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## **MD Helicopters, Inc. Announces New Executive Hire**

### **Christophe Nurit Named Vice President of Sales and Marketing**

**Mesa, Arizona, August 15, 2010...** MD Helicopters, Inc (MDHI) has announced the appointment of Christophe Nurit as Vice President of Sales and Marketing, reporting to Robert Molsbergen, President.

Nurit brings with him a wealth of aerospace sales and marketing experience to the position. He is joining MD from Bell Helicopter where he spent more than eleven years in progressively important positions – most recently as Marketing and Sales Director for the Middle East and Africa. Before being named Director, he was Bell’ Sales Manager for Europe and the CIS. Prior to his work in Europe, his regional responsibilities included Africa which he managed from 2001 through 2006, as well as other assignments throughout the Middle East. His outstanding sales performances have been recognized by numerous businesses and with multiple recognition awards.

An aviation enthusiast, Christophe holds a private helicopter license and is a member of several aviation associations. He also holds a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from ESTACA in Paris, and an MBA from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He speaks French, English and Spanish.

Commenting on Nurit’s appointment, Molsbergen said, “We are delighted to have a sales leader with the skills and expertise that Christophe brings to MD. This coupled with his reputation for integrity and passion for aviation make him a great addition to the MD leadership team.”

#### **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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