plan or other retirement or termination plan, whether or not subject to minimum funding standards under applicable Law, satisfies such standards, as applicable, no waiver of such funding has been sought or obtained, and no Governmental Entity has issued, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, would reasonably be expected to issue, any contribution notices or financial support directions in respect of such a Plan. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, to the Knowledge of the Company, no Company Group Member has incurred any unsatisfied liability (including withdrawal liability) in respect of any Multiemployer Plan. Except as would not, individually and in the aggregate have a Company Material Adverse Effect, no liability under Title IV or Sections 302, 303 or 304 of ERISA or Sections 412, 430 or 431 of the Code or similar provisions of non-U.S. Law has been incurred by any Company Group Member, and no condition exists that would reasonably be expected to present a risk to any Company Group Member of incurring any such liability, including as a consequence of being considered a single employer with any other person under Section 414 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA or a similar provision of non-U.S. Law.

(c) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither the execution of, nor the completion of the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement (whether alone or in connection with any other event(s)), will result in (i) severance pay or an increase in severance pay upon termination after the applicable Closing to any current or former employee of any Company Group Member, (ii) any payment or benefit becoming due, or increase in the amount of any payment or benefit due, to any current or former employee, director or independent contractor of any Company Group Member or (iii) acceleration of the time of payment or vesting or result in funding of compensation or benefits to any current or former employee, director or independent contractor of any Company Group Member.

(d) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (x) no labor strike, slowdown, work stoppage, picketing, dispute, lockout, concerted refusal to work overtime or other labor controversy is in effect or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened with respect to employees of any Company Group Member, and no Company Group Member has experienced any such labor controversy within the past two years, and (y) no action, complaint, charge, inquiry, proceeding or investigation by or on behalf of any current or former employee, labor organization (including any union or works council) or other representative of the employees of any Company Group Member (including persons employed jointly by such entities with any other staffing or other similar entity) is pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened.

Section 2.16 Registration Rights. Except as provided in the Registration Rights Agreement, the First Reserve Registration Rights Agreement or the Amended and Restated First Reserve Registration Rights Agreement, the Company has not granted or agreed to grant, and is not under any obligation to provide, any rights to register under the Securities Act any of its presently outstanding equity securities or any of its equity securities that may be issued subsequently.

Section 2.17 Compliance with Laws. The Company Group is, and since May 1, 2012 has been, in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws that are material to the business and operations of the Company Group, taken as a whole. No Company Group Member is, to the Knowledge of the Company, being investigated with respect to any applicable Law, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 2.18 Absence of Changes. Since April 30, 2014, no Company Group Member has taken any action, or failed to take any action, that, if such action or failure to take action occurred between the date of this Agreement and the Second Closing Date, would require the prior written consent of Purchaser pursuant to Section 4.5.

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Section 2.19 Anti-Corruption.

(a) Each Company Group Member and each of its respective officers, directors, employees, agents, distributors and other persons acting for or on behalf of any Company Group Member (collectively, the “Relevant Persons”) have not directly or indirectly violated or taken any act in furtherance of violating any provision of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (as amended), the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 or any other anti-corruption or anti-bribery Laws applicable to any Company Group Member (collectively, the “Anti-Corruption Laws”), except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) To the Knowledge of the Company, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Relevant Persons have not directly or indirectly taken any act in furtherance of any payment, gift, bribe, rebate, loan, payoff, kickback or any other transfer of value, or offer, promise or authorization thereof, to any person, including any Government Official, for the purpose of: (i) improperly influencing or inducing such person to do or omit to do any act or to make any decision in an official capacity or in violation of a lawful duty; (ii) inducing such person to influence improperly his or her or its employer, public or private, or any Governmental Entity, to affect an act or decision of such employer or Governmental Entity, including to assist any person in obtaining or retaining business; or (iii) securing any improper advantage.

(c) To the Knowledge of the Company, there is no dispute, allegation, request for information, notice of potential liability, or any other action regarding any actual or possible violation by any Company Group Member of any Anti-Corruption Law pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against any Company Group Member that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(d) To the Knowledge of the Company, none of the Relevant Persons is a Government Official or consultant to any Government Official, and there is no existing family relationship between any officer, director, employee, agent, distributor or other person acting for or on behalf of any Company Group Member and any Government Official.

