



11 new Eurocopter helicopters for New Zealand in 2009

EUROCOPTER International Pacific NZ Ltd (EIP NZ) is about to conclude another successful year with a delivery of the 11th helicopter for 2009. This EC120B is destined for Mr. Bruce Henley of Wanaka who has worked closely with EIP NZ on the personalisation of his new aircraft.

“It has been an interesting year”, said Murray Bennis – Programme & Technical Manager, “...and although the entire aviation industry is subject to the global economic downturn, EIP NZ has been successful in delivering all of the planned

complimentary of the work done; “I am 100% satisfied with the professionalism and level of service provided by the Eurocopter team and their subcontractors. They have done a great job.”

EIP NZ has secured more new helicopter bookings for 2010 and beyond. Murray says that the aviation industry is showing signs of a slow recovery, and due to potential second hand helicopter sales he expects that the coming months will necessitate some innovative new service offerings in support of operators.



The last of 11 new Eurocopter deliveries for 2009 is this EC120B featuring custom paint, avionics, leather and carbon fibre detailing.

aircraft for 2009.” Murray says that all deliveries are customised in some way and that “Our subcontractors have been instrumental throughout the customisation process and shown real dedication towards EIP NZ and our customers”.

The 2009 deliveries were dominated by light single-engine helicopters representing three EC120B, three AS350B2 incorporating the latest Vehicle & Engine Multifunction Display (VEMD), two AS350B3 and three EC130B4. Six of the aircraft went to Owner/Operators and five for private use.

The delivery of this last new EC120B for 2009 has established a benchmark for avionic equipment installed in EC120B helicopters in New Zealand. In collaboration with Mr. Henley, his helicopter was personalised by EIP NZ and is equipped with a stylish leather interior (by Flight Interiors) that includes carbon fibre detailing. The aircraft has an exquisite exterior paint scheme (by Transform Spray Painters) that has been designed by the owner. It also has a state of the art avionics package (by South Pacific Avionics) including an 8” Sagem Multi Function Display which will show mapping, terrain and traffic awareness. Mr. Henley is very



EIP NZ maintains a close relationship with their customers and recently held their bi-annual Eurocopter Customer Support Seminar in Nelson. A record number of owners, operators and maintenance organisations converged at this event to interact with the EIP NZ team and experts from Eurocopter (France & Germany) and Australian Aerospace. Product improvements planned for implementation in 2010 and onwards were presented at the seminar. The ultimate focus of these improvement initiatives is to reduce aircraft direct maintenance costs which is a key consideration for all helicopter owners and operators. The event provided an added benefit of personal interaction amongst all Eurocopter owners and operators throughout New Zealand.

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