

## CURRENT SITUATION OF ACTIVITIES AIMED TOWARDS RENEWAL OF AIRWORTHINESS OF L 13 AND L 13A GLIDERS

Following our previous statement to the renewal of airworthiness L 13 and L 13A gliders we would like to inform you that intensive works related to the matter are still in process. Based on the order of Aircraft Industries, a.s., the Aeronautical Research and Test Institute in Prague (VZLU) has been developing the method of checking the gliders on the basis of tests performed on a particular L 13 glider which has logged 5360 flight hours flown in typical training operation with the Aero Club of Czech Republic and which was produced in the same year as that one which crashed in Austria on June 12, 2010. Development of the control method is very difficult and time consuming and therefore it was not possible to complete the process within March 2011, as originally estimated. According to agreement with VZLU now the desired deadline has been set to be July 2011.

In parallel with our activities, the matter is also being processed by German company Aircraft Design & Certification LTD. ([http://aircraftdc.de/visionen\\_blanik.htm](http://aircraftdc.de/visionen_blanik.htm)) which received from Aircraft Industries, a.s. all necessary drawings and information on used materials and which is working on alternative method for renewal of the airworthiness of L 13 gliders.

Independently from the above activities we are also preparing a program for renewal of airworthiness for those L 13 and L 13A gliders that have been converted according to the bulletin No. L13/068 or No. L13/050, using critical components in the specification of L 13A. We expect that those gliders could be released into operation still within this month.

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