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WASSB Uses AW189 To Service RM10 Million JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Contract

KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd (WASSB) will utilise its AgustaWestland AW189 helicopter to service the recently awarded RM10 million JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Sdn Bhd contract.

The company's first in the region state-of-the-art helicopter will fly from Miri Airport to transport offshore workers and goods for JX Nippon's deep-water exploration drilling program, located 210 nautical miles offshore Sarawak, South China Sea.

The contract has a duration of three months, with an extension option to come in view in October, the regional offshore helicopter transportation services provider said in a statement today

WASSB Business Development Director Datuk Anuar Noordin said the introduction of the AW189 helicopter type worked out as a timely introduction, aptly corresponding to what the industry was looking for at the moment.

He said clients now had the option to run a more cost effective operations that translated into a comparatively lower cost per pax for every passenger on board.

"This is the first AW189 of four that we have ordered," he said.

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