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Subject:

FAA/EASA/Industry Composite Damage Tolerance Workshop - Tokyo June 2009

Dear Ms. Gilligan,

I wish to express my thanks, on behalf of EASA, to FAA, and again, in particular, to Larry Ilcewicz for his work and dedication to organising a very successfully Composite Workshop in Japan. This was made all the more impressive by the potential challenges of distance and language. However, combined with strong support from JAL, success was ensured.

This event represented a significant addition to the previous events held in USA and Europe and built upon the need for international communication and standardisation, which is required to ensure that safety and efficiency are maintained during the rapid introduction of the new technologies demanded by this generation of aircraft designs. This is particularly important in an increasingly segmented and globalised aviation industry.

Aviation safety is very dependent upon such international interaction between regulators and industry. I believe that this event will have initiated some very beneficial relationships for all concerned.

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Dear Mr. Saito,

I wish to express great thanks to JAL on behalf of EASA for very successfully hosting both the Composite Workshop and the associated CACRC events. These events were very timely, considering the imminent arrival of the new large composite passenger aircraft into the global fleets. Furthermore, the safe and efficient introduction of new technologies into the increasingly segmented global aviation business requires effective communication and standardisation. Therefore, these international events, being held in Japan, represented a significant addition to the series of similar events previously held in USA and Europe which are helping to make this possible.

In particular, I wish to thank all of those directly involved with the local organisation of these events. More specifically, I wish to note the work and support provided by both Jun Yamanaka and Kensuke Ishii. The friendly welcome extended to us all was appreciated, as was the impressive use of the English language, upon which many of us relied.

EASA looks forward to building upon the relationships established during these events.

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