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Re: Exemption Request Pursuant To Section 333 of the FAA Reform Act of 2012

Dear Sir or Madam:

This application is being submitted on our own behalf without legal council or consulting services.

CineDrones, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company doing business as CineDrones (Cine' Drones). We are writing pursuant to the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (the Reform Act) and the procedures contained in 14 C.F.R. 11, to request that CineDrones, an owner and operator of small unmanned aircraft, be exempted from the Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs) listed below so that CineDrones may operate its small unmanned aircraft / lightweight unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) commercially in airspace regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

CineDrones has established itself as a leader in capturing high definition feature film quality aerial cinematography with small, unmanned aircraft and lightweight UASs. CineDrones has proven it's ability time and time again to carry high definition feature film quality cameras safely in a variety of situations and locations. CineDrones manufacturers professional grade sUAS systems that have been used in film and TV, police & public safety, real estate and agriculture and provides intense systems and flight training to individuals purchasing each sUAS system.

CineDrones primarily utilizes it's own sUAS for the TV industry, though given their stability and maneuverability, they may be used for other cinematography such as real estate, water sports, agriculture and by law enforcement personnel and by other first responders. CineDrones UASs are the most advanced remote control aircraft being used for these purposes and they are already highly regarded by noteworthy experts in the field of unmanned rotorcraft, as well as filmmakers.

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Founded by Mike Fortin, an innovative and creative individual with 14 years of Professional RC Aircraft experience and a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), as Cheif Pilot Mr. Fortin is extremely well trained as is his team in safety and operation of sUAS systems as frequently trains others in the safe operation and maintenance of sUAS.

CineDrones has been operating its lightweight sUAS around the United States on numerous productions without incident and would like to formally request permission to fly its UASs commercially in the United States to capture aerial cinematography, conduct research on UAS safety protocols and to develop an enhanced platform for first responder and agricultural use. With a team of 3 dedicated individuals each flight is flown Line of Sight (LOS) and with Pilot, Navigator and Spotter.

To date, CineDrones has flown countless flights around these United States and has done so safely and successfully. Our work has been featured in numerous TV shows and we've worked hand in hand with law enforcement and other public safety officials to showcase the features and benefits of sUAS in a wide variety of scenarios.

CineDrones exemption request would permit its operation of lightweight, unmanned (piloted by remote control) and comparatively inexpensive UASs in tightly controlled and limited airspace under 250 feet. Predetermined, specifically marked areas of operation, cordoned off locations and corresponding enhancements to current safety controls will allow CineDrones to operate within current safety parameters while innovating new ones. Currently, similar lightweight, remote controlled UASs are legally operated by amateurs with no flight experience, safety plan or controls in place to prevent catastrophe. It is only logical to allow CineDrones highly experienced remote control pilots, technicians and safety crew to operate similar lightweight UASs. This will act to further safety protocols specific to lightweight UASs as CineDrones researches flight data and other information gained through permitted flight operations.

Granting CineDrones request comports with the Secretary of Transportations (FAA Administrators) responsibilities to not only integrate UASs into the national airspace system, but to establish requirements for the safe operation of such aircraft systems [UASs] in the national airspace system under Section 333(c) of the Reform Act. Further, CineDrones will conduct its operations in compliance with the protocols described herein or as otherwise established by the FAA.

For the reasons stated in our attached petition, CineDrones respectfully requests the grant of an exemption allowing it to operate lightweight, remote controlled UASs within the national airspace system and would like to work hand in hand with the FAA to develop rules and guidelines that can be utilized by the sUAS industry for similar commercial uses, forthwith.

Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

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