Sikorsky Aerospace Services To Complete SAR Conversion For Brunei Shell S-92® Aircraft

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Sikorsky Aerospace Services (SAS) announced plans today to perform the first post-delivery Search and Rescue (SAR) modifications to Brunei Shell's Sikorsky S-92® helicopter. Originally configured for offshore oil missions, the aircraft will undergo a comprehensive conversion to a SAR configuration to serve customers in Borneo and the surrounding Southeast Asia region. SAS is the aftermarket business of Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE:UTX).

"This modification program will be executed at our Brisbane, Australia facility – Sikorsky Helitech. We are excited for the opportunity to transform BSP's S-92 helicopter from an offshore oil configuration to a SAR mission ready aircraft," said Steve Bohlman, Director of Global Service and Support. "SAS has the capability to offer in-region OEM upgrade modifications — including configuration transformation. Continually forward-looking, SAS strives to meet operators' customization requirements – wherever they are located."

The aircraft modifications include a new automatic flight control system customized for performing SAR missions, forward looking infrared (FLIR), a dual auxiliary fuel tank system, dual rescue hoist, Triple Patient Litter System (TPLS), SAR seats, and a side sliding door large enough to accommodate standard patient litters with unrestricted rescue hoist access.

"BSP pilots are looking forward to using the newly modified Sikorsky S-92 helicopter for SAR missions. The aircraft will strengthen our Aviation Department and enhance search and rescue capabilities for BSP's operations as well as for the region," said Ken Marnoch, Managing Director of Brunei Shell Petroleum.

Established for more than 80 years in Brunei and as one of the largest energy companies in Asia, Brunei Shell Petroleum Co Sdn Bhd (BSP) is a leader in energy technology.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. Its Sikorsky Aerospace Services business designs and applies advanced logistics and supply chain solutions for commercial rotary, military rotary and fixed wing operators. United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide.

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