(e) To the Knowledge of the Company, the Relevant Persons have not directly or indirectly: (i) circumvented the internal accounting controls of any Company Group Member; (ii) falsified any of the books, records or accounts of any Company Group Member; or (iii) made false or misleading statements to, or attempted to coerce or fraudulently influence, an accountant in connection with any audit, review or examination of the financial statements of any Company Group Member in a manner that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 2.20 Trade Controls.

(a) To the Knowledge of the Company, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Relevant Persons have not in the course of their actions for, or on behalf of, any Company Group Member engaged directly or indirectly in transactions: (i) connected with any of North Korea, Cuba, Iran, Syria, Myanmar or Sudan; or (ii) connected with any government, country or other entity or person that is the target of U.S. economic sanctions administered by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) or by Her Majesty’s Treasury in the U.K., or the target of any applicable U.N., E.U. or other international sanctions regime, including any transactions with specially designated nationals or blocked persons designated by OFAC or with persons on any U.N., E.U. or U.K. assets freeze list; or (iii) that is prohibited by any law administered by OFAC, or by any other economic or trade sanctions law of the U.S. or any other jurisdiction.

(b) To the Knowledge of the Company except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect,: (i) no Relevant Person is a person whose property or interests in property are blocked or frozen under the economic sanctions laws of the U.S., the E.U. or any other jurisdiction and (ii) no Relevant Person is designated as a denied person by the U.S. Commerce Department Bureau of Industry and Security or as a debarred party by the U.S. State Department’s Directorate of Defense Trade Control.

(c) To the Knowledge of the Company, the Relevant Persons have not in the course of their actions for, or on behalf of, any Company Group Member exported or reexported (including deemed exportation or reexportation) any merchandise, software or technology in violation of the Export Administration Regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, or any other export control laws of the U.S. or any other jurisdiction in a manner that would constitute a Company Material Adverse effect.

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(d) To the Knowledge of the Company, except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Relevant Persons have not in the course of their actions for, or on behalf of, any Company Group Member taken any actions, refused to take any actions, or furnished any information in violation of the U.S. laws restricting participation in international boycotts.

Section 2.21 Listing and Maintenance Requirements. The Ordinary Shares are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and the Company has taken no action designed to, or which to the Knowledge of the Company is reasonably likely to, have the effect of terminating the registration of the Ordinary Shares under the Exchange Act nor has the Company received as of the date of this Agreement any written notification that the SEC intends to terminate such registration.

Section 2.22 Contracts. Section 2.22 of the Disclosure Schedules lists each Material Aircraft Lease. Except for purchase orders issued under any master service agreements, the Company has, prior to the entry into this Agreement, made available to the Purchaser, or provided sufficient opportunity to review, true and complete copies of each Contract referred to in clauses (i) and (ii) of the definition of Material Contract and representative samples of the Contracts referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of the definition of Material Contract (and the terms and conditions of any other Contracts referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of the definition of Material Contract are not more adverse to the Company in any material respect than those set forth in the representative Contracts provided or made available prior to the date hereof (which representative Contracts for the avoidance of doubt are not required to include a representative Contract from each customer or supplier referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of the definition of Material Contracts), in each case, in effect as of the date of this Agreement (including all material modifications and material amendments thereto in effect as of the date of this Agreement). Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect: (i) each Material Contract is enforceable against the Company and/or applicable Company Subsidiary that is party thereto and, to the Knowledge of the Company, each other party to such Material Contract in accordance with its terms and (ii) no Company Group Member, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any other party to a Material Contract or a Contract involving Indebtedness of the Company or any Company Subsidiary exceeding \$5 million, (x) is, or is reasonably expected to be, in default or breach of a Material Contract or a Contract involving Indebtedness of the Company or any Company Subsidiary exceeding \$5 million, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, there does not exist any event, condition or omission that would constitute such a default or breach (whether by lapse of time or notice or both) or (y) other than pursuant to the terms thereof, has the right to, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, has provided written notice of any intent to, cancel, terminate, not renew or change the scope of rights or obligations under any Material Contract or a Contract involving Indebtedness of the Company or any Company Subsidiary exceeding \$5 million.

