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# Weststar signs RM2b offshore helicopter service contract

KUALA LUMPUR: Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Weststar Group, has signed a seven-year agreement worth RM2 billion with Thailand oil and gas company, PTT Exploration and Production, for offshore helicopter services.

Weststar Group managing director Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim said along with its Thailand-based partner United Offshore Aviation, the offshore operations were a big step in their efforts to strengthen the offshore global aviation industry.

"The agreement, which marks the beginning of the first regional operations in Southeast Asia, comes with the option of a two-year extension," he said in a statement.

Six Agusta Westland AW139 helicopters and 140 employees will be engaged in the operations in Songkhla, south Thailand.

Weststar currently has service contracts totalling some RM6 billion and also owns the world's largest fleet of offshore helicopters. — *Bernama*