Turbomeca signs a Support By the Hour contract with Bristow Group covering Makila and Arriel engines

Turbomeca (Safran) and Bristow Group announce the signature of a global Support By the Hour (SBH) contract for Makila and Arriel engines. The contract covers approximately 150 engines from the Arriel and Makila families.

Bristow Group operates a large fleet of Turbomeca-powered rotorcraft, including the AS332, H155, H225 and S-76C series.

Bristow Group has experienced the benefits of Turbomeca’s SBH support, having entered into a number of SBH agreements in the past 25 years.

Frank Saudo, Turbomeca Executive Vice President Support & Services, said: “Bristow Group has again chosen the SBH contract to support the Turbomeca engined aircraft across their current fleet. This is a further step that strengthens our relationship. This multi-engine SBH agreement will ensure that Bristow Group is able to serve its customers with confidence knowing that engine availability and technical support is secured.”

John Cloggie, Bristow Group Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, said: “We are delighted to partner with Turbomeca for the continuing support and maintenance of our Makila & Arriel engines. Turbomeca offers world-class services, and over the years the SBH package has proved successful in providing engine availability at a predictable cost per flight hour.”

This five-year SBH agreement enables Bristow Group to pay per flight hour used and in return, receive comprehensive product support for the engines resulting in enhanced availability and flexibility.

Turbomeca’s engines operated by Bristow Group are supported through Fareham-based Turbomeca UK subsidiary.

More than 1.4 million engine flight hours per year are achieved thanks to Turbomeca SBH in a variety of missions and fleet sizes around the world.

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Turbomeca (Safran) is the leading helicopter engine manufacturer, and has produced 70,000 turbines based on its own designs since the company was founded. Offering the widest range of engines in the world and dedicated to 2,500 customers in 155 countries, Turbomeca provides a proximity service thanks to its 15 sites, 30 proximity maintenance centers, 18 Repair & Overhaul Centers, and 90 Field representatives and Field technicians. Microturbo, the subsidiary of Turbomeca, is the European leader in turbojet engines for missiles, drones and auxiliary power units.


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