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WILSON CONSTRUCTION INVESTS IN AIRCRAFT MODERNIZATION THROUGH MDHI-EXCLUSIVE E-TO-F HELICOPTER CONVERSION PROGRAM

Wilson Construction will improve customer support capabilities via upgrading one of its four hardworking MD 500E helicopters to an FAA-type certified MD 530F



Caption: Wilson Construction takes delivery of its newly certified MD 530F conversion completed by MD Helicopters.

Mesa, Ariz., August 3, 2020 – MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) announces delivery of newly certified MD 530F to Wilson Construction. Wilson Construction, headquartered in Aurora, Oregon, upgraded one of its four MD 500E helicopters to an FAA-certified MD 530F model aircraft. An operator of MDHI-brand helicopters since 2005, Wilson Construction has delivered their hardworking E-model aircraft to be overhauled and recertified as an F-model (Type Certificate 369FF) at MD Helicopters’ Mesa-Arizona manufacturing and completions center.

"The E-to-F conversion program is one of our most popular and valuable aftermarket services," said Nick Nenadovic, Vice President of Aftermarket & Customer Support for MD Helicopters, Inc. "This unique-to-MD Helicopters capability is an outstanding resource for E-model operators who want to affordably upgrade the capability of their aircraft with minimal downtime."

For over 20 years, Wilson Construction has been a leader in delivering safe and efficient helicopter operations in the electric utility construction industry. With a fleet of seven helicopters, including six MDHI-brand aircraft, Wilson’s

veteran pilots complete complex jobs safely and efficiently in sometimes extreme and harsh conditions. Upon completion of this conversion, the Wilson Construction rotorcraft fleet will include three (3) MD 500E and three (3) MD 530F helicopters.

MD Helicopters' exclusive E-to-F conversion program allows for the maintenance of essential safety margins while delivering increased hot-and-high performance capability. Enhancements to the Wilson Construction aircraft include:

- an engine upgrade from the Rolls Royce 250-C20B to the more powerful RR250-C30
- replacement of the main rotor and tail rotor blades
- upgraded F model main rotor gearbox
- an Onboard Systems Dual Cargo Hook

Additionally, MDHI will provide an overall interior and exterior refresh including a new 3-color paint scheme, updated interior paint, new seating and updated flight controls.

"The simplicity and reliability of our MD 500-series aircraft is really the backbone of our nationwide operations," said Ron Stewart, Director of Operations of Wilson Construction. "Often tasked to work in extreme environments, the conversion of this aircraft to a truly, like-new MD 530F will allow us to maintain our high level of availability and outstanding safety margins even in warmer, higher-elevation environments, meeting customer requirements more effectively and efficiently than ever before."

About MD Helicopters, Inc.

MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI), is a leading rotorcraft manufacturer of American Made commercial, military, law enforcement & air-rescue helicopters. The MDHI family of rotorcraft is world renowned for its value, versatility and performance. Commercial offerings include the MD 500E, MD 530F, MD 520N, MD 600N and twin-engine MD 902 Explorer. The MD 530F Cayuse Warrior and MD 530G Attack Helicopter comprise the company's high-performance military offerings. A key feature of the MD 902, MD 600N and MD 520N is the innovative NOTAR® system for anti-torque control with no tail rotor – exclusively by MDHI to provide safer, quieter performance and confined-area access capability.

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