

# S-92 Helicopter Center Of Excellence Opens In Brazil

*Heli-One, Sikorsky and Milestone collaborate to boost maintenance support services for South American S-92 operators*

**Cabo Frio, Brazil, May 27, 2026**— Heli-One, a global leader in helicopter Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul ('MRO'), today opened the first S-92<sup>®</sup> helicopter Customer Support Center in Brazil to provide scheduled and unscheduled maintenance on any S-92 aircraft in the region. Authorized by Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company (NYSE: LMT), the support center is a foundational pillar for a comprehensive S-92 Center of Excellence, which will offer a broad range of sustainment services for the platform, including parts provisioning and an overhaul and repair capability.

The launch of the Brazil Customer Support Center reflects Heli-One's broader strategy to expand its global support network and bring advanced MRO and embedded maintenance capabilities closer to operators in critical markets worldwide. Building on decades of experience supporting civil, public service and military helicopter fleets, Heli-One is investing in regional infrastructure, strengthening OEM and supply chain partnerships, and scaling its operational footprint to deliver faster, more integrated and mission-ready support solutions for customers wherever they operate.

The Heli-One S-92 Center of Excellence has strong support from S-92 helicopter manufacturer Sikorsky, and from aircraft lessor Milestone, an AerCap company, which owns 17 of the approximately 40 S-92 aircraft currently operating in the South America region. Designated a heavy-lift aircraft, each S-92 can carry 19 passengers a radius of 200 nm. The opening of the Sikorsky-authorized Heli-One S-92 Customer Support Center in Brazil is the first of its kind in South America, and the ninth S-92 support center to be established globally.

**Kevin Spengler, Heli-One President, said:** *"We are proud to bring Heli-One's specialist MRO capabilities to Brazil with the opening of this new customer support center. This investment will significantly improve maintenance turnaround times and parts provisioning for S-92 operators across Brazil and the wider South American region, helping keep critical missions flying with greater reliability and efficiency. Operators will also benefit from the depth of experience within Heli-One's highly skilled workforce, which has supported Sikorsky products for decades across our operations in Norway, Canada and Poland. By bringing together that global expertise and applying the lessons learned from our established S-92 capabilities in those markets, we are building the foundation for Cabo Frio to become a leading regional Center of Excellence for the S-92 platform."*

"As the energy industry extends platforms farther out to sea, and demand for offshore transport grows, it is essential that S-92 operators receive skilled and dedicated support services close to their home base of operations," **added Leon Silva, Vice President of Sikorsky's Global Commercial and Advanced Programs** "The investment our three companies collectively are planning for the Center of Excellence in Cabo Frio will enable us to stock more helicopter parts in Brazil, train workers with the advanced skills to repair parts locally, and meet our goal to increase flight availability for operators."

**Pat Sheedy, President & Chief Executive Officer, Milestone, commented:** *"As a leading lessor of the S-92 and a long-term partner to operators across South America, Milestone is proud to support the development of Sikorsky and Heli-One's Center of Excellence in Cabo Frio. With almost half of the region's S-92 fleet under our ownership, we see first-hand the aircraft's proven performance and reliability, alongside the critical importance of strong, locally based support infrastructure following many years of demanding offshore energy operations. This investment will further enhance aircraft availability, reduce downtime, and strengthen the resilience of offshore transport as activity continues to expand. We are pleased to work alongside our partners, Heli-One and Sikorsky, to deliver world-class, dedicated support services closer to our customers."*

## Sikorsky ramping up S-92 production

Sikorsky announced in March a new production line for the S-92A helicopter in the United States to meet current and expected demand for the aircraft.

A majority of the global fleet of 275 S-92 operational aircraft is used to transport crews to offshore oil and gas rigs. Coast guard operators fly the aircraft for search and rescue missions. Thirteen countries currently fly their sovereign and political heads of state in the aircraft.

By 2028, Sikorsky will have the capacity to produce 12 aircraft a year of its latest S-92 variant — the S-92A+. The model features a new main gearbox with a minimum of 6,000 flight hours between overhauls. Additional engine power combined with a strengthened airframe, increase maximum gross weight to 27,700 pounds, ensuring an additional 1,200 pounds of payload or fuel.

#### **About Heli-One**

Heli-One has MRO operations in Richmond, Canada; Delta, Canada; Stavanger, Norway; Rzeszow, Poland; and Cabo Frio, Brazil. Heli-One is a leading independent helicopter MRO with certifications and expertise in a broad range of airframes and components from major helicopter and engine manufacturers, including Leonardo, Airbus, Sikorsky, Bell, Safran Helicopter Engines, and General Electric.

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