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Nordisk Aviation Products first European manufacturer to receive CTSO approval through EASA and CAAC Working Arrangement

- The certification of Nordisk containers and pallets is the first CTSOA for an EU product

HOLMESTRAND, NORWAY (7. March, 2013) - As the first European ETSO manufacturer, Nordisk Aviation Products, Norway, has received CTSO approvals on several of their products through the new working arrangement between the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

In a ceremony in Beijing, China, Tuesday 5th March, Mr Li Bo CAAC Airworthiness Inspection Division director handed over the certificate to Mr Frode Ljoterud, President of Nordisk Aviation Products AS.

“The CTSO certification is an approval of Nordisk’s quality system, our designs organization and production facilities. Receiving this approval from CAAC makes us very proud”, says Frode Ljoterud, President of Nordisk Aviation Products.

Nordisk has been serving international airlines with certified air cargo containers and pallets since 1972. In addition to the newly acquired CTSO all products are certified according to ETSO and TSO C90.

The certification of Nordisk is the first one under the working arrangement entered by CAAC and EASA in 2010. The working arrangement provides the means for EASA to accept applications for ETSOA from China and for CAAC to accept applications for CTSOA from Europe.

“It defines the way how industry can get the necessary approvals from the foreign authority to gain access to the foreign market. Within the legal framework of a working arrangement, both authorities defined the minimum requirements, acknowledging the existing systems of each side and aiming at avoiding any duplication of work”, says Markus Görnemann, Deputy Head of Products Department at EASA.

“This Working Arrangement also reflects the international recognition of the value of EASA’s approvals and certificates”, says Frode Ljoterud.

About Nordisk Aviation Products AS

Nordisk designs, manufactures and sells air cargo containers and pallets, also known as Unit Load Devices (ULD) to the global commercial aviation industry. Based in Holmestrand, Norway, Nordisk has production facilities Norway and China and sales offices in Europe, Asia and the United States. Nordisk containers and pallets are used by almost every airline operating wide-bodied aircraft, enabling huge amounts of cargo and baggage to be transported safely and securely. Nordisk was acquired by the American company AAR Corp in December 2011. For more information visit www.nordisk-aviation.com.

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Abbreviations used in this release:

ETSO = European Technical Standard Order

CTSO = Chinese Technical Standard Order

CAAC = Civil Aviation Administration of China

EASA = European Aviation Safety Agency

TSO C90 = Technical Standard Order C90

ULD = Unit Load Device, denomination used for air cargo containers and air cargo pallets