## Two new orders of Eurocopter EC225 confirmed at LIMA 2011 EC225 remains the preferred heavy helicopter for offshore operations in Malaysia

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Eurocopter Malaysia keeps up its 100% market share in the heavy helicopter category for offshore operations in Malaysia with two EC225 helicopter orders confirmed at the Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition 2011 (LIMA), in addition to eight others operating in the country.

As an affirmation of its leading position in the provision of heavy helicopters for the oil and gas segment in Malaysia, Eurocopter Malaysia received confirmation for the order of two brand new EC225 helicopters at LIMA 2011. Acquired by MHS Aviation and Awan Inspirasi for one aircraft each, the EC225s will be deployed for offshore operations.

"Eurocopter has been investing in Malaysia since 2002, and have supported many of our partners in their growth over the years," said Pierre Nardelli, President & CEO of Eurocopter Malaysia. "MHS Aviation and Awan Inspirasi have been our valued customers since the day they started their operations, and we are committed to continue providing them with our utmost support."

Indeed, with presence in Kerteh and Miri providing technical support to MHS Aviation and Awan Inspirasi respectively, Eurocopter Malaysia ensures dedicated support is provided to maximize the availability of its aircraft and reduced maintenance cost for its customers.

Already a reference helicopter with over 100 EC225s sold worldwide for offshore operations, this twin-engine rotary-wing aircraft is clearly the preferred choice in the oil and gas segment in Malaysia as well – all eight heavy helicopters operating in Malaysia are Eurocopter's EC225.

With the success of the EC225 in offshore operations in Malaysia, the country has been selected to house the state-of-the-art EC225/EC725 full-flight simulator. To be set up in the Eurocopter Malaysia Simulator Centre in 2012, it will provide training on this helicopter type to all of Asia and Oceania territories. This is in line with Eurocopter's global strategy to put safety as its number one priority, and the development of training centres around the world to provide simulator training as the safest and most cost-efficient means of training to operate in demanding and complex missions.

With these two orders and eight other civil helicopter bookings recorded in 2011, Eurocopter is poised to remain the leader in Malaysia, where it currently enjoys a 54% market share in the civil and parapublic sector.

## **About Eurocopter**

Established in 1992, the Franco-German-Spanish Eurocopter Group is a division of EADS, a world leader in aerospace, defense and related services. The Eurocopter Group employs approximately 17,500 people. In 2010, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's number one helicopter manufacturer in the civil and parapublic market with a turnover of 4.8 billion Euros, orders for 346 new helicopters and a 49 percent market share in the civil and





parapublic sectors. Overall, the Group's helicopters account for 33 percent of the total worldwide civil and parapublic fleet. Eurocopter's strong worldwide presence is ensured by its 30 subsidiaries and participations on five continents, along with a dense network of distributors, certified agents and maintenance centers. There are currently 11,360 Eurocopter helicopters in service and some 2,900 customers in 149 countries. Eurocopter offers the largest civil and military helicopter range in the world.

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## About Eurocopter Malaysia

Eurocopter Malaysia was incorporated in 2002, and is the only helicopter manufacturer with a comprehensive network of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) service centers in Malaysia. With a workforce of 120 employees and a presence in Subang, Miri and Kerteh, it provides a broad spectrum of services, ranging from scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, aircraft modification (retrofit, painting, interior refurbishment and customization), as well logistics support (spare parts, repairs and overhaul). Eurocopter Malaysia backs its support offer with its inventory, 24-hour service, highly skilled workers and efficient logistic services. It has in its stable some 20 local small and medium enterprises as its vendors or partners. The company also is an authorized training center, providing a range of services for customers from standard training to customized courses.

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