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To all Members and Stakeholders of HeliCat Canada:

At the fall meeting of HeliCat Canada on October 1, the members in attendance, and those represented through proxy voted unanimously to accept the certification program of the Canadian Ski Guide Association as fulfilling the requirements of the HeliCat Canada Operations Guidelines. The following changes will be effective immediately and will be reflected in a revision of the Guidelines that will be released prior to the start of the 2011/2012 season:

- CSGA Level 3 certification will be deemed to meet the requirements of a Guide. Prior to assuming the role of a Lead Guide a CSGA Level 3 graduate must meet the additional requirements as outlined in the HeliCat Canada Operations Guidelines.
- CSGA Level 2 certification will be deemed to meet the requirements of an Assistant Guide.
- CSGA Level 1 graduates can fill other non-guiding support roles as long as they meet the other requirements as outlined in the HeliCat Canada Operations Guidelines.

This decision followed from an extensive review of the CSGA training and certification program by the Standards Committee of HeliCat Canada.

The Standards Committee will work collaboratively with both the CSGA and the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides to continually improve their programs to meet the needs of our sector, through direct observation of courses and regular dialogue. The strength of this partnership and the expertise that each party brings to the table will ensure that we continue to offer the safest, most rewarding experience for our guests.

I feel that this is a very positive and progressive move for the Helicopter and Cat-Skiing sector in British Columbia. I am excited by the prospect of focusing our collective energies to making the best winter recreation experience available on the planet even better. I sincerely thank all of you who supported this very important step forward and I look forward to working together toward our many common goals.

With very best regards,

ROB ROHN
President, HeliCat Canada

Setting the Standards