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# Weststar's helicopter to service RM10mil JX Nippon Oil, gas exploration

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KUALA LUMPUR: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd (WASSB) will utilise its AgustaWestland AW189 helicopter to service the recently awarded RM10 million JX Nippon Oil and 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 on Monday.


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. - Bernama

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