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To The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

The Humble Petition of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Sheweth as follows:

WHEREAS the Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales hereinafter referred to as "the Company" was pleased to be granted a Royal Charter by her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the sixth day of September in the Sixty First year of her Reign

WHEREAS the membership of the Company is limited to Chartered Accountants whose professional qualification is recognised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and which numbers approximately 400 individuals

WHEREAS the Company and its previous unincorporated establishment has been in existence for nearly 50 years and is an active livery company of the City of London

WHEREAS the Company has sound finances with reserves of approximately £400,000

The Company is desirous to include in its membership Chartered Accountants who obtained their qualification from other professional bodies of similarly high standards including those in Scotland and Ireland, the Commonwealth and other nations

The Company is desirous to include in its membership individuals who are not Chartered Accountants but are otherwise interested in the profession of accountancy up to a maximum limit of 25 per cent. of their aggregate

The Company is desirous to include as members persons of distinction who are freemen of the City of London but are currently precluded from membership by virtue of not being Chartered Accountants

The Company is desirous of a Supplementary Charter to revise the name of the Company and its objects to those that are typical of a City livery company; to extend its membership; and to amend its administration in pursuance of the internationalisation of the membership of the Company

Your petitioners therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased in the exercise of Your Royal Prerogative to grant a Supplemental Charter to Your Petitioners in the terms of the draft herewith submitted or in such other terms as may to Your Majesty seem proper.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Signed on behalf of the Company in accordance with the authority conferred by a Special Resolution passed at the General Meeting of the Company on 6, February, 2025.