



(From left) Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd CEO **Tan Sri Muhammad Ismail Jamaluddin**, Weststar group managing director **Tan Sri Syed Azman Syed Ibrahim** and AgustaWestland Malaysia managing director **Vincenzo Alaimo** with a AW139 helicopter model at the Singapore Airshow yesterday.

## Weststar unit eyes RM10b jobs

**SINGAPORE:** Weststar Aviation Services Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Weststar Group, is aiming for at least RM10 billion worth of contracts by expanding its offshore helicopter transport services to oil and gas companies by year-end.

Its chief executive officer Tan Sri Muhammad Ismail Jamaluddin said the company will provide two helicopters to an oil and gas company in Morocco next month.

He said the company had also signed contracts in Thailand last month to supply six helicopters.

"We are also bidding for contracts in Mozambique," he said after signing an agreement for 10 AW139 intermediate twin engine helicopters with AgustaWestland, an Italian helicopter maker, here, yesterday.

Muhammad Ismail said currently, the company has RM8 billion worth of contracts.

The AW139 helicopters make up the majority of the Weststar Aviation fleet, he said.

He said the company will receive its first three AW139 helicopters by

the first quarter of this year.

Weststar Aviation's clients include Petronas Carigali, ExxonMobil, Carigali Hess, Talisman, Shell and Mubadala Petroleum.

Currently, it owns a fleet of Sikorsky and AgustaWestland helicopters, used exclusively to provide offshore support services for multinational oil and gas companies.

On whether the company is considering an initial public offering, Muhammad Ismail said the group is planning to do so later.

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