Section 2.23 Jurisdictions of Operation. The Company maintains an air operator's certificate to operate aircraft in the manner and jurisdictions in which the Aircraft are currently operated.

Section 2.24 Insurance.

(a) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Company Group Member is, and has been continuously during the past two (2) years, insured by reputable and financially responsible third party insurers in respect of the operations and assets of the Company Group with policies issued, such policies having terms and providing insurance coverages comparable to those that are customarily carried and insured against by owners of comparable businesses, properties and assets, (ii) the third party insurance policies of the Company Group are in full force and effect in accordance with their terms and no Company Group Member is in material default under the terms of any such policy and (iii) to the Knowledge of the Company, as of the date of this Agreement, there is no threatened termination of, or material premium increase with respect to, any of such policies.

(b) There is no claim pending under any of the Company Group's insurance policies that has been denied, rejected, questioned or disputed by any insurer or as to which any insurer has made any reservation of rights or refused to cover all or any portion of such claims that would result in a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 2.25 No Additional Representations. Except for the representations and warranties made by the Company in Article II, neither the Company nor any other person makes any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to any Company Group Member or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, employees, employee benefit plans, conditions or prospects in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and the Company hereby disclaims any such other representations or warranties. In particular, without limiting the foregoing disclaimer, neither the Company nor any other person makes or has made any representation or warranty, except if, as and only to the extent set forth in for the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Article II, to the Purchaser, or any of its Affiliates or representatives, including

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with respect to (i) any financial projection, forecast, estimate, budget or prospect information relating to any Company Group Member or its respective business, or (ii) any oral or written information presented to the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates or representatives in the course of their due diligence investigation of the Company, the negotiation of this Agreement or in the course of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the Purchaser is not relying on any representations, warranties or other statements of any kind whatsoever, express or implied, except as expressly set forth in this Article II. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of the Purchaser and its Affiliates to rely on the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements expressly set forth in this Agreement or in the Voting Agreement, nor will anything in this Agreement operate to limit any claim by the Purchaser or any of its Affiliates for fraud.

### **ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE PURCHASER**

The Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to the Company, as of the date of this Agreement and as of each Closing Date (except to the extent made only as of a specified date, in which case as of such date), that:

Section 3.1 Organization and Authority. The Purchaser is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing in all jurisdictions where its ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of its business requires it to be so qualified and where failure to be so qualified would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the Purchaser's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement or consummate the transactions contemplated hereby on a timely basis, and the Purchaser has the corporate or other power and authority and governmental authorizations to own its properties and assets and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted.

Section 3.2 Authorization.

(a) The Purchaser has the corporate or other power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Purchaser and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all requisite action on the part of the Purchaser, and no further approval or authorization by any of its shareholders, partners, members or other equity owners, as the case may be, is required. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the Purchaser and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, is a valid and binding obligation of the Purchaser enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with its terms (except as enforcement may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights or by general equity principles).

(b) None of the execution, delivery and performance by the Purchaser of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, or compliance by the Purchaser with any of the provisions hereof, will (A) violate, conflict with, or result in a breach of any provision of, or constitute a default (or an event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a default) under, or result in the termination of, or accelerate the performance required by, or result in a right of termination or acceleration of, or result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of the Purchaser under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of (i) its governing instruments or (ii) any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, lease, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which the Purchaser is a party or by which it may be bound, or to which the Purchaser or any of the properties or assets of the Purchaser may be subject, or (B) subject to compliance with the statutes and regulations referred to in the next paragraph, violate any Law, Permit, judgment, ruling, order, writ, injunction or decree applicable to the Purchaser or any of its respective properties or assets except in the case of clauses (A)(ii) and (B) for such violations, conflicts and breaches as would not reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the Purchaser's ability to perform its respective obligations under this Agreement or consummate the transactions contemplated hereby on a timely basis.



