Afro ESC Programming Tool

My Quadcopter setup is HobbyKing Q450 Frame, with NTM 2826 1000kv Prop Drives, Afro 20A ESCs and KK2.1 Board flashed with Steveis FW ver 1.11s2 in x-copter configuration - this is how I flashed my Afro 20A ESC's:

- 1. Install the Silab driver- <u>http://www.silabs.com/products/mcu/pages/usbtouartbridgevcpdrivers.aspx</u>
- 2. Install KKMulticopter Flash Tool (KKFlashTool) v0.76 http://www.lazyzero.de/en/modellbau/kkmulticopterflashtool
- 3. Disconnect motors from ESCs
- 4. Disconnect ESCs from KK2.1 Board
- 5. Connect battery to Power Distribution Board to power ESCs
- 6. Connect 1st ESC to the Afro ESC USB Programming Tool ensure ESC brown wire connects to (-) on the Programming Tool
- 7. Open KKFlashTool
- 8. Select the following settings:
 - a. programmer: Afro USB Programming Tool (afrousb)
 - b. port: /dev/cu.SLAB_USBtoUART [tick checkbox to use defaults]
 - c. controller: atmega 8-based brushlessESC (8kb flash)
 - d. Repository: Afro NFET
 - e. Firmware: Afro NFET V2014-01-19 by Simon Kirby
- 9. Click the green 'running man' button and wait until final message in bottom window reads ... "Flashing of firmware was successful."
- 10. Rinse and repeat for next ESC

Note regarding Step 8.e:

I used Afro NFET V2014-01-19 reverse by Simon Kirby for CS motors and Afro NFET V2014-01-19 by Simon Kirby for CCW Motors. I was expecting the 'reverse' version to be CCW, but my experience was the opposite.

Initial prop-free testing was all good - motors run very smoothly with very good throttle response. Short test with props resulted in very stable hovering (too windy for much else).

Good luck - hope this helps. Gratski