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of Transportation

**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

800 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20591

October 1, 2015

Exemption No. 11797A  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-1053

Mr. Jeffrey J. Antonelli  
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Dear Mr. Antonelli:

This letter is to inform you that we have granted your petition for an amendment. It explains the basis for our decision, describes its effect, and lists any changes to the original conditions and limitations.

By letter dated June 26, 2015, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on behalf of Leading Edge Technologies, Inc. (hereinafter petitioner or operator) for an amendment to your current exemption. That exemption from §§ 61.23(a) and (c), 61.101(e)(4) and (5), 61.113(a), 61.315(a), 91.7(a), 91.119(c), 91.121, 91.151(a)(1), 91.405(a), 91.407(a)(1), 91.409(a)(1) and (2), and 91.417(a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) allows the petitioner to operate a UAS to perform aerial data collection. You requested an amendment to correct the name of the petitioner to Leading Edge Technologies, Inc.

In your petition, you indicate that there has been no change in the conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the original exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested amendment to the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to the petitioner. The unmanned aircraft authorized in the original grant are comparable in type, size, weight, speed and operating capabilities to those in this petition.

#### **Airworthiness Certification**

In accordance with the statutory criteria provided in Section 333 of Public Law 112-95 in reference to 49 U.S.C. § 44704, and in consideration of the size, weight, speed, and limited

operating area associated with the aircraft and its operation, the Secretary of Transportation has determined that this aircraft meets the conditions of Section 333. Therefore, the FAA finds that relief from 14 CFR part 21, *Certification procedures for products and parts, Subpart H—Airworthiness Certificates*, and any associated noise certification and testing requirements of part 36, is not necessary.

### **Our Decision**

The FAA has determined that the justification for the issuance of Exemption No. 11797 remains valid and is in the public interest. Therefore, under the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 40113, and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator, the operator is granted an amendment to add new aircraft to its UAS operations.

The operator shall add this amendment to its original exemption.

### **Conditions and Limitations**

All conditions and limitations within Grant of Exemption No. 11797 remain the same with the change of company name to Leading Edge Technologies, Inc.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions and limitations of this grant of exemption will be grounds for the immediate suspension or rescission of this exemption.

This exemption terminates on June 30, 2017, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

Sincerely,

/s/

John S. Duncan  
Director, Flight Standards Service

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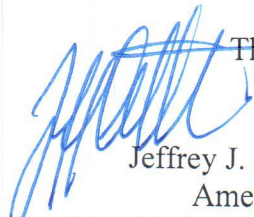
Re: Amendment to Leading Edge Technologies Exemption No. 11797  
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2015-0261

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to inform you regarding the business entity of my client, Leading Edge Technologies. This company is a Corporation, not a Limited Liability Company. I have enclosed the Articles of Incorporation with this letter for your reference. I request that you update the Exemption to reflect the company's true name.

If we can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 312-201-8310 or via email at [Jeffrey@Antonelli-Law.com](mailto:Jeffrey@Antonelli-Law.com).

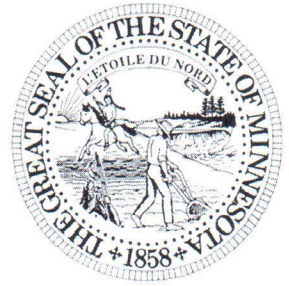
Thank you,



Jeffrey J. Antonelli  
Amelia Niemi

Attorneys for Leading Edge Technologies, Inc.

**Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State**  
**Minnesota Business Corporation/Articles of Incorporation**  
*Minnesota Statutes, 302A*



The individual(s) listed below who is (are each) 18 years of age or older, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article 1 CORPORATE NAME:**

**Leading Edge Technologies, Inc.**

**Article 2 REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT(S), IF ANY AT THAT OFFICE:**

Name

Address:

**524 Main Street South Winnebago MN 56098 USA**

**Article 3 MAXIMUM SHARES THE CORPORATION MAY ISSUE: 10000**

**Article 4 INCORPORATOR(S):**

Name:

Address:

**Robert D. Weerts**

**524 Main Street South Winnebago MN 56098**

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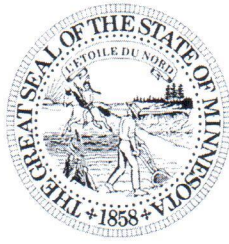
**SIGNED BY: Robert D. Weerts**

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