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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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1979 No. 1587

HALLMARK

The Edinburgh Assay Office  
Order 1979

*Made - - - - 4th December 1979*

*Coming into Operation 5th December 1979*

*Arrangement of Articles*

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Whereas—

- (a) the Incorporation of Goldsmiths of the City of Edinburgh have made application to the Secretary of State for an Order under section 16(1)(c) of the Hallmarking Act 1973(a) and the requirements of paragraphs 1 to 5 of Schedule 6 to that Act have been complied with in relation to the application;
- (b) the Secretary of State, pursuant to paragraph 6 of that Schedule, proposes to make an Order in the terms applied for; and
- (c) no objection has been received by the Secretary of State in accordance with paragraph 7 of that Schedule to an Order in those terms:

Now therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 16(1)(c) and (3) of the Hallmarking Act 1973 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 6 to that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

#### *Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Edinburgh Assay Office Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 5th December 1979.

#### *Interpretation*

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“annual meeting” means an annual meeting of the Incorporation;

“the appointed day” means the day of the next general meeting of the Incorporation which occurs after the expiry of the period of three months commencing with the date on which this Order comes into operation;

“the Incorporation” means the Incorporation of Goldsmiths of the City of Edinburgh;

“the members” means the members constituting the Incorporation and “member” means any one of the members;

“the office” means the undertaking of the Incorporation as for the time being authorised by any enactment or order made under an enactment, including this Order;

“the Court of Wardens” has the meaning given by paragraph (1)(a) of article 8 (Court of Wardens) of this Order and “warden” shall be construed accordingly.

#### *General duty of Incorporation*

3.—(1) The Incorporation shall be charged with the duty of assaying and hallmarking precious metals (within the meaning of the Hallmarking Act 1973) in Edinburgh and in such other place or places additional or in substitution therefor as from time to time is deemed fit.

(2) The Incorporation shall have power to do anything involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of the duty in paragraph (1) of this article or of their functions as an assay office under any other enactment.

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(a) 1973 c. 43.

### *Alteration of constitution*

4.—(1) As from the appointed day the Incorporation shall consist of twelve members, being persons appearing to have an interest in or concern with the continuance of the practice of hallmarking in Scotland; and in the appointment of members regard shall be had to the need for securing that they shall include persons appearing to be suitably qualified as follows:—

- (a) one or more persons (but not more than five), by virtue of their engagement wholly or mainly in trading in, or manufacture of, articles of precious metal; and
  - (b) one or more persons, by virtue of their knowledge of, or experience in, organisations established, or activities carried on, for the protection of consumers or the enforcement of consumer protection legislation.
- (2) The members holding office immediately before the appointed day—
- (a) shall, after consultation with the British Hallmarking Council, appoint persons as members (who may include persons from their own number appearing to be suitably qualified) pursuant to paragraph (1) of this article who are to hold office as from that day; and
  - (b) shall retire from the office they held as members before the appointed day at the end of the general meeting of the Incorporation held on that day.
- (3) The members first appointed under paragraph (2) of this article shall be appointed as respects—
- (a) three, until the end of the annual meeting of the Incorporation held in 1980;
  - (b) three, until the end of the annual meeting held in 1981;
  - (c) three, until the end of the annual meeting held in 1982; and
  - (d) three, until the end of the annual meeting held in 1983.
- (4) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this article, appointments of persons as members shall be made by the members holding office for the time being; and, subject to the provisions of this Order, any member so appointed shall, unless he shall previously die or resign or be removed from office, hold office until the end of the fourth annual meeting following the meeting at which he is appointed.

(5) Not less than seven clear days' written notice shall be given to the members (by pre-paid letter addressed to each of them at his usual or last known place of abode) respecting any resolution to appoint a person as a member pursuant to this article.

### *Resignations, vacancies, etc.*

5.—(1) A member may at any time by notice in writing to the law clerk of the Incorporation resign his office.

(2) A casual vacancy arising in the office of a member may be filled by the members and a person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall, unless he shall previously die or resign or be removed from office, hold office from the date of his appointment until the expiry of the term of office for which the person he replaces was appointed.

