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To: Colonel Donna R. Williams, Garrison Commander
Building 238, California Avenue - Fort Hunter Liggett, CA 93928

Subject: Endorsement for Desert Hawk Flight Testing

1. Since 2003, the British Army has been using the Desert Hawk UAS family of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), including the current Desert Hawk III (DHIII) UAS, as their in-theatre UAS for force protection and successful mission enablement. This proven unmanned aircraft system is critical to the safety of troops and has been directly responsible for saving lives of deployed force personnel. The UK MOD is planning to operate the system in support of coalition operations in Afghanistan until UK forces withdraw at the end of 2014. During the drawdown, the programme will convert to a Programme of Record (POR) where it is envisioned to continue to be utilised by the British Army for the next 8+ years.
2. I am writing to confirm that Lockheed Martin's (LM) DHIII Contractor Logistics Support Programme and associated Development Programme are critical components to the Urgent Operational Requirement (UOR) Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). LM provides the maintenance support through performing repairs and flight tests of approximately 20 air vehicles on average per month to sustain the current fleet. LM is also designing and developing system upgrades under separate and distinct commercial investment funding, which will not only benefit UK MOD, but will also be used or adapted in similar configurations to future US Army applications and products. Flight testing of these upgrades is critical in order to validate the functional characteristics and confirm operational effectiveness.
3. Based on the above maintenance requirement, the UK MOD and LM thereby request flight range time, on a non-interference basis, for purposes of an ISO 9001 quality flight check-out on repaired air vehicles, as well as testing of capability upgrades and enhancements. LM will conduct all testing under their own liability, and should not be responsible for any U.S. Government representatives nor U.S. Government assets.
4. While on U.S. Government property, LM will follow all applicable procedures and regulations to continue safe flight operations utilizing DHIII assets.

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5. In closing, your cooperation with this request would be much appreciated given the impact it has in continuing to support force protection for UK ground forces in Afghanistan and beyond.
6. The POCs for coordination of this effort are;
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Yours Faithfully,

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