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**International Conference on Future Aerodrome Rules in European Union  
(15 – 16 October 2012, Valamar Riviera Hotel, Poreč)**

**STATEMENTS:**

**Omer Pita**, Director of Croatian Civil Aviation Agency:

*"European Aviation Safety Agency is now approaching the final phase in the development of draft rules that shall be applied to EU aerodromes, including the Croatian ones when Croatia becomes full EU member. The draft includes comprehensive set of rules that shall unify all aerodrome related regulations at the EU level.*

*Considering the great interest for this topic in the entire EU, as well as in the region, and looking at the number of issues and doubts related to the implementation of future rules, Croatian Civil Aviation Agency and European Aviation Safety Agency have decided to organize the two – day event “Conference on Future Aerodromes Rules in European Union”. The significance of this conference is even greater given the fact that this is the first event addressing the topic to be held in our region.*

*Purpose of the conference is to present key properties of proposed new rules and the methods of their implementation to the industry representatives, as well as to provide a platform where regulators (EASA and national aviation authorities) and aerodrome operators may discuss and clarify all potential issues.*

*Furthermore, during the conference Croatian Civil Aviation Agency shall present its experience and viewpoints related to the implementation of new rules. Judging by the number of conference participants, both national aviation authorities and aerodrome operators, direct addresses of the future rules, have shown great interest in the topic. “*

**Gernot Kessler**, Airports Section Manager, ATM and Airports Department, Rulemaking Directorate of EASA:

*"Croatian Civil Aviation Agency and European Aviation Safety Agency are jointly organizing a conference on future aerodrome rules in European Union. The conference, bringing together representatives of airports, national aviation authorities and aviation industry, will serve as a platform for discussion and exchange of opinions on proposed set of rules.*

*With the mission of promoting the highest common safety and environment protection standards in the civil aviation, EASA stands in the very core of the EU's strategy on aviation safety. In December 2011, EASA developed draft rules for aerodrome certification and management, aerodrome operations and physical characteristics of aerodromes.*

*Draft rules, incorporating concepts for aerodrome certification and related mechanisms, as well as transitory provisions for transformation and adoption of existing aerodrome certificates, were submitted to national authorities and aerodrome operators. Our goal during this conference is to clarify, observe and perceive participants' opinions on proposed draft rules, as well as to presents feedback and reviews received so far.”*