(3) A person retiring from office as a member shall, unless otherwise disqualified, be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) A member shall retire at the end of the annual meeting next following his attaining the age of seventy (or, if he attains that age on the day of an annual meeting, then at the end of that meeting) and, unless the member would otherwise have retired at the end of that meeting, the vacancy arising shall be deemed to be a casual vacancy:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the appointment of a person as a member at any age, or require a member to retire at any time, if his appointment is or was made by the members and the notice given under paragraph (5) of article 4 (Alteration of constitution) of this Order respecting the resolution to appoint him states his age.

(5) A member or a warden shall cease to hold office upon the passing of a resolution by not less than two-thirds of all the members for the time being that he is unfit to continue in that office by reason of incapacity or serious misconduct; but no such resolution shall have effect unless not less than seven clear days' written notice of the intended resolution has been given to the members by pre-paid letter addressed to each of them at his usual or last known place of abode.

#### *Deacon*

6.—(1) The members in general meeting shall elect from their own number a Deacon and it shall be his duty to call meetings of the members, to preside thereat and to subscribe the minutes thereof, and generally to watch over the interests of the Incorporation.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Order, a Deacon so appointed shall, unless he shall previously die or resign or otherwise cease or be removed from office as a member, hold office as Deacon for three years; but unless otherwise disqualified he shall then be eligible for reappointment.

(3) No person who is engaged wholly or mainly in trading in or manufacturing articles of precious metal shall be eligible for appointment as Deacon.

#### *Quorum and proceedings*

7.—(1) The quorum required for a meeting of the members shall be one-third of their number or, if the number of members for the time being be not divisible by three, then one-third of the next highest number which is so divisible.

(2) The proceedings of the members shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in their number or by any defect in the appointment or qualification of any person as a member.

(3) The Deacon, or in his absence any member elected by the meeting to the chair, shall take the chair at meetings of the members and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Order, the procedure and business of the members shall be regulated in such manner as they may from time to time determine.

#### *Court of Wardens*

8.—(1) (a) On the appointed day and thereafter in annual meeting the members shall appoint as wardens to the committee of the Incorporation

known as "the Court of Wardens" four or such greater number of persons as the members may from time to time determine as requisite for the efficient discharge of the work of the office:

Provided that not more than one warden may be a person engaged wholly or mainly in trading in or manufacture of, articles of precious metals and not more than one other of the wardens so appointed shall be a person who is not a member.

- (b) In addition to the persons appointed as wardens under paragraph (a) above, the Deacon shall be ex officio a warden and, if present, shall take the chair at meetings of the Court of Wardens.
- (2) (a) Subject to the proviso to paragraph (1)(a) above, the wardens may fill any casual vacancy in their number and any warden so appointed shall hold office only until the end of the next following annual meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.
- (b) A warden so re-elected shall, unless he shall previously die or resign or be removed from office, hold office until the expiry of the term of office for which the person he replaces was appointed.
- (3) Unless he shall previously die or resign or be removed from office, and subject to the provisions of this Order and to the resolution under which he is appointed, a person appointed a warden under paragraph (1)(a) above shall hold office until he retires under paragraph (4) hereof.
- (4) At the end of each annual meeting one of the wardens appointed under paragraph (1)(a) above shall retire from office; and the warden retiring shall be he who has served the longest period since the wardens' respective last appointments to office as wardens; and, in the case of wardens who have served an equal period, any determination of which of them should retire shall (unless the wardens otherwise determine) be by lot.
- (5) (a) The provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of article 5 (Resignations, vacancies etc.) and paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of article 7 (Quorum and proceedings) of this Order shall with necessary modifications apply to the wardens and the office of warden as those provisions apply to the members and their respective offices.
- (b) The quorum required for a meeting of the Court of Wardens shall be three.
- (6) Subject to the direction of the members and to any limitations imposed in any terms of reference given by the members to the wardens, the wardens shall be responsible for the general management of the business of the office other than the borrowing or raising of money, including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing):—
- (a) the appointment and terms and conditions of employment of the assaymaster to, and other officers and employees of, the Incorporation except the law clerk, treasurer and secretary;
- (b) subject to section 12 of the Hallmarking Act 1973, prescribing the charges to be made by the Incorporation; and
- (c) prescribing, altering and revoking (as occasion may require) rules and regulations for the management and government of the office including fixing the time and manner for receiving in and delivering out of articles of precious metal brought to be assayed.