(c) Other than the securities or blue sky laws of the various states, and approval or expiration of applicable waiting periods under Competition Laws, no notice to, registration, declaration or filing with, exemption or review by, or authorization, order, consent or approval of, any Governmental Entity, nor expiration or termination of any statutory waiting period, is necessary for the consummation by the Purchaser of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

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Section 3.3 Purchase for Investment. The Purchaser acknowledges that the Purchased Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act or under any state securities laws. The Purchaser (1) acknowledges that it is acquiring the Purchased Shares pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act solely for investment with no present intention to distribute any of the Purchased Shares to any person in violation of applicable securities laws, (2) will not sell or otherwise dispose of any of the Purchased Shares, except in compliance with the registration requirements or exemption provisions of the Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws and the Shareholders Agreement, (3) has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters and in investments of this type that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of its investment in the Purchased Shares and of making an informed investment decision, (4) is an “accredited investor” (as that term is defined by Rule 501 of the Securities Act), (5) is a “qualified institutional buyer” (as that term is defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act), and (6) (A) has been furnished with or has had full access to all the information that it considers necessary or appropriate to make an informed investment decision with respect to the Purchased Shares, (B) has had an opportunity to discuss with management of the Company the intended business and financial affairs of the Company and to obtain information (to the extent the Company possessed such information or could acquire it without unreasonable effort or expense) necessary to verify any information furnished to it or to which it had access and (C) can bear the economic risk of (x) an investment in the Purchased Shares indefinitely and (y) a total loss in respect of such investment. The Purchaser has such knowledge and experience in business and financial matters so as to enable it to understand and evaluate the risks of, and form an investment decision with respect to, its investment in the Purchased Shares and to protect its own interest in connection with such investment.

Section 3.4 Financial Capability. The Purchaser currently has capital commitments sufficient to, and at each Closing will have available funds necessary to, consummate each Closing on the terms and conditions contemplated by this Agreement. The Purchaser is not aware of any reason why the funds sufficient to fulfill its obligations under Article I will not be available on the applicable Closing Date upon request of its limited partners.

Section 3.5 Brokers and Finders. Neither the Purchaser nor its Affiliates or any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents has employed any broker or finder for which the Company will incur any liability for any financial advisory fees, brokerage fees, commissions or finder’s fees, and no broker or finder has acted directly or indirectly for the Purchaser, in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 3.6 Ownership. To the Knowledge of the Purchaser, neither the Purchaser nor any of its controlled Affiliates are the owners of record or the beneficial owners of Ordinary Shares or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Ordinary Shares.

Section 3.7 Interests in Competitors. Neither the Purchaser nor any of its Affiliates owns any interest(s) representing a greater than 5% equity interest, nor do any of its respective Affiliates insofar as such Affiliate-owned interests would be attributed to the Purchaser under any applicable Competition Laws own any such interests, in any person that is set forth on Section 3.7 of the Disclosure Schedules.

Section 3.8 No Additional Transactions. There is no agreement or arrangement between the Purchaser or any Affiliate of the Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Company or any of its Affiliates, on the other hand, in connection with the transactions pursuant to this Agreement other than the transactions pursuant to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents.

#### ARTICLE IV Covenants

Section 4.1 Filings; Other Actions.

(a) During the period commencing on the date of this Agreement and terminating on the earlier to occur of (1) Third Closing and (2) the termination of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions hereof (the “Pre-Closing Period”), each of the Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Company, on the other hand, will cooperate and consult with the other and use reasonable best efforts to prepare and file all necessary documentation, to effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions, filings and other documents, and to obtain all necessary permits, consents, orders, approvals and authorizations of, or any exemption by, all third parties and Governmental Entities, and the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period, necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and to perform the covenants contemplated by this Agreement. Each party shall execute and deliver both before and after each Closing such further certificates, agreements and other documents and take such other actions as the

