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## Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Instrument number CASA EX147/15

I, GERARD JOHN CAMPBELL, Executive Manager, Operations Division, a delegate of CASA, make this instrument under regulation 11.160 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998)*.

**[Signed G.J. Campbell]**

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### **Exemption — Fixed wing firefighting operations (Coulson Aviation)**

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#### **1 Definitions**

In this instrument:

**CTM** means Certificate Team Manager (however described), being the position responsible for managing a CASA Certificate Management Team.

**FAA** means the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States.

#### **2 Application**

This instrument applies to Coulson Aviation (Australia) Pty Ltd, Aviation Reference Number 786315 (the **operator**), as operator of:

- (a) the Lockheed EC130Q aircraft with registration N130FF; and
- (b) the Lockheed L-382 aircraft with registration N405LC (collectively **the aircraft**).

#### **3 Exemption**

The operator is exempt from compliance with regulations 137.235 and 137.240 of CASR 1998.

#### **4 Conditions**

The exemption is subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 1.

#### **5 Expiry**

This instrument expires at the end of April 2016, as if it had been revoked by another instrument.

### **Schedule 1 Conditions**

- 1 The operator must ensure that the aircraft is only:
  - (a) operated for firefighting purposes, including firefighting demonstrations and training; and

- (b) operated in accordance with the operator's operations manual; and
  - (c) carrying persons, including members of the operating crew, that are essential for the safe conduct of the operations.
- 2 The operator must ensure that a pilot of the aircraft must:
- (a) have undertaken an annual proficiency check in accordance with FAA requirements; and
  - (b) retain currency of the annual proficiency check for the duration of this exemption; and
  - (c) have undergone additional training (if any) that would be required to enable the pilot to carry out aerial application (firefighting) operations in the United States for the duration of this exemption; and
  - (d) hold a current appropriate FAA airline transport pilot licence with authorisations that allow the conduct of operations in accordance with this exemption and the operator's operations manual; and
  - (e) meet the minimum experience requirements set out in the operator's operations manual.
- 3 The operator must ensure that a flight engineer of the aircraft must:
- (a) have undertaken an annual proficiency check in accordance with FAA requirements; and
  - (b) retain currency of the annual proficiency check for the duration of this exemption; and
  - (c) have undergone additional training (if any) that would be required to enable the pilot to carry out aerial application (firefighting) operations in the United States for the duration of this exemption; and
  - (d) hold a current appropriate FAA flight engineer licence with authorisations that allow the conduct of operations in accordance with this exemption and the operator's operations manual.
- 4 The operator must ensure that the operator's chief pilot has, before a pilot or flight engineer (a *flight crew member*) takes part in operations under this exemption, sighted and verified the currency of that flight crew member's:
- (a) licence; and
  - (b) aircraft endorsement; and
  - (c) medical certificate; and
  - (d) most recent proficiency check on the aircraft.
- 5 The operator must keep, for 3 years, copies of the documents that the operator's chief pilot has sighted and verified under clause 4.
- 6 The operator must ensure that the aircraft has a valid and current special airworthiness certificate in the restricted category.
- 7 The operator must ensure that, before a flight crew member takes part in operations under this exemption, a CTM or a flying operations inspector who is approved by a CTM has:
- (a) sighted and verified the currency of that flight crew member's:
    - (i) licence; and
    - (ii) aircraft endorsement; and
    - (iii) medical certificate; and
    - (iv) most recent proficiency check on the aircraft; and

- (b) sighted and verified all certificates, manual, other documents and safety equipment that relate to the safe operation of the aircraft.
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