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Attachment 11

FAA letter to Scaled Composites, LLC, dated October 14, 2014

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Aviation Administration

October 14, 2014

Mr. Kevin W. Mickey President Scaled Composites, LLC 1624 Flight Line Mojave, CA 93501-1663

Dear Mr. Mickey:

Scaled Composites, LLC (Scaled) submitted an application on July 16, 2014, with subsequent submittals through October 3, 2014, to modify Experimental Permit No. EP 12-007 (Rev 2) to reflect SpaceShipTwo changes that include the following:

In accordance with 14 CFR § 437.85, we approve these modifications.

On May 21, 2014, the FAA waived specific hazard analysis requirements of 14 CFR §§ 437.29 and 437.55(a) for the second renewal of Experimental Permit No. 12-007. The FAA waived the requirements that Scaled provide a hazard analysis that identifies, mitigates, and verifies and validates mitigation measures for all hazards. The FAA found that a waiver was in the public interest and would not jeopardize public health and safety, safety of property, and national security and foreign policy interests of the United States. For the same reasons stated in the May 21, 2014 waiver, the FAA waives 14 CFR §§ 437.29 and 437.55(a) for the permit modifications listed in this letter.

Should you have any questions, please contact

Sincerely,

Kenneth Wong Manager Licensing and Evaluation Division

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