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other parties may reasonably request to consummate or implement such transactions or to evidence such events or matters. In particular, the Purchaser and the Company shall use all reasonable best efforts to, as promptly as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than September 8, 2014, make all filings under the applicable Competition Laws, if any, required for the transactions contemplated hereby, including the issuance of the Purchased Shares to the Purchaser (and the issuance of Ordinary Shares (including, if applicable, any non-voting Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Authorizing Resolutions) upon conversion of any Preferred Shares). The Purchaser and the Company will have the right to review in advance, and to the extent practicable each will consult with the other, in each case subject to applicable laws relating to the exchange of information, all the information relating to such other party, and any of their respective Affiliates, which appears in any filing made with, or written materials submitted to, any third party or any Governmental Entity in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In exercising the foregoing right, each of the parties hereto agrees to act reasonably and as promptly as reasonably practicable. Each party hereto agrees to keep the other party apprised of the status of matters referred to in this Section 4.1. The Purchaser shall promptly furnish the Company, and the Company shall promptly furnish the Purchaser, to the extent permitted by Law, with copies of written communications received by it or its Subsidiaries from any Governmental Entity in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, under no circumstances shall any Company Group Member be required to (x) make any payment to any person to secure such person's consent, approval or authorization (excluding any applicable filing fees or other de minimis expenses that are required to be paid by the Company) or (y) proffer to, or agree to, license, dispose of, sell or otherwise hold separate or restrict the operation of any of its assets, operations or other rights. All filing fees and other charges for the filings required pursuant to this Section 4.1 shall be borne by the Company.

(b) The Purchaser and its Affiliates shall not (it being understood that any failure of any such Affiliate to comply with this Section 4.1 shall be deemed to constitute a breach of such section by the Purchaser) make any investment or acquisition if, to the Knowledge of the Purchaser at the time of such investment or acquisition, such investment or acquisition would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impede, interfere with or delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.2 Reasonable Best Efforts to Close. During the Pre-Closing Period, the Company and the Purchaser will use reasonable best efforts in good faith to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper, desirable or advisable under applicable laws so as to permit consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby as promptly as practicable and otherwise to enable consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and shall cooperate reasonably with the other party hereto to that end, including in relation to the satisfaction of the conditions to each Closing set forth in Section 1.5 and cooperating in seeking to obtain any consent required from Governmental Entities or any other person; provided, that under no circumstances shall the Purchaser or any Company Group Member be required to make any material payment in respect of the obligations set forth in this Section 4.2.

Section 4.3 Corporate Actions.

(a) Shareholder Approval. As promptly as practicable following the date of this Agreement, the Company shall convene and hold an extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Company (the "Company Shareholder Meeting") in accordance with the Articles for the purpose, in accordance with Section 312.03 of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") Listed Company Manual, of seeking the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Company Shareholder Meeting (at which a quorum is present) for the approval of the issuance of the Purchased Shares to Purchaser (the "Requisite Shareholder Approval"); provided, however, that the parties hereto acknowledge that such meeting may be postponed or adjourned in accordance with the Articles and the reasons for such postponement may include that (i) there are insufficient Ordinary Shares present or represented by a proxy at the Company Shareholder Meeting to conduct business at the Company Shareholder Meeting, (ii) the Company is required to postpone or adjourn the Company Shareholder Meeting by applicable Law or a request from the SEC or its staff, or (iii) the Company determines in good faith that it is necessary or appropriate to postpone or adjourn the Company Shareholder Meeting in order to give the shareholders of the Company (the "Company Shareholders") sufficient time to evaluate any

information or disclosure that the Company has sent to Company Shareholders or otherwise made available to Company Shareholders by issuing a press release, filing materials with the SEC or otherwise.

(b) Proxy. In connection with the Company Shareholder Meeting, the Company shall promptly prepare (and the Purchaser will reasonably cooperate with the Company to prepare) and file with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement, shall use its reasonable best efforts to respond to any comments of the SEC or its staff and to cause a definitive proxy statement

