

## **K Aircraft Leasing Signs Agreement for Two Bell 525s at Heli-Expo 2015**



**Orlando, FL (March 5, 2015)** – [Bell Helicopter](#), a Textron Inc. company (NYSE: TXT), announced today K Aircraft Leasing Inc. has signed a letter of intent (LOI) for a two Bell 525s configured for oil and gas missions to be operated in the Middle East.

The aircraft was signed for by Harvey Cash, vice president of K Aircraft Leasing in a formal signing ceremony at Heli-Expo. For photos of the signing ceremony, please visit [this link](#).

“Our industrial solutions require an aircraft that can withstand some of the most extreme environments, and can quickly adapt to a variety of situations,” said Cash. “The Bell 525 has provided us with exactly what our customers are looking for, and we look forward to a continued relationship with Bell Helicopter.”

K Aircraft Leasing is a US based helicopter charter service. The organization provides VIP charter and sightseeing as well as flight instruction and industrial solutions.

“The Bell 525 has had a great response in the Middle East,” said Steve Suttles, vice president and managing director of the Middle East and Africa. “The Bell 525 Relentless will be a perfect addition to their fleet and will give their customers the support the operators are looking for.”

The Bell 525 is the world’s first fly-by-wire commercial helicopter, able to operate in austere environments safely and reliably with decreased pilot workload. Developed with continuous customer input, the Bell 525 offers unparalleled situational awareness and enhanced safety and reliability with the first touch screen glass flight deck designed for helicopters. The Bell 525 also features the reliable performance enabled by world-class GE engines, a Garmin G5000H fully-integrated glass flight deck, and Bell's (Lift Assist Tail Boom Design) LATD™ technology for improved hover performance. The Relentless can comfortably accommodate 16 passengers and two crew members and has a cruise speed of 155 knots and a range of 500 nautical miles. Testing is underway in Bell Helicopter’s fully integrated System Integration Lab (SIL), allowing for virtual flight testing of the Bell 525. Bell Helicopter is currently on course for the first flight of the Bell 525 late this year with two aircraft currently in assembly.

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**About Elicompany**

Elicompany was established in 1979 and offers services such as corporate charter, power line inspection, pipeline patrol, mapping, aerial filming, and flight training. Elicompany has partnered with their sister company, For Aviation using their support in flight operations at the Budrione airfield (LIDU) in Capri, Italy.

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