SERVICE BULLETIN no. 03/07/2011

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VK – 44/500/T, TC, TC-1 (tandem)
produced by MarS a.s., used in civilian and military air sector

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2. REASON: Information for the users.

3. MEASURES: Within the preventive measures, MarS a.s. as the producer of the above specified Main Risers notifies all users and owners of parachutes who use the above specified Main Risers in the main parachutes and design variants to observe the instructions below in order to maintain the reliability and sufficient security:

1. The strip within the ring area included in the three-ring system must be kept clean in order to maintain its flexibility. It must be moved at least once a month in order to prevent its hardening and functionality deterioration during the three-ring system disconnection.

2. Perform appropriate inspection of Main Risers prior to each dive focusing particularly on the condition of the castaway system main parts (castaway cord, strip/facing of the small ring, bushing, small and medium ring).

3. In case of damage/ interruption of any part of the Main Risers, it is necessary to put the Main Risers out of operation, contact the manufacturer, and perform repair work or replacement upon the condition evaluation.
4. During the assembly of Main Risers to the bearing harness, pay due care to the condition inspection of their connection to large castaway rings on the bearing harness.

5. In Main Risers VK – 33/ … (mini-system) replace the Main Risers at the latest upon completing 300 dives or after 5 years of use.

6. In Main Risers VK – 44/ …, VK – 44/500/T, TC, TC-1 (tandem), the Main Risers must be sent to the manufacturer or person authorised by the manufacturer to perform specialist inspection and evaluate the actual condition of Main Risers at the latest upon completing 300 dives or after 5 years of use.

7. Strictly observe rules and regulations specified in the Technical specifications and instructions for the packaging and use of the respective parachute sets where Main Risers are applied – such as Maximum jump weight (all up).

4. VALID: Since issue date.
   By issuing of this service bulletin, the validity of Service Bulletin no. 01/03/2007 from 28.03.2007 is cancelled.

5. ATTACHMENTS: -

6. DATE OF ISSUE: In Jevíčko on 21. 07. 2011

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