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## **High Level Quality on Aviation Standard Basis – Flight Design Enhances Basis of Certification.**

At AERO 2010 Flight Design announced an enhanced certification basis of its quality management system. With a last audit step conducted on March 30, 2010 at the Administration and Sales Office in Kirchheim unter Teck / Nabern, Germany, the second surveillance audit according DIN EN ISO 9001 was passed successfully. Repeating the initial certification and the first surveillance audit Flight Design's quality management system passed on the first trial with no deviations to the norm. This surveillance audit was not only used to verify compliance with the standard 9001:2001 but also served to upgrade to the newer standard 9001:2008.

As the first company ever outside of China, Flight Design received in January 2010 the Chinese Production Approval in accordance with CCAR 21 (the equivalent to EASA Part 21). This approval is the mandatory basis to produce and sell the Chinese-certified CTLS<sup>®</sup>-LSA aircraft to the Chinese market. The production certificate was handed over to Flight Design on March 19, 2010 by the appropriate directors of the Aircraft Airworthiness Certification Division of CAAC (Civil Aviation Administration of China) during a ceremony held at the CAAC headquarters in Beijing. Together with the Type Design Approval (equivalent to a Type Certificate for companies that do not hold a design organization approval), the CTLS<sup>®</sup>-LSA now is the first and presently the only LSA aircraft that is certified and allowed to be operated in China in this new class.

It is the policy for Flight Design to apply certified and audited processes consistently in all business areas, and not only to the certified part of it. By such practice, Flight Design can ensure that the same high quality level is maintained throughout all products produced and delivered by the company.

Flight Design is progressing well through the acceptance process as a Design Organization and Production Organization in compliance with EASA Part 21. Achievement of the type certification of the CTLS aircraft is expected by autumn 2010. Such approvals are inevitable in order to produce and sell the successful LSA products from other markets to EASA countries requiring type certification within the new ELA 1 system.

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Flight Design GmbH is located in 70771 L.-Echterdingen in Germany. The company has been financially very successful in aviation for 22 years. With deliveries starting in 1997, more than 1.300 CT-series aircraft have been delivered and they are operated in more than 30 countries worldwide. The aircraft type CT (Composite Technology), has been certified in compliance with several requirement standards, and has been the clear market leader in all major regions of the world.

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