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# NHV Secures multi-year Contract with Vestas to Pioneer Offshore Wind Operations in the North Sea with Super Medium Aircraft

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NHV Group becomes the first helicopter operator in the North Sea to support the offshore wind industry using the Airbus H175 helicopter for crew change and hoisting operations.

NHV Group is proud to announce the award of a significant multi-year contract by Vestas, expecting to start in April 2025. This milestone contract will see NHV provide dedicated crew changes and hoisting operations for the offshore wind industry, using the state-of-the-art super medium helicopter, the Airbus H175.

This contract marks a pivotal moment for both NHV and the helicopter industry as it makes NHV the first operator to utilise both a super medium aircraft type and the H175 helicopter exclusively for long-term support in the offshore wind sector in the North Sea.

*"This collaboration with Vestas solidifies our position as a leader in the offshore wind market, as we continue to innovate with the H175 helicopter, designed to meet the growing needs of the industry,"* said Bram De Backer, Commercial and Technical Director, Business Unit Helicopter Services at NHV Group.

*"With wind farms moving further offshore and turbines increasing in size, the demand for larger, more capable helicopters like the H175 is growing, and we are thrilled to be driving this transformation."*

The H175 helicopter, known for its advanced safety features and operational efficiency, is ideally suited for long-range crew changes and hoisting operations, making it the perfect choice for the expanding offshore wind sector. NHV's adoption of this versatile helicopter type, represents a new era in offshore wind logistics, positioning helicopters as key players in supporting the industry's growth.

*"We are proud that the H175 is making energy transition history by contributing to the development of the North Sea wind farm industry together with NHV and Vestas. We are confident that the excellent range, payload, speed, comfort and safety of the H175 will help to streamline and secure operations at offshore bases and wind turbines"* said Regis Magnac, Vice President Head of Energy, Leasing and Global Accounts at Airbus Helicopters.

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**About NHV Group:**

NHV Group, headquartered in Ostend Belgium, specialises in B-to-B helicopter services and operates with a strong geographic presence in Europe and Western Africa. The group conducts operations from several bases on two continents with a team of 450+ employees. NHV's main focus is on the energy-producing industry, including the Renewables Sector.

Our scope of work also includes Maritime Services and Harbour Pilot Services, and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) solutions. In addition to supporting its own fleet, NHV provides extensive third-party maintenance services to a variety of civil and military clients. Aside from the helicopter operations, NHV has set up the NHV Training Academy, which offers ATO pilot training, HHOP training and delivers EASA and CAA certified Part 147 training. The group has a multipurpose high-value fleet of over 30 helicopters. NHV's majority shareholder is Ardian, the world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$150bn managed or advised across Europe, the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East.

NHV Group has no Russian shareholders and is not involved with any Russian affiliated organisations in the delivery of helicopter services or aircraft spare parts.