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TO: All Switlik Dealers and Service Centers

RE: **-NEW-** Switlik ETSO Constant-Wear Life Vest

Switlik is pleased to announce that we are expanding our constant-wear life vest line to include a new and innovative "ETSO life vest". The life vest design complies with ETSO-2C504 for use on helicopter operations to and from helidecks located in hostile sea areas (pending approval). One of the unique features of this new life vest is an integrated lifting becket located at the center of the vest which has a breaking strength in excess of 585 lbs. (2,600 N). In an emergency situation, the lifting becket (EN396 compliant) allows for the wearer of the ETSO vest to be hoisted without the need for a separate lifting harness. This new vest looks and feels much like the Switlik X-Back life vest in that it includes an FR Nomex/Kevlar cover, dual-opening zipper closure, beaded inflation handle, X-Back adjustment system and a similar MOLLE style vest. In addition, the new ETSO vest comes standard with the following features and accessories:

- Detachable hood and spray shield which is packed inside the life vest cover
- Floating buddy line, TSO compliant strobe light and emergency whistle (located in pockets attached to the MOLLE vest)
- Leg loops which are permanently fixed to the vest
- Metal adjusters and heavy duty buckles
- Reflective tape on the hood and cell of the vest
- Reflective back panel and integrated grab handle fixed to the outer cover
- Single cell, 3 layer inflatable bladder design with internal film for buoyancy redundancy
- CO2 inflation system with manual backup
- Lifting becket which is able to withstand a 585 lb. load and meets the requirements of EN396



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