PETITION FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL AND APPENDED DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER AND BYE-LAWS

FOR

THE MASTER, WARDENS AND COMMONALTY OF THE ART OR MYSTERY OF NEEDLEMAKERS OF THE CITY OF LONDON

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

The Humble Petition of the The Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Art or Mystery of Needlemakers of the City of London (the **Needlemakers Company**) in its capacity as a Livery Company of the City of London, created by Royal Charter of His Majesty's Royal Predecessor King Charles the Second in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred and sixty-four by Royal Charter dated the 9th day of February (the **Charter**),

Heweth as follows:-

This Petition is made pursuant to a resolution of the Court of the Needlemakers Company held on [ ] 2025 to approve the draft Supplemental Charter and Bye-laws submitted to the meeting and to authorise the Master, on behalf of the Needlemakers Company, to petition His Majesty to grant the Supplemental Charter which was duly passed, and pursuant to the resolution of approval of the Court of Aldermen of the City of London to grant its approval to the draft Supplemental Charter and Bye-laws submitted to the meeting held on 9 February 2026 which was duly passed.

The Needlemakers Company was originally established to regulate the manufacture of needles within the City of London and its environs and to regulate the training of master needlemakers.

Property and powers have been conferred on the Needlemakers Company the Charter to hold in perpetuity the income that is receives. The Charter replaced a Commonwealth Charter granted during the Interregnum by Oliver Cromwell in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred and fifty-six dated the 10th day of November.

YOUR PETITIONERS wish to petition for the grant of a Supplemental Charter for the following reasons:

(A) To clarify the purpose of the Needlemakers Company now that it does not regulate the needle industry in the City of London and to agree the new purposes set out in the draft Supplemental Charter.
(B) To update and extend the powers of the Needlemakers Company so that it has the powers of a modern livery company.
(C) To incorporate a reference to the Grant of Arms into the draft Supplemental Charter.
(D) To incorporate a reference to the charitable activities of the Needlemakers Company into the draft Supplemental Charter.
(E) To provide modern governance provisions including setting out a conflicts of interest process to ensure compliance with law and provide express benefit provisions for members.
(F) To confer modern administrative powers for the day-to-day management and administration of the Needlemakers Company.

(G) To consolidate in one Supplemental Charter that clearly sets out the powers of the Court of the Needlemakers Company and its governance so that members, committee members, officers and employees are able to refer to this document in undertaking their respective roles.

YOUR PETITIONERS further wish to petition for the approval of updated Bye-laws for the Needlemakers Company to provide for updated governance and operational procedures in line with current practice.

AND 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 and approve the Bye-laws 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.