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US Helicopter Awarded Huey II Contract

(Ozark, AL., Jan 25, 2006) US Helicopter, a division of Bell Aerospace Services Inc. (BellAero), and a subsidiary of Bell Helicopter, a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced today the contract award for ten Huey II aircraft upgrade kits to support the US Department of State. US Helicopter is responsible for all aircraft refurbishment, modification, and flight test at its Ozark, Alabama, facility.

We are very proud of our long-term relationship with the Department of State, said Michael Prieto, President of BellAero. This award further validates the value and confidence our customers place in US Helicopter and the products and services we provide.

The Huey II upgrade kit starts with the proven, reliable Bell UH-1H helicopter, and adds a more powerful engine, along with new dynamic components and tailboom. In addition, there is a new navigation and communication suite, special mission systems and total rewiring. The Huey II Team includes Bell Helicopter, Honeywell, and McTurbine Inc.

It is an honor and privilege to play a role in supporting the Department of State Aviation Wing, Prieto concluded.

Bell Aerospace Services (www.bellaero.com) provides turnkey aviation maintenance and support services throughout the world. In June 2005, BellAero acquired US Helicopter, which is widely regarded as the premier maintenance and modification center for UH-1 helicopters in the world. Over the last fifteen years, US Helicopter has refurbished over four hundred UH-1 helicopters and installed over one hundred Huey II upgrade kits.

Bell Helicopter is a leading producer of commercial and military helicopters and the pioneer of the revolutionary tilt rotor aircraft. Globally recognized for customer service, innovation and superior quality, Bell's global workforce serves customers flying Bell aircraft in over 120 countries.

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