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PF Olsen Toolbox Safety Alert 18

Date: 26 June 2019	Focus Group: Cable Logging		
Topic: Aviation Safety	Issued by: Nic Steens		

Incident: A RNZAF A109 Helicopter flew through a valley where a hauler had been operating with its ropes hundreds of meters in the air only minutes beforehand! This <u>incident</u> was notified to the forest industry by the NZ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Injury Details: Nil – but high potential for catastrophic loss and harm.

Risk Awareness: Forests often have adjoining operations and the hazards created by the one can severely impact on another. Aircraft, especially helicopters, can be expected to be flying 150 meters above the ground as they complete operations. In adverse weather, they may fly lower, below cloud and at higher risk of ground hazards.

Safe Behaviours: PCBU's are required to take all reasonable steps to manage safety risks arising from work activities. CAA recommends the following:

- 1. Raise a <u>NOTAM</u> advising the type, location and height of the hazard to aircraft.
- 2. Consult, Cooperate and Coordinate See <u>HSW Act 2015 s. 34 (1)</u> identify local aircraft operators to advise them on the activity. Consider publishing a notice.
- 3. Use an early warning system (lighting, marking) to alert others to the hazard.

For Site Manager use (print this document and then complete):								
This safety alert is relevant to my site? Yes or No (circle one)								
If yes, complete the following actions:								
1. This safety alert has been discussed with employees and operators								
2. I have placed this safety alert on the site notice board	or in the safety file							
Site Manager: Date: / /								
(signature)								



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NZ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)

Notice to Airmen (NOTAM)

Regarding - Hazard Posed by Forestry Operation

Date: / /

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Dear _ _ _ _ _ ,

Please be advised of the following operation that may pose a critical risk to aircraft.

•	GPS location:					
•	Physical address of operation	n:				
•	Hazard description:					
•	Height and/or (range) of haz	ard:				
•	Type of operation:					
•	Duration of operation:	Planne	ed start date:		/	/
		Approx	ximate finish date	:	/	/
•	Usual days of work:	7 days	or Mon – Tue – V	Ved – Thu –	Fri – S	at – Sun (circle)
•	Usual hours of operation:	From:	:till:_			
•	Name of forest manager:			_ mobile nur	nber:	
•	Name of Contractor on site:			mobile nur	nber:	
•	Other safety details:					