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INFORMATION LETTER 212-04-55 Rev. B

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TO: All Bell Helicopter Owners/Operators of 204, 205, 205B, and

212 Helicopters

SUBJECT: BLR FastFin™ AND STRAKE INSTALLATION ON ALL BELL

204, 205, 205B, and 212 MODEL HELICOPTERS

This Information Letter supersedes I.L. 212-04-55 Rev. A, I.L. 205B-04-18 Rev. A, I.L. 205-04-35 Rev. A, and I.L. 204-04-20 Rev. A.

Bell Helicopter has recently completed flight testing of the BLR FastFin and Strake kit. The Strake and the FastFin as a combination are endorsed and approved for use on the Model 412EP and the 412CF helicopters. An amendment to include 412, 412SP, 412HP is currently in work. Installation of the Strake only configuration has not been evaluated and therefore cannot be endorsed by Bell. A study to identify structural and performance impacts on the 205, 205B, and the 212 Model Helicopters will be looked at in the near future and if warranted Bell will amend its position on the affected STC's. Bell has not made a decision on whether the Strake and FastFin will be address as a combined configuration or separately. No testing is planned for the 204 model.

Bell Helicopter will offer structural repair advice and repairs free of charge to operators who have the BLR Strake kit STC installed. All BLR bulletins related to the installation of the BLR Strake kit STC must be complied with prior to any repairs or advice being released to the customer. For information on related Bulletins please contact the STC holder at:

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