



European UAV Systems Centre Limited

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Caption: UK CAA grants Qualified Entity status to EuroUSC™ covering the Design, Construction and Operation of Light UAS

UK based European UAV Systems Centre Limited (EuroUSC™) today announced that the company have been granted 'Qualified Entity Status' by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) for undertaking on behalf of the CAA, the assessment of Light Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Light UAS) in respect of Design, Construction and Operation.

André Clot, EuroUSC™ Director, stated that the granting of this 'Qualified Entity Status' is a significant step forward for the emerging Light UAS Industry. The CAA will in future refer companies to EuroUSC™ under what is known as the Light UAS Scheme (**LUASS™**).

Under this Scheme, EuroUSC™ inspects Light UAS between 20 Kg and 150 Kg and issues Design and Construction Certificates. Also following a successful operational assessment, crews are granted a Basic National UAS Certificate (**BNUC™**) as recognition of crew competency. Both are required before any recommendation for permission to operate in the UK is given by EuroUSC™.

André Clot stated that an added benefit of **LUASS™** is that it also applies to UAS below 20Kg. End users will no longer have to rely on manufacturers claims but can request that a candidate Light UAS be submitted for an independent assessment by

EuroUSC™ who will verify its conformity or otherwise with the appropriate technical and regulatory requirements. This will also act as a strong incentive to manufacturers to have their systems validated by EuroUSC™ prior to marketing of their UAS.

EuroUSC™ can carry out these assessments and flight test evaluations in most countries.

Ends..... UK, Monday, 8th February 2010

About EuroUSC™

EuroUSC™ was formed in 2003 to address the UAS Industry's need for a specialised organisation for UAS operational assessment and support. During 2004 and 2005, EuroUSC™ under contract to the Welsh Assembly Government backed by the European Union Regional Development Fund, initiated, developed and established the safety framework for Civil UAS flight demonstrations in the UK. During 2006 – 2008, under the ASTRAEA programme funded by the UK government, Regional Development Agencies and Major Companies, EuroUSC™ developed the current concepts for design, construction and operational approval of Light UAS within the Light UAS Scheme (**LUASS™**).

EuroUSC™ maintains an active participation within the Light UAS community and is part of a wider programme of work on Regulatory Determination within Europe, being formulated by the European Commission.

Details of the approval can be found on CAA website www.caa.co.uk "Organisations approved in accordance with BCAR Section A, Sub Section A8" published 5th Feb 2010.

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