

## WESTSTAR EXPANSION CONTINUE WITH ANOTHER EUROCOPTER IN GENERAL AVIATION FLEET

## Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd strengthen relationship with long time supplier Eurocopter Malaysia with the purchase of AS 350B2

Langkawi, Kedah, 8 December 2011: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd today signed with Eurocopter Malaysia for the order of one new AS350 B2 intended for corporate use, to be delivered in October 2012 at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 11) in Langkawi Kedah.

Valued at around Euro 2 million (RM 8 million), the AS350 B2 is a reference in single-engine helicopters, recognised as one of the most versatile helicopters in its category.

Highly flexible with a comfortable cabin coupled with superb visibility and low vibration levels, the AS350 B2 is a very much sought-after helicopter capable of performing a wide range of missions.

"It is our company's philosophy to constantly upgrade our fleet of helicopters to ensure the highest standard of safety and reliability for both our customers and flight crew. This new acquisition will also help to support the increasing demand for our VIP transport and charter services and to support the growth in general aviation operations," said Weststar Group Managing Director Tan Sri Syed Azman after signing the contract for a brand new AS350 B2 with Pierre Nardelli, President & CEO of Eurocopter Malaysia.

Over time, Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd has consistently added to its fleet of rotary wing aircraft to expand its scope of services and stay abreast with aviation technology. The general aviation division currently operates a fleet of sophisticated and advanced Eurocopter helicopters.

The purchase of the latest unit brings the general fleet total to eight helicopters and three private jets and is proud to be one of the leading companies providing general aviation services in the country.

"Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd started the relationship with Eurocopter Malaysia in 2003 with two units. As the number of helicopters grew we are pleased and delighted to continue this business relationship with Eurocopter Malaysia," Syed Azman during the event.

He also added he would like to recognise the good regional support centre which is based in Subang and thanked Eurocopter Malaysia President & CEO Pierre Nardelli for ensuring the strong relationship between the two companies.

Leveraging on a growing reputation, Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd secured a number of contracts with both private and government linked corporation to provide a range of aviation services.

Some of the notable milestones include signing long term agreements with Jabatan Hal-Ehwal Orang Asli (Department of Orang Asli Affairs), Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran Malaysia (Department of

Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia), Jabatan Perhutanan Semenajung Malaysia (Forest Department Peninsular Malaysia) and Tenaga Nasional Berhad.

Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd also became renowned for their impeccable flight organisation for individuals of high standings such as members of Royalty and Ministers, where efficiency and protocol are of utmost importance.

In addition, Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd is proud to be affiliated with the provision of Flying Doctor Services (JHEOA) in Malaysia.

From initial set up, Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd has operated its general aviation division from the most central and easily accessible airfield in the Klang Valley – the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport

A new hanger facility is slated for construction within the same location to cater to an ever growing fleet and is expected to be operational by 2014.

Formed in April 2003, Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Weststar Group, provides general aviation charter services, personal transport, aerial work services and offshore transport. General Aviation works utilises 7 helicopters consisting of 2 AS365N, 1 EC 155B, 1 AS355 F1, 2 AS 350 B2 and 1 EC 120B, and 1 AgustaWestland AW 139 VIP and three business jets - a Gulfstream, a Boeing 737 and a Boeing 727 from its base at Subang. In the offshore division, Weststar Aviation Services 15 AgustaWestland AW139 helicopters, 2 AW169 helicopters, 2 AW189 helicopters and two Sikorsky S76C++ helicopters.

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Tan Sri Syed Azman, Managing Director for Weststar Group of Companies
Pierre Nardelli, President & CEO of Eurocopter Malaysia
Olivier Lambert, Senior Vice President Sales & Customer Relations for Eurocopter Malaysia

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