

Heli-One Signs Long-Term UK Ministry of Defence Contract to Service 58 Makila Engines

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On Feb. 7 Lars Landsnes from Heli-One, joined Ian Craddock, head of helicopters for the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), to sign a multi-million pound, 13-year contract to provide long-term logistic support for the Makila 1A1 engines fitted in new Puma HC2 helicopters used by the Royal Air Force (RAF).

The RAF fleet of 24 Puma HC2s will be serviced by a pool of new, powerful, Makila 1A1 engines. Heli-One has supported over 340,000 Makila engine flying hours in the last three years alone, indicative of Heli-One's broad and deep operational experience with over one dozen helicopter types and over 40,000 parts. The proposal included the ability to provide engine availability using Makila 1A1 assets from Heli-One's own stock if required.

At the event, Ian Craddock said, "I'm extremely pleased to witness the award of this contract to Heli-One. The Makila engine substantially increases the performance of our Puma helicopters and is a vital part of the modernisation of this capability. Heli-One has substantial experience in the support of the Makila engine and the robust support arrangements we have agreed will help secure this performance advantage for the military and deliver excellent value for the taxpayer."

The engine repair and deep overhaul activity will take place in Heli-One's facility in Stavanger, Norway. The Heli-One, Turbomeca-approved, engine shop is a centre of excellence for Makila support, and has been repairing and overhauling Makila engines for over 20 years. Heli-One technical engineers will be permanently based at RAF Benson to work with RAF operations staff. Offering customized care solutions like this is part of what sets Heli-One apart.

Lars said, "We're extremely proud to partner with the MoD and to pioneer new ways to manage their key assets—such as engines—putting our knowledge at their service and making their helicopter ownership easier and more cost-effective. We will work to maintain the RAF's readiness for missions using everything our expert engineers have learned from working with these engines for over 20 years."

About Heli-One

Heli-One is based in Delta, British Columbia, Canada, and has MRO operations in Delta; Stavanger, Norway; Fort Collins, Colorado.; and now Rzeszow. Heli-One is part of CHC Helicopter, the world's largest helicopter services company, which, in addition to MRO services, provides transportation to offshore oil and gas platforms and ships and search-and-rescue agencies. CHC is headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and operates more than 250 aircraft in about 30 countries around the world.

Heli-One Poland in Full Operation, Extending Company's Global Helicopter MRO Reach Rzeszow, Poland (Feb 28, 2013)

The newest location for Heli-One, the world's largest independent provider of helicopter maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, is now in full operation in Rzeszow, Poland.

Work is underway on Heli-One Poland's first project—a major overhaul (G-Check), repaint and modification of a CHC Helicopter Super Puma AS322L—with others expected to follow soon.

The Rzeszow facility, Heli-One's fourth major workshop location, was established to satisfy growing customer demand for helicopter MRO around the globe. Heli-One Poland provides an extensive range of high-quality base-maintenance services at its temporary facility, which will be replaced by a new, customized hangar by the end of 2013.

Heli-One Poland is expected to grow to more than 100 employees within two years, creating new, high-skill jobs and providing extensive development opportunities for professionals in the country's Aviation Valley Region. The company expects to initially invest more than \$15 million in building costs, purchasing, training and other expenses related to the operation.

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