

STG GLOBAL FINANCE B.V.

EUR 300,000,000

1.375 PER CENT. GUARANTEED NOTES DUE 2025

GUARANTEED BY

SCANDINAVIAN TOBACCO GROUP A/S

DEED OF COVENANT

THIS DEED OF COVENANT is made on 24 September 2020

BY

(1) **STG GLOBAL FINANCE B.V.** (the "**Issuer**")

IN FAVOUR OF

(2) **THE ACCOUNTHOLDERS** (as defined below).

WHEREAS

- (A) The Issuer has authorised the creation and issue of EUR 300,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 1.375 per cent. Guaranteed Notes due 2025 (the "**Notes**"). The Guarantor has authorised the giving of its guarantee in relation to the Notes.
- (B) The Notes will be in bearer form and in the denomination of EUR 100,000 and integral multiples of EUR 1,000 in excess thereof. The Notes will initially be issued in the form of a temporary global note (the "**Temporary Global Note**") which will be exchangeable for a permanent global note (the "**Permanent Global Note**") in the circumstances specified in the Temporary Global Note. The Permanent Global Note will in turn be exchangeable for notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Notes**"), with interest coupons attached, in the circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note.
- (C) The Permanent Global Note will be delivered to a common safekeeper for Euroclear Bank SA/NV as operator of the Euroclear System ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**").
- (D) The Issuer and the Guarantor will, in relation to the Notes, enter into a fiscal agency agreement (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Fiscal Agency Agreement**") with Citibank, N.A., London Branch (the "**Fiscal Agent**", which expression includes any successor fiscal agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the other paying agents named therein.
- (E) The Issuer wishes to make arrangements for the protection of the interests of Accountholders in the event that the Permanent Global Note becomes void in accordance with its terms.

THIS DEED OF COVENANT WITNESSES as follows:

1. **INTERPRETATION**

1.1 **Definitions**

In this Deed of Covenant the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Accountholder**" means any accountholder with a Clearing System which at the Determination Date has credited to its securities account with such Clearing System

one or more Entries in respect of the Permanent Global Note, except for either Clearing System in its capacity as an accountholder of the other Clearing System;

"Clearing System" means each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg;

"Conditions" means the terms and conditions of the Notes (as scheduled to the Fiscal Agency Agreement and as modified from time to time in accordance with their terms), and any reference to a numbered **"Condition"** is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof;

"Determination Date" means the date on which the Permanent Global Note becomes void in accordance with its terms;

"Direct Rights" means the rights referred to in Clause 2.1;

"Entry" means any entry which is made in the securities account of any Accountholder with a Clearing System in respect of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note; and

"Principal Amount" means, in respect of any Entry, the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to which such Entry relates.

1.2 **Other defined terms**

Terms defined in the Conditions have the same meanings in this Deed of Covenant.

1.3 **Clauses**

Any reference in this Deed of Covenant to a Clause is, unless otherwise stated, to a clause hereof.

1.4 **Headings**

Headings and sub-headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Deed of Covenant.

1.5 **Legislation**

Any reference in this Deed of Covenant to any legislation (whether primary legislation or regulations or other subsidiary legislation made pursuant to primary legislation) shall be construed as a reference to such legislation as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended or re-enacted.

2. **DIRECT RIGHTS**

2.1 **Creation**

If the Permanent Global Note becomes void in accordance with its terms, each Accountholder shall have against the Issuer all rights ("**Direct Rights**") which such Accountholder would have had in respect of the Notes if, immediately before the Determination Date, it had been the holder of Definitive Notes, duly executed, authenticated and issued, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Principal

Amount of such Accountholder's Entries including (without limitation) the right to receive all payments due at any time in respect of such Definitive Notes as if such Definitive Notes or (as the case may be) the relevant Coupon(s) had been duly presented and (in the case of a Coupon or final redemption of a Definitive Note) surrendered on the due date in accordance with the Conditions. Anything which might prevent the issuance of Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Principal Amount of any Entry of any Accountholder shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Clause 2.1, but without prejudice to its effectiveness for any other purpose.

2.2 **No Further Action**

No further action shall be required on the part of the Issuer or any other person:

2.2.1 *Direct Rights*: for the Accountholders to enjoy the Direct Rights; or

2.2.2 *Benefit of the Conditions*: for each Accountholder to have the benefit of the Conditions as if they had been incorporated *mutatis mutandis* into this Deed of Covenant,

provided, however, that nothing herein shall entitle any Accountholder to receive any payment in respect of the Permanent Global Note which has already been made.