(7) The repeal by this Order of any enactment shall not affect any rule or regulation for the management and government of so much of the undertaking of the Incorporation as relates wholly to their business as an assay office which is in force immediately before the coming into operation of this Order; but any such rule or regulation (including the Laws of the Incorporation made on 10th November 1886 as having effect immediately before the coming into operation of this Order) may be altered or revoked under paragraph (6)(c) of this article and, until so altered or revoked or until 31st December 1983 (whichever is the earlier) shall have effect and may be enforced by the Incorporation and the wardens as if prescribed under the said paragraph (6)(c).

(8) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, the procedure and business of the wardens shall be regulated in such manner as the wardens shall from time to time determine.

(9) The Deacon and others of the wardens may be paid for their services such sum or sums as may from time to time be authorised by resolution of the members, and may also be repaid their reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred in their capacity as wardens.

(10) If a manufacturer or other person sending articles for assay and hall-marking to the Incorporation disputes the reasonableness of any byelaw, rule or regulation prescribed by the Incorporation for fixing the time and manner for the receiving in and delivering out of articles of precious metal brought to be assayed, the dispute shall be referred to and settled by a single arbiter to be agreed between the parties or, failing agreement, to be appointed on the application of either party (after notice in writing to the other) by the Sheriff of the Sheriffdom of Lothian and Borders at Edinburgh.

#### *Appointment of officers*

9.—(1) The members shall appoint a law clerk and may appoint a treasurer and a secretary to the Incorporation, and every such officer shall hold office on such terms and conditions as the members think fit.

(2) A person may be appointed under paragraph (1) of this article to fill more than one office.

(3) It shall be a term of the employment of every officer or employee of the Incorporation that he shall not disclose, otherwise than as may be necessary in the course of his employment or with the consent in writing of a person having a right so to disclose, information respecting either any trade secret or procedure used in carrying on a particular undertaking (whether of the Incorporation or otherwise) or any pattern, design or invention of or relating to any article brought to be assayed, being information given to him or obtained by him by virtue of his employment.

#### *Acquisition and disposal of land*

10.—(1) The Incorporation may acquire by agreement any land for the purposes of any of their functions, and notwithstanding that the land or interest is not immediately required for any such purpose.

(2) The Incorporation may dispose of land held by them in any manner they wish.

(3) In this article "land" includes any interest in land and any right in, to or over land.

### *Annual and other meetings*

11.—(1) An annual meeting shall be held in each year and such other meetings of the Incorporation as are from time to time required; and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one annual meeting and that of the next.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this article and to any directions of the members, the Deacon shall be responsible for convening meetings of the Incorporation and for determining the place, day and hour for any such meeting.

(3) Not less than twenty-one days' notice shall be given for calling any meeting of the Incorporation either personally to each of the members or by sending it by post to him at his last known address in the United Kingdom; and, where sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the notice and at the expiration of twenty-four hours after the letter containing the same has been posted:

Provided that no such notice shall be required of an adjourned meeting in any case where a meeting is adjourned for less than thirty days.

(4) (a) The Deacon shall forthwith proceed to convene a meeting of the Incorporation upon a requisition by not less than five members which states the objects of the meeting, is signed by all the requisitionists and is deposited at the main place of business of the Incorporation.

(b) If the Deacon does not within twenty-one days from the date of the deposit of the requisition convene a meeting, the requisitionists may themselves convene a meeting in the same manner, as nearly as possible, to that in which meetings are to be convened by the Deacon; and the Incorporation shall repay to the requisitionists any reasonable expenses incurred by them by reason of the failure of the Deacon to convene a meeting.

