



Helijet celebrates 2 million-passenger milestone 25 years, 2 million passengers, 22 million kilometres

Richmond, BC, February 2, 2012: Richmond's Helijet International celebrated its two millionth passenger today, a major industry milestone the scheduled helicopter carrier has achieved after 25 years in business and flying more than 22 million kilometres.

The milestone passenger, **Godfrey D. Archbold**, President and CEO, Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia, arrived at the Vancouver Harbour terminal to board an 11:30 AM flight to Victoria when he was informed that he was Helijet's two millionth passenger. Archbold was awarded airfare for two and his choice of accommodation at either the The Fairmont Waterfront in Vancouver or The Fairmont Empress in Victoria.

"It's important to us that we recognize this milestone because it shows how far Helijet has come in the past 25 years," said **Danny Sitnam, President and CEO, Helijet International**. "Two million passengers is no small measure for a scheduled helicopter carrier, and it shows how we've kept to our core values of safety, reliability and customer service. The fact we've been flying for as long as we have is testament to our staff, and the care they put into the product and service they provide."

When Helijet International started flying in 1986 the company had just one helicopter, one route – Vancouver to Victoria – and was Canada's first scheduled helicopter service.

Since then, Helijet grew into a publicly traded company with a fleet of 10 helicopters and airplanes. Over time, the carrier diversified from passenger service to sightseeing flights, charters, cargo services and even flying for the film and television industry.

Today, Helijet is one of the largest providers of air ambulance services in British Columbia. Every year, Helijet flies more than 600 adult and infant patients to and from hospitals across the province with its Sikorsky S-76 helicopters and Learjet air ambulances.

Helijet became the first private sector participant in the Pacific Carbon Trust, the Province of British Columbia's crown corporation for offsetting carbon emissions. The airline proudly declares itself carbon neutral and even maintains an online, paperless booking system to lessen its environmental footprint.

Helijet is a Canadian-owned company, North America's largest scheduled helicopter service and has carried two million passengers in the past 25 years. In addition to its scheduled and charter services, Helijet is a major service provider of dedicated medically equipped helicopters and turbojet aircraft for the Province of British Columbia and numerous medical service clients. www.helijet.com

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