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May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows, that is to say:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the India Rubber Gutta Percha and Telegraph Works Company (Limited) Act, 1884.

Amendment of memorandum of association.

2. From and after the date of the passing of this Act and subject to the provisions thereof, the third clause of the memorandum of association of the Company shall be cancelled, and the following clause shall be substituted therefor:

The objects for which the Company is established are—

(1.) The construction, laying, maintenance, letting, and sale of submarine and land telegraphs and telephones.

(2.) The construction, maintenance, purchase, sale, hiring, letting, working and use of engines, machinery, works, and apparatus for the production, transmission, supply, use, or application of electric, magnetic, galvanic, hydraulic, or other similar force.

(3.) The manufacture, maintenance, purchase, sale, hiring, letting, working and use of all machinery, substances, materials, and things which may be in any way used in, or in connexion with, the construction, laying, maintenance, or working of telegraphs, telephones, electric lighting apparatus, or any such engines, machinery, works, or apparatus as aforesaid.

(4.) The purchase, manufacture, and sale of torpedoes, torpedo boats, and machinery and apparatus to be used in connexion with torpedoes and torpedo boats, and other engines and apparatus in connexion with which electric, magnetic, galvanic, hydraulic, or other similar force is or may be used or applied, and the purchase, manufacture, and sale of all materials, articles, and things in any way used in, or connected with torpedoes or torpedo boats, or other engines or apparatus as aforesaid.

(5.) The purchase, employment, application and use of, and the dealing in, india rubber, gutta percha, balata, and all other gums, and other substances and materials which may from time to time be used or required in connexion therewith or for similar purposes therewith.

(6.) The manufacture of, and the dealing in, all articles and things which may at any time be made wholly or in part from any such substances and materials as aforesaid, and the

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carrying on of any works or business connected with or incidental to any such manufacture or dealing.

(7.) The continuing to own and enjoy the lands, works, and other property of the Company.

(8.) The erecting of works and buildings and the purchase, renting or otherwise acquiring of any lands, works, houses, easements, machinery, plant, stock-in-trade, or other property, real or personal, in the United Kingdom or France, for the purposes and objects of the Company as herein defined, but in France only in connexion with, addition to, or substitution for, the present works or property of the Company.

(9.) The continuing to rent, hold and enjoy, all or any of the patents, licenses or agreements for licenses belonging to the Company, and the working, exercising or applying the same or any of them, and the acquiring by purchase or otherwise of all such concessions, grants, privileges, licenses, and patents as may be useful or desirable for the purposes or objects of the Company as herein defined.

(10.) The purchase or otherwise acquiring and undertaking in aid of the purposes or objects of the Company as herein defined all or any part of the goodwill, business, liabilities and trade of any person, firm, or company engaged in any business or trade similar to any business or trade of the Company, as in this Act defined.

(11.) The performance, making, and doing of all other matters and things which may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the purposes or objects of the Company as in this Act defined.

Saving for acts before the commencement of this Act.

3. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the validity or invalidity of anything done or pending before or at the commencement of this Act.

Act to be registered.

4. The Company shall forward to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies a printed copy of this Act, and it shall be recorded by him, and if such copy is not so forwarded within three months from the passing of this Act, the Company shall incur a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every day after the expiration of those three months during which the copy is omitted to be forwarded, and every director and manager of the Company who knowingly and wilfully authorises or permits such default, shall incur the like penalty, and every penalty under this section shall be recoverable summarily.

Saving rights of Postmaster General.

5. Nothing in this Act shall affect the exclusive privileges conferred upon the Postmaster General by the Telegraph Act, 1869, or authorise or enable the Company to transmit any telegram or to perform any of the incidental services of receiving, collecting, or delivering telegrams. The expression "telegram" in this Act has the same meaning as in the Telegraph Act, 1869.

Expenses of Act.

6. The costs, charges and expenses of preparing, applying for, obtaining and passing this Act shall be paid by the Company.

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