



## **MD Helicopters, Inc. Partners with Composite Technology, Inc.**

### **Network of Support Grows**

**Mesa, Arizona, September 22, 2009...** MD Helicopters, Inc (MDHI) has announced that it has formed a rotor blade repair station agreement with Composite Technology, Inc.

CTI is well positioned to serve MDHI's global customer base with 5 facilities around the world. In addition to its new 150,000 square foot headquarters located inside the free trade zone at the DFW airport, they have facilities established in the United Kingdom, Brazil, Singapore, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Texas location is currently staffed with 140 people.

The agreement establishes CTI as an "Authorized Blade Repair Center" for all MD Helicopter series helicopters. The companies will work closely in the support of blade repair. "CTI is recognized for their resources and capabilities to provide a high level of service for MD Helicopter's products," said Tim Ruddick, MD Vice President of Customer Support.

CTI's initial focus will be to restore and repair the MD 900® series blades. CTI was a key participant in the initial development of tooling and repairs for the MD 900 series blades. "Having the history, the repairs and the tools made our decision on a partnership a reasonably simple one," said Ruddick. The work will be done at CTI's facility in Thruxton, England which is also home of Composite Technology Limited (CTL).

CTI is currently authorized to provide factory approved repair service for metal and composite rotor blades for all lines of commercial helicopters. This includes, Agusta, Bell, Eurocopter, Robinson, Schweizer and Sikorsky.

"We consider ourselves blade repair experts," said Dave Martin, President of CTI. "And we are very pleased to have this new partnership with MD Helicopters."

For more information about the MD Helicopters, come to the MD Helicopters Chalet Number 6 open each day of Helitech 2009 in Duxford, England today, Tuesday, September 22, 2009 through Thursday, September 24. Interested customers can also contact their nearest MD Helicopters distributor or sales representative (<http://www.mdhelicopters.com>).

### **About Composite Technologies Limited**

Composite Technology Limited (CTL) was established in 1991 and is located at the Thrupton Airfield near Andover, about 70 miles southwest of London, England. CTL has manufacturer approval from Agusta, Bell, MD Helicopters, Schweizer and Sikorsky to repair metal and composite rotor blades, JAR-145 approval (CAA 00230) and FAA approval (Repair Station # CGIY538X). In addition, CTL is certified ISO 9002 and registered with the UK Ministry of Defense. CTL also has received from the CAA to repair metal and composite structures as well as from Boeing and Airbus. For more information, please refer to [Composite Services](#).

### **About MD Helicopters, Inc.**

MD Helicopters, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of commercial and military helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance. The MD Helicopters family includes the twin-engine MD Explorer®, and single engine versions of the MD 600N®, MD 520N®, MD 500E® and MD 530F®. The NOTAR® system for anti-torque control is used exclusively by MD Helicopters. The Company is based in Mesa, Ariz. For more information about MDHI visit <http://www.mdhelicopters.com>.

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