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To whom it may concern,

LIA – BIRD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

As part of our ongoing endeavours to reduce bird hazards at the airport and, specifically, problems encountered with a resident bird species namely "Plovers", we have looked at various alternatives.

When approached by Eagle Eye, and in line with ICAO Doc. 9137-AN/898 Part 3, "Bird Control and Reduction" and specific Sec. 8.3 "Visual Deterrents", we undertook a program to evaluate the Eagle Eye system. The system has been up and running since 1 July 2009.

Since the installation of the system, there has been a steady decline in bird population numbers within the vicinity of the Eagle Eye's.

It must also be noted, Air Traffic Control (ATC) firstly commented on the distraction caused by the light flashes, however within two weeks following installation they reported that controllers had become accustomed to the lights. Pilots commented on the purpose of the flashes but noted that they produced no problematic distraction to aircraft operations.

Yours Faithfully,

Etienne Smulian
Snr Safety Officer