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related to such shareholders' meeting to be mailed to the Company Shareholders as promptly as practicable after clearance thereof by the SEC, and shall use its reasonable best efforts to solicit proxies for the Requisite Shareholder Approval. The Company shall notify the Purchaser promptly of the receipt of any comments from the SEC or its staff with respect to the proxy statement and of any request by the SEC or its staff for amendments or supplements to such proxy statement or for additional information and will supply the Purchaser with copies of all correspondence between the Company or any of its representatives, on the one hand, and the SEC or its staff, on the other hand, with respect to such proxy statement. If at any time prior to the Company Shareholder Meeting there shall occur any event that is required to be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the proxy statement, the Company shall as promptly as practicable prepare and mail to the Company Shareholders such an amendment or supplement. Each of the Purchaser and the Company agrees promptly to correct any information provided by it or on its behalf for use in the proxy statement if and to the extent that such information shall have become false or misleading in any material respect, and the Company shall as promptly as practicable prepare and furnish to the Company Shareholders an amendment or supplement to correct such information to the extent required by applicable laws and regulations. The Company shall consult with the Purchaser prior to filing any proxy statement, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or responding to any comments from the SEC or its staff with respect thereto, and provide the Purchaser with a reasonable opportunity to comment thereon, and consider in good faith any comments proposed by the Purchaser. At the Company Shareholder Meeting, the Company shall use reasonable best efforts to solicit from the Company Shareholders proxies in favor of the Requisite Shareholder Approval and to obtain such approvals.

(c) The Purchaser agrees to furnish the Company all information reasonably requested by the Company concerning itself, its Affiliates, directors, officers, partners and stockholders and such other matters as may be reasonably necessary or advisable in connection with the proxy statement in connection with the Company Shareholder Meeting and any other statement, filing, notice or application made by or on behalf of such other party or any of its Subsidiaries to any Governmental Entity in connection with each Closing and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.4 Confidentiality. Each party to this Agreement will hold, and will cause its respective Affiliates and their respective directors, managers, officers, employees, agents, consultants, auditors, attorneys, financial advisors, financing sources and other consultants and advisors ("Representatives") to hold, in strict confidence, unless disclosure to a regulatory authority is necessary in connection with any necessary regulatory approval, examination or inspection or unless disclosure is required by judicial or administrative process or by other requirement of law or the applicable requirements of any regulatory agency or relevant stock exchange (in which case, other than in connection with a disclosure in connection with a routine audit or examination by, or document request from, a regulatory or self-regulatory authority, bank examiner or auditor, the party disclosing such information shall provide the other party with prior written notice of such permitted disclosure), all non-public records, books, contracts, instruments, computer data and other data and information (collectively, "Information") concerning the other party hereto furnished to it by or on behalf of such other party or its representatives pursuant to this Agreement (except to the extent that such information can be shown to have been (1) previously known by such party from other sources, provided that such source was not known by such party to be bound by a contractual, legal or fiduciary obligation of confidentiality to the other party, (2) in the public domain through no violation of this Section 4.4 by such party or (3) later lawfully acquired from other sources by the party to which it was furnished), and neither party hereto shall release or disclose such Information to any other person, except its Representatives; provided, that nothing herein, or in any confidentiality agreement with the Company entered into prior to the date of this Agreement, shall prevent the Purchaser from disclosing Information on a confidential basis to (i) any advisory committee made up of its or any of its Affiliates' direct or indirect limited partners, (ii) in connection with any syndication of any indirect equity interest in the Company issued by the Purchaser or its Affiliates to any prospective limited partners or other equity investors and/or their respective Representatives whose investment would be made in an Affiliate of the Purchaser or (iii) any potential Permitted Transferee.

Section 4.5 Negative Covenants. Prior to the Second Closing Date, the Company shall, and shall cause each other Company Group Member to, use its commercially reasonable efforts to operate its business in the ordinary course,

and, without the prior written consent of the Purchaser (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), shall not:

- (a) declare, or make payment in respect of, any dividend or other distribution upon any shares of the Company, other than a distribution of rights with respect to a Permitted Offering;
- (b) redeem, repurchase or acquire any shares or other capital stock of the Company, other than repurchases of shares or other capital stock from employees, officers or directors of any Company Group Member in the ordinary course of business, including pursuant to any Plan in effect on the date hereof;

