



Press Release

WESTSTAR AVIATION SERVICES EXTENDS GLOBAL REACH WITH FIRST INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS CONTRACT

The top Malaysian and South-East Asian offshore aviation provider celebrates milestone in a multi-million contract signing with London headquartered Tullow Oil

London, 30th May: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a member of the Weststar Group of Companies, is proud to announce its first international operation during a contract signing with Tullow Mauritania Limited a wholly owned subsidiary of Tullow Oil PLC in London today.

The deal between Weststar Aviation Services with this London Stock Exchange listed oil and gas company is worth multi-million and will witness Weststar Aviation Services providing offshore aviation services utilising two AgustaWestland AW 139 helicopters operating out of Mauritania in Africa, marking Weststar Aviation Services first engagement overseas. The commencement of the operation in Mauritania is expected to start in August 2013. This initial contract will be for a period up to four years including the option for extension. Weststar will be operating a new facility in Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, and recruiting 23 local staff as part of its operational activities.

Tullow Oil is a leading independent oil and gas, exploration and production group and is quoted on the London, Ghana and Irish Stock Exchanges. The Group has interests in over 140 production and exploration licences in 25 countries which are managed as three regional business units: West & North Africa, South & East Africa and Europe, South America and Asia. Tullow Oil committed over RM3 billion in North and West Africa during 2012. Tullow Oil currently holds 43 licenses in 10 West and North African Countries they are operating from. Tullow Oil have a sales revenue of nearly RM6 billion from this area of operation.

Malaysian High Commissioner to the UK, Dato' Sri Zakaria Sulong, was guest of honour during the signing ceremony at Hilton Park Lane, which saw Weststar Group Managing Director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim and CEO of Weststar Aviation Services, Tan Sri Muhammad Ismail, signing the contract with Tullow Oil's Group Supply Chain Manager David Mooney and North African Business Unit Leader Alan Dowokpor.

"In line with our aggressive global expansion plan, Weststar Aviation Services is excited to have taken this vital first step in increasing our global reputation and presence. We are confident of meeting and surpassing operational expectations and will look to further expanding our African operations in the near future," said Tan Sri Muhammad Ismail during the event.

Since commencing offshore oil & gas operations in 2008, Weststar Aviation Services has grown assertively into the largest oil & gas aviation operator in Southeast Asia. Operating from its bases in Kerteh, Kota Bharu and Kota Kinabalu, Weststar Aviation Services currently services contracts totalling more than RM6 billion with one of the largest and most modern offshore helicopter fleets in the world. By the end of 2013, Weststar Aviation Services expects to have at least 20 helicopters in its offshore operating fleet.

In line with its burgeoning presence in the oil and gas industry, Weststar Aviation Services projects future revenue streams upwards of RM2 billion from the provision of helicopter services in other African nations, with the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Senegal and Mozambique earmarked as strong potential markets. Weststar Aviation Services foresee that there is at least another USD1 billion worth of contracts for helicopter services in West Africa in the next 24 months. With the contract signed today with Tullow Oil, Weststar Aviation Services intends to participate in all these tenders to strengthen its position in West Africa.



Tan Sri Muhammad Ismail, CEO Weststar Aviation Services exchanging contract documents with David Mooney, Supply Chain Manager of Tullow Oil

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