PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. STANS, SWITZERLAND

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE GRACE PERIOD FOR MLG BOLT INSPECTION GIVEN IN AMM CHAPTER 04

To all Customers, Operators and Service Centers:

Date: April 27/16

Effectivity: All PC-12, PC-12/45, PC-12/47 and PC-12/47E aircraft.

This Service Letter is issued to draw attention to the following information:

Pilatus has released revisions to the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM) during November 2015:

- AMM 02049 Revision 31 for PC-12, PC-12/45 and PC-12/47
- AMM 02300 Revision 14 for PC-12/47E.

The revisions to the AMM included an inspection of the main landing gear bolts in Chapter 04 (ALS) together with a defined grace period, given in:

- AMM 02049, data module 12-A-04-00-00-00A-000A-A, paragraph 4 Miscellaneous Limitations, Note 3
- AMM 02300, data module 12-B-04-00-00-00A-000A-A, paragraph 4 Miscellaneous Limitations, Notes 1 and 2.

Pilatus has reviewed the in-service history of the affected bolts. The risk assessment performed did not identify any potential unsafe condition that could prevent an extension of the grace period for the MLG bolts inspections.

The new grace period date to perform the inspection of the MLG bolts (as defined in the AMM notes above) is therefore set to 31st December 2016 instead of 30th June 2016.

It is expected that the new grace period date to perform the inspection of the MLG bolts (as defined in the AMM notes above) will be confirmed in the EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), which proposal has been issued as PAD 16-035. Reference should be made to the final AD for confirmation of the mandated accomplishment timescale.

Operators who require further information on this subject should contact the address given below.

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