

PRESS RELEASE

Bell and Omni Helicopters International Group Sign Agreement for Operational Evaluation of Bell 525 in Guyana Basin



Bell and Omni to begin offshore mission flights in Georgetown, Guyana

Georgetown [March 10, 2025] -- Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company and Omni Helicopters International Group (OHI, Omni), Latin America's leading air mobility solutions provider today announced a joint offshore operational evaluation program for the Bell 525 helicopter, to be conducted over several months at Omni's high-tempo operation in Georgetown, Guyana, pending type certification.

Following type certification, Bell will operate the Bell 525 helicopter in collaboration with Omni to undertake a program of offshore mission flights. The helicopter will be loaded to representative mission weights and will be fully integrated into the daily flight planning processes and flight schedule. The helicopter will visit multiple offshore installations in the region and will be loaded, unloaded and refueled routinely to subject it to a sustained trial under actual field conditions.



"We're honored to be working with Omni to leverage the advanced technology the Bell 525 aircraft will bring to the industry. This program will enable the Bell 525 to demonstrate its performance, capabilities and reliability as the ideal offshore aircraft," said **Danny Maldonado, Chief Commercial Officer, Bell**. "The Bell 525 was designed for offshore operations in the oil and gas market, and we're thrilled to embark on this endeavor to showcase its revolutionary capabilities to the industry."

"We're thrilled to have devised this innovative and industry leading program with Bell," said **Duncan Moore, Group COO at OHI**. "Omni is a company that embraces innovation and solves challenges for our customers, and one such challenge facing us is the selection of a future helicopter for medium and long-range offshore missions," Moore continued. "We're confident that the Bell 525 will prove itself in this space, and Omni is delighted to facilitate the opportunity in the highly representative Guyana mission environment. We're also delighted for our team, and the wider aviation community in Guyana, who will be amongst the first to get exposure to this next generation aircraft," Moore concluded.

The operational evaluation will see Bell fly the 525 integrated with the 200 flight per month Omni flying program. Loaded to representative operating weights, the aircraft will undertake the exact same sequences of flights as the live operational fleet in Guyana, exposing it to the intensity and pressures of live commercial line operations. Special focus will be placed on operational resilience, supply chain robustness and durability when exposed to frequent ground handling activity, both on and offshore. The Bell 525 continues to progress toward FAA certification.

Around 500 hours of flying is planned over a 6-month program.

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About Omni Helicopters International:

Omni Helicopters International Group (OHI) stands at the forefront of Latin America's air mobility and delivery solutions sector. As the region's largest provider of these services,



OHI caters to diverse customer groups across multiple segments, ensuring seamless and efficient solutions.

Through its subsidiaries Omni Taxi Aéreo in Brazil, Omni Helicopters Guyana Inc., and Omni Helicopters International Mozambique, OHI offers unmatched capability and capacity to serve offshore customers in the fastest growing offshore energy markets. The company's [extensive portfolio](#) includes Crew Change, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Firefighting, Search and Rescue operations, as well as highly specialized Cargo and Utility services in remote and challenging locations.

In line with its commitment to [innovation](#) and [sustainability](#), OHI has introduced two groundbreaking ventures: OHI Unmanned, a specialist division focusing on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) services, and [Revo](#), a premium advanced air mobility (AAM) solution provider.

ABOUT BELL

Thinking above and beyond is what we do. For more than 85 years, we've been reimagining the experience of flight – and where it can take us.

We are pioneers. We were the first to break the sound barrier and to certify a commercial helicopter. We were a part of NASA's first lunar mission and brought advanced tiltrotor systems to market. Today, we're defining the future of advanced air mobility.

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas – as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., – we have strategic locations around the globe. And with nearly one quarter of our workforce having served, helping our military achieve their missions is a passion of ours.

Above all, our breakthrough innovations deliver exceptional experiences to our customers. Efficiently. Reliably. And always, with safety at the forefront.

ABOUT TEXTRON INC.

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