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Mr Mark Swan Group Director Safety and Airspace Regulation UK CAA Aviation House Gatwick Airport South West Sussex RH6 0YR United Kingdom

**Subject:** Report on the Strategic Safety Review of Offshore Public Transport Helicopter Operations in Support of the Exploitation of Oil and Gas

Dear Mr Swan,

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) acknowledges receipt of the Report on the Strategic Safety Review of Offshore Public Transport Helicopter Operations in Support of the Exploitation of Oil and Gas.

EASA welcomed the CAA UK invitation to actively participate in the review and is committed to the success of this initiative. The productive working relationship between UK CAA, CAA Norway and EASA has provided a report which will play a significant part in improving the safety of offshore operations in Europe. Together, we have begun a managed process which we are confident will deliver results. The Agency will evaluate every recommendation to determine the best course of action.

We intend to provide an overall update on the progress by the week of the 7th April 2014. The status of each individual recommendation will thereafter be tracked until a conclusive reply is provided. The CAA will be informed via interim replies whenever substantial progress is made.

Yours sincerely,

J. VINCENT

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