### *Accounts, financial year and audit*

12.—(1) The Deacon shall cause to be prepared for presentation to each annual meeting accounts of the Incorporation for the last financial year then ended and showing the income received in respect thereof and the expenditure thereout and a balance sheet showing the assets and liabilities of the office and such accounts and balance sheet shall have been duly audited by the auditor of the Incorporation and his report thereon shall be annexed or appended to those accounts and balance sheet.

(2) The financial year of the Incorporation shall end on such date as the members may from time to time determine.

(3) The auditor of the Incorporation shall be appointed by the members and no person shall be qualified to be appointed auditor under this article unless he is a member or in the case of a firm all the partners therein are members of one or more of the following bodies:—

- the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland;
- the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales;
- the Association of Certified Accountants;
- the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland;

any body of accountants established in the United Kingdom which is for the time being recognised for the purposes of section 161(1)(a) of the Companies Act 1948(a) by the Secretary of State.

(4) The auditor or, in the case of a firm being the auditors, any partner therein, shall not be capable of being a member or warden nor shall a member or warden, or any firm or partner in a firm of which he is a partner, be capable of being the auditor.

(5) As soon as the accounts of the Incorporation have been approved by the Incorporation, they shall cause a copy of the accounts to be sent to the British Hallmarking Council; and a copy of the accounts shall be kept at the office of the Incorporation and any person interested shall be entitled, free of charge, to inspect and to take copies of, or extracts from the copy of the accounts.

(6) Any person, on application to the Incorporation, shall be entitled to be furnished with copies of or statements summarising the accounts of the Incorporation, on payment of such reasonable sums as the Incorporation may determine.

(7) The wardens shall cause such proper books of account to be kept as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the affairs and transactions of the Incorporation; and such books shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of the wardens.

(8) Except as may from time to time be determined by the members in general meeting, references in this article to the accounts of the Incorporation include reference only to accounts relative to so much only of the undertaking of the Incorporation as relates wholly to their business as an assay office and as may be certified in that behalf by the Deacon.

#### *Power to borrow*

13. The Incorporation may and shall be deemed always to have had power to borrow or raise money or accept money on deposit in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Incorporation may deem expedient including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) borrowing from bankers on overdraft, or opening any acceptance credit with any bank or accepting house, and may secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing, or the discharge or performance of any obligation or liability undertaken or incurred by the Incorporation or any other person or body corporate, by any security or charge (whether of a fixed or floating or any other nature) on or over all or any part of the property and assets (both heritable and moveable) for the time being of the Incorporation or in any other manner.

#### *Power of investment*

14.—(1) Any moneys for the time being in the hands of the Incorporation which are not immediately required, including moneys which form part of any reserve fund, pension fund, insurance fund or other fund administered by the Incorporation, may be invested in the purchase of any investments or property of any description either heritable or moveable and wheresoever



situate and whether or not being investments or property otherwise authorised by law for the investment of trust funds, or upon loan upon the security of any property of any description or without security.

(2) Moneys which the Incorporation do not think fit immediately to invest may be deposited with any bank, building society or other appropriate body.

(3) The Incorporation may from time to time at their discretion transpose or vary their investments for or into others for the time being authorised.

(4) In relation to land whether freehold or leasehold, acquired as an investment, the Incorporation may exercise all the powers of management, improvement or development which could be exercised by an absolute owner holding the land beneficially.

#### *Pensions, employees' clubs, etc.*

15.—(1) The Incorporation may establish and maintain or procure the establishment and maintenance of contributory or non-contributory pension or superannuation funds or schemes for the benefit of, and may give or procure the giving of donations, gratuities, pensions, allowances or emoluments to or for the benefit of any persons who are or have been employed by the Incorporation and their wives, widows, families and dependants and may make payments for or towards the insurance of or for any such persons as aforesaid.

(2) Without prejudice to all obligations arising under or in connection with any such fund or scheme, the Incorporation may continue, amend, repeal or revoke any such fund or scheme (and all instruments relative thereto) as is mentioned in the last foregoing paragraph, and whether established before or after the passing of this Order.