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- (c) amend the Memorandum or Articles in a manner that would affect the Purchaser in an adverse manner as a holder of the Preferred Shares or take or authorize any action to wind up the affairs of the Company or dissolve the Company;
- (d) authorize, grant, issue or reclassify any shares or other capital stock, or securities exercisable for, exchangeable for or convertible into shares or other capital stock (including options, warrants or rights), of the Company other than (i) the authorization and issuance of Preferred Shares, (ii) the authorization and issuance of Ordinary Shares or Preferred Shares, as the case may be, pursuant to the Permitted Offering and (iii) any issuance of shares or other capital stock, or securities exercisable for, exchangeable for or convertible into shares or other capital stock, of the Company employees, officers or directors of any Company Group Member in the ordinary course of business or as may be required under the terms of any Plan in effect as of the date hereof, including upon the exercise or settlement of any Company Share Option or Company RSU;
- (e) incur any Indebtedness or out-of-the-ordinary course restructuring liabilities in excess of \$100 million in the aggregate, other than trade accounts payables or short-term working capital financing incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;
- (f) acquire (by merger, consolidation, acquisition of stock or assets or otherwise) or lease (as lessee, including by way of capital or operating lease agreement), directly or indirectly, any assets (other than aircraft), securities, properties, interests or businesses outside the ordinary course of business involving consideration in excess of \$100 million; or
- (g) agree or commit to do any of the foregoing.

Section 4.6 Non-Solicitation. Without the Purchaser's prior written consent, the Company shall not, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries not to, directly or indirectly, take (and the Company shall not authorize or permit any directors, officer or employee of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or, to the extent within the Company's control, other Affiliates or Representatives to take) any action to (i) encourage (including, without limitation, by way of furnishing non-public information), solicit, initiate or facilitate any Acquisition Proposal, (ii) enter into any agreement with respect to any Acquisition Proposal or enter into any agreement, arrangement or understanding requiring it to abandon, terminate or fail to consummate the issuance of the Purchased Shares or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement or the Transaction Documents or (iii) participate in any way in discussions or negotiations with, or furnish any information to, any person in connection with, or take any other action to facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, any Acquisition Proposal. The Company shall take all action necessary to ensure that the directors, officers and employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary and, to the extent within the Company's control, other Affiliates or Representatives, do not take or do any of the actions referenced in the immediately foregoing sentence. Upon execution of this Agreement, unless the Purchaser otherwise consents in writing, the Company shall cease immediately and cause to be terminated any and all existing discussions or negotiations with any parties conducted heretofore with respect to an Acquisition Proposal. The Company shall, no later than five business days after receipt thereof, advise the Purchaser of any written Acquisition Proposal received by it.

#### Section 4.7 Tax Matters.

- (a) The Company and its paying agent shall be entitled to withhold Taxes on all payments on the Preferred Shares and the Ordinary Shares to the extent required by law.
- (b) The Company shall pay any and all documentary, stamp and similar issue or transfer tax due upon (i) the issuance of the Preferred Shares and (ii) the issuance of Ordinary Shares (including, if applicable, any non-voting Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Authorizing Resolutions) upon conversion of the Preferred Shares, and the Company will, at its own expense, file all necessary Tax returns and other documentation with respect to all such Taxes and fees



and, if required by law, the Purchaser will, and will cause its Affiliates to, join in the execution of any such Tax returns and other documentation; provided, however, in the case of conversion of Preferred Shares, the Company shall not be required to pay any tax that may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issue and delivery of Ordinary Shares in a name other than that of the holder of the shares to be converted, and no such issue or delivery shall be made unless and until the person requesting such issue has paid to the Company the amount of any such tax or duty, or has established to the satisfaction of the Company that such tax or duty has been paid.

(c) Absent a change in law or Internal Revenue Service practice, or a contrary determination, the Purchaser and the Company agree not to treat the Preferred Shares (based on their terms as set forth in the Authorizing Resolutions) as “preferred

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stock” within the meaning of Section 305 of the Code, and Treasury Regulation Section 1.305-5 for United States federal income tax and withholding tax purposes and shall not take any position inconsistent with such treatment.

(d)

(1) The parties shall consider in good faith any additions, deletions or substitutions to Section 1.5(c)(8) of the Disclosure Schedules reasonably requested by the other party, but no such addition or deletion shall be made without the written consent of both parties, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. If such consent is received, Section 1.5(c)(8) of the Disclosure Schedules shall be amended accordingly. It shall be per se reasonable for the Purchaser to withhold consent to any addition, deletion or substitution if the Purchaser reasonably determines that such addition, deletion or substitution would or would be likely to cause any Company Group Member to be classified as a PFIC. If between the date hereof and the Fir