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Weststar takes delivery of 3 Augusta copters

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Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, offshore transport specialist, has taken delivery of the last three of the nine Augusta Weststar (AW139) helicopters it ordered which will be used to perform offshore transport missions supporting offshore oil and gas operations in the country.

Group Managing Director of Weststar, Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said the company chartered one of the world's largest planes, the Antonov aircraft, to deliver the helicopters.

The helicopters will be officially operating early next month with six helicopters to be based in Kertih and another three in Pengkalan Chepa, Terengganu, Syed Azman told Bernama after the arrival of its three units of Augusta 139 helicopters at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah airport today.

Weststar, the fourth biggest AW139 offshore aviation operator in the world, provides helicopter services to oil and gas companies such as Esso Production Malaysia Inc and Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd, among others.

"We are sure the AW139 with its outstanding performance, comfort and safety, will prove to be extremely successful in the overall offshore market in the region," said Syed Azman.

Moving forward, Syed Azman said the company was looking to further expand its business into the regional offshore oil and gas operations.

He also said the company was considering to buy few helicopters this year to further expand its business into the regional market.

The group also specialises in the movement of personnel to offshore production platforms and drilling rigs and is also one of the leading civilian supplier of aircraft charter, search & rescue, emergency medical services as well as training, engineering and technical services. — Bernama