(3) The Incorporation may procure or assist in the establishment and support of, and may subscribe or otherwise contribute to the revenues of any institution, association, club or fund having objects or purposes appearing to offer facilities for the recreation or benefit of persons who are or have been employed by the Incorporation or their wives, widows, families or dependants, or otherwise appearing to be in the interests of the Incorporation.

#### *Annuities*

16.—(1) Whereas on the appointed day under the Laws of the Incorporation in force immediately before the coming into operation of this Order certain annuities were payable to members and their widows, the Incorporation shall be bound as follows:—

- (a) to pay to each member of the Incorporation in receipt of an annuity at the said appointed day during all the days of his life an annuity at the rate hereinafter provided;
- (b) to pay to each widow of a former member of the Incorporation in receipt of an annuity at the said appointed day during all the days of her life at the rate hereinafter provided the said annuity being reduced by one-half in the event of her re-marrying;
- (c) to pay to each person who was a member of the Incorporation prior to the appointed day but not then in receipt of an annuity as from the term of Whitsunday or Martinmas first occurring after his 45th

birthday and during all the remaining days of his life an annuity at the rate hereinafter provided; and

- (d) to pay to the widow of any person who was a member of the Incorporation prior to the said appointed day as from the term of Whitsunday or Martinmas first occurring after the death of such person during all the remaining days of her life an annuity at the rate hereinafter provided the said annuity being reduced by one-half in the event of her re-marrying.
- (2) (a) Until the term of Martinmas first occurring not earlier than three years after the said appointed day the annuities shall be payable at the rate in force prior to the said appointed day.
- (b) At the said term of Martinmas and on each third term of Martinmas thereafter (each of such terms being hereinafter called "the relevant anniversary") the rate at which annuities are payable for the three years following the relevant anniversary will be the greater of—
- (i) the rate in force prior to the said appointed day; and
  - (ii) an amount bearing the same ratio to the rate of annuities payable as at the said appointed day as the retail prices index on the relevant anniversary bears to the retail prices index on the said appointed day.

In this sub-paragraph "the retail prices index" means the United Kingdom General Index of Retail Prices maintained by the Department of Employment, or any index replacing that index.

- (3) (a) Annuities will be payable half-yearly in advance at the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas in each year and any payment made prior to the appointed day under the Laws of the Incorporation as having effect prior to that day wholly or partly in respect of a period after the appointed day shall be treated as a payment hereunder.
- (b) If at any term the amount of the annuities then payable cannot be ascertained by reason of that term being a relevant anniversary the annuities shall be payable at the rate in force immediately prior to the relevant anniversary and as soon as the correct amount is ascertained, there will be paid any excess due.
- (c) No part of any payment made in respect of a period after the death of an annuitant or the remarriage of an annuitant being a widow will be repayable on such death or remarriage but no further payments will be made unless due before such death or remarriage.

*Members to have no interest in assets*

17. Save as hereby conferred, no member shall have or be deemed to have had any right, title or interest in any property or funds of the Incorporation.

*Disposal of historical etc. articles*

18.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this article, the Incorporation may give to any person or otherwise dispose of any article vested in them which appears to be of historical, local scientific or artistic interest.

(2) Where any article referred to in paragraph (1) above has become vested in the Incorporation by virtue of a gift or bequest—

(a) the Incorporation shall, if reasonably practicable, consult with the donor or with the personal representatives or trustees of the donor before exercising the powers of this article; and

(b) the powers conferred by this article shall not be exercisable as respects that article in any manner inconsistent with any express condition attached to the gift or bequest, except with the consent of the donor or the personal representatives or trustees of the donor.

(3) In the case of any gift or bequest of any article made to the Incorporation after the coming into operation of this article, the Incorporation shall at or before the making of the gift or bequest give to the person making it written notice of the effect of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this article.

*Power to provide offices elsewhere than in Edinburgh*

19. As from the coming into operation of this Order the business of the Incorporation may if so authorised by the British Hallmarking Council be carried on elsewhere than at Edinburgh; and accordingly the Incorporation may provide and open one or more offices and provide other premises for the carrying on of their business in such places as they think fit, whether in addition to or in substitution for the carrying on of their business in Edinburgh, and may from time to time alter the places, offices and premises at which their business is so carried on.

