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Jeff, sincerely apologize for the tardiness on this statement.

To: Jeff Snider, FAA
From: Shane F. Sullivan, ICON Director of Flight Operations | Chief Pilot

Subj: Statement for 8 May ICON Accident

Friday 5 May – Jon Karkow asked me if he could conduct an Employee Flight with Cargi Sever because they would be working together at ICON Engineering. I approved the flight, Jon was qualified and current in the A5.

Monday 8 May -

~8 AM - I witnessed Jon checking out ASN-7 N184BA for his flight w/ Cargi at our Operations Desk, I did not have any conversation with him.

~9 AM – I was notified by Mike Turner, Flight Operations Manager that he had be notified that ICON had received notification that an ELT was transmitting on. Mike asked me to join him to help look for the aircraft while the ICON Operations team communicated with the Napa County Sheriff & Lake Berryessa Bureau of Reclamation. During the entire flight, as able I was providing phone text update back to ICON, since Mike was the Pilot at the Controls.

~9:30 – Overhead Lake Berryessa in a A5, after about 5-10 minutes of searching & multiple attempts to reach Jon Karkow on 122.9 (SeaPlane Common) & 129.475 (ICON Company Freq), I spotted multiple boats at speed heading into Little Portuguese Canyon. After a few moments we spotted the aircraft wreckage.

~9:35 – Established communications with Napa County Sheriff helicopter. We deconflicted flight paths and talked them onto the wreckage. During this time, we conducted a water landing south of Little Portuguese Canyon and water taxied toward the wreckage for a closer view.

~9:40 – Napa County Sheriff, established an orbit over the wreckage to lower a medic. We exited the canyon in order not to interfere with their operations.

~9:45 – We climbed up ~2,500 MSL to relay radio communications between Napa County Sheriff and an incoming Reach Helicopter from Concord. Shortly thereafter, Napa County cancelled the Reach because both occupants were fatal.

~9:50 – We proceed back to KVCB to inform ICON. I directed my team to conduct notifications to the NTSB and FAA, as well as continue communications with Napa County.

As discussed earlier, I am now a direct party to the NTSB investigation.

Please call if you have questions