



MD Helicopters Delivers MD 530F® to Corporate Helicopters

New Helicopter Acquired in Partnership with Mr. Peter Farmar

Mesa, Arizona, October 5, 2010... MD Helicopters, Inc (MDHI) has announced the delivery of a new MD 530F to Corporate Helicopters of San Diego.

The aircraft was acquired in a partnership with Mr. Peter Farmar who has been a long-time MD Helicopters customer. Farmar, who is a highly experienced pilot on the MD 500D, said he was excited to fly the more powerful MD 530F.

Equipped with the 650 shp Rolls Royce 250-C30 engine and longer main-rotor blades, the MD 530F is the company's finest high-altitude, hot-day performer. When compared to the MD 500E, the 530F's tailboom is extended eight inches, and the tail rotor blades are also lengthened to provide increased thrust and directional control at high altitudes.

The MD 530F increases the operational capabilities, enabling greater mission versatility and performance. This dependable workhorse has greater take-off power at significantly higher hover ceiling levels than its competitors, with in-ground-effect hover capability of 16,000 feet ISA. The MD 530F also retains the family characteristics of speed, agility, low direct operating costs and the ability to operate with ease in confined spaces.

At the delivery ceremony held August 24 at the MD Helicopters' completion facility in Mesa, Arizona, Ivor Shier President of Corporate Helicopters expressed his gratitude for the on-time delivery and encouraged all MD employees to remain confident that business aviation will improve and that MD Helicopters should look forward to its great future. He added, "We look forward to putting this high performance MD 530F to work on a company operated contract or immediate lease."

MD Helicopters President, Robert Molsbergen presented the keys of the helicopter to the new owners, and thanked Mr. Farmar and Mr. Shier for their loyalty to the brand and their positive comments about the product.

Corporate Helicopters, a division of Shier Aviation Corporation, main business is helicopter sales, contracts and air charter. It has been in business for 20 years, providing dedicated services to the aviation community.



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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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