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MD Helicopters Delivers Mexican Navy Refurbished MD Explorer

Fourth Mexican Navy Refurbishment from MD's Factory Service Center

Mesa, Arizona, June 8, 2010... MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) has delivered the fourth in a fleet of Mexican Navy refurbished MD Explorers from its Mesa, Arizona based Factory Service Center.

The four MD Explorers have now been returned to the Mexican Navy in a 'like new' condition and have been converted by the Mexican Navy from an armed configuration to a new Search and Rescue (SAR) configuration to meet a new mission profile.

"Converting the MD 902's to their new role will improve the safety of Mexican citizens and their visitors," said Captain Ferdando Aburto of the Armada de Mexico. "The refurbishment is a smart, economical solution for the Mexican Navy and good value for Mexican taxpayers."

The refurbishment program has been a logical extension of the 10 year relationship with Armada de Mexico, or Mexican Navy, which initially took delivery of six armed MD Explorers in 2000. MD Helicopters has also developed a comprehensive program to support them with spare parts, overhauled components, training and technical support.

The Factory Service Center in Mesa, Arizona is dedicated to supporting the global fleet with repairs to damaged helicopters, conversions and upgrades. The MD Helicopter Factory Service Center is ready to provide high quality repairs and refurbishments to its entire product line. MD's staff of experienced engineers and technicians is ready to restore any MD helicopter to "as good as new."

To get more information or to schedule your visit to MD Helicopters Factory Service Center, call 480 522-5038 or 480-205-3632.

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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