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To whom it may concern

Date: 5 March 2010

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Helideck Motion Monitoring Systems (HMS)**

You will be aware of the various operating limits and methods of reporting Pitch, Roll & Heave as they apply to helidecks on mobile installations and vessels. Research into this phenomenon continues; however as the HCA Helideck Landing Area Certificate (HLAC) applies equally on both Norwegian & UK Continental Shelves and the fact that the Helicopter Operators in both countries are, in essence, the same companies, it has been decided to apply a common measurement and reporting standard.

With effect from 1 November 2010 operations to helidecks on moving installations & vessels will be subject to the criteria laid out in the attached document "Standard Measuring Equipment for helideck Monitoring and Weather Data". This Standard has been agreed between the helicopter companies operating offshore UK and Norway and is accepted by both CAA's. The manufacturers of equipment have been involved in the process and are aware of the new requirements.

It is anticipated that most vessels will probably require just a software upgrade to meet the new standards; however, there will inevitably be some that will require a more comprehensive upgrade. Regardless of which category your vessel or installation comes under you should be aware that after 1 November 2010, operating restrictions will be imposed on those helidecks/vessels that cannot meet the new standard reporting format.

The attached Standard contains all the necessary information required along with the contact details of some suppliers; should you require further information however, please contact any HCA Helideck Inspector in our UK or Norway offices who will be pleased to help you all they can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Knight', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Alex Knight  
General Manager