

## **Hawker Pacific confirms certification of Bell 505 Jet Ranger X in Australia**

- ***Australia is the first country outside of Canada to be awarded certification of the new Bell 505 Jet Ranger X Helicopter***
- ***Hawker Pacific is expected to deliver Australia's first Bell 505 Jet Ranger X to Nautilus Aviation by mid-2017***

Hawker Pacific, the leading aviation solutions provider in Asia, Pacific and the Middle East, is pleased to confirm the highly anticipated Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) certification of the new Bell 505 Jet Ranger X Helicopter.

The milestone makes Australia the first country to be awarded certification for the Bell 505 following the initial type certificate being issued in Canada.

Hawker Pacific is the proud sales representative of Bell Helicopter in the Pacific and Middle East. With Hawker Pacific's experience and the professional attention from Australia's regulatory body, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), the Bell 505 achieved the first ever foreign certification here in Australia.

The Bell 505 Jet Ranger X is already in high demand with more than 400 letters of intent worldwide since the initial launch in 2014.

Hawker Pacific will deliver 5 new Bell 505 Jet Ranger X aircraft in Australia and 3 in New Zealand over the coming 12 months. The company will deliver Australia's first Bell 505 Jet Ranger X to Nautilus Aviation in mid-2017.

Tony Jones, Hawker Pacific, has congratulated Bell Helicopter on the certification of the 505 Jet Ranger X and says Hawker Pacific looks forward to offering the new helicopter to customers in the region.

"Hawker Pacific congratulates Bell Helicopter on the certification of this next generation helicopter. We are thrilled to be introducing the Bell 505 Jet Ranger X to the Australian market this year. We are seeing very strong interest from the Australasian market and look forward to bringing this state of the art, next generation helicopter to customers in the region very soon."

The Bell 505 is proving popular not just with private owners but is exceeding expectations with the commercial operators that have long awaited a new viable and

advanced short light single helicopter for pilot training, charter and scenic flights and air work.

The Bell 505 redefines the short light single product class by combining advanced technology, unparalleled levels of comfort, and unique multi-mission capabilities. The aircraft's flight deck features a fully integrated glass Garmin G1000H™ cockpit, offering unmatched crew situational awareness. The cabin boasts ready-for-business comfort with five forward facing seats with excellent exterior visibility, and 75/25 split clamshell doors allow easy ingress/egress. The 505 is powered by the reliable Turbomeca Arrius 2R Engine, featuring dual channel FADEC (with backup), automatic start up, and an optimised maintenance program with 3000 hour TBO.

Hawker Pacific's staff are currently completing training for the new Bell 505 Helicopter and the company has limited availability for early deliveries in Australia.

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**Note to Editor:**

1. Hawker Pacific is a market leader in integrated civil and military aerospace sales and product support in South East Asia, Australia, the Pacific and the Middle East and is one of the largest independent companies of its type in the region with over 800 employees. The company's Asian operations include established businesses in Singapore, China, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia while its Middle East activity is head-quartered in Dubai.

Hawker Pacific represents some of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, including Textron Aviation – Cessna and Beechcraft, Bell Helicopter, Diamond Aircraft and provides service support for a wide range of manufacturers. Hawker Pacific is also a primary dealer in used aircraft with networks to source, acquire and trade aircraft globally.

Hawker Pacific is also Australia's premier fixed base operator (FBO) with a network of facilities in Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns, and Perth along with the key Asian ports of Singapore and Shanghai. The company's FBOs offer VIP services and crew facilities on a 24/7/365 basis along with full aircraft management and CAMO activities.

Hawker Pacific's product support activities provide MRO, structural modification and support services to a wide range of fixed wing aircraft and helicopters for corporate, charter, defence and special mission operators throughout the region.

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