

Weststar Group to buy four choppers worth RM150mil

LANGKAWI: Weststar Group has signed a contract to buy four helicopters from Agusta Westland worth RM150mil at the 13th Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) exhibition yesterday.

The helicopters will be used for charter services for corporate and the oil and gas industry.

Weststar Group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim signed on behalf of the company while Agusta was represented by its senior vice-president Emilio

Dalmasso.

The event was witnessed by Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

Syed Azman said the first three helicopters purchased by Weststar General Aviation worth RM90mil would be used for executive and corporate transport services.

"Three of the helicopters ordered spans from single to light intermediate twin aircraft, the best for corporate transport engineered to achieve

excellent performance, comfort and safety," Syed Azman said.

The fourth helicopter is purchased by Weststar Aviation Services, which operates helicopters to support oil and gas industry.

Westland has been using AW139 helicopters in the oil and gas industry since 2011 in Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, and Thailand.

Syed Azman said the new demand trend was taking shape at the top of the business aviation supply chain.