3. **EVIDENCE**

3.1 **Records**

The records of the Clearing Systems shall be conclusive as to the identity of the Accountholders and the respective amounts credited to their securities accounts and a statement issued by a Clearing System setting out:

3.1.1 the name of the Accountholder in respect of which it is issued; and

3.1.2 the Principal Amount of any Entry credited to the securities account of such Accountholder with such Clearing System on any date,

shall be conclusive evidence for all purposes of this Deed of Covenant.

3.2 **Determination Date**

If a Clearing System determines the Determination Date, such determination shall be binding on all Accountholders with such Clearing System.

4. **DEPOSIT OF DEED OF COVENANT**

This Deed of Covenant shall be deposited with and held by the Fiscal Agent until the date on which all the obligations of the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes (including, without limitation, its obligations under this Deed of Covenant) have been discharged in full. The Issuer hereby acknowledges the right of every Accountholder to the production of this Deed of Covenant.

5. **STAMP DUTIES**

The Issuer shall pay all stamp, registration and other taxes and duties (including any interest and penalties thereon or in connection therewith) which may be payable in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands or the Kingdom of Denmark (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein), as the case may be, upon or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Deed of Covenant, and shall indemnify each Accountholder against any claim, demand, action, liability, damages, cost, loss or expense (including, without limitation, legal fees and any applicable value added tax) which it may incur or which may be made against it as a result or arising out of or in relation to any failure to pay or delay in paying any of the same.

6. **BENEFIT OF DEED OF COVENANT**

6.1 **Deed Poll**

This Deed of Covenant shall take effect as a deed poll for the benefit of the Accountholders from time to time.

6.2 **Benefit**

This Deed of Covenant shall enure to the benefit of each Accountholder and its (and any subsequent) successors and assigns, each of which shall be entitled severally to enforce this Deed of Covenant against the Issuer.

6.3 **Assignment**

The Issuer shall not be entitled to assign or transfer all or any of its rights, benefits and obligations hereunder. Each Accountholder shall be entitled to assign all or any of its rights and benefits hereunder.

7. **PARTIAL INVALIDITY**

If at any time any provision hereof is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect under the laws of any jurisdiction, neither the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof nor the legality, validity or enforceability of such provision under the laws of any other jurisdiction shall in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

8. **NOTICES**

8.1 **Address for notices**

All notices and other communications to the Issuer hereunder shall be made in writing (by letter, fax or email) and shall be sent to the Issuer at:

STG Global Finance B.V.
Sandtoften 9
DK-2820 Gentofte
Denmark

Email: MarianneRorslev.Bock@st-group.com
Attention: Executive Vice President and CFO Marianne Rørslev Bock

with a copy to:

Kromann Reumert
Sundkrogsgade 5
DK-2100 Copenhagen OE
Denmark
Email: ahp@kromannreumert.com
Attention: Advokat, partner Andreas Hallas

or to such other address, fax number, email address or for the attention of such other person or department as the Issuer has notified to the Noteholders in the manner prescribed for the giving of notices in connection with the Notes.

8.2 Effectiveness

Every notice or other communication sent in accordance with Clause 8.1 shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer; *provided, however, that* any such notice or other communication which would otherwise take effect after 4.00 p.m. on any particular day shall not take effect until 10.00 a.m. on the immediately succeeding business day in the place of the Issuer.

9. LAW AND JURISDICTION

9.1 Governing law

This Deed of Covenant and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

9.2 English courts

The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**"), arising out of or in connection with this Deed of Covenant (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Deed of Covenant or any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with this Deed of Covenant) or the consequences of its nullity.

9.3 Appropriate forum

The Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.

9.4 Rights of the Accountholders to take proceedings outside England

Notwithstanding Clause 9.2 (*English courts*), the Accountholders may take proceedings relating to a Dispute ("**Proceedings**") in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Accountholders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

9.5 **Service of Process**

The Issuer agrees that the documents which start any Proceedings and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on it by being delivered to Kromann Reumert at at 65 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8AB, England or to such other person with an address in England or Wales and/or at such other address in England or Wales as the Issuer may specify by notice in writing to the Accountholders. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of any Accountholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This clause applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.

10. **MODIFICATION**

The Fiscal Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider matters relating to the Notes, including the modification of any provision of this Deed of Covenant. Any such modification may be made by supplemental deed poll if sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution and shall be binding on all Accountholders.

IN WITNESS whereof this Deed of Covenant has been executed by the Issuer and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the date first before written.

EXECUTED as a deed)
by **STG GLOBAL FINANCE B.V.**)
acting by)
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