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## **WESTSTAR AVIATION RECEIVES FINAL THREE TOP-OF-THE-LINE AGUSTAWESTLAND HELICOPTERS**

*Fleet of nine set to be ready on time to commence offshore operations  
for five oil companies in Malaysia*

Subang Jaya, 21 March 2011 : WESTSTAR Aviation's three new AgustaWestland AW139 helicopters arrived safely this morning at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport runway, marking the final shipment in a fleet of nine helicopters commissioned just last year.

The helicopters will be used to perform transport missions supporting offshore oil and gas industry operations in Malaysia.

With an estimated value of USD19 million per helicopter, the timely completion of delivery represents an incredible feat on the part of both companies to transport all nine aircraft to Malaysia in the space of just seven months.

"It's the last three in our shipment of nine and we are very pleased that it has arrived on schedule. This is a big step towards our next phase of offshore operations that commence on the first of next month. We will be servicing five major oil companies in Malaysia," said WESTSTAR Group Managing Director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim, at the AgustaWestland operations centre in Subang, adding that the nine helicopters will operate from Kerteh and Pengkalan Chepa.

The AgustaWestland AW139 craft are the latest generation of helicopters from the renowned aircraft manufacturers. The 15-seater medium sized twin-engine birds are highly powerful, and more importantly, comply with the strictest latest safety standards, and are one of the few helicopters fully certified in terms of safety for offshore oil rig operations.

The craft arrived this morning at 11.20am in an Antonov 124-100M airplane after a 12hr 38 minute flight from Milan. The Russian plane, the second largest cargo plane in the world, managed to fit all three AgustaWestland helicopters, with just the blades removed, allowing them to be ready for operation after just one day of assembly.

Vincenzo Alaimo, Head of the Southeast Asian region for AgustaWestland, was also present at the company hangar in Subang for the unloading and expressed his delight at the successful delivery. "It is an important day today as we are completing the delivery of the 9 helicopters in just 7 months. It has been very challenging – not many people thought we could do it, but we have. Both parties have worked very hard to ensure these helicopters got here on time," he said.

Dedicated pilot and technician training services and a comprehensive support package are being provided by AgustaWestland Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. as part of the deal.

This biggest single purchase in WESTSTAR Aviation's history will make them the fourth largest operator of the new AgustaWestland helicopters in the world and also the largest offshore aviation services provider in the region.

Next week, WESTSTAR Aviation would have a total fleet of 11 helicopters servicing offshore oil operations for five major oil companies in Malaysia. Tan Sri Syed Azman expressed hope towards future expansion plans that would see WESTSTAR Aviation play a role for regional oil companies.

#### ABOUT WESTSTAR AVIATION

Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a component of the WESTSTAR Group Weststar Group, commenced operations in April 2003 to provide general aviation charter services, personal transport, aerial work applications and off-shore transport.

Weststar Aviation Services ventured into offshore operations when it won a 5 year contract from Carigali Hess to transport personnel using two Sikorsky S76C++ helicopters, based in Kota Bahru. The new fleet of nine Agusta AW139 helicopters based in Kerteh and Pengkalan Chepa will increase the total fleet number to 11 total crafts for offshore operations alone.

The general aviation sector of Weststar Aviation has a total of 6 Eurocopter helicopters and three private jets based in Subang.

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