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Weststar Aviation sets up Thai base

Offshore helicopter transportation services provider wins contract worth RM2b in Songkhla

WESTSTAR Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a member of the Weststar Group of Companies, announced its first regional expansion in Asia when a new Songkhla base in Thailand commenced operations on a seven-year PTT Exploration and Production (PTTEP) agreement.

The contract, with an option for a two-year extension, is worth RM2 billion and will utilise six Agusta Westland AW139 helicopters and a total of 140 staff at the Songkhla base.

Weststar Aviation expansion into Thailand comes after a joint venture with its new Thai partner, United Offshore Aviation (UOA), the offshore aviation arm of the Nathalin Group of Companies, one of the largest transportation and energy group of companies in Thailand and has multiple business interests in marine transport, green energy and ship management, amongst others.

Weststar Group group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said the Songkhla base

is Weststar Aviation's seventh operations base and marks the Malaysian corporation's second venture overseas, with its first international base having commenced operations for Tullow Oil in Nouakchott, Mauritania in May last year.

Weststar Aviation currently services contracts totalling more than RM8 billion.

He said the recent contract is a positive start to a year and it expects to announce further overseas ventures in the coming months.



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