*Protection of members, wardens and officers from personal liability*

20. No matter or thing done, and no contract entered into by the Incorporation and no matter or thing done by any member, warden, officer or employee of the Incorporation acting under the direction of the members or the Court of Wardens, shall, if the matter or thing were done or the contract were entered into bona fide for the purpose of discharging the functions of the Incorporation, subject them or any of them personally to any action, liability, claim or demand whatsoever and any expense incurred by any such member, warden, officer or employee acting as last aforesaid shall be borne and repaid out of the funds of the Incorporation.

*Repeals*

21. The enactments specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order, except the provisions thereof set out in Part II of that Schedule, are hereby repealed.

*Costs of Order*

22. The costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the application for, and the preparation and making of, this Order may in whole or in part be defrayed out of revenue.

4th December 1979.

*Reginald Eyre,*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Trade.

## SCHEDULE

### PART I

#### ENACTMENTS REPEALED

- 1587 Acta Parl. Regis Jacobi VI Vol. III page 506 being an Act of Parliament by  
July 29 King James VI in favour of the Goldsmiths of Edinburgh.
- 1687 Carta Jacobi Regis Septimi in Favorem Auri—Fabrorum Edinburgensium.  
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### PART II

#### ENACTMENTS SAVED FROM REPEAL

- 1687 In the Carta Jacobi Regis Septimi in Favorem Auri—Fabrorum  
Nov. 10 Edinburgensium—

AC ulterius Nos ex certa nostra scientia proprioque motu rationibus et finibus hactenus dictis moti, absque prejudicio tamen aut derogatione quavis praedict. Ratificationi prioribusque donationibus tam speciatim quam generatim supra expressis; DAMUS concedimus et disponimus Societati praedict. Aurifabrorum Edinburgensium ex decano scilicet illiusque artis Magistris constanti eorumque successoribus omni tempore futuro juslibertatem et privilegium INCORPORATAE SOCIETATIS cum potestate ipsis acquirendi comparandi possidendi et fruendi praediis tenementis aliisque vel ab ipsis coemptis vel in dictae incorporationis utilitatem et commodum ijs donatis et mortificatis, et prosequendi ac defendendi in cunctis curijs judicatorijs et contraversijs quibuscunque Sub nomine decani (lie deacon) et Magistrorum Aurifabrorum Edinburgensium, simili modo ac quivis alius civis aut incorporatio legitima agere possit.

NOTE: The translation below is for guidance and does not form part of this Order—

AND, moreover, we, of our own will and inclination, for the reasons and purposes already mentioned, and without prejudice or any derogation to the aforesaid ratification and prior donations, as well specially as generally, above expressed, GIVE, grant and dispose to the aforesaid society of goldsmiths of Edinburgh, and to the existing deacon and masters of that art, and their successors, in all time coming, the right, liberty, and privilege OF AN INCORPORATED SOCIETY, with power to them to acquire, purchase, possess, and enjoy lands, tenements, and others, either bought by themselves, or granted and notified to them for the utility and advantage of the said incorporation, and to pursue and defend in all courts, judicatories, and controversies whatsoever, in name of the deacon and masters of goldsmiths of Edinburgh; in like manner as any other freemen or lawful incorporation may do.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order confers powers upon and varies existing statutory provisions relating to the Incorporation of Goldsmiths of the City of Edinburgh ("the Incorporation") in a variety of matters, the principal of which are—

- (a) the alteration of the constitution of the Incorporation (article 4) and its Committee known as the Court of Wardens (article 8) as responsible for the general management of the assay office of the Incorporation;
- (b) the appointment of officers (article 9), acquisition and disposal of land (article 10), accounts and audit (article 12), borrowing and investment (articles 13 and 14);
- (c) pensions for employees (article 15), annuities to members (article 16), disposal of historical articles in certain circumstances (article 18), and enabling offices to be provided elsewhere than in Edinburgh (article 19).

The Order also provides for the repeal of certain provisions of the enactments relating to the Incorporation.